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**MEETINGS:** Monthly, third Monday at 7:00 PM at the Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola. **NEXT MEETING:** May 20, 1985, program by Marilyn Schmitt, IGS librarian. Roll call; "Your Best Census Find." **NEWSLETTER:** Published each month, except August and December. Queries welcomed. Editor: Molly Bowlin, Route 2, Box 211, Indianola, IA 50125 **DUES:** \$5. single; \$7.50 family

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**RESERVATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE AIR TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY June 9-16.** Tickets must be issued before May 8 to take advantage of the low cost air fare. \$346. double occupancy. After May 8, add \$70. Contact: Margaret Thomas, The Travel Planner, 9757 University Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50322, or call 515-224-4646 days, or 515-225-8851 evenings.

Trip to Iowa City is still planned for Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1. Leaving Tuesday morning at 5:30 am, returning about supper time on Wednesday. We will take two cars if enough sign up to go. Hope you can join us!!

**NEW MEMBERS:** Betti Morgan, Meadow Drive, Box 1215, Georgetown, FL 32309-9533 Some family names include Goldizcn, Stump, Thompson from the Palmyra area, and Smith, Russell, Flesher from the Carlisle and Indianola area. Will include her pedigree chart in up-coming newsletter.

We also welcome, from out of town, Larry Mikesell, 1124 W. 4th St., Cedar Falls, IA and Carol Kubik from St. Marys.

New members from Indianola include: Earnestine Boos, Rt 1; Edith Conn, 614 N. 9th; Thelma Fuller, 710 S. 1st; and Jane Godwin, 808 W. Detroit. WCGS is very pleased to have you all with us this year.

**BIRTH BOOK REPORT:** Treasurer, Sheryl Ledlie reported on April 10th, that 141 books have been sold. We need to have 200 sold by May 1st. Brochures are available to anyone who may have prospects of a sale. Get your own order in now to take advantage of the pre-publication price of \$22.50!! The book is ready for the publisher. We hope to have it ready for sale at the county fair.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Spring stretches before us as a time to renew our efforts at finding our ancestors. If you've been neglecting your personal research, it's time to rediscover the thrill of genealogy! Get those records in order and come to Iowa City with us on April 30th. We will spend the night at Middle America Truck Stop. We always have a good time on this trip. Be with us!

I want you to be aware of the supreme effort put forth by a few of our members. Coordinators Maude Wilkins and Louise Pilmer have kept after the details and their staff of proofers to ready our book for publication. Those who helped with the proofing are: Molly Bowlin, Enola Disbrow, Ruth Hall, Charlotte Hardin, Marj Kline, Lucille Perkins, Louise Pilmer and Maude Wilkins. Molly Bowlin has typed the book and made the corrections. We can thank all those who worked so hard to finish the book - - it will get to the publisher on time!!

More good news . . . Sheryl Ledlie reports that as of April 9th we have orders for 141 books. We are getting close to our goal of 200 by April 15th.

Sheryl has been busy putting all of the past expenses and income in ledger books. She has filled out the financial reports, gathered our organizational background material and answered the questions necessary to complete the request for Tax-Exempt Status from the I.R.S. She's really been busy. Thanks, Sheryl.

By the way, if any of you are looking for things to do, the society does have a few odds and ends jobs such as making cards and indexing. Call Molly or I if you want to help. Take Care, Barbara Rasko.

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FROM THE I.G.S NEWSLETTER, FEB '85

The Mid-Continent Public Library System, together with the American Family Records Association, announce establishment of a new program whereby genealogical and local history books will be placed in the circulating collection of the Mid-Continent Public Library System's North Independence Branch. They will be available to library patrons throughout the U.S. by means of the interlibrary loan program. For further information, contact Kermit Karns, AFTA, Kansas City Public Library, 311 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106

VIRGINIA: Copies of all existing Virginia birth, death, and marriage records prior to 1896 are available on microfilm at the Archives Division, Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA 23219

FAMILY RESEARCH FOR AMERICANS OF SWISS DESCENT is a two page handout issued by the Swiss National Tourist Office, 608 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10020

TRY THE CALIFORNIA CENSUS FOR MISSING ANCESTORS. About 50,000 people traveled overland to the California gold fields while another 50,000 entered through California Ports. By 1855, 23,000 had left.

