

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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MEETINGS: Monthly, the third Monday of each month except August and December at the Indianola Public Library, 207 North B.

NEXT MEETING: February 17, 1986. Program: Glimpses of Your Ancestors Life: 1760-1780, 1830's and 1840's and 1880's. Barb Rasko, speaker. Roll Call: Name an ancestor from one of these time periods. TONIGHT'S ROLL CALL: A GENEALOGICAL GOAL FOR 1986.

NEWSLETTER: Published each month, except August and December. Queries Welcomed.

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DUES: \$5. single and \$7.50 family membership. Dues are collected between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 for the upcoming year and are payable to our NEW REGISTRAR: Mary Lou Parks, 2003 West 4th, Apt. 9D, Indianola, IA 50125.

5th ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY TOUR: Join the group for the 5th Annual Genealogical Library Tour to the NEW Morman Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 8-15, 1986. This includes roundtrip air from Des Moines to Salt Lake Cy, 7 nights hotel, transfers, baggage handling, orientation of the new library and FUN. Price is \$370. double, \$440. single. Send \$50. by February 1st to guarantee the price. For further information call or write Margaret Thomas, The Travel Planners, Inc., 9757 University Ave., Des Moines, IA 50322 or call 515-224-4646 days, 515-225-8851 evenings.

HISTORY BOOK REPORT: Work is progressing well on the history project. Close to 300 stories have been received and are now being processed. The first batches of stories sent to Dallas for keyboarding are back and are ready to proof. The rest are in various stages of being prepared for Dallas. This consists of recording the material when it is received, billing for extra lines and photos, typing the handwritten stories, numbering the pictures and stories for identification, then proofing the material, indexing and proofing the index. The pages are then xeroxed, recorded on another form and shipped to Dallas for keyboarding.

About 200 books have now been sold or reserved and around 500 story spaces have been reserved. There are quite a number of reserved stories that have not been turned in at this time. If your stories are among these, now is the time to get them turned in. Don't be left out!!

It is also time to purchase your book while the price is lower. Still \$45. per book, plus 4% sales tax for Iowa residents and \$3.50 if you would like it mailed directly to you. Order from: Sheryl Ledlie, 3005 SE 72nd, Route 2, Des Moines, IA 50320

Jay DeYoung, our book representative, tells us that word of mouth is the very best advertising our book can receive, so be sure to tell your friends, neighbors and relatives about our book. Encourage them to write their stories and to purchase a book. We need to sell 500 copies to go to press. We have our work cut out for us!!

The following slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee at the November meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. The membership voted to accept the nominations as presented:

Barbara Rasko, president
Charlotte Hardin, vice-president
Ruth Hall, secretary
Sheryl Ledlie, treasurer
Mary Lou Parks, registrar

Molly Bowlin, editor
Lucille Perkins, librarian
Thelma Fuller, historian
Twillia Dillar, parliamentarian
Louise Pilmer, IGS Liaison

Committees for the year are listed in the program book which you will receive with this newsletter.

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EASTER Need birthdate of Lloyd Donald Easter, b CA1920, son of Albert Elsworth and
ANDERSON Emily Cordelia (Anderson) Easter. Carolyn McNellis, P.O. Box 22, Plainfield,
McNELLIS NC 03781

McELROY Seeking information about Robert McElroy, born in Ireland Ca1794, married
WALLACE Rachel Wallace; lived in Jackson Co., OH and in Liberty twp., Warren Co., IA.
LONG He is in 1860 census but not in 1870. Rachel died in 1890 and is buried in
Carlisle Cemetery. No record of Robert, where did he die? Phyllis Long,
Box 773, Palmer, AK 99645.

GILL Information on family of Nehemiah Gill, whose son William Riley Gill was
COLLINS born April 1, 1856 in Warren Co., IA. William became a Disciples of Christ
minister as perhaps was his father. Phyllis J. Collins, 10390 NE Holladay,
Portland, OR 97220

COVERT Shirley Tinstman, 6225 West Berridge Lane, Glendale, AZ 85301 wants informa-
BRADEN tion on the Covert and Braden families.
TINSTMAN

FLINN Looking for descendants of Dennis Flinn from Ireland. Corwin Ost, 1529
OST 51st Ave. E., Duluth, MN 55804

CANADIAN RESEARCH: Ted Wallace, 21 Southglen Road, Brantford Ontario Canada N3R 6Z8
has written to us about the Brant County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.
\$7. dues for US resident, 8 newsletters yearly, two free queries allowed per member.
He is willing to help with information on where to write in the area, etc.

