



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 1985. Program to be announced. This is the Annual meeting with election of officers.

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

DUES: \$5. single and \$7.50 family. Dues for 1986 are payable beginning September 1st & are delinquent October 31st. Payable to Ruth Hall, registrar, 705 West Third, Indianola, IA, 50125

THE WCGS ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP for beginning genealogists has been postponed until spring. This project will be rescheduled when the members are not so occupied with the History.

We are pleased to report that former member Ruth Mead is now residing at Murphy's Guest Home in Indianola following her stay at the Westview Care Center. We hope you can be with us again soon, Ruth!

GRAVE WITCHING AT SEPTEMBER MEETING: Thank you to Mary Ann Banks of Winterset for her fascinating demonstration of grave witching at our last meeting. Even though a light shower was falling, WCGS members gathered at the old section of the Indianola cemetery to watch Mary Ann do her stuff and to have a hand at it ourselves. To our surprise, most everyone could also 'witch.' The tools of the trade are two 24" pieces of copper electrical wire, with the insulation removed, bent into a L shape about 4" by 20". The 4" part is held not too tightly in your hands, about 10" apart, waist high and parallel to the ground. (Just like the old timers looking for a good place to dig the well). Walk slowly across the area where you feel your unmarked graves are located. The wires will cross as you come to a grave and will uncross as you pass. To judge the height of the person buried, walk slowly from head to foot. The wires will cross at the head and uncross at the foot giving you an idea of the age of the person buried. Now, we can all go out and find those lost graves in the family plot!! Or, maybe we will strike water, who knows??!!

NON-PROFIT STATUS: Non-profit status was approved for WCGS just in time to be announced at our last meeting. This will enable our advertising for the history book to go at a much reduced rate.

WHEN ORDERING YOUR HISTORY BOOK, ALL IOWA RESIDENTS NEED TO INCLUDE 4% SALES TAX!! The cost for the first 500 copies is \$45 plus \$3.50 for mailing. The price will go up after the initial 500 are sold, SO ORDER YOUR COPY NOW!!

HISTORY BOOK PROJECT: A big THANK YOU to all of the WCGS members who have been helping prepare the brochures for mailing. Several workshops were held in October, with a large part of the brochures ready to mail. Requests for Church histories went out last month with calls being made to the ministers at this time to reserve space and answer questions. Township leaders are being contacted for historical information on their areas. Posters have been placed in the rural communities as well as here in Indianola. Family and topical stories are coming in steadily. HAVE YOU RESERVED SPACE FOR YOUR FAMILY STORIES? HAVE YOU STARTED WRITING YOUR STORIES?? REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS Jan. 1.

PLEASE NOTE!!! DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE TO OUR REGISTRAR, RUTH HALL. Amount & address are shown above. THANK YOU!!

This continues a series of township stories by Edith Conn, printed earlier in the Historical Society newsletter. This month, Jackson township is featured.

Jackson township is in the west tier of townships, joined on the north by Jefferson township, on the west by Madison county, on the south by Virginia township, on the east by White Oak township.

It was settled in the early day mostly by German and Irish who became well known for their industrious and economical ways. The first land was entered by Jacob Archer in sections 5 and 6. some of the early settlers were: Franklin Todd, William Bradford, John Hollingsworth, Jesse Franklin, William Martin, Lewis McGinnis and Amos Main. William Bradford and Lewis McGinnis were the first in the township to go from ox team to horses. William Bradford was the first to have a factory-made wagon. It had no springs and cost \$150. James Small made yokes and fitted bows for his own oxen as well as the neighbors. He came here in 1855 when he was 26 years old. Lewis McGinnis had a shingle mill and Alex McGinnis shipped logs to England. Clanton Creek was known for its good timber land. Alexander and John McGinnis, brothers, came here in 1850. William Bradford also came in 1850. O. A. Mosher came in 1851 and was later elected county surveyor.

