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MEETINGS: Monthly, third Monday at 7:00 PM at the Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola. **NEXT MEETING:** July 15, 1985. Pot luck supper and Workshop. Marieta Grissom will talk on "The Family Archivist". **NEWSLETTER:** Published each month, except August and December. Queries welcomed. Editor: Molly Bowlin, RT 2, Box 211, Indianola, IA 50125. **DUES:** \$5.00 single; \$7.50 family. Our year runs Jan-Dec with dues payable between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Ruth Hall, 705 West Third, Indianola, IA 50125 is Registrar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION IS COMING RIGHT UP!! We all need to decide what we are going to show in the Genealogy Division this year. Registration time is Sat. June 29 through Sat. July 6 at the Warren County Extension Office. Entry Fees are: \$1.50 for four entries or less and \$2.00 for more than four entries. Rules and classes were listed in the Feb.'85 newsletter. Check with Molly at 961-2797 or Sheryl at 287-1675 if you have any questions.

QUERIES: Having a problem finding data on any of your ancestors?? Submit your query to the editor (address above) for publication in the newsletter. We exchange with a number of Iowa and out of state clubs plus copies go to the IGS library and the National Gen. Society in Virginia. Give it a try!!

Treasurer, Sheryl Ledlie reports 178 birth books sold and that Incorporation papers had been received by the county recorder the first week in June. Tax exempt material may now be completed and filed with the IRS. Thank you for all your hard work, Sheryl!!

Enola should be home again with lots of interesting stories from her trip to CHINA!!

Thank you to Mr. Ginter for allowing WCGS members a preview of the new Indianola Library during our last meeting!!

OLD BIBLE RECORDS: Do you have an old bible with family records? We are collecting these records for publication in the Hawkeye Heritage. Call for further info--Molly

HELP WANTED!!! We will be preparing a work schedule for manning the fair booth July 27-31st. (The Birth Book will be on sale, as well as keeping an eye on the exhibits) Check your calendar to see when you would be able to help with this project. Sign up will be at the July 15 meeting, pot luck and workshop. We also hope to complete the obituary file at this workshop and have it ready to go to the new library. We need everyones help to complete these projects successfully!!

TOWNSHIP ARTICLES: I want to thank Edith Conn for giving permission to reprint her interesting articles on the people and townships of Warren county which originally appeared in her column 'CONN-cocted by Edith' in the Warren County Historical Society publication 'The Jam Jar'. She spent many hours gathering information from the old Warren county papers for her articles. I found them most informative and thought you would also enjoy reading them. This month the Allen township article will be featured. Thank you again, Edith.

Query:

TORGERSON Mrs. Evelyn Torgerson, 6944 SW 12th Drive, Portland, OR 97219, who is
SURBER a descendant of Warren county pioneers, Adam and Eliza (Herril) Surber
BISHOP who are buried at North River cemetery. She is interested in Surber
WHITEHEAD data and in allied families Bishop and Whitehead.

If, while researching old records, you find the Latin phrase "o.b. sine proli", it means "died without issue".

CEMETERIES, YOUR OUTDOOR LIBRARY

Cemeteries can be an outdoor library for those tracing their heritage. A broken tombstone in an out of the way neglected cemetery may be the only official record of an ancestor. A woman growing up before the 1850 US census was indicated as a female of a certain age group. Her tombstone may be the only record of her name.

American Cemeteries fall into four categories:

Church burial yards: Most churches before World War II had burial facilities even in large cities. Sometimes these graves have been removed.

Family burial plots: Private plots are disappearing, however, before 1900 it was common for families to set aside an area on their farm as the family cemetery. These can be difficult to locate, but some are well preserved and cared for by descendants or local historical societies.

Commercial memorial parks: These are commercially owned and operated nonsectarian cemeteries which came into existence after WWII.

Public municipal cemeteries: Most are city or town burial sites, but sometimes are maintained by the county. Burial facilities for veterans and their families usually are under state or national jurisdiction.

Monuments can be difficult to read because of weathering and the style in which the inscriptions were made. Inscriptions vary considerably and provide a basic source of historical and genealogical information. Copy the stone exactly as it is written, even if you know it is in error, including all punctuation. If words and/or dates are illegible, indicate so on your transcript.

When photographing the stones and inscriptions, get close enough to fill the camera lens with the image of a single monument. Shoot straight, as sharp angles can distort the picture. Inscriptions are easiest to read when the light source comes from the side casting a shadow on the inscription thus giving it an almost three dimensional effect.

Hand-carved, Roman-style lettering on dark slate was used on monuments of the late 1700's. Although easy to read, the stone split and weathered quickly. In the early 1800's, a harder, grayish-blue slate was used, but difficult to read italic script made many of the monuments illegible.

