



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 7:00pm

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 1987. WARREN COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS... Each member bring a past exhibit to share. We will REGISTER for the Fair. Roll call will be: "What am I taking to the Fair?" Roll call tonight: "My organizational problem"

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

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

#### NEW MEMBER!

Lois M. GOLPHENEE, 203 N. Morrison  
Road, Vancouver, WA 98664.

Welcome Lois! Our membership now  
numbers 91!!!

#### ...DALLAS BOUND....

Barb Rasko and Sheryl Ledlie will travel to Dallas tomorrow (19th) to proof the new WARREN COUNTY HISTORY BOOK! We are hopeful that we will then have the book in our hands at County Fair time. Remember that the price per book will be \$60 plus \$1.80 tax in Iowa, and \$3.50 charge for mailing a book to purchaser once the books reach us....so nudge your neighbors who have not yet ordered theirs.

Those of us who helped on this project a little..(or not at all) owe a very large "thank you" to that small group who put in so many hours to see the book come to be a reality.

Our trip to the IGS Library, 6000 Douglas, in Des Moines on April 20th went very well. A number of us used this time to good advantage. We can get the Community Action van again for such trips if there is enough interest shown...let Barb know if you'd like to do that.

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Six members made the trip to Iowa City to use the Historical Library April 28th and 29th. They were Joanne Amos, Pat Hailey, Charlotte Hardin, Betty Noland, Lucille Perkins and Louise Pilmer. If you are curious as to whether or not this trip is something you'd like to do next year check with any of these ladies. I'm sure they will say "yes!"

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Louise Pilmer joined the group who flew to Salt Lake City to visit the LDS Library. Eleven people left from Des Moines, to be joined by others at Denver. They will return home on the 20th.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Each month as I prepare to do our newsletter I read all those we have received in exchange and glean goodies from them. It will be nice when our genealogy section in the public library is ready for use and these fine publications can be readily available for research by all. Until then, I will try to list information and if interested give me a call. I will see that you get to research them. The March issue of NEWS & NOTES from Union Co. contains a listing of Civil War pensions in that county in 1882, and a list of the 42 Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in 22 IA counties. The Spring issue of the Davis Co. Gen. Soc. contains a number of original land entries, Fox River Twp, Davis Co., from June 9, 1848. Also the table of contents of the History of Davis Co. 1882, and two pages of cemetery records from Bloomfield. April '87 GUTHRIE Co. Gen. Soc. contains an index to their card file of records from Guthrie Co. funeral homes. Their Jan issue has 4 pages of these indexes and 2 1/2 pages of Declaration of Intent...Naturalization listings...name, country, date. Jan. issue OLD FORT GEN. SOC. has Lee Co. 1850 census index, several pages of 1857 marriage records, and some cemetery records. Spring issue HARDIN CO. is full of very interesting bio-sketches of early settlers there; LATHROP, HUMPHREYS, STEENBLOCK, DOAN, BARNUM, EGGERS, CLOVER, BONGAR, STRAHORN, LIESER STOTSER, LEVERTON.

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*Organizing is what you do before you do something so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up.*

—from "Winnie the Pooh" by A.A. Milne

VIN... is compounded in our own laboratory, under the direction of our own skilled chemists, after a formula...  
 following ingredients:

- Cocaine
- Iron
- Phosphorus
- Gold
- Corn
- Sens
- Part



**'Genealogy Pox' Hits Best of 'Em**

From a unknown source comes the following warning for "Genealogy Pox."

**Symptoms:**

- Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, places.
- Blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children.
- No taste for work, except for feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses.
- Compulsion to write letters.
- Swears at mailman for leaving no mail.
- Frequents cemeteries, ruins, desolate areas.
- Hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self.
- Very contagious to adults. No known cure.

**Treatment:**

- Medication is useless; disease gets progressively worse.
- Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines and be given a quiet corner in which to be alone.

**Remarks:**

The sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it.

submitted by Jane Godwin...



