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MEETINGS: The third Monday of each month except August and December. We welcome visitors. Coffee 6:45, Meeting 7:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 1987. Program: Computers and Genealogy..Cousins and Relationships by Les Swartslander. Roll Call: What did you discover this summer?

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 MEMBER!!

Welcome Ruth L. FLINN, 172 40th Ave Cumming, IA 50061. She is #94!

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SURNAME INDEX CARDS

our June meeting Barb Rasko gave a slide presentation on the correct way to fill out cards for the IGS surname index. The deadline for the inclusion in Vol.5 of the Surname Index is Jan.1,1987. In our mailing of newsletters to those not in attendance we included a sample so members will have a pattern for use in preparing their own cards. These are not to be returned to us. For more information please contact the IGS at 6000 Douglas in Des Moines.

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WARREN CO. FAIR

We will need volunteers to work in our booth at the county fair starting Sat. morning and running through all the hours the building is open, through Thurs morning. PLEASE sign up for your time at tonight's meeting. This is important!!

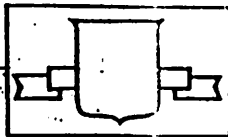
HISTORY BOOK

We expect to have our new Warren Co. History Book in early August. We need to be busy selling books. Because of the size of our book...1211 family stories, 103 business histories, 404 pages of topical interest, and many pages of pictures...the price is now \$57.20, tax included, with the price upon receipt of the book being \$67.60, tax included. Those who have paid a deposit to hold a book during our prior sales will still be allowed to purchase the book at the original price of \$45.

Once we have the books we are sure they will sell quickly, necessitating a reprint. At that time the publisher will set the price of those books. Therefore we urge those of you who are interested in purchasing the book to do so quickly.

We will have sample book pages in our booth at the fair, as well as a copy of the index. Be sure to stop by and examine them. On arrival of the books we will have a distribution program set up to facilitate the receipt of books and the return of the pictures [redacted] originally submitted with stories and articles. WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!





SEND NOW FOR YOUR FAMILY COAT-OF-ARMS

by Sharon L. Todd, R.G.

As an amateur or professional genealogist, how many times have you received the proverbial letter that states "Send now for your family crest and you can have it reproduced as a doormat, wall hanging, stationary..."

Some people including either the beginner in genealogy or those who have been involved for quite sometime are totally unaware that family crests, coats-of-arms and family shields are awarded to a particular family. Unless descendancy from that royal or prominent family can be proven, you have no right to use that coat-of-arms. Unless you have documented proof which withstands the most severe scrutiny, you are doing something unethical (and in some countries illegal).

During the Middle Ages, heraldic symbols were used to designate a certain knight during battle with foes. These were worn on their suits of armour, and this helped to identify who was the enemy and who was not. Usually, the design on the crest depicted a certain event in the life of the knight: some heroic deed or major battle in which he did great things for his country. During this period of time, many persons did not write, and seals were designed and set in wax to assure the

authenticity of a document.

In more recent times, nations such as Great Britain use the symbols to distinguish nobility, and these heraldic symbols usually depict the ancestry of a particular individual rather than some great ancestor.

Arms are hereditary and descend, unchanged, on the death of the bearer to the heir apparent in the male line. Younger sons must add marks of difference to the arms, as must the heir apparent during the lifetime of the bearer to maintain distinction.

The elements of knightly status, individuality and distinction implied by bearing a coat-of-arms, have been consistent characteristics of heraldry. Every man entitled to a coat-of-arms is distinguished from any other. However slight the difference, no other man bears an identical coat.

When a man married, the two coats-of-arms were generally combined on one shield. It was difficult at times to combine all items on one shield and not detract from either family's dignity.

The complete coat-of-arms consists of a shield, a crest and motto. In theory, any shape may be used for a shield, but most use the long tapering shield, not unlike those carried

into battle. Lions, foxes, gargoyles, etc. often appear on the face of the shield.

