



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: October 20, 1986. The program will be "Pre-German Research" by Nancy Davidson. Roll Call will be: Name a German ancestor. Roll Call for tonight: What first sparked your interest in genealogy?
NEWSLETTER: Published each month, except August and December. Queries Welcomed.
Editor: Molly Rowlin, 802 Kennedy St., Indianola, IA 50125
DUES: \$5. single and \$7.50 family membership. Dues are payable between September 1 and October 31 to our Registrar: Mary Lou Parks, 2003 West 4th, Apt. 9D, Indianola, IA 50125 Dues paid now will cover Jan-Dec 1987.

WCGS DUES FOR 1987 are now payable to our registrar, Mary Lou Parks, 2003 west 4th, Apt. 9D, Indianola, IA 50125. Dues become delinquent October 31, 1986.

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It is NOT too late to order your copy of the new HISTORY OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA at the early sales price of \$45 plus \$1.80 sales tax (IA res. only) and \$3.50 if you want it mailed to you. Contact: Sheryl Ledlie, 3005 SE 72nd Ave., Rt. 2, Des Moines, IA 50320

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS. It will soon be time for our annual election of officers. The nominating committee will be appointed next month and the list of nominees submitted in November for election. Candidates must have agreed to serve. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the November meeting if agreeable to the nominee.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Sheryl Ledlie for winning her seat on the Carlisle School Board this past week!

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER Shirley Tonderum, R. R. 2, Emmetsburg, IA 50536. Please add her name to your program book.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Friday and Saturday October 31 and November 1 at the Scheman Auditorium in Ames.

HISTORY BOOK REPORT: 527 copies of our new history have now been sold. Work is progressing on this project. 1160 family stories have been received. Nearly all of these have been sent to Dallas for keyboarding, and are being proofed. There will be one last batch of family stories sent down, if you have not submitted your family story, DO IT NOW and it will be included with this final batch! Final work on the community section is now being done. If you have material to add-- township, town, pictures etc.--we need it now! Proofing sessions are still being held at the library on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. Your help is needed. Material may be taken home for proofing if you can arrange a partner to help.

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GET WELL SOON!! Since our last newsletter, we have had several of our members in the hospital. Edith Conn was in for surgery just before county fair. Maude Wilkins is now recovering at home following surgery in August. Leola Wallace was hospitalized last month and is now at the Carlisle Care Center. Guy Lester is now back home following his surgery late last month. Best Well wishes to you ALL!

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Merritt Irwin Anderson, 512 9 th Ave. So., Nampa, Idaho 83651 has submitted his family chart. Surnames include: Anderson, Sayre, Irwin, Felton from the New Virginia-Truro area and Merritt, Long, Caviness, Crouch from Davis, Ringgold, Jefferson and Van Buren Counties. Check our file if interested in these names.

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FREE ILLINOIS QUERIES: Queries are published free in the bi-monthly periodical SEARCHING ILLINOIS ANCESTORS, Helen Cox Tregillis, CGRS, Box 392, Shelbyville, IL 62565. List only the county and surname of Illinois connections, eg. SHELBY: Stoneburner, Broyles and your name and address. For full publication of query, maximum of 50 words, \$5. for one time insertion. Subscription fee is \$12. for one year.

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FAMILY TREE: It takes years for a tree to produce nuts. This, however, is not always true of the family tree....George Bergman ..from American Legion Magazine 7/86 ENGS

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POLY OR VINYL SHEET PROTECTORS: Vinyl is made of plasticizers and is an acid-based material. Plasticizers cause vinyl to give off static electricity which can be a nuisance when handling documents. The acid in vinyl can literally pull ink off a printed page and transfer it to the vinyl itself.

Polypropylene is acid-free and does not cause ink to migrate from the original documents. It contains no plasticizers, so it gives off less static electricity.