SPINSTER

Why is an unmarried woman called a spinster? Because women were prohibited from marrying until they had spun a full set of bed furnishings and thus, until marriage they spent much time at the spinning wheel and therefore were called "spinistors".

...(Eastern NE Gen.Soc. May 1987)

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With spring's arrival comes the annual ritual of "spring cleaning". Like most genealogists, I have the problem of my genealogical material starting to take over my house, starting with the basement and now winding its way to the first floor. Maybe with this following article to use in my defense, I can stall my spouse from pitching my material the next time my back is turned. This article appeared in the Spring 1986 issue of the Bulletin of the Whatcom Gen. Society.

CLEANING HOUSE?????

What NOT to throw out.....

Cleaning house can mean disaster to a genealogist! We clean house, throw things away when we move or the mood moves us, and during estate settlements. The older we are, the more times we have had to stash or store valuable material. The big problem is that so often things of value to a genealogist are not quite so important to the house cleaner.

Here is a list of items that one should never throw out when cleaning!! It is from these types of things that we find information about names, dates, places, activities, residences, relationships of relatives and much more.

1. Documents: birth, baptism, marriage, death, land records, cemetery records, military, awards, naturalization, name-change records, or similar documents.
2. Diaries, journals, recipe books, high school annuals, and reunion books
3. Scrapbooks
4. Old newspapers
5. Letters
6. Report cards
7. Pictures - - best if LABELED
8. Bibles
9. Silverware with initials engraved on handle
10. Jewelry with initial or which seems to have a special meaning, whether this meaning is understood or not.
11. Baby books
12. Autograph books
13. Newspaper articles: marriage, death, visited, service
14. Announcements: wedding, birth, death, graduations and any other
15. History books: about an area, a county, a name, a person. DON'T call book dealers, call the genealogical or historical society.
16. Tools with initials scratched on them

Nothing should be thrown out if it gives the slightest clue to any genealogical information.

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"It is good to look to the past to gain appreciation for the present and perspective for the future. It is good to look upon the virtues of those who have gone before, to gain strength for whatever lies ahead. It is good to reflect upon the work of those who have labored so hard and gained so little in this world, but out of whose dreams and early plans, so well matured, has come a great harvest of which we are the beneficiaries. Their tremendous example can become a compelling motivation for us all, for each of us is a pioneer in his own life."

-Gordon B. Hinckley

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Roots Digest, January 1986

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AN OLD SALE BILL

Jas. Moody has a copy of a bill of a farm sale, purported to have been held in the year 1849. It was given to Mr Moody by his son-in-law, Dr. T. V. Boyd of East St. Louis, who in turn had received it from his mother who resides at Anna, Ill. The sale bill reads as follows:

Having sold my farm, and as I am leaving for Oregon territory by oxen team on March 1, 1849, I will sell all my personal property, except two oxen teams, Buck and Ben and Lon and Jerry, consisting of the following: Two milk cows, 1 grey mare and colt, 1 pair of oxen, 1 yoke, 1 baby yoke, 2 ox carts, 1 iron ploy with wood mole board, 800 feet of poplar weather boards, 1,000 three-foot clapboards, 1,500 10-foot fence rails, 1 60-gallon soap kettle, 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber, 10 gallons of maple syrup, 2 spinning wheels, 30 pounds mutton tallow, 1 large loom made by Jerry Wilson, 300 poles, 100 split hoops, 100 empty barrels, 1 32-gallon barrel of Johnson-Miller Whiskey, 7 years old, 20 gallons of apple brandy, 1 40-gallon copper still, 4 sides of oak tanned leather, 1 dozen wooden pitchforks, a one-half interest in ten yards, 1 32-caliber rifle, bullet molds and powder horn, rifle made by Ben Miller, 50 gallons of soft soap, hams, bacon and lard, 40 gallons of sorghum molasses, 6 head of fox hounds, all soft mouthed but one. At the same time I will sell my 6 Negro slaves; 2 men, 35 and 50 years old; 2 boys, 12 and 18 years old; 2 mulatto wenches, 40 and 30 years old. Will sell all together to same party, as I will not separate them.