View the tombstones in association with surrounding markers. In family plots, it is often possible to determine family relationships by the relative position of the graves. Sometimes the positioning pattern of the graves will indicate national origins. SCANDINAVIAN plots place the father in the lower right-hand corner, with the mother next to him and the children and spouses located in order of death clockwise around the large stone inscribed with the family's name. GERMAN families preferred positioning family members in a horizontal row in front of the family surname stone, with the father and mother in the center and children on both sides of them. JEWISH tombstones provide much more genealogical and biographical information than is usually found on those of other religious groups. Most practicing Jews are buried in Jewish cemeteries.

Special sections have been set aside in many cemeteries for specific kinds of burials. There are paupers' sections, and sections for Indians, Blacks and Orientals, as well as religious sections for Catholics, Jews or Muslims. There may be an unconsecrated section in a church-owned cemetery for those who died without the sacraments of the church.

Until well into the 19th century, Quaker stones were required to be exactly 12 inches. If you discover a Quaker ancestor's tombstone that is incomplete or has a missing inscription, it may have been an 'oversize' monument that Quaker leaders ordered trimmed down to regulation size.

Polish graves usually have large, heavy black or red stone, aligned in rows, carved with precise dates and often the original spelling of the surname. In New England and Virginia cemeteries, the ethnic origins of a family may be revealed by the ornate type of carvings, facts and scriptural verse preserved on the stones.

Even though much information about cemeteries has been published, a personal visit may be necessary for the genealogist. Go prepared with proper equipment, comfortably dressed in protective clothing with gloves (poison ivy & insects) and sturdy shoes. Your trip to the cemetery can yield many clues for tracking down your family history. (Prepared from an article by Myra Vanderpool Gormley which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune)

ALLEN TOWNSHIP

Allen township was named for Captain Allen, commander of troops at Ft. Des Moines from 1843 to 1846. Captain Allen with John D. Parmalee erected the saw mill two miles east of what is now Carlisle in 1843. The mill was built on Middle River in what is now Palmyra township, to make lumber for the fort and soldiers' barracks at Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers fork.

Allen township, being one of the four townships of the north tier of townships of Warren county, was in what was known as the 'strip' in the early days. This portion was settled while it was yet in the possession of the Indians.

Polk county was organized January 17, 1846, including the territory now embraced in the northern part of Warren county. In 1849 Warren county was organized with its boundaries including the strip, but four days later the Legislature passed a supplementary act attaching this strip to Polk county. For several years the effort was made to wrest it from Polk county. In the Fourth General Assembly in Iowa City, Dec. 1852, Chapter 18, Sec. 1, the northern boundary of Warren county was decided, giving this county the strip except that portion in the NE corner which is north of the Des Moines River. This boundary was approved Jan 14 1853 to take effect Mar 1, 1853.

Land was not offered for sale in this portion of Iowa until 1848. Many settlers came before this but could only stake their claims. The records of the state land office show that Nicholas Beezloy entered land in Allen township on Oct 30, 1848. Other entries about the same time were Simpson Hargis, Hiram Niday and Owen Osborne. Other records show Hargis and Niday came here in 1845. Many of the first settlers were men who came to work at the mill and to build the fort but staked their claims until land was opened for settlement. They entered their land, returned back home for their families or married and brought their families here and settled permanently.

Within Allen township we find the church and cemetery and the early Scots settlement at Scotch Ridge. The town of Dudley laid out by Jeremiah Church in the winter of 1846-47, drowned out in the floods of the spring of 1851. Their merchant, Mr. Church, their doctor, Dr. W. H. Ward and other inhabitants moved $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW where Mr. Church and Daniel Moore laid out another town and named it Carlisle in 1851. It is located in Sec. 3 of Allen tp. It later became a station on the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railroad.

Two miles east of Carlisle in Sec. 1 of Allen tp was the town of Clarkson. It was on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad. It had a general store and post-office operated many years by W. H. Hartman, also the Iowa Produce and Grain Company. About one mile SW of the present site of Carlisle was the little hamlet of Ellendale. It was a post office in 1869.

WE are pleased to find some of the older residents of the county remember a little mining settlement in Allen township named Genesville. They tell us it had a store and post office operated by a Mr. Epps. Other historic landmarks of this township are: Carlisle cemetery, Carlisle Flour Mill, the Pottery works, and Taylor's landing. Taylor's landing may be on or near the border of Richland township. We hope to hear from our readers of the exact location.