Vinyl sheet protectors are usually available in a thicker material than polypropylene, but are not as strong. Both are clear. Vinyl can turn yellow and crack with age; it will also tear. Polypropylene is said to not discolor or tear, and it usually is less expensive. (From the Quill Corp. Newsletter VIA Union Co. News and Notes, June 1986)

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SOME SOURCES IN SCOTLAND

Scots Ancestry Research Service
20 York Place
Edinburgh 3, Scotland

Scottish Genealogy Society
21 Howard Pl.
Edinburgh 3, Scotland

Central Library
George IV Bridge
Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 1EG
(Houses Scottish family history collection)

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Even a family tree has to have some sap!

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BEGINNERS IN GENEALOGY is a new research aid just published by the National Genealogical Society. Sixty-two pages to help you get started. NGS Research Aid NO. 2. \$8. postpaid. Write: National Genealogical Society, Education Division, 4527 17 St., North, Arlington, VA 22207-2363

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AMERICAN INDIAN RESEARCH: The Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Agency Hill Drive, Muskogee, OK 74401 has the only reference library in the world devoted to the Five Civilized Tribes of America; the Creeks, Choctaws, Cherokee, Chickasaws and Seminoles. The museum collection is available for research and they offer free consultations. \$1.00 fee for adults and a \$.25 fee for students to enter the museum which includes the use of the library. (IGS Newsletter 6/86)

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OHIO RESEARCH: A 5-page listing of libraries, archives, ad societies which have material of interest to genealogists is available for a SASE from the Cincinnati Public Library, 800 Vine Street, Library Square, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071 (Ancestors Unlimited 10:3:86)

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NATIONAL CEMETERY BURIALS: National Cemetery burials during and after the Civil War can be obtained by writing to the Director of National Cemetery System (41A), Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20420 (From the Wayne Co. Genie News July/86)

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A GOOD SUGGESTION FOR A SIMPLE REQUEST: use a double post card, put your message on one and address to person you are asking. Address the other half to yourself for the reply. If you don't have a double card, tape two together. This is for a simple request-not a big one. The cost is only 28¢. (Wayne Co. Genie News July/86)

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It's a wise child that resembles its rich relatives. . .

Children are deductible, but they're also taxing.

A man has arrived when he can be as cranky at the office as he is at the breakfast table.

HICKLIN Need birth, death, marriage and/or divorce, parents and burial place
ALLEN of Nelson W. Hicklin whose wife was Eva Zedora Allen. Also need inform-
ROBERTS ation in re Francis Marion Hicklin, born 21 June 1832/3; married Marian
Francis Roberts on 22 August 1903 in Warren Co. Contact Vivian Hicklin
Jones, Route 1, Box 313, Eddyville, IA 52553

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HUNT Thomas E. HUNT, b. 1853, Boone Co., IN, married Leona (Josephine?)
MULLEN MULLEN, age 19, in Indianola, IA, May 22, 1879. When and where did Thomas
POWELL die? Who are their children? Also seek info. on brothers, Charles F.
HUNT, Willaim Newby HUNT and George Warren HUNT and a sister, Mary I.
HUNT, who married Henry B. POWELL (where?) and had daughter, Hazel C.,
born in IA in August 1890. Charles F. HUNT married Della P. ? and
had daughter Hazel C. Contact: Roger D. Hunt, 11930 S.E. Foster Place,
Portland, OR 97206

FELTON John W. Sielen, 138 Vina del Mar Avenue, Placentia, CA 92670 wants
BOYLES to correspond with Feltons or Boyles' in this area in regard to Felton
memorabilia, artifacts, original documents, etc. His GGGgrandfather
was John Felton who was one of the founders of New Virginia in 1854. John's
sister was Joan who married Gilbert Boyles.

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THE GENEALOGIST'S PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, look down on your humble, obedient genealogist servants, who are
doomed to go from courthouse to courthouse; from cemetery to cemetery, armed with chalk
and insect repellent; from library to library, checking indexes, making photocopies and
lugging heavy tote bags full of charts and notebooks.