Terms of sale: Cash in hand or note to draw 4 per cent interest with Bob McConnel security. My home is 2 miles south of Versailles, Kentucky, on McConnel Ferry pike. Sale will begin at 8 o'clock. Plenty to eat and drink. Stock Reporter.

...submitted by Maude Wilkins...

If you find something concerning genealogy or history which interests you, chances are it would also be of interest to our membership. Send it to me, or bring it to a meeting, and I'll be glad to use it in the newsletter.

*MWP*



*The Garden of Cooperation*

First, plant five rows of peas—  
Presence, Promptness, Preparation,  
Perseverance, Purity;

Then, plant three rows of squash—  
Squash gossip, Squash indifference,  
Squash unjust criticism;

Then, plant five rows of lettuce—  
Let us be faithful to duty,  
Let us be unselfish and loyal,  
Let us be true to our obligations,  
Let us obey the rules and regulations,  
Let us love one another;

No garden is complete without turnips—  
so

Turn up for meetings,  
Turn up with a smile,  
Turn up with new ideas,  
Turn up with new members,  
Turn up with a determination to make  
everything good and worthwhile.

—Anonymous

.....Lincoln Camera Club Bulletin  
Nov '86

contributed by Gary Cuda

EASTERN NEBRASKA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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GERMAN SOCIETY FORMED

The German Genealogical Society of America has formed to help people with German ancestry trace their roots. For information on the Society write to GGSA, P.O. Box 291818, Los Angeles, CA 90029 ... (Union Co. NEWS & NOTES 3/1987)

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.... (Eastern NE April 1987,

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## From the NGS Computer Interest Group

by Peggy O. Field, Chairman, NGS/CIG

For many of NGS/CIG members waiting for an electronic bulletin board, the day has arrived. Through the generous donation of a computer system with 640K memory, two floppy drives, a 20M hard disk and 5M removable cartridge-back-up disk, a monochrome monitor, and a 2400-top baud modem, the NGS/CIG joined the National Genealogy Conference (NGC) in November 1986.

The NGC is a nationwide communications network for genealogists, using the FidoNet system. Each unit (node) of the conference will automatically pass along all messages to all other member bulletin boards across the United States. If you live in the headquarters area, that means a local telephone call will post a message overnight to the thousands of genealogists across America who use computers and communicate by modem. If you live near one of the other member boards, it means you have the same opportunity. Your only expense might be a long distance telephone charge if you are outside the telephone charge area of the nearest member board. Each member board absorbs the expense of "echoing" messages to the next member.

The growing list includes more than fifteen locations in Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Delaware, New Hampshire, Colorado, Texas, and California.

This is another exciting service NGS/CIG is offering to genealogists. Richard A. Pence, popular editor of the *NGS/CIG Digest*, will be the systems operator (sysop), assisted by Ray Gwinn, who is the generous donor of the computer equipment. Ray has had twenty years experience in the business of electronic data transmission. Dick explained the procedures for using the conference bulletin board in the November-December issue of the *NGS/CIG Digest*.

For anyone interested in joining the NGS Computer Interest Group, membership is still \$5 per year to addresses in the United States, \$6 to Mexico and Canada, and \$10 to other foreign addresses. Programs are scheduled the third Saturday of every month except December at 10 a.m. in the fifth floor auditorium of the National Archives, Washington, D.C. The group appreciates an SASE with requests for information since NGS/CIG, composed of volunteers, is self-supporting. **JAN-FEB 1987**

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### Important Iowa and Warren County Historical Facts

May 1, 1843 - By this date all Indians moved west of a line drawn north and south through the Red Rock Bluff area on the Des Moines River, seven miles north of Knoxville.

October 11, 1845, midnight - Indian title to land expired and the territory was opened for settlement. Many settlers moved into the darkness with torches, wagons, horses and on foot to claim land at \$1.25 per acre.