The first school was built in the fifties and Amanda Cleland was the first teacher. She later married Mr. Harbison and lived in Indianola. O. A. Mosher was the second teacher. They were both paid \$20 a month and boarded themselves. The school was a log cabin near Clanton Creek and later became known as Clanton Valley district. The second school was known as Way school. Other schools of the township were: Luke, Barnes or Andrew, St. Marys, Stony Point, and Science Hill known in the early days as Hollingsworth.

St. Marys is the only town in the township. It was laid out by G. M. Durschell in 1868 in the southeast corner of section 9. When the Des Moines and Kansas City railroad came through the township in 1882, a depot and a small section of town was built up at the railroad on the north and central edge of section 16. This was called West St. Marys. The early maps of St. Marys show two streets, St. James running east and west and St. Johns running north and south.

There was a postoffice in the west part of Jackson township named Latimer. Elijah Bilbo was the postmaster in 1861.

The Catholic church, Immaculate Conception of St. Marys, was founded in 1870. A parochial school was started in 1865 and was staffed by the Sisters of the Precious Blood of St. Louis. The school was closed in 1904. About 1911 the services of Sisters of St. Francis from Clinton were obtained and the school was reopened. The Sisters of St. Francis remained until 1919 when the St. Marys school district was consolidated and the parochial school was again closed.

The St. Marys Immaculate Conception cemetery is north of the church. The Dillman cemetery in section 18 is no longer in use and has no access road. It was a small plot 12 rods by 4 rods given as a cemetery by David Dillman August 24, 1850. The first burial was a child of David Dillman on July 2, 1850.

The Schulte home, torn down a few years ago was an old landmark of St. Marys. It served as a tavern or hotel in the early days. --by Edith Conn

*WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER - G. Raymond Nelsen, P.O. Box 771, Geneva, IL 60134

*The following have paid their 1986 dues: G. Raymond Nelsen, Jane Godwin, Maude Wilkins, Bertine Davis, Marguerite Mahan, Shirley Tinstman, Elaine Bumgarner, Robert Renfro, Evelyn Witt, Janace Cole, Ruth Hall, Betty Smith, Ruth Lehman, and June Gerbode.

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*November will be the last newsletter for 1985 paid members. New program books will be prepared for the January meeting. We want your name to be included, so please get those dues in NOW!!

CONTEST!! CONTEST!! CONTEST!! Get out your pencils: If you are able to find less than six mistakes in spelling, etc., in this newsletter, you may be eligible to win yourself a free ancestor from someone else's tree to fill in that blank spot in your own. All entries must be mailed and postmarked. Offer void where frowned upon. In case of tie, twin will be awarded! (Key City Gen. Society)

An obstacle is something you see when you take your eyes off the goal you are trying to reach!
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GETTING GENEALOGICAL RESULTS BY MAIL

(The following article is reprinted from the Church News, the newsletter of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. VIA Ancestors Unlimited 9:5:1985)

There are ways to enhance the quality of genealogical research conducted by mail. Whether corresponding with institutions, genealogists or other research sources, researchers can follow these simple rules for success.

1. Take your correspondence seriously. Write a professional looking letter that demands attention.
2. Do your homework. Find everything you can about the institution which you are writing to.
3. Don't expect the institution's personnel to do research for you. They don't have the time, training, or inclination.
4. Use the complete, accurate address of the institution or person with whom you are corresponding.
5. Make one initial request, and make it as simple as possible. Explain what you need briefly and specifically. Don't clutter your letter with family information they don't need to know.
6. When asking form information about a specific person, give the person's name, locality, and the time period from which information is sought.
7. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
8. Offer to pay for copies and labor.
9. Include your complete, accurate address.
10. Date and make copies of all correspondence.
11. Send thank-you notes for all responses to correspondence.

An additional tip for those dealing with professional genealogical researchers by mail: To avoid a researcher that might be unreliable, give the person an easy task for the first contact. A good professional should prove a prompt, well-organized response to any request.

*MISSOURI RESEARCH: Apparently information relayed to you via an exchange newsletter in June was in error. Missouri newspaper information can NOT be obtained through Secretary of State Roy Blunt in Jefferson City, MO. He does state, "that the State Historical Society located at 1020 Lowry Street in Columbia does keep newspapers and can be contacted for information. The Society does ask that written requests be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope." He adds, "the Missouri Archives is not a lending library. Researchers should be prepared to take notes or pay for copies of what they want." Anyone who needs additional information about the archives should contact it through the Secretary of State's office in Jefferson City. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused his office.