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FROM THE CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, VANCOUVER, WA

OLD MAPS: Old state, railroad, county and Civil War maps, 70-120 years old. Send stamp for catalog to Northern Map, Dept AH, Dunnellon, FL 32630

Copies of Emigrant Trails West, cost \$15. including postage, can be ordered from Trails West, Inc., Box 12045, Reno, Nevada 89510. This includes the Calif. Trail, Oregon Trail to Lassen's Meadows, Applegate Trail and Lassen Trail and Noble's Trail, the overland wagon trails to California from 1840-1850.

PASSENGER ARRIVAL LISTS: The National Archives Trust Fund Board has announced that all restrictions have been lifted on access to name indexes to passenger arrivals and passenger and crew lists, in the custody of the National Archives. The Immigration and Naturalization Service agreed to the release of "Passenger Arrival Records 1883-1954." For a copy of the catalog write: Publication Sales Branch, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, DC 20408

NEW JERSEY: The State of New Jersey, Dept. of State Archives and Record Management, 185 West State St., CN 307, Trenton, NJ 08625, will provide information on wills prior to 1901, colonial Deeds, Colonial Marriage Bonds and some Military Records for the American Revolution.

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FROM ANCESTORS UNLIMITED 8:6 '84

MORE OLD MAPS: Library of Congress Geography & Map Division, Washington, DC 20540, has very early maps with names of people included, indicating they owned land. DuPage Co. IL Gen. Soc., May '84 indicates ancestors 1750-1800 in PA were found by one researcher.

THE MARYLAND GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL has a new program called the Provincial Families of Maryland. Registration is open to all sons and daughters of Colonial Maryland. Your ancestor must have been a resident in the Province prior to 4 July 1776, for information and an application write: Mary K. Meyer, 8768-C Town and Country Blvd, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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NEED A GOOD COUGH SYRUP???: "Gather cockleburs as clean as possible. Rinse off by pouring hot water thru them. Put burrs in a heavy cloth sack and boil long enough to get the strength out of them. Strain juice several times to be sure there are no stickers in it! Add sugar to make good and sweet and boil down into a sirup. Use for colds and coughs, even whooping cough. It may make you feel a bit feverish at first, but that wears off." Oh, these 'good' old days!!

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THERE IS NOTHING BETTER FOR A COLD THAN CASTOR OIL and a very simple way to give it to children, is to make up a pan of molasses candy and add plenty of castor oil to it just before removing from the fire. The taste of oil in it cannot be detected. Watch out for the candy, kids!! (From Grandma's old cookbook.)

WCGS 11:4:85

From the Davis County Genealogical Society newsletter:  
WHAT KIND OF COUSINS ARE WE??

Everyone, genealogist and nongenealogist alike, seems puzzled about how to figure how close a cousin is and whether any "removed" are involved. Although I do not recall ever seeing it so stated, cousins are "removed" only because they do not belong to the same generation in the family tree.

If they are the same number of generations down from their common ancestor, they are simply first cousins, second cousins or so on. Where it is that "kissin' cousinhood" begins and ends, I have never been sure. I suspect the mutual attractiveness of cousinly kisses of opposite sexes may have something to do with it.

We all know that children of the same parents are brothers and sisters (i.e. siblings) and that the children of siblings are first cousins, with first cousins' children ranking as second cousins, and so forth.

Figure the tough ones this way: count the number of generations which separate you from the common ancestor (great-grandfather or whatever). . . then figure it for your cousin. If the resulting numbers are the same, simply subtract 1, and the result is the degree of cousinship between the two people --1st, 2nd, 3rd or whatever cousins.