Almost all coats-of-arms have a helm and a crest. The helm is a smaller version of some sort of helmet worn by knights. The crest usually reflects the interests of the owner or the achievements of his ancestors. The crest is atop the helmet.

Most people find a motto intriguing but lack of knowledge of latin.

In English heraldry, mottoes are not hereditary and are not normally mentioned in a grant of personal arms. No authority is needed to use one. In Scotland, mottoes are hereditary and included in the grant and are specifically positioned on the arms. Some mottoes are: "Firma durant" (Firm things last), "Gare le pied fort" (Beware of the Strong Foot) and "Cave deus vidit" (Beware God Sees).

The Germans enjoy mottoes and often make them into riddles or initials, such as "Gottes Willegeschehe" (God's will be done):

Scottish mottoes conform to rules and often are relevant to the different clans such as Clan Campbell's "Do Not Forget." There are often two mottoes - descendant of the Clan Camp

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bell's Chief would have a motto such as "I Will Not Forget."

There are some organizations that use mottoes in their letterheads: National Coal Board "E tenebris lux" (Light Out of the Darkness), Metropolitan Water Board "Et plui super unam civitatem" (And I caused it to rain on one city).

I imagine that many persons often see crests, coats-of-arms, shields, and mottoes without really understanding their significance or we just take them for granted and forget about them. They can play a big part in your ancestral hunt. However, if you don't tie into a family that has one, design

your own - it can be done. Find out what your family name means and use it as a guide for designing the field. Make up your own motto. Be original.

There are many good reference books in case you want to know just where to position the different items.

Sources to Consult

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Fox-Davies, A.C., *Complete Guide to Heraldry*. Nelson, 1969.

Innes, Sir Thomas, *Scots Heraldry*.

Pamphlets and other publications of the Heraldry Society.

For a list of those available, write to: Secretary, the Heraldry Society, 28 Museum Street, London, WC1A 1LA, ENGLAND.

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The UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

has trouble feeding envelopes through its automatic equipment when a folded SASE is enclosed. To avoid mutilated mail, use a #9 envelope for your SASE and enclose it in a standard (#10) envelope. (from Clark Co. WA newsletter 6/87)

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BUTTER-NUT COFFEE LABELS

The makers of Butter-Nut Coffee have a promotion designed to promote the interests of the Iowa State Historical Society through a proof-of-purchase method which raises funds for the society.

For each proof-of-purchase label sent in to the society they will receive 10¢ in 1987, up to a total of \$10,000. Labels are on one, two and three pound cans as well as on 13, 26, and 39 ounce decaffeinated containers. This will support a special project in 1987 called Rural Landscape which will later become a traveling exhibit throughout Iowa. Send these proofs to: Heartland Heritage, P.O.Box 2472, Young America, MN 55399

TO PRESERVE NEWSPAPERS

- ..keep in a dark place..
- ..keep away from moist air..
- ..de-acidify..

PROCESS TO DE-ACIDIFY

Put 1 T. Magnesia emulsion into a one QUART bottle of carbonated water (club soda)
 Recap the bottle tightly; let stand overnight in refrigerator.
 Pour this solution into a shallow pan big enough to hold the clippings unfolded.
 Put the clippings in, making sure each one is well saturated before adding the next one.
 After 2 hours remove them, one at a time; Dry them on paper towels.
 DO NOT RE-USE THE SOLUTION!

(from Poweshiek Co. IA Searcher, April, May, June 1987)



BIRTH RECORDS
of WARREN CO., IA THROUGH 1920

This is a hard-bound, 295 page book. Completely alphabetized, consisting of records as found in the courthouse plus many unrecorded births submitted by the public. Also a section of mother's maiden names followed by their married surname so you can find that relative even if you have never known, or have forgotten, her married name. \$25.00 plus \$3.00 if mailed. Iowans add \$1.00 sales tax.

1872 ATLAS of WARREN CO., IOWA

Reprint, soft-bound. \$5.00 plus
\$1.00 if mailed. Iowans add 4%
sales tax.