WHY IS IT???

- ...your ancestor's tombstone is the only one in the cemetery surrounded by poison ivy?
 - ...the only missing reel of microfilm in the drawer is the one you need?
 - ...some thoughtful and considerate person (?) has torn "that" page out of a book, and the index says your ancestor's name was on it?
 - ...the copy machine always runs out of paper when you're in a big hurry?
 - ...your great grandfather's tombstone fell face down?
 - ...your family cemetery is the one "under" the new building?
...from North Central North Dakota Gen. Record VIA Eastern NE Gen. Soc. Sept '85
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Ancestors Unlimited tells of the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City which is to be closed between Oct. 14 and the 24th while the library is moved from the old into the new building at 315 North West Temple. It will reopen at 7:30 am on Friday, October 25.

May all your ancestors be like vegetables in the fall--Turnip.

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

		Post-Office	Sec.
Baxendale, John	Foreman of the Summerset Coal Mining Company	Summerset	31
Brazelton, R. C.	Proprietor of Somerset Mills	Summerset	31
Brown, Robinson	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	17
Eicher, G. W.	Farmer and Stock Raiser. Also Superintendent of Warren County Poor Farm	Indianola	31
Fowler, B.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	16
Gilman, M.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Summerset	31
Grieves, S. LL.	Farmer, Breeder of Grade Cattle, Stock Dealer and Shipper	Spring Hill	17
Gosling, John	Superintendent of Swan & Bosler Land and Cattle Co. Thoroughbred and High Grade Hereford Cattle	Indianola	12
Ginder, J. A.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ackworth	23
Hickman, Chas.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	19
Hickman, J. W.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	29
Henry, Richard	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	28
Henry, J. A. & O. H.	Breeders and Dealers in Draft and Road Horses. Imported Stallions and High Grade Mares for sale, also Short Horn Cattle.	Indianola	28
Kaufman, D.M.	Farmer and Breeder of Herford and Short Horn Cattle. Feed all kinds Stock	Indianola	28
Lough, J. F.	Farmer and Breeder of fine Grade Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Poland China Hogs	Indianola	31
Lucas, Jas. W.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	29
McCoy, C. M.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	20
Morton, J. C.	Farmer and Stock Raiser. Also Breeder of Poland China Pigs	Indianola	33
Marshall, W. W.	General Blacksmith. Wagons, Agricultural Implements, Pumps, and Hand-made Mining Tolls a specialty	Summerset	31
Martin, Amiziah	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Spring Hill	16
Oaks, W. A.	Farmer and Breeder of Polled Aberdeen Angus	Indianola	18
Prichard, A. L.	Manufacturer of Flour, Corn, Meal, Mill Feed; also Saw Mill connected. Breeder of Hereford Cattle and Poland China Hogs	Ackworth	19
Redish, Josephus	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	29
Ritchie, Clement	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Summerset	5
Van Tress, T.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	27
Wheeler, Clement	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indianola	8

MAPS OF SCOTLAND: Maps of crofting townships, farm-districts, and villages in Scotland as they existed in the 19th century are available from a cartographer in Scotland. the maps are taken from the original surveys which are kept in the National Library of Scotland. Write: P. J. Adams, 8 Rutherford Folds, Inverryies, Aberdeenshire Scotland AB5 9JH. (From Natchez Trace Gene. Soc. VIA Clark Co. WA Oct. 85)

ALTERNATE SOURCE: When other records have been destroyed or for additional biographical information, don't forget school records. They can provide the approximate age of an ancestor when other records have failed to do so. Check with the appropriate school district or local parish to determine the location of the older public and private school records. (From Genealogists' Exchange VIA Clark Co. WA Oct. 85)

MADISON COUNTY, IA: A project of the Madison County Gene. Soc. is the indexing of the newspaper microfilm at their library. A portion is printed in their Spring '85 newsletter. WCGS: 11:9:85