If the numbers are NOT the same, subtract 1 from the smaller of them to get the degree of cousinship, THEN, the DIFFERENCE between the two original numbers gives the number of times the two cousins are "removed."

For example, you are 5 generations down from a common ancestor and your cousin is 7 generations down from the same person, five (the smaller number) minus 1 makes you both 4th cousins to one another, and the 7 minus 5 shows that you are two generations removed from one another, THUS, you are 4th cousins twice removed.

(by John D. Rugg, OHIO Roots, P.O. 332, Granville, OH 43023)

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1. Robert James Renfro, b 1918, IN 2550 E. Beardsley Rd., NO. 57, Phoenix, AZ
  2. Thomas Jake Renfro, b 1892, IL; d 1969, IN 85024
  3. Mary Ellen Hicks, b 1893, IN; d 1962, IN
  4. Hiram Renfro, b 1870, IN; d 1946, IN
  5. Jennie Waltman, b 1874, IL; d 1958, IN
  6. James Hicks, b 1849, England; d 1929, IN
  7. Martha Ellen Hays, b 1862, IN; d 1939, IN
  8. Lorenzo Dow Renfro, b 1827, IL; d 1902, WI (Warren Co, ca 1860's)
  9. Julia Ann Griffin (2), b 1833, NY; d 1896, IN
  10. Jacob Waltman, b 1827; d 1902, IL
  11. Mary Koop (Mulder), b 1837, \_\_\_; d 1911, IL
  12. Thomas Hicks, b 1790, England; d 1855, England
  13. Jane Langdon, b 1808, England; d 1884, England
  14. Calvin W. Hays, b 1822, NY; d 1909, IN
  15. Mary Ann Rhodes, b 1841, IN; d 1921, IN
  18. Patrick Griffin
  19. Mary \_\_\_\_\_
  24. Thomas Hicks
  25. Alice Hammett
  16. Thomas Langdon
  27. Pruedence \_\_\_\_\_
  28. Homer Hays
  29. Sarah McNeal
  30. Benjamin Rhodes
  31. Latisha Miller
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**CROWDED COFFIN:** A farmer was walking through a cemetery, reading the inscriptions on the tombstones, when he came upon one which read "Here lies a lawyer and an honest man." That puzzled him---"Wonder why they did that," he thought to himself, "buried those two fellows in the same grave. . ." Eastern NE Genealogical Society, Jan '85

GRADUATING EXERCISES: "Thus Endeth The First Lesson." The Twenty-Second Annual Commencement of the Indianola High School, held at the Opera House, May 27 and 28, 1897. Thursday, May 27th. The Programme:

- Salutatory, "The Price of Progress," . . . . . C. H. Riggs
- "Hidden Springs," . . . . . Lucy Bramhall
- "Emerson," . . . . . George F. R. Jewett
- "The Shame of Christendom," . . . . . Homer Josselyn
- "The Rolling Stone," . . . . . Jessie Fenner
- "Passports to Posterity," . . . . . Clinton Crawford
- "The Rise of a Modern Nation," . . . . . E. A. Lucas
- "Chains That Bind," . . . . . Attie Cole

Friday, May 28th. The Programme:

- "A Missing Page of the World's History," . . . . . Walter G. Richardson
- "Paint Me As I Am," . . . . . Ethel Fenner
- "Napoleon," . . . . . Sterling Cocke
- "Concert of the Powers," . . . . . Fred Betts
- "Harmony of the Unseen," . . . . . Carrie Gambell
- "A Higher Law," . . . . . J. C. Woodmansee
- Valedictory, "Abraham Lincoln," . . . . . A. G. Reid

Faculty: Belle M. Hastie, Superintendent; W. B. Read, Principal; E. B. Marsh, Assistant Principal.