ENGLAND, WALES, SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND: "Tracing Your Ancestors" is a free book
giving tips on the above countries. Write to: The British Tourist Authority, John
Hancock Center, Suite 245, 875 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 (ILL-IA-MO Searcher
Vol. 13 VIA Monroe Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter. 11:4:85)

LAND RECORDS IN OHIO: The Auditor of the State of Ohio will search their index of land
patents for free, with a SASE required. Send your ancestor's name, possible location
and date to: Auditor of State of Ohio, P.O. Box 1140, Columbus, OH 43216. If you get
information confirming that your ancestor did receive an original land patent, send
all of the information you received from the State of Ohio, along with \$4.25 to the
Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 350 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA
22304 for additional information and location. (Iowa City Gen. Soc. VIA IGS Newsletter
December 85.)

OHIO RESEARCH: A five page listing of libraries, archives and societies which have
material of interest to a genealogist is available for a SASE from: Cincinnati Public
Library, 800 Vine St., Library Square, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071

PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH: The Dept. of Community Affairs, Harrisburg, PA 17120 has
available for 25¢ plus a large SASE "Genealogical Map of the Counties-Commonwealth of
PA". The large map shows the various tracts of land grants surrounded by 14 small
maps that portray how the counties developed over the years.
(Ohio and PA from Clark Co. Gen. Soc, Nov 1985.)

GERMAN RESEARCH CENTER: A German-American research and documentation center is being
established at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Research material in the form
of books, official documents, diaries and specimens of immigrant arts and crafts will
be placed in the center collection. The center will be set up to ASSIST RESEARCHERS
IN TRACING THEIR FAMILY ROOTS IN GERMANIC COUNTRIES OF EUROPE. For information on
progress and acquisitions contact: Univ. of Wisc. Foundation, 702 Longdon St., Madison,
WI 53700 (From Dubuque Co.-Key City Gen. Soc. Newsletter Oct 85)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

This year we have filled out a lot of forms, dealt with two publishers and spent a lot of money. We've changed our meeting location and moved our library. We've also tried to conduct regular business. I want to briefly review the year so we can appreciate our accomplishments.

Our by-laws were changed to allow the year to run from January to January. The new officers took over in January. The process was started to incorporate WCGS and to qualify for tax-exempt status from IRS.

Molly finished typing our book Birth Records of Warren County, Iowa through 1920 and Twilla prepared a nice brochure to advertise the book.

In April we took the book to Anundson's in Decorah to have it printed. We had the money to prepay the bill! We got them back in July and have sold about half of them.

In June we received our Incorporation Papers and in October we got our sales tax permit. On June 17th we signed a contract with Curtis Media to print the History of Warren County, Iowa.

During the summer we started binding books and pamphlets and preparing our library to be moved. In November most of our holdings were placed in the new Genealogy Section of the new Indianola Public Library. We now hold our meetings at the library.

This year we acquired two free microfilm readers, purchased a microfiche reader, a heavy duty stapler and a Royal Copier. We also applied for a postal permit and mailed the advertising brochures for the history project.

It has been a busy year, but this next one will be busier. During the next four months we will have to push very hard to complete our History Book. Your help will be needed to index, make phone calls, proofread and work to advertise and promote the stories and the book. The project can not be completed on schedule if we don't encourage and push our friends and neighbors to write stories for the book. Keep this in mind and tell someone about the book everyday.

We also need to promote the birth book. We have about 250 of them left. It's a very nice book that is valuable to a lot of genealogists and local residents. We just need to remind them that books are still available.

Molly and Sheryl did a fine job of orchestrating our division at the County Fair. All of our showcases got a new paint job thanks to Molly. They also lined up booths at Log Cabin Days and at the IGS Convention in Des Moines.

As our membership grows, I want each of you to meet and know the members of WCGS. Our common interest in genealogy has brought us together and we want to nurture the friendships we have found in our organization.

As I look over the last year, it seems we have taken many "business" like steps. Yet we are not business or professional people, we are volunteers who often neglect our own genealogical research to preserve and gather county data. People who have benefited from our efforts often express their thanks and I want to emphasize that by saying I also appreciate your efforts. This year will be a tough one - compiling and printing a 1,000 page book while conducting our usual business, providing good programs and maybe doing a little personal research on the side. Let's work together - and it will happen! God Bless You. Barb.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The publication committee is responsible for publishing the program book, preparing packets of genealogical material for the fall workshop and organizing material for publication in the IGS Hawkeye Heritage.

