



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: July 20, 1987...6:30 POT-LUCK!! Program: Magna Carta and the Constitution by Kathy Weeks.

NEWSLETTER: Published each month except August and December. We encourage our members to submit 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 issue upon receipt of dues.

NEW MEMBERS!!

Welcome to Lola (Colclazier) TAYLOR
1309 N. 13th St., Boise, ID 83702
Lola has a query in this issue.

Also, R.D. THORNTON 1644 E.56th St.
Long Beach, CA 90805. Searching
HARLESS... 3rd edition of Harless
family book now being prepared.
Our membership is now at 93.

Please note a change in zip-code for
Tenny Brinkman...to 48322.

DEADLINE FOR SURNAME INDEX is
Jan. 1st, 1988!! Get your surname
cards sent in to the IGS now to be
sure they are included.

John Knolke is planning a
bus trip to OR in Aug. He
is willing to take people
who would like to spend the
week in Salt Lake City.
For information call 285-6750.

Barb received the following note from
Rudena Mallory, Leawood, KS. "I was
more than impressed with your metic-
ulous and reader-friendly book,
'Cemetery and Death Records of Warren
County, Iowa'; It should be a model
for others compiling death records
on a county."

A nice compliment to all who had
a part in that project.

HISTORY BOOK

Barb and Sheryl spent a week in
Dallas just after our May meeting, an
interesting and busy time...Barb says
they found very few errors in the
book as they proofed, and the book
will be nearly 1100 pages and is very
nice!! The Company people treated
them well, and we can expect delivery
of our books the first week of August.

We will be planning an **EVENT** to
make the official announcement of
their arrival and will need help to
get them distributed over a two
day period. **THAT MEANS YOU !!!**

The Historical Society can use the
labels from Butter-Nut Coffee. If
this is your brand, please save them.

From the Clarke Co. (WA) Gen. Soc. Newsletter... May 1987...

FREE: Genealogical Periodicals: A Neglected Treasure, by Laird C. Towle, Ph.D.

Currently published and defunct genealogical periodicals contain a vast storehouse of genealogical data that is neglected by most genealogists because they do not understand how to find it. This useful booklet explains what is available and how to find it through a wide variety of published indexes. All genealogists, both experienced and novice, can benefit greatly from better use of this important resource. The compiler of this guide has been editor of one index, GENEALOGICAL PERIODICAL ANNUAL INDEX, for the past twelve years. Request your free copy of this booklet from Heritage Books, Inc., 3602 Maureen Lane, Suite 220, Bowie, MD 20715

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From the Monroe Co. Jan/Feb/Mar 1987 newsletter.....

To get SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS of WW I males with birthdays between 1873-1900 send \$5.00 and name and address of registrant to ARCHIVES BRANCH FEDERAL RECORD CENTER, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30044

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New York state law provides for a local historian in each town, city, village and county in the state. For the address of your area of interest, send a SASE to: State Historian State Education Building, Albany, New York 12207 (Rfom IA-IL-MO Searcher, Vol 14 #3...via Monroe Co. Jan/Feb/Mar 1987 issue...)

The Des Moines Co. Gen. Soc. quarterly, Vol.12,#2...May 1987 contains four page excerpt from Marriage Records Book #4...Dec.6, 1853-May 27, 1862; Index to Des Moines Co. Land Records 1880-89 Burnett-Wallen Burial Records...Book#1, June 21, 1913- Feb. 16, 1916; Schilb or Bolick Cemetery listing and a list of members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Burlington, IA who served in WW I, 1914-1918.

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Old Fort Gen. Soc.Inc. quarterly...Apr. 1987 contains a continuation of the Lee Co., IA 1850 census index; a listing of marriages recorded at Fort Madison, Lee Co., IA Oct.6,1857-Dec.13,1857 and a listing for Calvary Cemetery, West Point, Lee Co., IA.

We have received a card concerning a newsletter titled "CHEW FAMILY", covering all branches of the CHEW surname and its allied lineages. The newsletter is published quarterly. Rates are \$15.00 yearly. Contact: Frances Brengle 6619 Pheasant Rd., Baltimore, MD21220

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The Heart of America Genealogical Society and Library, Inc. announces the forthcoming publication of a new hard bound volume of approximately 1000 pages with a complete listing of graves and tombstone inscriptions from one of Kansas City, Missouri's oldest and most beautiful burial grounds

Elmwood, Kansas City's first "rural cemetery, was consecrated on Sept 9, 1872. It now has upwards of 32,000 graves dating from the mid 1830's forward...up to July, 1985

Delivery of the book is expected to made about August 1. Price is \$37.50, postpaid. Available from Heart of America Gen. Soc., c/o Kansas City Pub. Library, 311 East 12th St. Kansas City, MO 64106. (The flyer for this book has some interesting information on old pioneer cemeteries which were moved to Elmwood, including a number of family cemeteries.)