WE BESEECH YOU, OH LORD, to see that the courthouse is not closed for remodeling on
the only day we will be in town; that the cemetery gate is neither locked nor patrolled
by a dog of evil intent; that the library is not over-crowded, that there is one micro-
film reader left; that our ball-point pens do not choose this day to give out, and that
we find the father of Elizabeth. (The one who married Peter Easton in Gunthwaite, NH)

PROTECT US from ill-tempered county clerks, interfering vergers, (persons who help
in a church), unhelpful librarians, noisy table mates and fellow research persons who
are using the very books we came to see.

GIVE US THIS DAY DIVINE guidance in searching our sources that we may find the
vital records readable and including our ancestors; that we may discover that new line
for which we have been searching, and the father of Mehitabel. (The one who married
Barnabas in 1692)

WE PRAY that the microfilm reader-printer is working; that the photo-copying
machine does not run out of paper and that we do not run out of change (or if we do,
that a fellow researcher will bail us out).

IF THESE THINGS HAPPEN, OH LORD, lead us from the temptation of removing the page
we wish we could copy.

GIVE US THE WISDOM to write up our references correctly so that those who follow
us can have confidence in our research; forgive us our occasional envy of the pedigree
rich in elegant ancestors; and help us find an honest Royal line.

GRANT US THE STRENGTH NOT TO GIVE UP when all the records before 1820 were burned
in the courthouse; when the page with our ancestor on it is missing from the index,
and when we still can't find the father of Eliza Jane. (The one who married the Randolph)

AND IF PERCHANCE WE FIND THE father of Prudence (the one who married Malanthon in
1732), help us to refrain from creating too much joyous noise in the library . . . for
we have been looking so long, OH LORD, so long!!

Mariam Hepiak

(From California Genealogical Society 12/84 VIA Monroe Co. Gen. Soc. III/2/86)

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REPORT ON GENEALOGY EXHIBIT 1955

THANK YOU!! to all who helped make our fair exhibit successful this year. It wouldn't be possible without the group effort! Exhibiting from WCGS were: Pauline Baxendale, Jane Godwin, JoAnn Harvey, Ruth Henry, Lucille Perkins, Thelma Pehrson, Charlotte Rice and Mary Smart. Non-members were: Cathy Ayers, Virginia Botkin, William Botkin, Dena Armstrong, Brenda Davitt, Sharon Crabb, Margaret Guthrie, Armetta Keeney and Vicky Montgomery. Juniors were: Jenny Anderson, James Boucher, John and Rachael Goodhue, Neal Gray and Andy Murphy. Special thanks to all who helped with judging on Saturday and for manning the booth those hot days and evenings!

Be thinking about next year and what special project you would like to have ready to show! Plan now, and you will be all set to exhibit in July! Picture entries were down this year as were our chart and record book entries. Let's all get busy on those fair projects and next year our booth will be even better!

Class # (Number of entries in class)