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Is genealogy good for one's health? Or are our WCGS members unusually healthy? I've had no reports of illness among us since being named on the Sunshine Committee. I hope the reason is that no one has been ill, not that I didn't learn of it.

*Maele Wilkins, Sunshine
Comm,*

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BITS FROM THE BY-LAWS

From our WCGS By-Laws, 1984 revised edition. Article V, Section 5.7, "A quorum shall consist of five members." This answers a question raised concerning the fact that a majority of our members live outside a 100 mile radius from Warren County, and this could cause a problem in having a quorum present to conduct WCGS business.

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NUMBERING & ORGANIZING

Our speaker in May was Beverly Metzger from Manly, IA. Beverly has been interested in genealogical research for a number of years, and since 1980 has been traveling for genealogy. She has visited the LDS Library in Salt Lake City every year since 1980. Her advice to those planning a trip to any of the many places where research materials are available is "Write down exactly what you are searching for before you go, and have more things to find than you have time for, so you run out of time before you run out of things to do." Organize your search.

Beverly uses a numbering system that she has originated. It uses doubled numbers...if you are a female you give yourself number 3, your mother would be 6, grandmother 12, and grgrandmother would be 24 etc. We include a chart on the following page as an aid to the understanding of her system.

Beverly indexes and cross-indexes. She uses light-weight 3-ring binders as holders for photo copies from her searches...one for each family line. She uses the same number on an individuals group sheet and on census sheets etc. containing information on that individual. Another tool which I found interesting is her notebook of ancestor charts with white sheets for direct ancestors, yellow for their children and pink for their grandchildren. Beverly has compiled three family histories, and displayed some interesting items from her long research experience...pictures and such. If you ever have a chance to attend one of her presentations I would urge you not to pass it up.

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BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP

WCGS will hold our annual Beginning Genealogy Workshop on Sept. 21 & 22 at 7pm in our regular meeting room at the Indianola Public Library.

There will be a small fee for materials. WCGS members are invited to take advantage of this workshop.

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(Numbering system for ancestral charts)

Husband always has an even number (on the top line)

Wife always has an uneven number (on the bottom line)

Charts #2 and #3 are for your first four generations. (My husband is #2 and I am #3)

Charts #16 through #31 are a repeat of your 4th generation plus the 5th, 6th & 7th.

(You will not have charts with numbers 4 through 15 or 32 through 127, etc.)