Taylor's Landing was on the Des Moines river and was the port used by the steamboats for loading and unloading supplies for the early settlers. The early merchants had their supplies brought up the Mississippi and Des Moines rivers to Taylor's Landing when the Des Moines river was high enough for steamboats. Other times the supplies were hauled by wagon from Keokuk.

Two of the most important landmarks of Warren and Polk counties are located in this area, being the first two roads in this part of this new settlement of Iowa. The first road was that known for a long time as Dagoon Trail. It extended from the Parmalee Mill in what is now Richland township to old Ft. Des Moines, which was located where the Raccoon river joins the DM river, now Riverside Park and Riverside Drive in downtown Des Moines. This road later came to be known as the Ft. Des Moines Knoxville Road.

The old road known as the old Mormon Trail was probably the next road in the area. It extended from the town of Dudley located just over the Polk county line about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the present site of Carlisle, to the Hargis farm, then on up over the Scotch Ridge. These roads were merely trails which followed the natural terrain and irregularities of the countryside. No work was done on them, except for

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GENEALOGICAL CATALOGS:

Tuttle's catalog #4 has over 6900 listings of genealogical books, maps and periodicals for sale (new & used) including genealogies, towns and county histories, and church histories. Send \$5.00 to Tuttle Antiquarian Books, Inc., P.O. Box 541, Rutland, VT 05701-0541

Goodspeed's Genealogy and Local History Catalog # 598 with over 5000 listings, is also available for \$5.00. Send to Goodspeed's Book Shop, Inc., 7 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

A catalog of books published and/or sold by the Genealogical Publishing Co., 111 Water St., Baltimore, MD 21202 is free of charge.

MISSOURI RESEARCH. The State Historical Society of Missouri, Hitt and Lowery Sts., Columbia, MO 65201 has the largest and most complete collection of State Newspapers, dating from 1808, indexed. The Secretary of State of Missouri will search one surname and give you a list of what he finds under that name at no charge. You may then select the items you want him to copy at 50¢ per page. Write: Secretary of State, Jefferson City, MO 65101

(From Willamette Valley Gene. Soc. VIA Clark Co. WA Gen. Soc.)

NEW YORK RESEARCH: Land Records on microfilm in New York State Archives are available on inter-library loan. Write: New York State Archives, State Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230. A guide to Records in the New York Archives is obtainable: Information write: Office of Cultural Education, State Archives, Albany, NY 12230. (Colo. Gen.Soc. VIA Clark Co. WA Gen. Soc.)

KNOW YOUR GENETIC ROOTS: Knowing that a certain disease runs in your family may mean you'll have to make adjustments in your eating habits or take appropriate medications or have more frequent checkups. Or you might find your risk of a certain disorder is not as high as you thought!

For Help tracing your medical genetic roots, send a stamped (39¢) self-addressed envelope to National Genetics Foundation, 555 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019

GENETIC RESEARCH is now being conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Its 214,000 members are being asked to complete a chart showing known health problems for three generations. The information will be fed into the Vanderbilt University Medical Center computer and checked for disorders that might be hereditary. Suspicious health problems that show up in families will be probed. (Clark Co. WA)

RESEARCHING VIRGINIA?? Next trip to the Library, check for these books:
Virginia Tax Records. 663 pages. Printed 1983. Refers to some 20,000 individuals. Indexed.

Virginia Military Records. 1018 pages. Indexed. Printed 1983. Colonial and Revolutionary War.

Marriages and deaths from Lynchburg Virginia Newspapers 1794-1836. 266 pages. Printed 1990.

HERITAGE BOOKS, Inc., 3602 Maureen, Suite 115, Bowie, MD 20715 has genealogical and historical books for sale. Gives one an idea of what is available to buy or to look for when at the library. Ask for their sales leaflets.

TWO KINDS OF FOLKS

The world's made up of two kinds of folk-

No matter how you view it:

Those who just talk about what should be done

And those who get busy and do it! (Poweshick Co. IA Searcher JFM'85)

(Continued from preceding page) a bridge built by E. G. Clark over North river on the Dragoon Trail in 1846, for which he was granted permission by Capt. Allen to settle on a claim in Allen township. This township is the oldest settlement in our county, with the exception of Parmelee's Mill, which is in Palmyra tp.

