



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Indianola, Iowa 50125

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

NEXT MEETING: June 16, 1986. Speaker will be Dollie Bedillon our IGS Regional Rep. Roll Call will be: Are you an IGS member? ROLL CALL for tonight: Name a category you will be entering at the fair.

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

Editor: Molly Bowlin, 802 Kennedy St., Rt. 2, Indianola, IA 50125

DUES: \$5. single and \$7.50 family membership. Dues are collected for the upcoming year between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 and are payable to our Registrar: Mary Lou Parks, 2003 West 4th, Apt. 9D, Indianola, IA 50125. New members will receive back issues of the newsletter for the current year.

Regretfully, our xerox machine was out of order for a time last month just when our newsletter was due for printing. This issue will be a joint April-May project. Sorry for the delay. -Molly.

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HISTORY PROJECT REPORT: Our original goal of receiving 1000 family stories has been met and exceeded! We now have approximately 1050 stories! If you have not turned in your story, NOW is the time to do so. Don't be left out! Work is progressing with the community section with many stories completed. We still need your old pictures of general interest for the community section. A section is planned for old homes and barns. Do you have something to include here? It is not too late for your "I Remember When. ." stories. Give Barb a call at 961-6758.

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HISTORY SALES REPORT: 450 books have now been sold. There is still time to take advantage of the early sales price of \$45. plus \$1.80 sales tax for IA residents. Add \$3.50 if you want your copy mailed to you. Order from Sheryl Ledlie, 3005 SE 72nd Ave, Rt. 2, Des Moines, IA 50320.

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BIRTH RECORDS OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA THROUGH 1920 is still available at \$25. + \$3. mailing and \$1. sales tax for IA res. 300 pgs. hardbound, indexed. GET YOUR COPY NOW. Order from Sheryl, address above.

SURNAME CARDS: Instructions for the IGS Surname Index are included with this newsletter. Names are being accepted for Vol. V which is to be published in the mid-1980s.

Please follow these instructions for your set of surname cards for the WCGS library file as set forth in the WCGS By-Laws.

Copies of the IGS Surname Indexes are at the Indianola Library.

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FORT WAYNE, IN LIBRARY TRIP: Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 1986 by bus. Contact Margaret Foster at 515-224-4646 days or 515-225-8851 evenings for more information.

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COUNTY FAIR UPDATE: Time goes by so quickly and fair time will be here before we know it! Please take time to check the classes and rules in our February issue and plan on at least one or two exhibits. This is our chance to share our genealogy with others.

Please note two rule changes. The first limits the number of classes each exhibitor may enter to twenty and the second concerns exhibits which have placed in previous years. They may not be entered again except as part of a display class.

Judging will be held Saturday, July 26 at 1:00 pm. Our judge will be June Beals, a genealogist from Runnells, IA.

If you have any questions, please call Molly at 961-2797 or Sheryl at 287-1675.

MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS RESEARCH: 1985 edition of "Free and Inexpensive Research Aids and some useful addresses". Also contains useful addresses of publishers, suppliers, sources in USA and abroad. 65 pages, softcover. \$2. plus \$.95 postage and handling. (MO res. tax=11¢) St. Louis Genealogical Society, 1695 South Brentwood Blvd, Suite 203, St. Louis, MO 63144

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VIRGINIA RESEARCH: Any reference made to a person having been born in Virginia as early as 1728, or as late as 1863, could mean that the person was actually born in:

Any part of:

IL from 1781-1818	OH from 1728-1803
IN from 1787-1816	PA from 1752-1786
KY from 1775-1792	TN from 1760-1803
MO from 1775-1792	WV from 1769-1863
NC from 1728-1803	

(From St. Louis Gen. Soc. Sept. 85 VIA Guthrie Co. Gen. Soc. April 86.)

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FROM ANCESTORS UNLIMITED 10:1-1986:

WISCONSIN RESEARCH: A guide to genealogical sources at the State Historical Soc. of Wisconsin is now available. It contains 56 pages and costs \$2.50. Order from: Publication Orders, Dept. GH, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706.

OLD GENEALOGIES: The Library of Congress has several thousand fine genealogies which are no longer under copyright and can be photocopied or microfilmed. Write: Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, 10 First St., S. E., Washington, DC 20540 for a free pamphlet.

