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MEETINGS: Monthly, third Monday at 7:00 P.M. at the Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola. NEXT MEETING: March 18. Program by Twilla Dillard, "A Further Look at Surnames." Roll call will be "Different Surnames." NEWSLETTER: Published monthly, except August & December. Queries welcomed. Editor: Molly Bowlin, Route 2, Box 211, Indianola, IA 50125. ROLL CALL FOR TONIGHT: "Your French Connections."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for bearing with us while we were trying to work out problems with our mimeograph machine. We hope we have found a solution and you are able to decipher this issue.

A number of our members have been ill with the old flu-bug. Hope everyone is feeling well again and is able to join us again this month.

We are sorry to report that former member, Walter Lawson, passed away in January. Our condolences to his wife, Doris. A book on Scottish research will soon be placed in our library in his memory.

Welcome home to Louise Pilmer who is home again following her trip back to the hospital with complications of her hip surgery and her convalescence in Creston at the home of her daughter. Good to have you home, Louise!

Ruth Mead is residing at the Westview Care Center, 1900 West 3rd Place, Indianola, IA 50125 following her bout with illness. She is now gaining strength and would enjoy hearing from our members!

1985 DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE. New memberships are as usual: \$5.00 for a single and \$7.50 for a family membership. Current memberships are being pro-rated because of the change in our membership year. \$3.75 for a single and \$5.63 for a family membership. Send to our Registrar: Ruth Hall, 705 West 3rd, Indianola, IA 50125. Ruth reports that the dues are coming in along with the surnames requested for the new index. Thank you for taking the time to complete the surname listings!

FAIR PROJECTS: It is time again to be thinking of our County Fair Projects!! This can be a good cold weather project. Fair classes, rules, dates, etc., are listed in this newsletter. Let's all put those good ideas to work again, and have as good a showing as last year!!

PROGRESS ON BIRTH RECORDS BOOK: Typing of records and index now completed. Proofing is well underway as are corrections. Births from the public and introductory pages remain to be typed. Plans are to have the advertising brochure out right away, hopefully with this newsletter.

Since none of us were able to attend the Annual Conference in October, Louise has kindly obtained a copy of the program book and some of the notes for our use. Notes are on "Civil War Genealogy" by George K. Schweitzer. There is also material on OH, NY, NJ, PA, and KY. Please check with Louise if interested.

UPDATE ON THE ACID-FREE PASTE RECIPE given later in this newsletter. E. Nebraska Genealogical Society reports that using 1 cup of water in the paste recipe will make a much more workable paste! (FEB '85 Newsletter)

Recently Molly brought the boxes of WCGS "stuff", the trappings of the Presidency of our society. As I looked at those boxes and the carefully prepared list of unfinished business and future projects that Molly handed me, I could feel the yoke of the job coming down on my shoulders. But then I thought of the dedications and enthusiasm of each of the officers and of the helpful, supporting members and I knew that together we could continue to be a productive society. Next month the newsletter will contain a list of specific goals and with everyone's help the goals will become accomplishments!! Barb Rasko

THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is sponsoring the 1985 Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. August 6-9. Price through 31 May 1985 is \$60. For additional info: Write to and include 20¢ postage: 1985 NGS Conference Host, P.O. Box 1053, Salt Lake City, UT 84110

GUTHRIE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY newsletter for Jan '85 contains their 1984 Surname index and continues the Will, Probate and Guardianship Index 1900-1924. Check our newsletter file if interested.

REPAIRING OLD DOCUMENTS: From the Eastern NE Gen. Soc. newsletter VIA Gen. Exchange comes this information: Old documents which are printed on one side and have been torn or broken along old folds can be repaired using rice paper and acid-free paste on the reverse side. ACID-FREE PASTE RECIPE: 1 tablespoon cornstarch, 1 teaspoon flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon borax or milk of magnesia, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water. Combine and cook about 3 minutes stirring constantly. Makes $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of paste which will not harm documents. You may check your local office supply store or art store for the rice paper.

A CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE SHOWING CIVIL WAR SERVICE INFORMATION is now available from the State Archives of Iowa. Information used to prepare these certificates generally includes name, place of birth, residence, when and where enlisted, when and where mustered into service, physical description and other notations. For foreign born soldiers, country of birth generally is all that is shown. Family information is not given in the records. \$3.00 for the first certificate for any individual soldier. \$1.00 for additional copies of same certificate requested at the same time. Provide name of soldier, company and regiment etc. As much information as possible. Requests to: State Archives of Iowa, 4th Floor Records and Property Center, East 7th and Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50319. (Wayne Co. Newsletter, Oct. '84)

TIPS ON READING TOMBSTONES: Use a block of styrofoam to clean off lichen and soil on old tombstones. This will not damage the stone and leaves a certain amount of residue in the grooves making the stone easier to read. (Davis County newsletter)

THE ROYAL ROAD TO BEAUTY, From old family cookbook published in 1907: "Breathe deeply, bathe daily - think joy, not sorrow - eat wisely and never speak unkindly."

NINE GENERATION PEDIGREE CHART: 23 x 35", suitable for framing or to use as a 'tote' room for 510 ancestors with space for dates and places of b, d, & m for the first seven generations available from Libra Publications, 297 Cove Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. \$1.25 ea, with \$1.50 postage. (Six can be shipped for the same amount) State whether to ship rolled in tube or folded.

THE FIRST THREE DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS are of interest to genealogists. They show the state where the applicant was living when he applied. The Social Security records can further provide his date of birth, his father's name and his mother's maiden name. It is possible to contact the Social Security Administration, Box 57, Baltimore, MD 21023. (Ancestors West VIA Genealogists Exchange)

Tracing your roots is like eating peanuts. Once you get started, it's hard to stop! (Ancestors Unlimited 8:6 '84)

KENTUCKY RESEARCH: Free information about Kentucky newspapers which are on micro-film and are available on inter-library loan is available from the University of KY. Write: ARchives Branch, Division of Archives and Records Managements, Dept. of Library & Archives, Commonwealth of Kentucky, P. O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602 (Clark Co. WA Gen. Sec., Fall '84)

WILKINSON Sue Brenning Wilkinson, P. O. Box 233, Culbertson NE. 69024 is publishing
WILKINSON the Wilkinson News, a quaterly for \$8. per year. Queries and material
WILKERSON published free to members. Check our file for sample copy.

GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT
WARREN COUNTY FAIR

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1. Entry dates June 29 through July 6 (tentative) at the Extension Office. State classes to be entered. \$1.50 for four entries or less; \$2.00 for more than four entries per exhibitor.
2. Entries are limited to Warren county residents or members of the Warren County Genealogical Society.
3. All entries should be accompanied by information to show their genealogical connection to the exhibitor.
4. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
5. Exhibits which have won premiums in previous years may not be entered again in the same class.
6. Diligence will be used to insure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will the management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
7. Entries are to be in place no later than noon on Saturday, July 27. Entries will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to noon only. Judging at 1:00 p.m.
8. Exhibits are to be picked up by 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 1. Superintendents will not be responsible for anything left after that time.
9. Superintendents reserve the right to reclassify exhibits if necessary.
10. Senior division is open to all ages. Junior division is open to those 16 and younger.

Premiums - - - 1st-\$3.00 2nd-\$1.50 3rd-\$1.00

SENIOR: PICTURES AND CHARTS
DIVISION 58

FAMILY HEIRLOOMS
DIVISION 60

1. Ancestral portrait
2. Old album of ancestors
3. A family photo album
4. A family group picture
5. An ancestral home picture
6. Miscellaneous unframed pictures
7. Pedigree chart
8. Lineage chart
9. Family tree chart
10. Pictorial family history

26. Jewelry
27. Glassware and china
28. Small Household items
29. Authentic Coat-of-arms
30. Needlework
31. Small tools
32. Personal items
33. Religious material
34. Miscellaneous

BOOKS AND LEGAL DOCUMENTS
DIVISION 59

GENERAL
DIVISION 61

11. Family Bible with records
12. Family record book, compiled by the exhibitor.
13. Genealogical scrapbook
14. An old book
15. An old diary
16. An old letter
17. Old Baptismal certificate
18. Old marriage certificate
19. Old land grant
20. Old military records
21. Old will and testament
22. D.A.R. & G.A.R. material
23. Best display of legal documents (6 pieces)
24. Maps and graphs
25. Miscellaneous

35. Toys
36. Genealogical Poster
37. Stone Rubbing
38. Best Display (Minimum of 6 pieces)
39. Any worthy item or display

JUNIOR DIVISION
AGE 16 AND YOUNGER.
DIVISION 62

40. A chart made by the exhibitor
41. A picture
42. Family record book, compiled by the exhibitor.
43. Genealogical poster
44. Stone rubbing
45. Miscellaneous project

TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

A number of tax benefits are available for volunteers under the general charitable contribution deduction of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Service explains this by noting that volunteers can deduct "unreimbursed expenditures made incident to rendition of services to a qualifying organization." Translated, that means that a volunteer may deduct out-of-pocket expenses incurred while doing volunteer work for certain groups approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

Qualifying organizations include, but are not limited to: units of government, organizations formed for scientific, literary, or educational purposes; charitable groups, organizations for the prevention of cruelty to animals; organizations for national or international sports competition; and certain veterans groups. The organization must have prior approval as a qualifying organization from the IRS. If in doubt, ask for proof of tax-deductible status.

