



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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MEETINGS: Monthly, the third Monday at 7:00 PM at the new Indianola Public Library which is located at 207 North B.

NEXT MEETING: October 21, 1985. Tentative speaker is Marilyn Lentz.

NEWSLETTER: Published each month except August and December. Queries welcomed. Editor is Molly Bowlin, Route 2 Box 211, Indianola, IA 50125

DUES: \$5. single and \$7.50 family. Dues for Jan-Dec 1986 are payable beginning September 1st and are delinquent October 31st. Registrar is Ruth Hall, 705 West Third, Indianola, IA 50125

COPIER PURCHASED!! The new copier, purchase of which was authorized at the August meeting, has arrived just in time to print this newsletter!!! After trying to coax readable copy from our mimeograph machine, this is quite a pleasure to use. The machine, a Royal 1200 MC, will be put to good use right away, preparing material for the History book. For now, it is at Barb Rasko's home and is available for WCGS members use. Check with Barb for a convenient time.

LOG CABIN DAYS will be held September 28th and 29th. WCGS will be promoting the History and Birth books. If you can help, contact Barb.

WCGS BOOKS TO THE NEW LIBRARY SOON: Several work sessions have been held since our last meeting to prepare WCGS material for the new library. The new stapler and paper punch have been put to good use at these sessions. Acco-Press binders and black binding tape are being used to make regular 'spined' books from our periodicals and other material. Give Louise a call if you can help.

INCORPORATION: WCGS Incorporation papers are being printed in this newsletter for your reference. Following incorporation, our treasurer Sheryl Ledlie has been able to complete material for non-profit status. These papers have been submitted and are pending.

BIRTH BOOK REPORT: 220 copies of 'Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa Through 1920' have now been sold. Out of state libraries are being contacted for sales. This is a 300 page hardback 8½X11 book, alphabetized and indexed. \$25 plus \$3. for mailing. Contact: Sheryl Ledlie, 3005 SE 72nd, Rt 2, Des Moines, IA 50320

REMEMBER--1986 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE!! Dues may now be paid to registrar Ruth Hall. Hope to have these all collected on time to enable our membership list to be complete for the new program book which you will receive at the January 1986 annual meeting.

IGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27 at the Airport Hilton Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA (20th Annual Conference) Program information will be available in next newsletter.

HISTORY OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA: Work is well underway on our new History book project!! Excitement is in the air!! Ideas are flowing!! Stories are being received and processed!! Thirty-six books have now been reserved. Have you reserved your copy yet? Remember, the early order price represents a substantial savings to you. The first 500 copies are \$45. plus \$3.50 mailing. Order from Sheryl Ledlie, see address above. Quite a number of story reservations have been made, with the first twenty stories now being readied for shipment to Dallas for processing. Members have been busy preparing mailing lists, typing labels, folding brochures and contacting people!! Brochures for Business and Church histories will be in the mail this week along with a number of family history brochures.

If you have some free time and can help out on this project--contact Barb!! There is much to be done and your help will be appreciated!! More on History book on next page!

QUERIES:

SHEPHERD Want to contact descendants of John B. Sheperd, 1804-1863 and Malinda
BERKSHIRE (Berkshire) Sheperd, 1820-1901, both buried at Hartford, IA. Their children
CLARK were: Angus L., b 1840, m Mary L. Clark; Eliza Jane, b 1843, m Hilbert
CUTLIP Clark; Ann Maria, b 1845, m James H. Cutlip; David, b 1846, m Amanda A.
GOLDSBERRY Goldsberry; Joseph B., b 1849, m Josephine Olivia Shaw; Harriet M., b 1851,
SHAW m A. W. Hall; John E., b 1856, m Laura Cottrell; Martha E., b 1859, m
HALL William Ausburg. The first six children were born in IL, the last two in
COTTRELL Warren county. Contact: Jerry Orem, P.O. Box 2611, Eugene, Oregon 97402
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BROWN Want information on the family of Philip Hull, 1829-1898 and his wife,
HULL Sophronia Holcomb, 1834-1925, and their daughter Bertha Blanche Hull Brown,
HOLCOMB 1880-1977. They lived in the Orilla area. Philip is buried in the Pleasant
Ridge cemetery. Contact: Raymond Brown, 1963 Modoc Drive, Chico, CA 95928

CERTIFICATE OR RECORD?? It is quite important to understand the difference between a death or birth certificate and a death or birth record. Unless you are wanting a certificate for a passport or other official record, do not request a certificate for genealogical use. The certificate is simply a formal paper to testify to the date, cause, and place of death. The death record includes somewhat more information, and especially the names of the parents, when reported to the attending physician and their place of nativity. In a similar vein, if you ask for a marriage register, not a certificate, you get more information. The marriage register gives the parents; names, place of residence of the bride and groom, often their birthplaces, where they were married, the names of the witnesses, etc. From Uncestors Unlimited 9:4'85 Via Sept '84 Tri-State Trader.