Spring, 1846 - The first Mormons were driven from Illinois and began crossing southern Iowa. This migration lasted for more than ten years as thousands crossed southern Iowa, pulling hand carts and heading for Salt Lake City, Utah.

December 28, 1846 - Iowa became the 29th state of the U.S.A.

January 1, 1849 - Warren County was formally organized and census was taken showing a total population of 153 men, women and children.

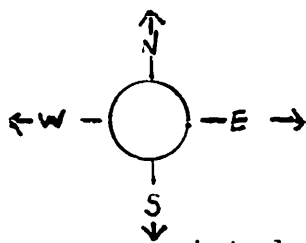
Summer, 1849 - The location of the County seat was decided and named Indianola.

...submitted by Maude Wilkins...

### NEWSPAPERS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Things to look for in newspapers of value to genealogical research:

1. Lists of unclaimed letters.
2. Notice of no-payment of debts (head of household won't honor debts of others.)
3. Homestead notices.
4. Transfer of property..1800's.. real estate and personal...these might tell where he will settle.
5. Personal property...what he owned told of his lifestyle...(horses were important.)
6. Delinquent tax lists..a clue to where he may have moved if property was sold at a sheriff's sale.
7. Marriage notices...usually one week after the wedding, or it might be mentioned in the gossip column ahead of the marriage.
8. Obituaries...but there weren't many for females.
9. Birthdays.
10. Anniversaries...especially the 10th, 25th or 50th.
11. Baptismals.
12. Citizenship notices.
13. Probate notices.
14. Adoptions.
15. Family reunions and get-togethers, (From Franklin Record, Oct. 1985 via Monroe Co. Gen. Soc. News Apr.85)



Early newspapers printed a sign at the top of the first page of every issue indicating the four points of the compass. This implied that the information printed came from the north, east, west and south. Later this sign was simplified until it appeared as "NEWS". So now we have the word news, meaning "the latest information from the four corners of the globe."  
 ... (Eastern NE Gen. Soc. May 1987)



#### NEW WONDER WATCH.

AT \$1.23 THE NEW EXP. LARG. WONDER. A genuine American made watch. It runs thirty to thirty-six hours with one winding and keeps good time. It is stem wind and stem set. If properly handled and cared for it will last for years. The case is plain polished, nickel plated. The movement is one of the most simple known. It comes in both nickel and gilt, has the display movement, both priced low with genuine jewels. While we do not guarantee this watch for life, we know you will be entirely satisfied.  
 No. 42810 Price.....\$1.23

An ANCESTRY begins with a single individual and traces back in time to include the male and female lines of that person's ancestors...a full 8 generations of one's ancestry would involve 511 persons.

A GENEALOGY, on the other hand, begins with a single ancestor and traces forward in time to include all descendants to the present. (From Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Gen. Soc, NE... & Clark Co., WA Gen. Soc. via Sac Co. Sacoge News 1/87)

#### SASE.....SAL

One of the common courtesies of doing genealogical research is to send a SASE (Self-Addressed- Stamped Envelope.) However it does not always work. A foreign post office cannot process letters with American stamps. A loose, or loosely attached American stamp would be much nicer as they could be used by your correspondent in another country to send their SASE when writing to the USA. So remember, SASE in the USA....SALS (Self-Addressed/Loose-Stamp) outside the USA. ( Marion Co. Winter 1987)

#### FREE RESEARCH AIDS!

The SCANDINAVIAN TOURIST OFFICES, 655 Third Ave., New York, NY 10019 has free heritage folders, maps and general information available about travel to and from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland that may aid in a beginning search for ancestors from those countries.  
 ... (Eastern NE Gen. Soc. May 1987)

TABLE OF COMPUTING BIRTH DATE  
 (When 1, 11, 21, and 31 are given, month, and day are given)