1. Ancestral Portrait: 1. Lucille Perkins; 2. Margaret Guthrie; 3. Charlotte Rice. (6)
2. Old Album of Ancestors: No entries.
3. A family photo album: No entries.
4. A family group picture: 1. Lucille Perkins; 2. Rachael Goodhue; 3. Sharon Crabb. (5)
5. An ancestral home picture: 1. Ruth Henry; 2. Lucille Perkins; 3. James Boucher. (4)
6. Misc. Unframed picture: 1. Thelma Perkins; 2. Jane Godwin; 3. Charlotte Rice. (7)
7. Pedigree Chart: 1. Neal Gray.
8. Lineage Chart: No entries.
9. Family tree chart: 1. Vicki Montgomery; 2. JoAnn Harvey; 3. Armetta Keeney. (3)
10. Pictorial family history: 1. Jane Godwin; 2. Neal Gray; 3. Armetta Keeney. (3)
11. Family Bible with records: 1. Thelma Pehrson.
12. Family Record book, compiled by exhibitor: No entries.
13. Genealogical scrapbook: No entries.
14. An old book: 1. Rachael Goodhue; 2. Mary Smart; 3. Pauline Baxendale. (8)
15. An old personal ledger: Charlotte Rice.
16. An old letter: 1. John Goodhue; 2. Jane Godwin; 3. Lucille Perkins. (6)
17. Old baptismal certificate: No entries.
18. Old marriage certificate: 1. Mary Smart; 2. Jane Godwin.
19. Old land grant: Mary Smart.
20. Old military records: No Entries.
21. Old will and testament: 1. John Goodhue.
22. DAR and GAR material: No Entries.
23. Best display of legal documents (6 pieces): No Entries.
24. Maps and graphs: 1. Neal Gray; 2. Jane Godwin; 3. Rachael Goodhue. (3)
25. Misc. Books and Legal Documents: 1. Mary Smart; 2. Charlotte Rice; 3. Cathy Ayers. (6)
26. Jewelry: 1. Rachael Goodhue; 2. John Goodhue; 3. Mary Smart. (6)
27. Glassware and china: 1. John Goodhue; 2. James boucher; 3. Rachael Goodhue. (11)
28. Small household item: 1. Jane Godwin; 2. Cathy Ayers; 3. Armetta Keeney. (3)
29. Authentic Coat-of-arms: John Goodhue.
30. Needlework: 1. Neal Gray; 2. John Goodhue; 3. Pauline Baxendale. (5)
31. Small tool: 1. Jane Godwin; 2. Brenda Davitt; 3. John Goodhue. (4)
32. Personal Item: 1. Lucille Perkins; 2. Neal Gray; 3. Rachael Goodhue. (6)
33. Religious material: 1. Mary Smart; John Goodhue; 3. Pauline Baxendale. (6)
34. Misc. family heirloom: 1. Lucille Perkins; 2. Jane Godwin; 3. James Boucher. (8)
35. Toy: 1. Cathy Ayers; 2. Sharon Crabb; 3. Rachael goodhue. (6)
36. Genealogical poster: 1. Ruth Henry.
37. Stone rubbing: 1. John Goodhue; 2. Rachael Goodhue.
38. Best display min. 6 pieces: 1. Rachael Goodhue; 2. Sharon Crabb; 3. Armetta Kenney. (3)
39. Any worthy item or display: 1. Jane Godwin; 2. Pauline Baxendale; 3. Rachael Goodhue. (6)

Junior Division:

40. A chart made by exhibitor: 1. John Goodhue; 2. James Boucher; 3. Neal Gray. (3)
41. A picture: 1. Andy Murphy; 2. James Boucher; 3. Neal Gray. (5)
42. Family record book compiled by exhibitor: 1. Jenny Anderson; 2. Neal Gray.
43. Genealogical poster: 1. Neal Gray; 2. Andy Murphy.
44. Stone rubbing: 1. Neal Gray; 2. Rachael Goodhue; 3. John Goodhue. (3)
45. Misc. project: 1. Andy Murphy; 2. John Goodhue; 3. Neal Gray. (4)

LAND RECORD TERMS

Commonly-used terms and definitions found in U.S. land records which may be of help to researchers. Compiled by Wendy L. Moffett, C.G.