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ONLY THE MEN HAD BABIES

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Union Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter for June 1987 carried an item, copied from the Bremer Co. newsletter which stated "If your Pennsylvania ancestor lived east of the Susquehanna River, you will find records in the Lutheran Theological Seminary."

Maude Wilkins sent a request for information on some of her family and received a reply that "The Iowa Genealogical data is vastly overstated. In order for a search of the church records to be practical, it is necessary to know the exact name and location of the congregation with which your family members were associated. If you know the name of a pastor who officiated at a baptism marriage, or funeral, this can sometimes be used to help pinpoint the correct congregation."

My ancestor William had children
All named, and with birth dates and places
But his wife is not even mentioned;
Of her there are not even traces.

Surely she must have existed,
Was born, was a child, and had dreams.
Grew up and learned how to keep house,
Was a person - but nameless, it seems.

She had parents, and, someplace, a home.
Her brothers are listed, no doubt.
But she was only a girl
So not really worth telling about.

She was half of my ancestor's heritage;
Without her he wouldn't have life.
His genes are half hers, but I find
She was only his father's wife.

Once a girl was first "dau", then was "wife"
She belonged to her father, till married,
And then she belonged to her husband,
And beside him, unnamed, she was buried.

How awful to think MY descendants
Might search for a name for me.
Be unable to find my identity,
And wonder just who I might be.

Dr. Dorothy Branson
Orange Co., CA Gen. Society

WHY IS IT?

The only overturned, face-down gravestone in the cemetery is your grandfather's?

The blot on the page of the census covers your grandmother's birthdate?

Your ancestor's will leaves his estate to his beloved wife and children, but doesn't name them?

The information you desperately need could be found only on the 1890 census?

Just as you are hot on the trail of an ancestor, it's always time for the library to close?

The person next to you has all the luck and you can't find a thing?

From the Henry Co. Gen. Newsletter Vol. 4, Issue 3, April 1986

ANCESTORS UNLIMITED



OCCUPATIONS (cont'd)

hatcheler - one who combed out or carded flax
hind - farm laborer
hooper - one who made hoops for casks
hostler - groom who takes care of horses, especially at an inn
husbandman - farmer; one who plows and cultivates
journeyman - one who served his apprenticeship & mastered his craft; properly,
one who no longer bound to serve for years but hired from day to day
joyner/joiner - carpenter
leech - physician
manciple - steward
mantua maker - dressmaker
mintmaster - one who issued local currency
patten maker - maker of a clog shod with an iron ring
peregrinator - itinerant wanderer
peruker/peruke maker - wigmaker
pettifogger - shyster lawyer
plumber - one who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain
or stained glass windows
plumbum worker - plumber
rattlewatch - town watchman
saddler - one who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses
sawbones - physician
sawyer - one who saws
scribler - a minor or worthless author
scrivener - professional or public copyist or writer; notary public
scrutiner - election judge
shrieve - sheriff
slopseller - seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop
snobscat - one who repaired shoes
sorter - tailor
stuff gownsman - junior barrister
supercargo - officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the
commercial concerns of the ship
tanner - one who tans hides
tapley - one who puts the tap in an ale cask
teamster - one who drives a team for hauling
tide waiter - customs inspector
tipstaff - policeman
turner - one who forms articles with a lathe
victualler - keeper of a restaurant/tavern; one that provisions an army, navy,
or ship with food
vulcan - blacksmith
wagoner - teamster not for hire
wainwright - wagon maker
waiter - customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to:
collect duty or goods brought in
waterman - boatman who plies for hire
webster - operator of looms
wharfinger - owner of a wharf
wheelwright - one who made or repaired wheels, wheeled carriages, etc.