By Edith Conn

ANCESTOR CHART prepared by member Betti Morgan, Meadow Dr., Box 1215, Georgetown, FL, 32309-9533

1. Petti Allynne Goldizen: b 1930 WA, m 1952 to Charles Franklin Morgan, b 1929 SD
2. Claude Noel Goldizen: b 1894 Carlisle, IA, m 1916 IA, d 1958 NM
3. Iulu Ethel Smith: b 1898 Carlisle, IA
4. Charles Goldizen: b 1871 Palmyra, IA, m 1893, d 1936 Carlisle, IA
5. Merta Viola Stump: b 1877 Palmyra, IA, d 1931 Kalispell, Flathead, MT
6. Franklin Pierce Smith: b 1874 Carlisle, IA, m 1897, d 1959 Indianola, IA
7. Rosetta May Russell: b 1877 Indianola, IA, d 1960 Camarillo, Ventura, CA
8. Cmer Goldizen: b 1827 Parke IN, m 1851, d 1883 Palmyra, IA
9. Eliza Ann Rarey (widow): b 1827 IN?, d 1906 Palmyra, IA
10. James F. Stump: b 1834 MD or TN, m 1863, d 1908 Palmyra, IA
11. Virginia Thompson: b 1844 Preston Co. WV, d 1915 Palmyra, IA
12. Joseph N. Smith: b 1848 IL, m 1867, d 1913 Palmyra, IA
13. Lucinda Margaret Flesher: b 1849 Lexington, IL, d 1933 Richland tp Warren Co. IA
14. George Melanethon Russell: b 1847 MD, m 1872, d 1927 Hoxie, Sheridan, KS
15. Martha Ellen Linthicum: b 1850 VA or PA Gettysburg, d 1934 Hoxie, Sheridan, KS
16. Frederick Lewis Goldizen: b 1784 WV?, m, 1824? d ca 1835 Parke Co. IN
17. Mary Levick Morris McAlurath (Elrath): b 1793 VA, d 1883
20. Nicholas Stump: b 1790, d 1868 Palmyra, IA
21. Mary (Polly) _____: b 1786, d 1861 Palmyra, IA
22. William Thompson: b ca 1810, m ca 1835, d ?
23. Mary Ann Wotring: b 1812 Preston Co., WV, d 1872 New Virginia, IA
24. Calaway H. Smith: b 1819 VA or TN, m ca 1838, d ?
25. Mary Neal: b ca 1819 VA?
26. Madison Flesher: b 1806 Fayette Co., OH, m 1836 IL, d 1852 Palmyra, IA
27. Mary (Polly) Watson: b ? MO, d 1852 Palmyra, IA
28. Henry Russell: b 1819, m ca 1842, d 1889 Oakland, Garrett, MD
30. James B. Linthicum: b 1825, m ?, d 1899 Siloam Spgs, Benton, AR
29. Susanna Steyer: b 1822 Allegany Co. MD, d 1882 Oakland, Garrett, MD
31. Catherine Haman: b 1824, d 1905 Siloam Sp., Benton, AR

ANCESTOR CHART prepared by Enola Clark Disbrow, local member. This is an extensive chart of which will be limited to the first 31 entries.

1. Any of her Children
2. Forrest Robert Clark: b 1917 Shannon City, Union, IA, m 1942, d 1969 Mason City, IA
3. Enola Maurine Johnson: b 1918 Mead, Saunders, NE
4. Benjamin Franklin Clark: b 1887 App., IA, m 1914, d 1957 Oakland, Burt, NE
5. Myrtle Annetta Ostrander: b 1891 Pocatello, Bannock, ID, d 1941 Tekamah, Burt, NE
6. Richard Conard Johnson: b 1890 NE, m 1915 NE, d 1981 Wahoo, Saunders, NE
7. Neola Parson: b 1892 Valley, Douglas, NE, d 1891 Wahoo, Saunders, NE
8. William Franklin Clark: b 1852 App. IA, m 1876, d 1908 Udell, App., IA
9. Margaret Miranda Taylor: b 1855, d 1939 Udell, Appanoose, IA
10. Lawrence Leon Ostrander: b 1868 Manchester, Deleware, IA, m 1890 ID, d 1951 SXC, I.
11. Maggie Berthena Lafferty: b 1869, d 1961 Sioux City, Woodbury, IA
12. Charles Peter Johnson: b 1861 Sweden, m 1884 NE, d 1929 Mead, Saunders, NE
13. Elin Augusta Anderson: b 1862 Sweden, d 1916 Mead, Saunders, NE
14. Andrew H. Parson (Persson): b 1858 Sweden, m 1883, NE, d 1933 Valley, Douglas, NE
15. Hilma Christina Peterson (Persson): b 1866 Sweden, d 1946 Valley, Douglas, NE
16. William Wilson Clark: b 1837 Barron, KY, m 1858-59 IA, d 1905 Moulton, App., IA
17. Mary Jane Shinn: b 1830 Pike, IL, d 1902 Moulton, Appanoose, IA
18. William Taylor: b 1811 PA, m 1852 IA, d 1864 Udell, App. IA
19. Martha King: b 1830 Claiborne Co., TN, d 1927 Udell, App., IA
20. William Henry Ostrander: b 1827, m 1851, d 1910
21. Mary Jane Dozelle: b 1833, d 1911
22. Samuel A. Lafferty: m 1866
23. Sarah Earsom: b 1840
24. Ben Johnson (Johansson): b 1836 Sweden, m 1858, d 1912 Mead, Saunders, NE
25. Inger Lena Svendsdotter: b 1838 Sweden, d 1922 Valley, Douglas, NE
26. Anders Fredrick Anderson 27. Clara Lovisa Jonsdotter 28. Per Håkansson 29. Maria Erlandsson 30. Carl Johan Peterson 31. Anna Christina Persson