abstract	summary or abridgment of a record
Abstract of title	a history of title to a piece of property
acquired lands	federal property purchased or gifted, falling outside of public land laws
Arpent	an old French land measure of varying value, equal to .84 acres; also a linear measure equal to approximately 11.5 rods
base line	the east-west line used for surveying within the public domain
bounty land	public land awarded to soldiers for military service
chain	survey = 66 feet; 10 square chains=1 acre; 16 square poles=1 sq. chain
deed	a written document which conveys property
deed of partition	property deeded by those holding jointly
deed of trust	a deed which conveys an equitable right or interest in property distinct from legal ownership thereof; also a property interest held by one person for the benefit of another.
dower	that portion of, or interest in, real estate of a deceased husband which the law provides for a widow
dower right	the right of a widow to receive a portion or interest in her deceased husband's property
eminent domain	(law) that superior dominion of the sovereign power over property within the state,, which authorizes it to appropriate all or any part thereof for necessary public use, reasonable compensation being made
et. al.	and others
et. us.	and wife or spouse
freehold	a tenure of real property by which an estate of inheritance or for life is held; or the estate itself
grant	property bestowed normally, as a privilege; make conveyance of; give the possession or title of, especially by deed or formal writing; a thing or property gifted especially a tract of land from the governing body
grantee	the person to whom a grant or deed is made (the buyer)
grantor	the person by whom a grant or conveyance is made (the seller)
indenture	a deed or agreement in writing, usually in duplicate, the parts originally being notched or cut so as to correspond; a contract in which an apprentice is bound to a master
in fee simple	an absolute inheritance; a fee without any limitations
in fee tail	an estate or inheritance limited to a class of heirs
intestate	without having made a valid will; a person whose property has not been disposed of by will
land warrant	a negotiable government certificate entitling holder to be in possession of a designated amount of public land or other appropriation by the U.S. Congress
lieu	place; stead; used most often as "in lieu of"
Master Title Plat	the plat or survey of the new states records which show date to identify and describe land in the Public Domain & detailing any limit or restriction of usage
patent	an instrument in writing making a grant or conveyance of property in the Public Domain; also a deed
plat of survey	a drawing showing boundaries, divisions, & other features
poles	(survey) 1 square pole=625 square links; 16 square poles=1 square chain
principal meridian	a true north and south line running through an initial point
quitclaim	a deed conveying the interest of the grantor at that time; in many states, more than a release, used as a simple conveyance for making a grant of land
quitrent	(law) a fixed rent payable in commutation of certain feudal services; fixed rent due from a tenant
range	a tier of townships running vertical or north/south; often abbreviated as "R" in land descriptions

Mary = Miss
Polly = SS
Mary = Polly

Source of
Correspondance

1752 - March was first month of year

Indianola, IA 50125

1533 Newbold St.

TheLma Pehrson

Handbook for Genealogical Correspondance

Warren County
Genealogical Society
802 Kennedy Street
Indianola, IA 50125

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- Rectangular Survey section measure based on principal meridian and base line used in Public Domain (survey) 640 acres or one square mile area; abbreviated as "Sec." in some documents
- survey plat a map on which land surveys are recorded at a scale of two inches to the mile; each plat usually shows one Twp.
- township (survey) 36 square miles in the public domain; usually abbreviated as "twp."; in New England a local unit of government; an area
- tract book log which is an index to and digest of all essential actions which affect public lands
- vara a Spanish or Portuguese term of measurement; varies in length from 32 to 43 inches in different localities; in Texas it's equal to 33.33 inches
- warrant statement which denotes that seller has clear title and will defend said title
- warranty deed one which includes a covenant by the seller to defend the title and possession of the estate granted

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WANT TO DO A STONE RUBBING FOR THE FAIR NEXT YEAR?? Instead of using paper for your rubbing, try non-fusible PELLON. Pellon is a brand of interfacing which can be purchased at any fabric store. Attach with masking tape and use a lumberman's crayon which is available in a variety of colors at your hardware store. They are said not to smear, smudge or melt like chalk or graphite. (From Palatine Fatter 2/86 as seen in Ancestors Unlimited 4/86)

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FOUR TYPES OF BONES

It has been said that the membership of every organization is made up of four types of bones. WHICH ONE ARE YOU??

1. WISH BONES--are those who sit around and wish everyone else would do all the work.
2. KNUCKLE BONES--knock everything that others try to do.
3. JAW BONES--do all the talking but very little of anything else.
4. BACK BONES--are those who do all the work with little or no help.