BEGINNER GENEALOGY HELP: Use the 1880 census to: Identify state of country of birth for parents; supplement birth and marriage records for the census year; prove additions to your pedigree and learn surnames, unknown to you, for married daughters, mothers-in-law, other relatives living with the family, and to identify genetic diseases.

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QUAKER RECORDS show dates as 25 6th month, year. This is the 25th of August not June. The Quaker Year began with March and went through February. (KEO-MAH Tracers Mar. 86)

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AMOS Need information on Lewis and
STEPHENS Elizabeth (OLDER) STEPHENS dau.
OLDER Mary who married James AMOS. Who were all her brothers and sisters Mrs. Thelma Pehrson, 1433 Newbold St., Indianola, IA 50125

LISTON Have genealogical information on LISTON family. Ebenezer Liston born 18 April 1778, m-Mary FRAZEE, born 22 Jan 1786. Also information contained in a letter written 17 Oct 1890 giving Liston family information. Mrs. Thelma Pehrson, 1533 Newbold St., Indianola, IA 50125.

RALPH Seeking information on the RALPH family who lived near Motor in Warren Co. 1860-1940. Need place of residence after they left Warren Co., family information and death dates of Ira Morris Ralph, Albert Edward Ralph and Allen Talbott Ralph. Contact Jo Beck, 11 S. 452 Book Road, Naperville, IL 60565.

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PHONEFICHE COLLECTION: Most of the present day phone books are available from Bell & Howell, Old Mansfield Road, Wooster, OH 44691. (Ancestors Unlimited 10:2:86)

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BOOKS ON MILITARY HISTORY may be borrowed through Inter-Library loan free from the Department of the Army, Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013. (Roots Digest FEB 86 VIA Ancestors Unlimited 10:2:86)

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THE TERM "ORPHAN" in old documents and court records often referred to someone under 21 years of age whose father had died even though the mother was still living. Often the mother was appointed guardian of the child under 14 years, he or she could name his or her own guardian. In many instances it was an older brother rather than the mother that the child selected. (Eastern NE Gen Soc. APR'86)

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"He who careth not from whence he came, careth little whither he goeth." . . . Daniel Webster

TRIFLES THAT CAN LEAD TO BOOK DAMAGE by Dorothy Lower.

The problem which is common to all libraries is the wear and tear inflicted on the collection by constant usage. This can be particularly disastrous in the case of a genealogy collection.

Much of the damage is done unintentionally by unthinking researchers. One of the most common offenders is the person who researches with a pen in his hand. He may unconsciously mark a name or paragraph which is pertinent to his research and it is impossible to erase such a mark. For this reason most libraries insist (or try to) that the patron use pencil only when working with the genealogy collection.

Some readers seem to be ignorant of the fact that turning down the corner of a page to mark the place causes irreparable damage. It doesn't require too much effort to place a piece of paper between the pages.

Licking the fingers to turn pages is unthinkable since it not only damages the paper, but is most unsanitary.

The spine of the book is the most important component in its construction and anything which damages it can ruin the book. Pressing down on the opened book when photocopying a page can crack the spine. This is one reason that many large libraries do not allow the patron to do his own copying, but will do it for him. Piling several open books on top of each other weakens the spine, which eventually give way.

Some damage done to books is intentional and should be specifically guarded against. The patron who is too lazy to copy material by hand or too cheap to photocopy it will resort to tearing out the page or pages in which he is interested. This not only ruins a good book, but is against the law in most states. While these things may seem trifling, the genealogy collection is made up of unusual and often valuable books which are difficult, it not impossible to replace.

From the Davis Co. Newsletter 4:1:86 via the Yakima Valley Gen. Soc. and Ill-Ia-Mo Searcher.

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GET YOUR ORDER IN NOW FOR THE HISTORY OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA, 1986. Still only \$45. See front page for details.

CAUSES OF DEATH-MISSOURI STYLE: The following six items were found listed as the cause of death on some official Missouri death certificates:

- 1) Died suddenly-- nothing seriously wrong.
- 2) Worn out.
- 3) Went to bed feeling well--woke up dead.
- 4) Don't know--never fatally ill before.
- 5) Don't know--died without the aid of physician.
- 6) Blow on the head with an axe--contributory cause, other man's wife.