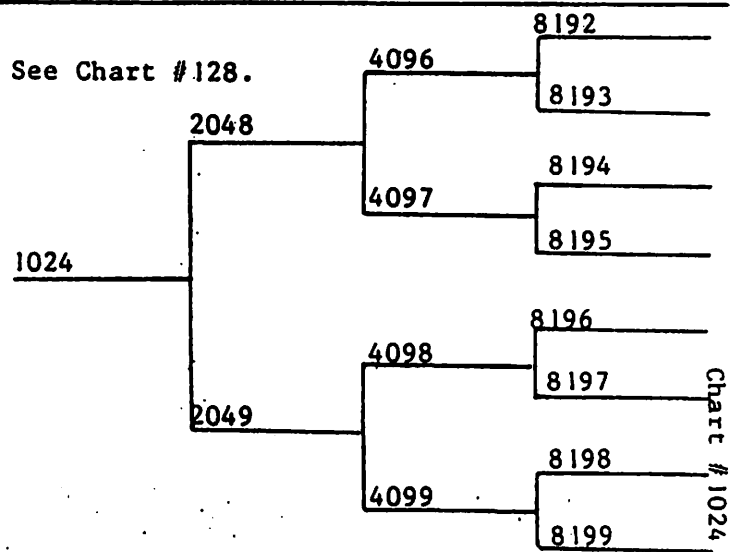
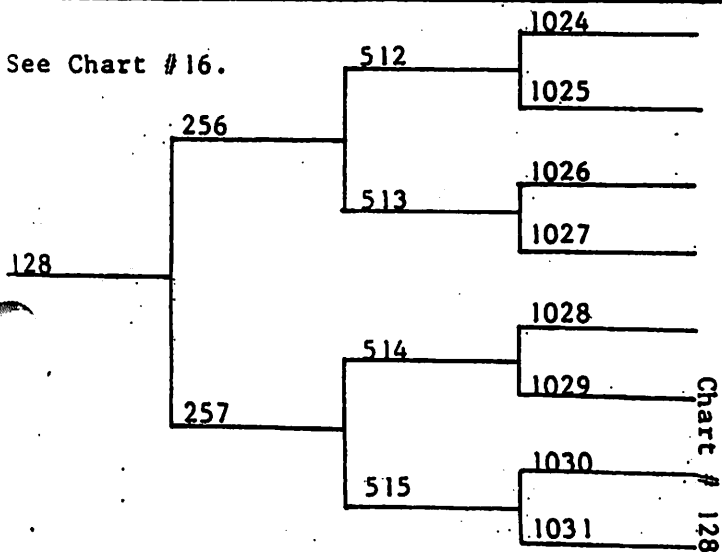
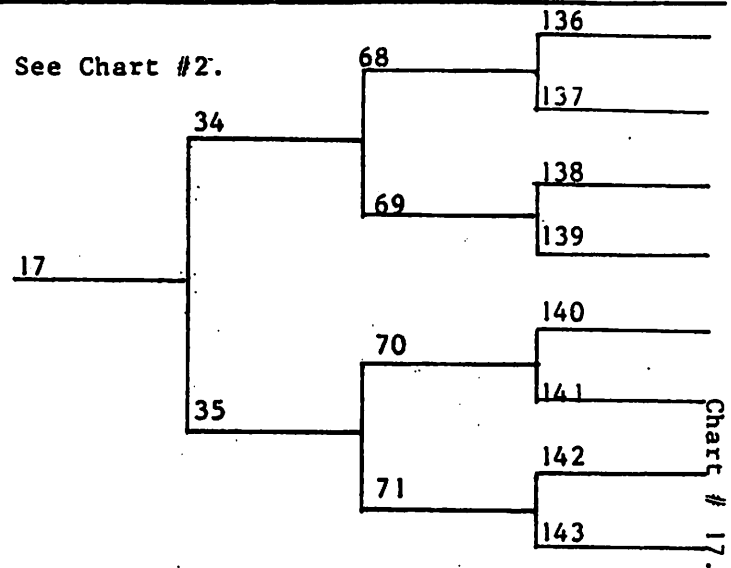
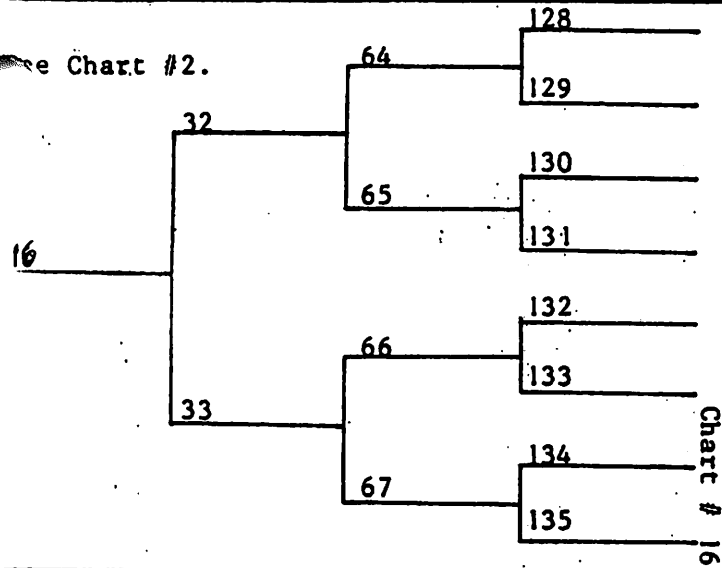
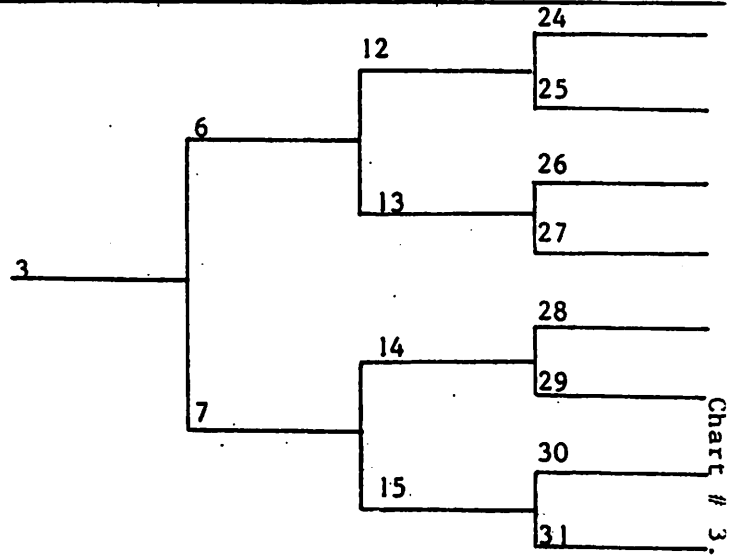
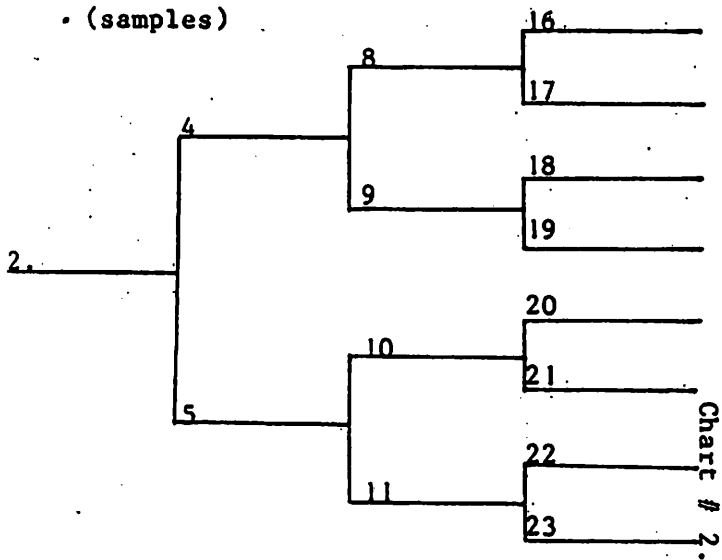
Charts #128 through #255 are a repeat of your 7th generation plus the 8th, 9th & 10th.