Welcome to NEW MEMBER Doris L. Young, Route 1, Box 4B, Milo, IA 50166. Also welcome back to past member Katherine Farris of Indianola who renewed her membership at the fair

KENTUCKY: You may obtain a FREE brochure of publications on Kentucky from Historical Confederation of Kentucky, P.O. Box H, Frankfort, KY 40602. A long SASE is required. Ancestors Unlimited 9:4'85

Your HERITAGE can't be stolen; it can't be taxed; it can't be taken from you; but, it can be lost!! Ancestors Unlimited.

MORE HELP IN DECIPHERING CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS: From Genealogists Exchange Via Ancestors Unlimited: Writer Joy Burkholder suggests taking a small shovel for uncovering stones that may be covered with plant life and soil, a sharpened rod for probing into the ground to find buried stones, and talcum powder or chalk dust to bring out the inscriptions which may be difficult to read. Making a rubbing on butcher paper with a broad black crayon may also help to bring out the worn lettering. Rubbing a headstone with steel wool or wire brush is discouraged as these aid deterioration. When photographing a stone, it is suggested to powder the inscription, then stand to one side, instead of directly in front, so that letters will be shadowed.

HISTORY BOOK PROJECT: FAMILY STORIES: We all need to be working on our family stories at this time. Two typed, 8½X11 pages, double spaced plus a one column picture are allowed for each story FREE. Be sure to number your pictures and include a caption for each, correspondingly numbered.

"I REMEMBER WHEN. . ." stories about local people, places or events our descendants will find interesting or entertaining will also be featured in the history. See what you can come up with for this section.

OLD WARREN COUNTY PICTURES NEEDED: Please check through your old pictures for use in the topical and community section. No charge for including these pictures!

We are featuring Greenfield township this month, CONN-cocted by Edith Conn.

Greenfield township is located in the north tier of townships, bordered on the north by Polk county.

It was one of the first townships settled. John Rufe and Noah Reeves settled on North River in 1845 and Leftwich Bedwell came in 1846. Mary Bedwell was the first white girl born in the township (April 11, 1846) but it was then a part of Polk county, being part of what was known as the "Strip". Mary Bedwell grew up and married James M. Utsler. William Whited entered the first land in Greenfield township, according to the Register of the State Land Office, on October 30, 1848. James Dowell was an early settler. He came here in October 1845 and chose his claim. He returned to Indiana, later coming back to his claim, marrying and settling here.

The villages of Greenfield township were Greenbush and Spring Hill with Norwalk on the west line. Greenbush was a thriving town during Civil War days. When the railroad came through the township and missed Greenbush, Spring Hill was laid out by Dr. Bevington and William Ashworth in 1872. The first houses of Spring Hill were moved from Greenbush. Greenbush had three streets running north and south: Washington, Jefferson and Clay streets. The three streets running east and west were: State, Main and Camp streets. The post office of Greenbush ran from 1850 to 1854, when it was changed to Fort Plain. Fort Plain was a post office from 1854 to 1870. E. R. Barker was the postmaster there in 1854. Spring Hill is located in section 5 on Middle River and on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. (RR is now abandoned) The streets of Spring Hill running east and west are: North street, Hutchings Street, Cash Street and South Street. The streets running north and south are Ashworth, Carson and Depot streets.

The township is drained by North and Middle Rivers and their branches. A bridge was built across North River in 1850.

The first school of the area was built at Greenbush. Some of the schools in the township were: Clover Hill, Willis, Cotnam, Ash, Mt. Olive, Grove, Greenfield Center, Hughes and Spring Hill.

The cemeteries of the township are the Norwalk cemetery, North River and Webb. In the North River cemetery we found the oldest death date of any gravestone in the county found thus far. Polly Whited, the first wife of Lazarus Whited died July 15, 1847, and Drusilla Whited, the second wife of Lazerus Whited died October 8, 1848. They maps of 1872 give the North River cemetery as Oakland cemetery. The Webb cemetery was often called the Lockridge cemetery as the Lockridge home was across the road from it.

