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MEETINGS: Monthly, third Monday at 7:00 PM at the Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola. NEXT MEETING: Sept. 16, 1985. Program to be announced. NEWSLETTER: Published each month, except August and December. Queries Welcomed. Editor: Molly Bowlin, Route 2, Box 211, Indianola, IA 50125. DUES: \$5.00 single and \$7.50 family. Our year runs Jan-Dec and dues are payable between Sept 1 and Oct 31. Ruth Hall, 705 West Third, Indianola, IA 50125 is registrar.

Members of the Warren County Genealogical Society - Be Proud!! Be Excited!! Be Enthused!! Your genealogical society is in the midst of another very exciting time. This month the following has happened:

1. Births of Warren County, Iowa, Through 1920 arrived and looks great!
2. A contract was signed with Curtis Media to publish and print History of Warren County, Iowa.
3. Preparations are made for binding and giving books to the Indianola Public Library.
4. Members have traveled to Salt Lake City, worked on the obituary scrapbook, planned and attended family reunions, worked on their own family stories, and prepared exhibits for the fair.

Once again the call is going out to our members to help where they can. There's something for everyone to do - just let me know where you can help.

1. Number the Birth Books and get them distributed.
2. Bind books for the library.
3. Write book plates for the books we are donating to the library.
4. Work a shift at the County Fair.
5. Saturday, July 27th, come out at 1:00 pm to help with the judging and displays at the fair.
6. Index obituaries.
7. Accept a job for the History of Warren county, Iowa, book project.

This is an exciting time for WCGS and you will enjoy it more if you get involved and do your part.

A flyer for the history book is attached to this newsletter so you can see it is time to move on the project. We will have the book back by next year's fair.

Let us know what you will do. Be Proud!! Be Involved!! Be an active member of WCGS. WE NEED YOU!!  
Barb

DID YOUR ANCESTORS COME FROM NORWAY?? If so, did they come from Rennesøy Island? If so, I can probably help you. I can trace most of a persons ancestors on the Island of Rennesøy, Rogaland County back to about 1550 or before. Charge is \$1.00 for each name supplied by me plus postage. I will supply as much of the following as I can: Names of parents, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives and children, year (possibly date of marriage, birth, and/or christening and death) First letter should contain the following: full name, date of birth, marriage and/or husbands or wives name and name of any children born in Norway. Also SASE. Also how much detail you would like. I will in return tell you if I can trace your family and about how far. Larry A. Howdne, 2015 Evelyn Street, Perry, Iowa 50220

Tentative date for an August meeting is Aug 19. Watch paper and calling committee will contact you!! Barb.

## FAMILY REUNIONS

If you are planning a family reunion for 1986, now is the time to start planning for it. This is a great opportunity to gather those little tidbits of information from family members, especially those who won't answer your letters for whatever reasons. It's always easier to ask questions in person and get direct answers!

The following is a list of what to do to have an organized reunion. The main thing is to remember is to PLAN AHEAD!!

1. Choose a locality that is near as many of the relatives as possible. Select the site with all planned activities in mind and reserve early.
  2. Begin a card file of family addresses. Use phone books at your local library. Get lists from other relatives, advertise in several places.
  3. Duplicate a letter of invitation which gives time, place, accommodations available and activities which are planned. If you need family information, photographs, etc., this is the time to request such. Are you going to have a potluck or will each family contribute money for food? Send a reminder approximately one month beforehand to all who previously responded.
  4. Involve people. Get as many working on projects as possible. People tend to come if they are involved.
  5. Set up committees early. Have a welcoming committee--guest book, name tags, etc.; food committee; advertising committee; decoration committee; entertainment committee; display/historical material; photograph committee; recording committee, etc.
  6. Special project. You are apt to gather much more family data if those present, especially the younger relatives, can see where they fit into the family. It is most important to have some type of family tree available--a large piece of poster board, cork, etc.,--where family information is easy to do and the lettering need not be perfect. Sheets of paper should be readily available for additions and corrections. An encore for succeeding reunions could be the addition of photographs of each family.
  7. The recording committee or someone with special training could interview those especially selected or each one present for an oral history tape. Plan questions and those to be interviewed well ahead of time.
  8. Plan special activities, games, mixers, dramatizations, musical selection, home movies, slides, write on blocks for family quilt, etc. Use your imagination to enhance the reunion so that all will wish to return and the hold-outs will wish that they had been there.
  9. Start a family newsletter to keep in touch, to maintain interest and to glean information.
- From Ancestors Unlimited, McCook, NE VIA Napa Valley Gen & Bio Soc & the Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Gen Soc.