1985 was a transition year for the program book. Material for the 1985 year was included in the 1984-85 book. An update sheet was included in the January 1985 newsletter containing new officers and committees with the old books being used through the full year. Work on the 1986 program book is now in progress.

The fall workshop was postponed until spring due to the heavy work load on the History project, with no packets needed.

The 1872 Warren County Atlas has been indexed and is ready to be typed for use in the IGS Hawkeye Heritage when time allows. Molly Bowlin, chairman.

EDITOR'S REPORT:

Ten issues of the WCGS newsletter were prepared, printed and distributed to members and exchange groups in 1985, each containing approximately six pages.

At the start of the year approximately 85-90 were prepared each month, 61 to members and 18 to exchange clubs with the remainder going to our file.

During 1985 the following groups were added to our exchange list: Old Fort Genealogical Society, Fort Madison, IA; Keo-Mah Tracers, Oskaloosa, IA; Poweshiek County Searchers, Montezuma, IA; Union County Genealogical Society, Creston, IA; Des Moines County Genealogical Society, Burlington, IA; Hardin County Genealogical Society, Eldora, IA; LDS Library, Salt Lake City, UT; Iowa Historical Library, Iowa City, IA; Library of Congress and the National Archives in Washington, DC.

At the close of the year, approximately 110 newsletters were being prepared each month, 65 to members and 31 to exchanges with the remainder to our file. Additional newsletters were printed when guests were expected at the monthly meeting.

The purchase of a xerox copier has greatly improved the legibility of the newsletter as well allowing a wider variety of material to be used. A black and white photo was published in the November issue with success.

The addressing system was simplified and speeded with the purchase of xerox address labels.

COUNTY FAIR REPORT:

Superintendents for the 1985 year were Molly Bowlin and Sheryl Ledlie. Howard Snedden of Des Moines served as judge.

Nineteen people registered their material in the senior division with seventeen actually exhibiting. Seven juniors registered with three actually showing.

The following WCGS members exhibited their work: (Number of exhibits given)

Joanne Amos	4	Jane Godwin	11	Doris Lawson	5
Pauline Baxendale	9	Willa Grissom	4	Lucille Perkins	11
Molly Bowlin	4	Charlotte Hardin	4	Thelma Pehrson	5
Kathy Farris	1	Sheryl Ledlie	11	Mary Smart	4

The following non-members exhibited:

Cathy Ayers	4	Armetta Keeney	14
Sharon Crabb	2	William Schnelle	4
Margaret Guthrie	4		

Juniors who exhibited:

Jennifer Richards	3
John Goodhue	37
Rachel Goodhue	13

First, Second and Third place exhibits in each class were awarded ribbons and premiums. Everyone who exhibited placed at least once. Premium were: \$3.00 for first, \$1.50 for second and \$1.00 for third.

A "L" shaped showcase and storage unit was donated to WCGS earlier this year by Larry Bowlin for use at the fair. It was painted and keys made for the locks to allow safe storage of our material. Two additional large glass showcases are also used as well as a smaller wood and glass unit which is displayed on a table top.

A wide variety of genealogical material was on display, making an attractive and interesting exhibit.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Total membership for 1985	71	Average attendance	23
Family memberships	4 renewal	October Workshop attendance	42
Family memberships	1 new	members	21
Single memberships	11 new	visitors	21
		Membership dues paid for 1986	
		January 1, 1986	65

SEND YOUR GENEALOGY TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: To get your genealogy into the Library of Congress you need only pay the postage to get there, and your genealogy doesn't have to be copyrighted. Some of the expenses of the research can be tax deducted from your income taxes when such a gift is given to the Library of Congress. They will send you an acknowledgment describing your gift. Send your completed genealogy to: Library of Congress, Exchange and Gifts Division, 10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540 (Davis County Gen. Soc. Fall '85)

People want to know that you care, before they care what you know. (Old Fort Gen. Soc. Newsletter VIA IGS Newsletter Dec. '85)

MADISON COUNTY, IOWA still has copies of it's history book for sale at \$56. P.O. Box 47, Winterset, IA 50273-0047

MILLS COUNTY, IOWA is in the process of publishing their history. \$40. plus \$3.00 mailing. Send to Mills County Gen. Soc., Box 190, Glenwood, IA 51533

UNDERCOVER AGENT

I push our mementos from drawer to drawer,
From closet to closet, from bookshelf to floor,
From cubby to cubby, from folder to file,
And while shuffling goes on,
I have the qualms of doubt,
I'll move them up, down, side and back,
In----BUT NOT OUT!!