The following are representative types of expenditures that volunteers may wish to deduct:

- direct gifts of money to an organization
 - automobile mileage and expenses
 - bus and cab transportation expenses
 - parking and tolls
 - special uniforms
 - telephone bills
 - entertainment and meals given to others
 - costs of meals and lodging, if away overnight
 - travel expenses above per diem allowance
 - tickets to charity benefits, above intrinsic value
- The following may not be deducted:
- value of volunteer time donated
 - dependent care expenses
 - your own meals (unless away overnight)
 - your own entertainment

Automobile-related expenses may be deducted either at a 9¢ per mile standard rate or an actual expenses basis. Under the standard rate method, parking fees and tolls are deductible in addition to the standard mileage rate.

The "out-of-pocket" requirement eliminates from deduction any amount that is to the direct benefit of the taxpayer (or the taxpayer's family) rather than to the organization. Thus, for example, most meals and entertainment are excluded.

Items for which a volunteer receives reimbursement may be deducted only to the extent that actual expense exceeds the amount of reimbursement.

In general, the following requirements apply to the above deductions:

1. Must be amount actually paid during the taxable year, not just a pledge.
2. Must be made to a qualifying organization.
3. Must be actual out-of-pocket amount; if a banquet ticket is bought, the deduction is the amount in excess of the actual value of the meal.
4. Must be recorded: the volunteer should know the name of the organization to which the contribution is being made; amount and date of each contribution; and method of valuing in-kind gifts.
5. Where possible, especially for large gifts, a statement of donation should be obtained from the donee organization.

For the more common out-of-pocket expenses, such as transportation costs and meals, voluntary organizations can assist recordkeeping by providing forms listing date, amount, and beneficiary of the expenses.

The above deductions can be taken by those who itemize their deductions and those who take the standard deduction. However, for those taking the standard deduction, only 25% of the first \$100 in contributions may be deducted from 1983 taxes.

A complete description of federal tax deductions for volunteers can be obtained from your local IRS office. Ask for Publication #526, Income Tax Deduction for Contributions.

(Information excerpted from IRS publication listed above by VOLUNTEER, The National Center for Citizen Involvement, 1111 N. 19th St., Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22209.)

ANNOUNCING

Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa, Through 1920

To be published by the Warren County, Iowa,
Genealogical Society.

The projected publication date is summer 1985.

The Warren County, Iowa, Genealogical Society is proud to announce the upcoming publication of its newest book "Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa, Through 1920." The book will include the following features:

- * Births alphabetized
- * Indexed by mother's maiden name
- * Approximately 300 pages
- * Hardbound
- * 8½x11

The information in the book was compiled by using the county courthouse birth records from 1880-1920.

The following data (when it was recorded) is provided:

- * Name of child
- * Sex
- * Date and order of birth
- * Place of birth
- * Parent's name
- * Parent's place of birth and their age at birth of child
- * Occupation of father

A New Research Tool Soon Available

"Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa, Through 1920" is a major project of our society to preserve the records of our pioneer families. In addition, we hope to provide a research tool for genealogist outside our county. Many pioneers passed through Iowa while making their way westward. Many settled for awhile before moving on; many stayed. It is our hope that with the help of our new book you will be able to locate your ancestor.

Publication Costs

The prepublication price for "Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa, Through 1920" is \$22.50. The deadline for placing prepublication orders is April 15. After that date, the price is \$25.00. A \$3.00 fee is being charged for postage and handling. Arrangements also can be made to pick the book up from a society member.

An August 1, 1985 delivery date has been slated as the estimated time the book will be received from the publisher.

Please Clip and Return.

Order Form

Yes, I would like to order the book "Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa, Through 1920."

Number of Books _____ Amount Enclosed _____ and handling Yes _____ No _____
Amount includes price for postage

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Return to: Warren County Genealogical Society

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