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Did you know that a yellow sheet of paper placed on the reading surface will make a difficult microfilm much easier to read?? Keo-Mah Tracers AMJ:85

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From the Patron's Directory in the 1887 Warren County Atlas. SQUAW TOWNSHIP

			Section
Braucht, Charles	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	6
Grant, G. W.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Medford	30
Himstreet, L. D.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Medford	26
Johnston, Fred	Proprietor of Hotel. Also Notary Public	Medora	27
Labertew, Freeman	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Sharon	4
Loper, Osborn	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Medora	28
Morrison, Michael	Farmer and Postmaster	Sharon	2
McIntosh, A. B.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Medora	20
Sandy, C. L.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Medora	28

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From Maude Wilkins, one of our local members, comes the following information:

My great grandfather, Noble Cox, who came to Warren County in 1848, died on the 26th of October, 1849. In the probate records, I found that his son-in-law, George Shawver, acted as administrator of his estate and left the following records of the estate sale:

September 28, 1850 P. P. Henderson was paid \$1.00 for crying the sale; John R. McClelland was paid 75¢ for clerking the sale and articles were bought by the following men:

Isaac Posegate	Isaac Halterman	Joseph Hocket
William Shawver	John Spurgeon	Nelson Case
P. P. Henderson	Nathan T. Cox	David Wear
George Shawver	Alfred Clark	Matthew Millican

The cheapest item sold for 12½ cents (swingletree irons) and the most paid was \$59.50 for a yoke of cattle. Sets of harness went for \$2.75 and \$2.80, and a wagon for \$31.10. total amount of sale - \$179.74½.

June 28, 1852, the administrator paid the taxes on 200 acres in Otter township, the entire amount being \$4.00!

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The following items are from Ancestors Unlimited, McCook, NE 9:3:85

Spray newspaper clippings, on both sides, with hair spray. This will keep them from turning yellow.

Have you checked with ALL of your living relatives for the information they may be able to provide for your research? Don't miss even one. for that person may have a priceless clue.

OHIO COUNTY HISTORIES were partially indexed through WPA projects and are on file at the Ohio Historical Society Library, Ohio Historical Center, Columbus, OH, 43211. Cards give surname, given name, book and page reference on most published county histories.

Researchers in GERMAN GENEALOGY are invited to submit data, free of charge, for the German Genealogical Index. The index is cross-referenced to enable genealogists to find others researching the same surnames and/or localities in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg, as well as German enclaves in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other countries. Additional information is available from: German Genealogical Index, Dept LMHS, P.O. Box 10155, Minneapolis, MN 55440

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IGS newsletter 6:3:85: Caution: The cost of courthouse records may be harmful to your wealth!!

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LAND OWNERSHIP MAPS: "A Checklist of Nineteenth Century United States County Maps in the Library of Congress" is available for \$6.00. Order from Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Refer to stock # 030-004-00004-3. (National Gen. Soc. Newsletter 11:3:85)

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From the Pioneer Sons and Daughters newsletter 5:2:85

A HELPING HAND NEEDED!!!!

Searching for: PATTY LOU WARD, BORN May 8, 1936 in Des Moines, Iowa. In Iowa Childrens Home in 1939, age then about 18 months. 11 brothers and sisters. Five kept at the home and adopted out... others placed in foster homes. Parents were Elmer Ward and Sarah Ann Barlow Ward, both dec. PATTY LOU WARD, YOUR SISTER, EILEEN WARD MILLER, IS SEARCHING FOR YOU. You were last seen by your mother and older brother in a local park, 1942, and were recognized, but we could not talk to you or contact you. We that are living want very much to know you. Several of us have tried to find you. You were adopted in November 1937. HELP, ANYONE!! Call your sister, Eileen Ward Miller, 515-285-9735 or my friend, Mabel Klobnak, 515-277-3445, or write Mabel, 1315 56th, Des Moines, IA 50311

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DAUGHERTY Rita Daugherty, 137 2nd St., Phillipsburg, KS 67661 is interested  
WADSWORTH in Daugherty and Wadsworth data.