Tama County Museum News VIA Davis Co. Fall '85

DID YOU KNOW??

To extract from a document, everything is copied as you see it. To abstract, only specific relevant information is copied. (Oklahoma Gen Soc Quarterly 18:4:85 VIA Eastern NE Gen. Soc. Dec. '85)

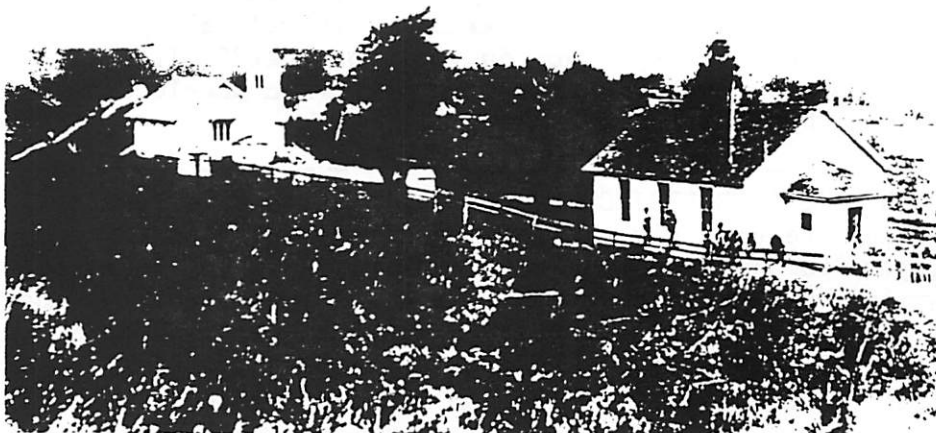
DID YOU KNOW??

Signing a name with an "X" wasn't always an indication of illiteracy, according to the Handy Book of Literary Curiosities, published by the Gale Research Co. Among the ancient Saxons, everyone, whether he could read and write or not, was required to make the sign of the cross after his signature as proof of his good faith. (Clark Co. WA, Nov. 85)

Congratulations to Shirley Rask of Vancouver, WA, the only entrant to our Contest!! Contest!! Contest!! in the October newsletter. About the prize---we are still trying to find someone who will let go of one of their ancestors to fill in a blank on your chart. We will keep looking, though!!

Broadhorn Church and School, probably taken in the teens. The church remains in sec. 7 of Virginia twp. The school was moved just west of Indianola and at one time housed the Winifred Law Opportunity School.

Do you have an interesting old black and white photo we could use in our newsletter? Send to Molly.



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A SUGGESTION FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: A good New Year's Resolution is to promise to **DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES** from this day forth! This means to write down the source of your information in such a way that you can go back and find the information again if necessary. Documenting material that you copied from a book means copying the author, title of book, publisher, date of publication, and page number. Documenting a conversation or letter means writing the full name of the person, their address, the date and adding a note about your opinion of the reliability of their information. Material copied from a Bible should include the same information as for books listed above, plus your comments on the handwriting—by one person or several—and the location of the Bible. Cemetery records copied from tombstones should include the location of the cemetery, the date you visited, location of the tombstones and pictures of the tombstones would be a good addition to your records. In years to come, some of these tombstones will be lost; if the record is important in your research, you may want to have the tombstone and its location notarized. There's always a few ornery relatives in everyone's family who will say, "How do you know that?" It's nice to be able to show them how you know your records are correct!! (San Angelo Gen. & Hist. Soc., San Angelo, TX VIA IGS Newsletter)

IOWA NEWSPAPER PROJECT needs your help to find Iowa's missing newspapers. Single issues are possibly the only existing copies of that paper. The Project borrows newspapers in order to catalog and microfilm them, then returns them to the lender. You may write for Missing Newspaper lists for your county: Nancy Kraft, Iowa Newspaper Project, Project Director, Iowa State Historical Dept., 402 Iowa Ave., Iowa City, IA 52240 or Phone 319-338-5471. INP catalogers have thus far completed cataloging Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn and Story counties. Work in several other counties is in progress.