Board of Directors: James F. Samson, Lee Hiatt, Frank Perry, Wm. Erwin, J. F. Hendrickson, J. H. McGranahan

This material was transcribed from an old 1897 graduation program which belonged to Mrs. Charles (Amy) Montgomery of New Virginia, sister of graduate Clinton Crawford from Truro. (Clint was my grandfather. Molly)

Data from Pedigree Charts submitted by member Maude Wilkins:

1. Anna Maude Cox Wilkins, b 1904, Warren Co., IA
  2. Clinton Ward Cox, b 1870 Warren Co., IA; d 1949 Indianola
  3. Laura Starbuck, b 1868 Warren Co., IA; d 1932 Warren Co., IA
  4. Amos Ewing Cox, b 1846 Hendricks Co., IN; d 1915 Warren Co., IA
  5. Eliza Jane Miller, b 1848 Preston Co., WV; d 1892 Warren Co., IA
  6. Benj. Beeson Starbuck, b 1827 Guilford Co., NC; d 1876 Warren Co., IA
  7. Mrs. Cynthia Ann Shaw Starbuck, b 1828 Guilford Co., NC; d 1920 Indianola
  8. Noble/Nobel Cox, b 1797 PA; d 1849 Keckuk Co., IA
  9. Mary Blake, b 1807 Sassafras Neck, MD; d 1888 Warren Co., IA
  10. Thomas Miller, b 1815 VA; d 1896 Indianola
  11. Elizabeth Brown, b 1810 Monongalia Co., WV; d 1890 Indianola
  12. Reuben Starbuck, b 1787 Guilford Co., NC; d 1880 Guilford Co., NC
  13. Mary Beeson, 1789 Guilford co., NC; d 1840 Dover, Guilford Co., NC
  14. Moses Young Shaw, b ca 1803 NC; d?
  15. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, b ca 1806; d ?
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1. Glenn Arthur Wilkins, b 1904 Guthrie Co., IA; d 1972 Maricopa Co., AZ
  2. Walter Wallace Wilkins, b 1870 Henry Co., IL; d 1931 Guthrie Co., IA
  3. Delia Eveline Slawson, b 1875 Henry Co., IL; d 1960 Warren Co., IA
  4. Richard Murray Wilkins, b 1820 Ireland; d 1889 Adair Co., IA
  5. Mrs Susan Lucinda Gilkeson Harlan, b 1828 IN; d 1894 Adair Co., IA
  6. Henry Edward Slawson, b 1851 Knox Co., IL; d 1922 Taylor Co., IA
  7. Sarah Emily Templeton, b 1856 Henry Co., IL; d 1924 Guthrie Co., IA
  8. Charles Wilkins, b ? Dublin; d ?
  9. Catherine Moore, ??
  10. Thomas Elliott Gilkeson, b ca 1801 VA; d ca 1834 Parke Co., IN
  11. Jennett \_\_\_\_\_, ??
  12. Jesse Slawson, b ca 1805 Albany Co., NY; d ?
  13. Elizabeth Ann \_\_\_\_\_, ??
  14. William A. Templeton, b 1817 Iredell Co., NC; d 1908 Taylor Co., IA
  15. Nancy J. Gallant, b ?; d 1899 Taylor Co., IA

SETTLEMENTS, TOWNS AND POST OFFICES OF  
WARREN COUNTY, IOWA  
PAST AND PRESENT

AL-Allen      LB-Liberty      RD-Richland  
BL-Belmont    LC-Lincoln      SQ-Squaw  
GF-Greenfield      (E & W)      VA-Virginia  
JK-Jackson      LN-Linn          WB-White  
JF-Jefferson    OT-Øtter          Breast  
PM-Palmyra      WO-White Oak  
a-abandoned    r-remains