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ALL GENEALOGISTS ARE FRUSTRATED HISTORIANS AND FRUSTRATED DETECTIVES BUT WHAT THEY ARE MAINLY IS FRUSTRATED!!

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The above from Dubuque Co.-Key City Genealogical Society Newsletter Jan. 86.

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WCGS now has 69 single memberships and 8 family memberships for a total of 85 paid members at this time!!

WELCOME to these new members! Please add their names and addresses to your program booklets.

Charles L. BEAM, 310 W. Boston, Indianola, IA 50125 961-2392

Richard R. EARLE, 885 Cornwall, Eugene, OR 97404

Betty Ann KERN, 455 Highway 28, Norwalk, IA 981-4348

Olive W. O'NEAL, Box 237, Westmorland, CA 92281

Kenneth E. SMITH, 1105 North B. St., Indianola, IA 961-4269

Wynona Suzanne THOMAS, Rt. 2, Box 141, Grandbury, TX 76048

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THE IRISH NAMES SOCIETY, Box 2095, LaMesa, CA 92401, is offering "If You're A Wee Bit Irish", 196 pages with hand index listing almost 2000 variations of family names in English and Gaelic. A handy map is included and is keyed to the names in the index. This book might just be the miracle you need to help find Irish surnames in Ireland. \$8.75 plus 75¢ postage. (Ancestors Unlimited 10:2:86)

MONROE COUNTY newsletter (3:1:86) lists their club's items and services for sale. See Exchange file.

UNION COUNTY newsletter(8:1:86) continues information on past school personnel, also a 1936 tax list of Clarke Co., IA residents who were Union Co. natives and their parents names. (See file if interested)

ARISPE, IA HISTORY: Work on Arispe, IA Centennial History Book is progressing. Expected to be ready in November. Contact Marilyn Eighme, Arispe, IA 50831. Their centennial is in 1987.

APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY has a history book ready for publication which includes history from 1913 to present with 600 family stories. Price before June is \$40. plus tax and \$3.00 mailing. Send to P.O. Box 234, Centerville, IA 52544

DUBUQUE COUNTY-KEY CITY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY has an AREA KEY OF DUBUQUE COUNTY, IA available which includes maps and listings of genealogically related materials. Write: P.O. Box 13, Dubuque, IA 52004-0013.

HARRISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL VOLUNTEERS is in the process of indexing early marriage records and all cemeteries of the county.

IGS QUARTERLY MEETING will be held June 28, 1986 at Glenwood, IA. Speaker will be Georgene Morris Sones on Research in Ohio, Research in the Nebraska State Hist. Lib. & Misc. Sources in Lieu of Birth and Death Records. Registration is \$3. Meeting held at the Mills County Bank.

IGS LIST OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS includes two WCGS members: Les Swartzlander in Promotion-Publicity and Louise Pilmer as Typing Co-ordinator.

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IT IS TOLD. . . One of the husbands of a genealogical society member was here requesting a genealogical-oriented ad for himself. When asked what it was looking for, he replied, "someone to do our housework while she does our genealogy." (Eastern NE March 86)

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RESEARCHING EASTERN OKLAHOMA OR WESTERN ARKANSAS? You may submit a query, at no charge to the Poteau Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 1031, Poteau, OK 74953. (Via Sacoge News 7:1:86)

Who makxs an organization a succxss? Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcpt for onx of thx kxys I havx wishxd many timxs for onx that workx pxxrfectly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty six kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs all thx diffxxnxx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that an organization is somxthing likx my typxwritxr--not all thx kxy pxople arx working propxxrly in organizational activitixs. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx pxxrson, I won't makx or brxak thx organization." But it doxs makx a diffxxrnxx, bxxcausx an organization nxxds thx participation of xvxy mxmbxr to bx xffxxctivx.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxxrson, rxmxxbxx my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxxrson in Warrxn County : Gxxnalogical Socixty and I am nxxdxd vxry vxry much.