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Iowa Genealogical Society

October 26th and 27th, 1985

Airport Hilton Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA

Saturday, Oct. 26th

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration in Lobby
 Welcome
- 9:15 - 10:15 Maps, Atlases and Gazeteers. How to use them effectively.
 Carol Schiffman
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break and Browse
- 10:30 - 11:30 Carol continues with talk on maps, etc.
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch - Garden Court for those with lunch tickets
- 12:30 - 2:00 Research in North Carolina. Dr. Geo. Schweitzer
- 2:00 - 2:15 Break and Browse
- 2:15 - 3:45 Research in Tennessee. Dr. George Schweitzer
- 3:45 - 5:00 Business Meeting. I.G.S.
 Bylaws revision, nominating committee
- 5:00 - 6:00 Break and browse
- 6:00 - 8:00 Banquet - Our 20th Anniversary Party
- 8:00 - 8:30 Presentation by Historical Museum foundation
 Adult Education teachers and speakers - Donelle Meher, ch.

Sunday, Oct. 27th

Registration for those who did not attend Saturday

- 9:00 - 11:00 War of 1812. Dr. George Schweitzer
- 11:00 - 11:15 Break and Browse
- 11:15 - 12:15 Naming Patterns in Genealogy. Carol Schiffman
- 12:15 - 1:15 Lunch in Garden Court for those with tickets
- 1:15 - 3:15 How to Utilize the Sources in Mormon Libraries and
 The microfilming project of the Genealogical Society of Utah

	member	non-member
Saturday 26 Oct. Lectures only	\$ 8.00	\$10.00
Saturday 26 Oct. Lectures and lunch	14.00	16.00
Saturday 26 Oct. Lectures and banquet	18.00	20.00
Saturday 26 Oct. Lectures, lunch and banquet	24.00	26.00
Sunday 27 Oct. Lectures only	8.00	10.00
Sunday 27 Oct. Lectures and lunch	14.00	16.00
Saturday and Sunday Entire package	35.00	40.00

The Hilton is not charging any fee for the meeting hall and sales room since we are having 3 catered meals. We hope that you will join us for several of the meals to help pay for "the hall". We are hoping that this meeting place will work well and we can meet there in future years.

Send Name, address, city, state and zip with check payable to IGS Annual Conference to I.G.S. Annual Conference, Irene Crippen, 2002 Melrose Ave, Ames, IA 50010

BIRTH RECORDS OF WARREN COUNTY IOWA, THROUGH 1920

A limited number of "Birth Records of Warren County Iowa, Through 1920" is still available. Half of the volumes printed have now been sold. This 300 page hardbound book contains courthouse records 1880 through 1920. It is alphabetized and indexed. Order your copy NOW from: Sheryl Ledlie, 3005 SE 72nd Ave, Rt 2, Des Moines, IA 50320. A portion of a page is shown below:

		83		GARRETT - GEBRINGER	
GARRETT, Cora M., f	30-70	GATES, Ethel Jane, f	23-54	GAVIN, Mary Elizabeth, f	1-177
28 July 1902, Linn tp		2 Feb 1901, Linn tp		12 Feb 1914, Lincoln tp	
Marie M. Course		Orilla Perkins		Mary Elizabeth Deheck, IA, 32	
W. A. Garrett		Hoyt Gates		Howard Joseph Gavin, farmer, IA, 33	
18 Feb 1898, Palmyra	DB-420	GATES, Frank Arthur, m	5-81	GAVIN, Mildred Margurett, f, 3rd	4-272
Samuel Edward Garrett, farmer, VA, 37		17 Jan 1920, Greenfield tp		21 Dec 1915, Indianola	
GARRETT, Mable Kleaha, f	DB-391	Matilda C. Martin		Mary Elizabeth Deheck, IA, 33	
22 June 1897, Cumming		F. Lyle Gates		Howard Joseph Gavin, farmer, IA, 34	
Sarah Lula Pugh, IA, 18		GATES, Frank Lyle, m, 2nd	2837	GAYLORD, Doris Marie, f, 2nd	DB-439
Homer Virgil Garrett, farmer, IA, 23		18 Oct 1886, Jefferson tp		25 Apr 1912, Indianola	
GARRETT, Mark Lyle, m	73-39	Josephine O. Merryman, IA, 20		Cora Mae Greenwalt, IA, 22	
2 Nov 1911, Linn tp		Leander Gates, farmer, IA, 30		Wilbur Ross Gaylord, grocery	
Mary A. Ray		GATES, John Leander, m, 2nd	4-229	delivery, IN, 26	
Burk Garrett		13 Oct 1915, Greenfield tp		GAYLORD, Dorothy M., f	67-38
GARRETT, William W., m, 1st	925	Matilda Martens, IA, 28		3 Jan 1910, Indianola	
12 Feb 1882, Norwalk		Franke Tyle Gates, farmer, IA, 28		C. A. Greenwalt	
Augusta A. Webster, IA, 17		GATES, Kermit H., m	34-23	Wilbur R. Gaylord	
James M. Garrett, farmer, IA, 22		3 June 1903, Linn tp		GAYMON, Olive, f	37-24
GARRISON, _____, m, 4th.	6258	Orilla Perkins		8 Nov 1903, Indianola	
18 Feb 1897, Warren Co.		Hoyt Gates		Jennie Adams	
Elizabeth Work, IN, 27		GATES, Merle, f, 2nd	5846	H. A. Gaymon	
Commodore S. Garrison, blacksmith,		24 July 1895, Linn tp		GEFIRE, Antonino, m	5-81
IL, 34		Orilla Perkins, IA, 21		11 Dec 1919, _____	
GARRISON, _____, m, 1st	4423	Hoyt Gates, farmer, IA, 27		Rosa Bocker	
9 Mar 1891, White Oak tp		GATES, Olive R., f	31-83	Antonino Gefire	
Minnie Myrtle Sipult, Indianola, 18		6 Dec 1902, Jefferson tp		GEHRING, Herbert Ernest John, m, 1st	
Myssees Grant Garrison, farmer,		Laura J. Simon		14 July 1916, Lacona	4-412
Iowa, 24		Leander Gates		Carrie Langebartels, IA, 25	
GARRISON, Bonnie, f	2-7	GATES, Ralph Lyle, m, 3rd	4-656	H. D. Gehring, farmer, IN, 28	
21 Dec 1897, Indianola		3 Dec 1917, Greenfield tp		GEHRINGER, _____, m	49-4
Emma E. Fearrel		Matilda Martin, Warren Co., 30		(1907?), Jackson tp	
Wm. Garrison		Frank Lyle Gates, farmer, Warren Co.,		Gertrude Fryer	
GARRISON, Chris, m	9-4	31		William Gehringer	
25 Dec 1898, Greenfield tp		GATES, Roena, f, 1st	5145	GEHRINGER, Agnes I., f	15-36
Elizabeth J. Work		30 May 1893, Linn tp		3 Dec 1899, Jackson tp	
C. S. Carrison		Orilla Perkins, IA, 18		Alice G. Fryer	
GARRISON, Jessie, f, 1st	4297	Hoyt Gates, farmer, IA, 23		Wm. Gehringer	
16 Jan 1891, White Oak tp		GAUGHAN, Mary, f, 5th	3299	GEHRINGER, Alice Mary, f, 5th	4-679
Rebecca J. Taylor, IA, 21		8 Mar 1888, Carlisle		8 Mar 1917, Jackson tp	
James E. Garrison, farmer, IN, 22		Mary Grath, Canada, 31		Doratha Mary Luke, Warren Co., 32	
GARRISON, Silas W., m	30-45	Thomas Gaughan, section foreman, NY,		John P. Gehringer, farmer, Warren	
30 Mar 1902, Squaw tp		37		Co., 36	
Rebecca J. Taylor		GAUGHN, _____, m, 4th	2322	GEHRINGER, Arthur J., m	49-5
_____		15 May 1885, Carlisle		14 Apr 1907, Jackson tp	
_____		M. _____, Canada, 31		Dora Luke	
_____		_____		_____	