ACKWORTH: E.LC 23, Very early settlement, remains  
BANNER: VA 7, P.O. 1874-75, a  
BEECH: UN 23, Est. 1912 with RR, r  
BELLEMONT: BL 21, P.O. 1870-71, later called Schonberg  
BELMONT CENTER: See Schonberg  
BEVINGTON: JF 30, Est. 1872, r  
CARLISLE: AL 2,3,10; Est. 1851, r  
CHURCHVILLE: JF 8, Est. 1854, r  
CLARKSON: AL 1, Est. 1879 with RR, a  
CONGER: JF 29, Est. 1888 with RR, Shown as Sylvan on cal880 map, area still known as Conger  
COOL: SQ 11,12; P.O. 1879-1904, also shown as Fairview, area still known as Cool  
CUMMING: LN 8, Est. 1888 after RR built,r  
DORRVILLE: VA 23, P.O. 1855-63, Also called Irish Grove, a  
ELLEDALE: Shown abt. 1 mile east of Carlisle on 1869 map, a  
EVANSVILLE: E.LC, west of Summerset on RR, area still known by this name  
FAIRVIEW: see Cool; also was name of forerunner of St. Charles, just over line in Madison Co., South tp, sec. 24 in 1850  
FELIX: NE BL, P.O. 1876-83, see Taunton, a  
FORD: RD 9, Est. ca 1880 with RR, in Lake Red Rock flood area, a  
FT. PLAIN: 1. P.O. 1854-1870, see Green Bush. 2. WB 8, shown on 1868, 69, 78 maps, a  
FRIENDS GROVE: no location, P.O. 1864-65,a  
GREENHURST: no location, listed in 1857 Iowa Handbook  
GREEN BUSH: GF 31, P.O. ran 1850-54 when name was changed to Ft. Plain. Area still known as Green Bush  
HACKNEY'S GROVE: SQ 10, P.O. 1852-53 at or near later P.O. of Handsome View, west of Fairview, a  
HAMMONDSBURG: OT 11,14; P.O. 1851-79, a, see Milo  
HANDSOME VIEW, P.O. 1853-59, see Hackney's Grove  
HARTFORD: RD 20,21; Est. 1849, P.O. 1859, see Three Rivers, r

INDIANOLA: LC, County seat, Est. 1849, r  
IRISH GROVE: see Dorrville  
LACONA: WB 21,22,27,28; Est. 1856, r  
LATIMER: JK western part, P.O. 1861-64, a  
LAWRENCEBURG: LB 7, P.O. & village 1857-59, see Milo, a  
LIBERTY CENTER: LB, P.O. 1867, town est.1867,r  
LIDA: LN 33, Est. 1889, RR station, a  
LORETTO: no location, P.O. 1889, a  
LOTHROP: JF 14, Est.1872, RR station, a  
LYNN OR LINN: JF 3, P.O. 1855, 1872, see Prole, a  
MARTENSDALE: JF 21, Est 1913, RR junction & town, r, area known earlier as Yaggy  
MEDFORD: WO 31,32; P.O. 1890-1903, a  
MEDORA or MADORA: SQ 27, Est 1870, r  
MILO: BL, 18,19, Est. 1878 with RR, see Wisconsin. Villages of Schonberg and Hammondsburg consolidated at Milo,r  
MONTPELIER: NW JF, P.O. 1853-60, a  
MOTOR: NE BL, Hamlet & P.O.,called Waveland until 1890, church & cemetery remain  
NEW VIRGINIA: VA 27, Est. 1856, r  
NORWALK: LN 13, Est. 1856, Called Pyra 1852-56, r  
ORILLA: LN 4, Est. 1887, RR Station, r  
OSWEGO: JF 36, P.O. 1864-69, a  
PALMYRA, PM 31, very early settlement, Church organized in area 1849, r  
PLANEVILLE: no location, P.O. 1855-1859 (a Plainville Church in BL tp was organized in 1863, with another Plainville Church located in SQ tp)  
PROLE: JF 10, Est. 1884 at or near Lynn, r, see Spencerville  
PYRA: LN 13, P.O. 1856-59, forerunner of Norwalk  
ROSEMOUNT: WB 2,3,BL 23,35; P.O. 1864-80, Church & cemetery remain  
SANDYVILLE: UN 21, 22; Est. 1851, P.O. 1855-1903, r  
SCHONBERG: BL 21, P.O. 1871-79, a, also called Belmont Center or Bellemont, see Milo  
SCOTCH RIDGE: AL 18, early settlement, Church and cemetery remain  
SHARON: SQ 2, P.O. 1861-90, a  
SPENCERVILLE: JF 10, land deeded 1884 for town with specification it be called Prole, not Spencerville, r  
SPRING HILL: GR 5,8; Est. 1872 with RR, r  
ST. MARYS: JK 9, Est 1868, r  
SUMMERSET OR SOMERSET: E.LC 31, Est.1872, a mill was located here at a very early date, r, see Westford  
SUMMERSET JUNCTION: Just north of Summerset, RR station, a  
SUTTON: no location, P.O. 1897-1900, a