(Peoria Gen. Soc. VIA Ancestors Unlimited 2:86)

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POSTAL SERVICE VS. BEATRICE BAYLEY

Currently, Beatrice Bayley is the subject of two administrative proceedings within the U.S. Postal Service. Both were brought under 39 U.S.C. §3005 which prohibits conducting a scheme or device for obtaining money or property through the mails by means of false representation. In one proceeding, the Postal Service alleges that Beatrice Bayley, Inc., is in violation of a consent agreement entered into with them in 1980 in that it "continues to represent that persons remitting money in response to Beatrice Bayley's direct mail advertising materials will receive a Family Heritage Book specifically about the ancestry and family name of the addressee." As a result, mail addressed to Beatrice Bayley, Inc. is now being held by the Postal Service, and such mail will continue to be held until the Judicial Officer reaches a decision in this matter. (National Genealogical Newsletter, 12:1:86)

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WRITING ON PHOTOGRAPHS: Use a Stabilo Art Pencil available at art shops for about a dollar for marking and writing on the back of photographs and pictures. Ink smears and pencils write to faintly. Beware, though, of using too much pressure, however, and do not write opposite peoples faces. (Davis Co. Fall '85)



IOWA ELDERHOSTEL

Continuing Education for Persons Over Age 60

An Iowa Consortium of Regent Universities • Private Colleges and Universities

MEMO

To: Genealogical Societies
From: Peggy Houston, State Director
Re: ELDERHOSTEL

Looking for more ways to track down information and get to know your ancestors. ELDERHOSTEL in Iowa offers several opportunities again this year. Share with you that. Please share them with members of your group. Of course, ELDERHOSTEL participants must be 60 years of age or older. Consider:

1. A two-week Autobiographical Writing session along with research at the State Historical Society at The University of Iowa June 8-14, 1986.
2. Other writing courses to help you put it all together are offered at:

(a) Briar Cliff College	June 15-21, 1986
(b) Indian Hills Community College	June 8-14, 1986
	June 15-21, 1986
(c) Mt. Mercy College	June 15-21, 1986
(d) Westmar College	May 27-31, 1986
3. The use of the computer has become so helpful to researchers. Learn more about that at:

(a) Graceland College	October 12-18, 1986
	October 19-25, 1986
(b) William Penn College	May 18-24, 1986
	August 3-9, 1986
4. For those who enjoy reminiscing, try:

(a) Mt. Mercy College	June 15-21, 1986
(b) The 20s at Iowa Central Community College	June 1-7, 1986
(c) The 40s at Central College	June 8-14, 1986
(d) The turn of the century at Iowa Wesleyan College	August 24-30, 1986
5. For those who are antique buffs:

(a) Southwestern Community College	June 29-July 5, 1986
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6. Or maybe several other ideas appeal to you for other reasons.

Most of the sessions are a week long, and the fee of \$205 covers room, board tuition and other expenses while you are on the campus.

The enclosed brochures give you details, or you can contact me for more information anywhere in the state.



IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership Application
1 Jan 86 - 31 Dec 86

Please print or type:

NAME OF MEMBER: _____
FIRST SURNAME

Street _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Area code) _____ # _____ Occupation _____

Check one: _____ New member 1 Jan 86 - 31 Dec 86
_____ Renewal - was a member 1 Jan 85 - 31 Dec 85
_____ Reinstatement - member prior to 1 Jan 85

Check one: _____ \$ 12.50 Individual membership
_____ \$ 15.00 Family membership

You may join the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) at any time of the year.

Membership includes: four issues of Hawkeye Heritage, free queries in the Hawkeye Heritage, free use of the IGS library.

New or reinstated members at the time of joining will receive in addition a new member packet consisting of: a letter of Welcome, a Happiness Is letter, the IGS By-laws, pedigree chart, Pioneer Certificate application, Surname Index instructions, sales catalogue, membership card, and all 1986 Hawkeye Heritages.

Dues received after 1 Nov are credited for the following year. If you are joining late in the year, please indicate if you want your dues for the current year or to start with the following year. All dues become delinquent Jan 31.

Please remit by check or money order payable to "IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY", and mail with this application to:

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
c/o Registrar
P O Box 7735
Des Moines IA 50322

Donor of gift membership: _____ (If membership paid by someone other than member.)