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GENEALOGICAL PITFALLS - THE CALENDAR IN COLONIAL TIMES

In early Roman days, the high priests were doing a poor job of regulating the calendar. The summer months were gradually starting to come in the spring! Julius Caesar took the job over and provided for a 365 day year with a leap year every 4 years. For the long haul this added a few too many extra days and by the 16th century the calendar year and the astronomical sun year were 10 days out of phase. So in the year 1582, Pope Gregory XIII directed that 10 days be dropped from the calendar & that the day following Oct. 4, 1582 would be Oct. 15th. He also decreed that leap years would occur every 4 years except for century years, which would be leap years only if divisible by 400.

This new calendar was called the Gregorian, or New Style (N.S.). It was adopted by Catholic countries, but Protestant and Orthodox countries would have none of it and continued with the Julian, or Old Style (O.S.) calendar.

It wasn't until 1752 that England and her colonies adopted this change. Since the year 1700 had been considered a leap year, they were now 11 days out of phase with the sun. This was corrected by making the day following Sept 2, 1752 to be Sept 14th. The month looked like this:

1752	SEPTEMBER	1752				
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

There are no entries in English records between Sept 3 and Sept 13, 1752. (Note: the Orthodox Church did not adopt the N.S. calendar until 1923.)

That all is straightforward enough, but Pope Gregory had another reform which was the general adoption of January 1st as the beginning of the new year. Again, that did not set well with England, as their year began on March 25th. It was 170 years later that they made the change.

Between 1582 and 1752 we are stuck with a period of double dating. In England the year ended, for example on Mar 24, 1732. The next day was Mar 25, 1733, New Year's Day! To handle this we need to know whether a date is Old Style or New Style in this overlapping period. Some dates are so marked. In others

the year is written 1672/3 or 167²/₃, giving both O.S. and N.S. figures. The days are handled similarly, ex: Feb¹¹/₂₂. George Washington was born Feb 11, 1731 but in the N.S. calendar it is Feb 22, 1732.

It was also custom to designate the month by number rather than name. Since New Year's Day fell in March, the entire month was designated the first month even though 24 days were in the previous year! Sept was the 7th month, Oct the 8th, Nov the 9th and Dec the 10th (all taken from the latin).

Another problem occurs because there was no standard order in which to write the days & the month. For ex: 7-6-17 could be the 7th day of August or the 6th day of September. Fortunately, many dates appear: 11mo 5d 1621/2.

One should always copy records exactly as they appear in the original but translation may be convenient when checking the record of age at death with the birth date.

Good luck on handling dates for your ancestors back before 1753. It may require some extra digging, especially in England and our own Colonial period. For more information see the AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol 40, page 246 and vol 41, page 98.

...Edward G. Schwaegerle

FROM:
NANCY TYRREL THEODORE

27 January 1987

Vivian,

This is one of the best explanations of the Old Style/New Style Calendars I have ever read so I made a clean copy in case you want to use it sometime in your newsletter. This appeared in the Lorain County Researcher. The editor is Dale C. Kellogg and the address is PO Box 865, Elyria, Ohio 44036-0865.

Nancy Tyrrel Theodore

QUERIES QUERIES QUERIES

COLCLAZIER Lola, F., 1309 No. 13th St., Boise, ID trying to locate any
OLDHAM ancestors of the following: Philip COLCLAZIER and wife Mary ??
BELL William Colclazier and wife Mercy Jane OLDHAM; John Colclazier
BOND and wife Hannah BELL; David Colclazier and wife Sarah ??,
DOAK daughter Melissa Colclazier; Edith Colclazier BOND, husband
CULLITON Henry Clay Bond; Juliana Colclazier, husband Paul DOAK; James
DAVIS Madison Colclazier; Cora Colclazier, husband Chas. C. CULLITON;
Victoria Colclazier, husband John DAVIS. Will answer all corres-
pondence.

VAN FLEET Karen Bowman, 3619 Ceran Drive, Arlington, TX 76016
COLES On the 1870 Palmyra, Warren Co. census, I found the following
household. Wesley VANFLEET age 44, and wife Hannah, age 33. Also
in the household was David, age 20; Martha, age 18; Mary, age 15
John, age 14; Rosana, age 12; Margaret, age 6; and also Ada
COLES, age 7 and Ettie Coles, age 6. I would like to hear from
anyone who has any information on this family.

WARREN COUNTY FAIR !!!

The Warren County Fair is the week following our July meeting. That doesn't
leave much time for preparing your exhibits. We also need people to sign
up to work in our genealogy booth this year. Don't miss this good chance to
meet and greet people and take last minute orders for the new Warren Co.
History Book !!!

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