SYLVAN: Location of Conger Ca 1880 map  
 TAUNTON: NE BL, P.O. 1876-83, at or near  
 later Felix  
 TAYLOR'S LANDING: very early settlement just  
 east of old Ford bridge over Des Moines  
 River. Early ferry crossing, a  
 THREE RIVERS: RD, at or near Hartford,  
 P.O. 1848-54, a  
 TWELVE MILE GROVE: no location, P.O.  
 1863, a  
 UNION HILL: UN 9, shown 1869 maps, a  
 WAVELAND: see Motor  
 WESTFORD: LC, shown 1856-68 maps on  
 Middle river at or near Summerset  
 WHITE OAK POINT: WO 19, P.O. 1852-54, a  
 WICK: JF 33, Est. 1883 two years after  
 RR, r  
 WILMINGTON, PM 24, P.O. 1855, a  
 WISCONSIN, BL 19, P.O. 1865-66, at or  
 near Milo  
 YAGGY: see Martensdale

Information for these settlements varies with the source.

If anyone has corrections or additions to this list, please let me know. Molly.

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Continuing information from the Patron's Directory of the 1887 Warren County, Iowa Atlas. Belmont township. Business Post Office Section

Clever, M. G	Farmer and Stock Raiser. Buyer and Shipper of all kinds of Stock	Milo	19 & 30
Dolison, Newton	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Milo	19
Fellows, J.	Farming and Heavy Stock Raising	Milo	16
Good, J. F.	General Merchandise	Milo	19
Gregg, S. H.	Farming and Stock Raising	Milo	22
Harvey, B. F.	Farming and Stock Raising	Milo	20
Morgan, E. T.	Blacksmithing and Gen'l Repairing. Horse-shoeing a specialty	Milo	19
Notestine, J. A.	Stock Raising	Milo	19
Price, Clint	Publisher of "Milo Motor"	Milo	
Squires & Son	Hardware, Furniture, Undertakers' Goods, Farm Machinery, Implements, etc.	Milo	
Tussing, M.	Dealer in Boots and Shoes. This line a specialty in the village. Work done to order. Repairing neatly done	Milo	19
Webster, H. H.	Farming and Stock Raising	Milo	28
Wells, T. J.	Farming and Stock Raising	Milo	31
Jackson Township			
Barnes, W. A.	Farmer	St. Charles	34
Barnes, John W.	Farmer and Breeder of Stock	St. Marys	11
Bumbarger, G. E.	Farmer and Owner of the Norman Clydesdale Stallion "Captain"	St. Charles	33
Hagen, Martin	Farmer	St. Marys	33
Homes, Solomon	Farmer	St. Charles	34
Kading, Charles	Farmer	St. Marys	16
Limke, Crist	Farmer	St. Marys	9
Limke, Henry	Farmer	St. Marys	2
Neal, C.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	St. Marys	22
Nuzum, G. G.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	St. Marys	11
Searight, F. W.	Stock Farmer and Breeder of Hereford Cattle	Indianola	25