WCGS 11:7:85

This continues the series of articles by Edith Conn on the townships and people of Warren county. This month features Belmont township.

Belmont township was one of the later townships to be organized. It is on the east line of the county adjoining Marion county. The majority of its earliest settlers came here from Belmont county, Ohio and when it was organized they decided to name it after their old home county.

There are few records of the earliest settlers of this township. The county history lists my great grandfather, James Ball, as one of the first settlers but I find he came to the Hartford area in 1856, coming to Belmont township in 1857. The first settlers were Monroes, Wilsons, Duncans, Brooks, Thompsons, Alexanders and Allens.

James Ball was born in 1820 in Virginia. Left an orphan at the age of nine years, he was completely on his own from then on, wandering through Ohio and Indiana, peddling and working by the month, to get his start in the world. He purchased 120 acres of land in Belmont township.

Since the early settlers chose to settle near the streams because of the water supply and the wooded areas for fuel, building material and the wild game, this probably accounts for Belmont being settled later--it has no rivers. It is drained by the small streams of Coal creek in the northwest portion and by small streams of Flank creek in the southern portion. It is in these portions of the township we find it was first settled. Prairie fires were very common and terrifying to the early settlers in the vicinity which is the present town of Milo.

Belmont township had a large number of villages, churches and cemeteries--probably more than any other township, with a church of nearly every faith. The first church organized in the township was the Highland Methodist church in section 3, organized in 1860. A cemetery is all that is left at the site but it is fenced with a beautiful wrought iron fence and would be a beautiful, peaceful spot if the weeds, briars and poison ivy were removed and it was kept mowed. Other churches of the township were the Waveland, now the Motor Friends church, the Freewill Baptist church, the Belmont Zion which was Baptist and later Christian Union, Plainville Chapel more commonly known as Goode's Chapel, the Fairview Methodist Episcopal church and Pleasantview church, also the Catholic church of St. Marys of Perpetual Help at Rosemount. Rose Mount was first a settlement of Friends or Quakers. They sold to a group of Germans and the Catholic church was organized in 1871 by Rippergens, Kellers, Fellers, Dittmers and others.

The present Churches in the township are the Motor Friends church, the Catholic church at Rosemount, the Milo Methodist church, the Milo Christian Union church, and the Milo St. Augustine Catholic church.

Although Milo is now the only town in Belmont township, it has had several hamlets and villages in the past: Waveland, Motor, Felix, Taunton, Rose Mount, Bellemont and Schonburg.

The rural schools of the township which are among its passing landmarks are: Motor also called McMillen, North Center, Pleasantview, Belmont Center, Locust Grove, McNair or McNeer, Fairview and Plainville. Many years ago there was a school called Bethel school located on the northern border of section 19 which would now be the eastern edge of the town of Milo.

Milo had a cheese factory in 1894. Taunton, Felix and Milo had grist mills. The township had several small coal mines.

Nearly every county has in its history a reminder of the results of mob rule. Belmont township was the scene of Warren county's only lynching in November 1877 at the town of Schonburg.

---Edith Conn

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From the Indianola Record, September 1, 1898: Amos H. Lacy of Belmont township, a veteran of 40th Volunteer Infantry, presented to Attorney J. O. Watson the horse bit used by his father, Captain Joe Watson. He was very pleased to get the old relic.

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From the Warren Record, Jan 14, 1875: Jacob Miller escaped jail during the storm Friday night. He jumped 15 feet out of the upper part. He traveled four miles the first day. The second day he was in Belmont where he was caught Saturday night, badly frostbitten. --Edith Conn

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**FAMILY GROUP NO.**

**Husband's Full Name**

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

**Wife's Full Maiden Name**

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

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Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
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		Burial							
3	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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4	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. Info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.