Mills played an important part in the communeity in the early days. E. Perkins had a water-powered saw mill in 1851. Samuel Lockridge had a mill on North River in section 30. He was killed while working his mill. He had noticed a broken pulley but thought he could continue the rest of the day's work with it. Before the day was finished the pulley broke, killing him. Ephriam Hoover was a native of North Carolina. He went to Indiana as a young man and there met and married Julia A. Howery, a native of Ohio. In Indiana, he farmed and operated a flour and lumber mill. In 1850 he disposed of his mill, moved here and located near Spring Hill. Later he bought a saw and grist mill on North River which he ran for 6 years. Two years later he bought a saw mill in Greenfield township which he operated until his death in 1865.

The North River church was organized in 1849, being one of the first religious organizations in the county. It was a Christian church for many years, becoming Methodist in March 1903. There was a Baptist church east of Norwalk. Spring Hill had Christian, Baptist and Methodist churches. --by Edith Conn

From the 1887 Warren County Atlas Patron's Directory for Virginia township:

			Sect.
ADAMS, David	Real Estate and Collection Agent	New Virginia	27
FREAD, Lee	Farmer and Breeder of Norman Horses	New Virginia	14
IRWIN, Alex	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New Virginia	28
PHILLIPS, Z. F	Farmer and Breeder of Short Horn Cattle		
	Also Norman Horses	New Virginia	32
READ, J. B.	Farmer and Breeder of Horses and Cattle	New Virginia	34
STAPLETON, M	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New Virginia	8
SNOOK, Isiah	Farmer and Stock Raiser. Also Justice of Peace	New Virginia	16
	the Peace		

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

To the Secretary of State
of the State of Iowa:

We, the undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act under Chapter 504A, code of Iowa, 1983 adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

I. The name of the corporation is Warren County Genealogical Society.

II. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are: The exclusive purpose of this society shall be to aid individuals as they begin, develop and follow their genealogical interests and to encourage and assist them to prepare their genealogy or family history. This society shall aid the individuals through educational programs, discussions, workshops and conferences, and the gathering and publication of genealogical source materials. The society adopts the following objectives to support the primary purpose: To create and foster an interest in genealogy. To gather and preserve genealogical and historical data, particularly with respect to ancestors and the founders and early settlers of our county and country. To aid individuals in their genealogical research and in compiling their family history. To support and encourage the genealogical section of the Indianola Library. To submit Iowa-related genealogical information for publication to the Hawkeye Heritage. To encourage preservation and availability of county and state records.

III. The address of its initial registered office in the state of Iowa is 1201 North D. Street in the City of Indianola, County of Warren, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Barbara J. Rasko, President.

IV. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is ten, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Barbara Rasko, President	1201 North B St.	Indianola, IA.
Charlotte Hardin, V.P.	Route 4	Indianola, IA.
Enola Disbrow, Sec.	610 W. Salem	Indianola, IA.
Sheryl Ledlie, Treas.	3005 S.E.72Ave.	Des Moines, IA.
Ruth Hall, Registrar	705 W. 3rd	Indianola, IA.
Molly Bowlin, Editor&Past Prs.	Route 2	Indianola, IA.
Louise Pilmer, Librarian	210 W. Girard	Indianola, IA.
Lucille Perkins, Historian	607 S. Jefferson	Indianola, IA.
Twilla Dillard, Parliamentarian	Routel	Indianola, IA.
Pauline Baxendale, IGS. Liaison	Route 4	Indianola, IA.

V. The date on which the corporate existance shall begin is May 2, 1985.

L T S C	INSTR. No. 5145	FILED FOR RECORD THE	6	DAY OF	STATE OF IOWA, WARREN COUNTY:
	RECORDING FEE \$ 20.00		June	19 85	AT 10:08
	TRANSFER FEE \$		A.	M. BOOK 10	PAGE 7-10
					Judith K. Lathrop
					By _____ Deputy

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of those articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). All officers and members of the corporation are exempt of any liability.

B. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, shall dispose of all assets and donate the balance to the City of Indianola Public Library. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, literary, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit.

VI. The name and address of each incorporator is:

Barbara Rasko, Pres.	1201 North D St.	Indianola, IA.
Molly Bowlin, Past Pres.	Route 2	Indianola, IA.
Sheryl Ledlie, Treas.	3005 S.E. 72Ave.	Des Moines, IA.

Dated April 23, 1985.

Barbara Rasko
Barbara Rasko

Molly Bowlin
Molly Bowlin

Sheryl Ledlie
Sheryl Ledlie

Incorporators

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SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

MAY 2, 1985

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN THIS OFFICE AND IS
HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS AS A CORPORATION FROM
MAY 2, 1985, PERPETUALLY, UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF CHAPTER 504A, 1985 CODE OF IOWA.



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