Names and information from the Patron's Directory of the 1887 Warren County, Iowa atlas for Indianola, Indianola post-office.

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| Andersen, T. T. & J. M. | Editors and Publishers of the Indianola Herald. |
| Barnes, T. R. & Co. | Contractors and Builders. Dealer in all kinds of building materials. Contracts taken, and all work warranted. |
| Baker & Johnson | Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, and Carpets. East side Square. |
| Board of Supervisors. | |
| Buffington, C. H. | Pharmacist. Prescriptions carefully compounded day or night. |
| Esny, W. H. | Attorney-at-Law, and Abstracts of Land Titles. |
| Baker, Edward L. | Physician and Surgeon |
| Carpenter, W. W. | Livery, Sale, and Feed Stable |
| Carruthers, W. B. & Sons | Successors to Hall & Carruthers, Attorneys-at-Law, Real Estate Brokers, Loan and Insurance Agents. |
| Central Iowa Mill and Elevator Co. | Manufacturing best brands of Flour on the full roller system at Novelty Roller Mills. |
| Dyke, John C. | Dealer in all kinds of Family Groceries, Queensware, Glassware, Tobacco, Cigars, Fruits, and Vegetables. |
| Dyke & Kelley | Manufacturers of and Dealers in Harness, Saddles, Whips, robes, etc., east side Public Square. |
| Derrough, J. H. | Clerk of the District Court. |
| McKinberry & Co. | Dealer in Lumber, Grain, and Live Stock. |
| Gordon, Wm. | Contractor and Builder. Proprietor of Steam Planing Mill, Does all kinds of Plain and Fancy Sawing. Turning Balusters, Newal Posts, Cisterns, and Tanks are among his specialties. Shop north Central House. |
| Harland, J. M. | Lumber, Lath, Shingles' Sash, Doors, Blinds, Lime, Cement, and Building Paper. |
| Hohl, G. F. | Blacksmithing and General Repair Shop. All business will receive prompt attention. |
| Hursh & Prichard | Indianola Roller Mill. Manufactures choicest brands of Flour, corn meal, and Feed. |
| Indianola City Council. | J. L. Eno, Mayor |
| Indianola Brick and Tile Co., | Manufactures Brick, Tile, and Potts Ware |
| International Loan and Trust Company. | Real Estate. School and County Bonds, Mortgages, and other securities bought and sold. A. H. Swan, President; Edward Hall, Vice-Prest.; E. W. Hartman, Sec'y |
| Keeney, S. G. | Proprietor Livery, Feed, and Sale Stable. Horses bought and sold. N. E. corner Public Square. |
| Kittleman & McCanmon | Star Clothing House. Clothing and Merchant Tailoring. New fresh goods always on hand. |
| Montgomery, W. C. | County Sheriff. |
| McCleary & Son | Physician and Surgeon. |
| Fowell & McGarry | Attorneys-at-Law. |
| Phelps, D. M. | Proprietor Central House, the only first-class house in the city. |
| Park, W. M. | Physician and Surgeon. |
| Richardson, Wm. M. | Dealer in Agricultural Implements, Farm Machinery, Wagons, Plows, Pumps, etc. Trade solicited. |
| Swan, L. J. | |
| Stewart, J. A. | County Superintendent of Schools. |
| Schooley & Son | Publishers of Advocate-Tribune |
| Schreiber, Chris | Blacksmithing. Repairing of all kinds promptly done. South of Indianola Mills. |
| Spaulding & Dashiell | (S. J. Spaulding, M. A. Dashiell). Pharmacists. |
| Schumelfenig Bros. | Pioneer Meat Market. Dealer in Fresh and Cured Meats, Stock, Hides, Pelts, and Tallow. |
| Warren Co. Coal, Tile, and Brick Company. | Coal, Tile and Brick. |
| Wildcr, L. H. | Attorney. |
| Warren County Bank | J. H. Whiting. Cashier. |