SURNAME INDEX - VOLUME V

by the
Iowa Genealogical Society

The objectives of the Iowa Genealogical Society's SURNAME INDEX project are:

1. To help individuals locate other genealogists working on the same family lines.
2. To provide reference sources not easily found.
3. To publish a SURNAME INDEX from the names submitted.

Volume I was published in 1972, Volume II in 1975, Volume III in 1977, and Volume IV in 1983. Together, these contain almost 130,000 names.

These indexes are like a huge query index, giving pertinent information concerning one's ancestor, and are cross-indexed to facilitate finding either the male or female lines. These volumes are in homes and libraries across the United States. Their value will only increase with the years as more and more records are destroyed.

We are now accepting your names for Volume V to be published in the mid 1980's. Your ancestor need not have an Iowa connection to be included in this book. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY and re-check for accuracy as the committee cannot do research to prove a suspected incorrect date or spelling.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUME V

1. Use only 3"x 5" white index cards. Pre-printed surname index cards are available from IGS at a cost of \$.01 each. The format on these cards MUST be followed. DO NOT use colored cards.
2. Type or print legibly. Use only blue or black ball point pen. DO NOT use red ink or felt tip pens, these tend to smear and do not reproduce on microfilm. Use only liquid white out for corrections.
3. ALL cards must have the submitters name and address on the back.
4. Capitalize ALL SURNAMES; given names in small type.
5. Write dates beginning with day, then month (abbreviated), then the year.
6. Abbreviate using only standard abbreviations as found in the U.S. Postal Zip Code book or in previous volumes of the SURNAME INDEX.
7. Place of burial may be inserted under date of death if different from place of death.

8. Please do not submit names of ancestors which have been published in the previous four volumes.
9. If you are sending in new information or a correction, please mark the card as such, sending a completely new card. Also, please give the volume in which the original was published.
10. If you submitted names for previous volumes of the SURNAME INDEX, use the same code number in the upper right hand corner of each card.
11. If you have submitted cards for Volumes I, II, III, or IV, using a previous name or address, please send a note giving both the old and new name or address.
12. Indicate when a name, date, or place is unknown; ie: unk.
Indicate if an approximate time is known; ie: ca 1763.
Indicate if a person is still living; ie: living 1983.
13. List any additional information on the back side only.
14. Publication of the cards for the SURNAME INDEX will be limited to 15. cards per surname per submitter. An unlimited number of surnames may be submitted.
15. Births occurring within 20 years of the publication date WILL NOT be published.
16. Automatic cross references will be made to all spouses names on a card. Spouse cards may be submitted if you want to have the additional information included in the IGS surname card file.
17. IGS members may submit cards without charge. Non-members may submit cards at the rate of \$.25 per card. Please remit fee when cards are sent.
18. We will publish Volume V when we receive 15,000 names. Any additional cards will be printed in Volume VI.
19. Mail all cards and correspondence to:

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
ATTENTION: Surname Index Committee
P.O. Box 7735
Des Moines, Ia 50322

NON MEMBERS - PLEASE REMIT FEE

See Sample Cards

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BEAVES Jimmy Elsworth

Last Name

Born: 7 Oct 1938 Where Lindsay, CA

Died: Living 1984 Where

Parents Elsworth F BEAVES - Zola Merle MEEKS

Married: 19 June 1965 Where Houston, TX

To: Sharon Kaye BUCHANAN

Parents:

Ref. Sources:

Example # 1

SCHWARTZ Weslyn Edward

Last Name

Born: 13 May 1890 Where Dawson, TX

Died: 9 Dec 1944 Where Jefferson, OK

Parents Andrew SCHWARTZ - Betty SANDERS

Married: 6 Dec 1914 Where Corpus Christi TX

To: Cheryl Mae ELLSWORTH

Parents: Ebert ELLSWORTH - Laura CLARK

Ref. Sources:

Example # 2

William Gann

806 SW 124th

Seattle, Wash 98146

Additional Information

may be placed here

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Reverse side

Z-7

GREGORY Angelina

Last Name

Born: unk Where LADied: Ca 1894 Where KSBur. Ca 1894 TX

Parents

Married: Where

To: Joseph MENDENHALL

Parents:

Ref. Sources: Volume 3 Corrections

Correction card

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