

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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MEETINGS: The third Monday of each month except August and December. Visitors are welcome. Coffee 6:45, Meeting at 7pm

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 1987. The program will be "Organizing and Numbering" by Beverly Metzgar. Roll call will be: My organizational problem is....

NEWSLETTER: Published each month except August and December. We encourage our members to send queries. Editor: MaryLou Parks, 2003 West 4th, Apt.#3-D, Indianola, IA 50125

DUES: \$5 single and \$7.50 family memk ip. Dues are payable between Sept.1 and October 31 to our Registrar: Moll wlin, 802 Kennedy St., Indianola, IA 50125. Dues paid now will cover Jan.-s 1987. New members receive back issues of the newsletter to current date upon receipt of dues.

NEW MEMBER!

We welcome Darlene A. ARNOLD, Rt.3, Box #118, Chariton, IA 50049. Darlene is searching the WADLE and CRITZ surnames. Also note in your program books the following address change for Robert RENFRO, 1694 West Glendale, Apt.# 158 Phoenix, AZ 85021

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IOWA CITY TRIP!!!

The overnight trip to visit the Iowa Historical Library in Iowa City is April 28th and 29th. Motel accommodations will be Middle America...cost will be approximately \$55 for four people, and \$70 for six. The group will leave Indianola at 6:30am on Tues. the 28th, stop at Middle America to eat breakfast and pick up the key to the room, since they will be able to use the library until 9pm and so will be late getting back to the room. Pat Hailey says she is willing to drive...her small car will carry three persons besides herself...or she will ride with someone else and share gas expenses. Pat's phone number is 449-3542 (New Virginia)

MAY MEETING!!!

Remember to be getting your family notebook ready to bring for sharing. Beverly Metzgar will be giving a Surname index slide presentation and Marcia Hanson's students will again present their History Projects to us. Last year they were enjoyed by all. Refreshments will be served. Plan to come!

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HISTORY BOOK PROJECT

Our book project is winding down. Proofing is going well...there is still roughly 2/3 of the last material to be proofed. If you can help with this contact Sheryl and she will give you information on where and when.

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EXCHANGE INFO

Lately I've been cleaning up the newsletters in our exchange file and am in the process of finding just how to file them for use by our members in research. Since our by-laws state that this file will be in our library it is hoped that, in time, this will be the case. At this time they are at my address and I will be glad to have you come and dig through... as I said, right now they are not filed in any order (except for those received in 1986 and thus far in 1987).

Our own newsletter is a recent addition to the Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogical Collection, Allen Co. Public Library, in Fort Wayne, IN. We have agreed to send a free subscription, and the Library has ordered copies of our back issues...which have been sent. Getting all those ready to go and cleaning and filing at the same time helped me to become better acquainted with the growth of our own newsletter.

We have received the Spring 1987 newsletter from the North Central Iowa Gen. Soc. in Mason City. It contains a listing of early burials in Evergreen Cemetery at Rudd. The Oct., Nov., Dec. issue of the Monroe Co. Gen. Soc. News contains old age pension records transcribed from the original 1935 records which are kept in the Treasurers office at Albia.

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*We all learn by experience,  
but some of us have to go to summer school.*

Our Genealogical Society newsletter is sent to the following libraries on a regular basis:

- National Archives, Wash. D.C.
- Library of Congress, Wash. D.C.
- LDS Genealogical Library, Salt Lake
- IA State Historical Library, IA City

We trade newsletters with the following Societies:

- National Gen. Soc., Arlington, VA
- Ancestors Unlimited..SW Nebraska
- Clark County
- Davis County
- Des Moines County
- Eastern Nebraska
- Guthrie County
- Hardin County
- Iowa Genealogical Society
- Mahaska County (Keo-Mah Tracers)
- Key City Gen. Soc. (Dubuque)
- Lucas County
- Madison County
- Marion County
- Monroe County
- Old Fort Gen. Soc. (Ft. Madison)
- Pioneer Trails (Polk)
- Platte County
- Poweshiek County
- Sac County (Sacoge News)
- Union County
- Wayne County
- North Central IA
- Cass County

If you are interested in seeing any of these publications give me a call and I'll do my best to accomodate you...961-7141







SOUNDEX SYSTEM  
(A Beginners Briefing)

Our state genealogical library has a file of Soundex 1880 Census of families with children age 10 or less. There is a wealth of information therein written on index cards.