<u>DAY OF DEATH</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>	<u>MONTH OF DEATH</u>
15	<p>Step 1: Find the DAY of death in the LEFT column. Treating this day as 0, the day before as 1, the day before that as 2, etc., count up the column the number of days of life given. If you reach the top of the column before you have finished counting, continue at the bottom of the column. (If the month preceeding that of death has less than 31 days, be sure to skip the unneeded days in the column.*) This is the day of birth.</p> <p>Step 2: Find the MONTH of death in the lower month column at RIGHT. If you went past the 1st while counting days, go back one month. Just like with days, count this month as 0 and count up the column the number of months of life. This gives you the month of birth.</p> <p>Step 3: Take the YEAR of death. If you went past January while counting months, subtract 1 from the year of death. Now subtract the number of years of life from the year you have. This is the year of birth.</p> <p>* LEAP YEAR: Any year evenly divisible by 4, except the century years, unless they are divisible by 100 (1600 is a leap year), be sure that when you count back the days, you skip only 31 and 30, instead of 31, 30, and 29, to correct the number days in the month.</p>	January
16		February
17		March
18		April
19		May
20		June
21		July
22		August
23		September
24		October
25		November
26		December
27		January
28		February
(29)	March	
(30)	April	
(31)	May	
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4	September	
5	October	
6	November	
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RULE: 30 Days hath September, April, June and November.

EXAMPLES

Subject died 31 May 1966, aged 94 years, 11 months, 7 days.

Step 1: Starting with 31, treat this day as 0 and count back 7 days. This brings us to 24.

Step 2: We did not go past the 1st, so starting with May in the month column, count up 11 months. This takes us to June.

Step 3: We did go past January, so 1966 becomes 1965. Subtracting 94 from 1965 gives 1871. Therefore, the birth date was 24 June 1871.

Subject died 1 March 1896, aged 35 years, 7 months, 2 days.

Step 1: Starting with 1, treat this day as 0 and count back 2. The month preceeding March is February and this was a Leap Year; so we skip the 30 and 31. The day before March 1 was Feb. 29th. Treat the 29th as 1, etc. This lands us on 28.

Step 2: We did go past the 1st; so starting with February in the month column, count up 7 months. This takes us to July.

Step 3: We did go past January; so 1896 becomes 1895. Subtracting 35 from 1895 gives us 1860. Therefore, the subject was born 28 July 1860.

NOTE: You would be wise to check your work by starting with the computed birth date and count forward.

BASSETT

BOATWRIGHT Lois Golphenee, 203 N Morrison Rd., Vancouver WA 98664

KENDALL would like to corres with desc of great grandparents:

McDANNEL Lucius B, MONROE (1838-1859) & wf Emily BASSETT; James M. SANDY  
MONROE (1838-1880) & wf Rachel SPURGIN; John McDANNEL (1821-1886) & wf  
SANDY Margaret KENDALL; and George W. WARREN (1822-1900) & wf Sarah Ann  
SPURGIN BOATWRIGHT.

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WILSON MaryLou PARKS, 2003 W.4th, Apt.3-D, Indianola, IA 50125

WATSON seeking info on my grfather, Carey Alonzo WILSON, b 20 July 1880 at

HOLDS Spencer, IA. His parents were Hawley Prentice WILSON & wf Mary Ann

HOLLES (HOLDS (HOLLES)) Carey m Carrie Mae WATSON 28 Jan 1905 at Spencer.

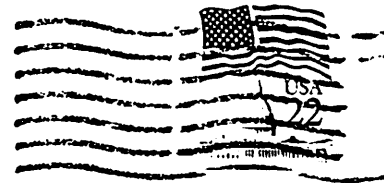
Their ch are Richard Prentice, b 29 Nov 1905, still living in  
1987; Mary Amanda (my mother), b 21 Mar 1908, d 28 Feb 1984;  
Jasper Leroy, b 28 Nov 1909, d 1985; George Alvin, b 09 Sep 1911,  
still living in 1987; Paul Kenneth, b 09 Oct 1913, d in infancy.

Carrie & Carey were dv ? According to records in Carrie's family  
Bible she m R.H. Truitt 13 Apr 1916 at Lakota, ND. What happened to Carey  
Alonzo WILSON after 1913 ?

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