Locating your surname in the Soundex System requires special attention to the system.

To search for a particular name you must first work out the code number for the surname of the individual. No number is assigned to the first letter of the surname. If the name is Kuhne, for example, the index card will be in the K segment of the index.

The letters a, e, i, o, u, y, w, and h are not coded.

Every Soundex number must be a 3-digit number. So Lee will be coded as L000 (no numbers for vowels). For Kuhne it will be K500.

Soundex Coding Guide

Code	Key Letters & Equivalents
1	b p f v
2	c s k g j q x z
3	d
4	l
5	m
6	r

When two key letters are together as in Kelly they are coded as one. (K400)

Example -Pilmer- P456

There are additional situations to be coded but the foregoing will provide one with a start on "Soundex-ing". Try your own surname, then others. Practice using the above guide and save time when you get to the library.

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## 1900 CENSUS

Restrictions on the 1900 census are lifted December 6, 1977. Microfilm copies of either the schedules or Soundex indexes are now available for purchase at \$12 per roll. A catalog providing a roll-by-roll breakdown is available now. Orders placed without proper roll identification will be subject to additional delay. The schedules for a particular county may be on a single roll (frequently included with the schedules for other counties), several rolls, or even as many as 54 rolls (Cook County, IL) of microfilm. Orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

All correspondence relating to the 1900 census, including orders for the catalog and orders to purchase microfilm copies of the 1900 census or related Soundex indexes should be addressed to:

1900 Census  
National Archives & Records Service  
General Services Administration  
Washington, DC 20408

None of us can resist telling the resident librarian what good luck we have had that day, SO....:

### LIBRARY FEES FOR ENTHUSIASM:

A fee has been suggested for listening to the results of genealogical research. This is a graduated fee per 15 minutes. (This is the absolute minimum amount of time required for a genealogical conversation.) The fee is based upon the amount of enthusiasm shown by the library employee.

The minimum would be \$10 per 15 minutes, which would allow the employee to continue with other work while listening.

At \$25, the employee interjects the occasional "Oh, really?" and "How nice!"

At \$50, the employee may begin to ask intelligent questions of the researcher in addition to expressing enthusiasm.

Finally, the \$100 special involves two staff members expressing amazement at the researcher's genius and his family's good breeding.

This service may prove to be popular and profitable.

(American Libraries, 4/84, from GENEALOGY, publ. of IN Hist. Soc.)

INDIANA MAY LIMIT RECORD ACCESS

If passed, Indiana House Bill 1462 which was just introduced in the Indiana General Assembly, would close public access to birth records until 72 year after the date of birth; it would prohibit access to death, marriage and divorce records for 50 years. Wording in the bill gives complete authority to those in charge of the records to decide whether a researcher is "a legitimate genealogical researcher", and puts them under no legal obligation to disclose the records to anyone.

Proponents of the bill claim that the interests of the genealogical researcher are protected, that it won't prevent researchers from obtaining a certified birth certificate, and that those denied access will be able to appeal the action. A certified birth certificate only gives the names of the individual, birthdate and parents...the mother's maiden name is not supplied.

Genealogists who are directing efforts to oppose the bill are: Ray Gooly of Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe; Bob Taylor of the Indiana Historical Society; Candy Jones, VP of the Howard Co. Gen Soc.; and Tony Knight, a citizen.

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Mrs. Glenn A. Wilkins, 504 N. Buxton, Indianola, IA 50125  
Will share info. on desc. of Moses Young SHAW, b. ca 1803, NC; d 1873 Hamilton Co., IN. Who were prnts? Was wife's maiden name Elizabeth SHAW? Who were her prnts? Chn were Letitia, Cynthia Starbuck, James S., Alfred Emezetta Pearson, Viola Caldwell, Zimri, Mary Ann Hetherington, Luzena Goddard and Maria Bishop.

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