There is no end to the number of charts you may have. IF you can find the ancestors!

If you can locate lots of ancestors to have lots of charts, you will NEED an index!

Good luck in your search -- I wish you much success and many, many charts..

(samples)



QUERY

BRINEY R. D. Thornton, 1644 E. 56th St., Long Beach, CA 90805
 HARLESS Seek info on Rebecca (BRINEY) HARLESS, widow of Henry
 SCOTT HARLESS, who d. 26 Aug 1852 - where? Children were
 ELLIOTT Mary SCOTT, Sarah Jane ELLIOTT, Christopher, Daniel,
 Mathias, Thomas Henry and Jeremiah HARLESS. Rebecca
 d. 14 Oct 1887 - where, and where buried?

QUERY CORRECTION!

The query in regard to COLCLAZIER, OLDHAM, BELL, BOND, DOAK, CULLITON
 and DAVIS which appeared in the June Newsletter, was from Lola
Colclazier Taylor, 1309 North 13th St., Boise, ID 83702.

TRY THIS ONE: It all started when I
 married a widow with a grown daughter.
 Then my father, being a widower, married
 the daughter. That made my step-daughter
 my step-mother, and my father became my
 step-son; my wife also became the mother-
 in-law of her father-in-law. Then my step-
 mother had a son, who was my brother, being
 my father's son, but as the boy was the
 grandson of my wife, he was also my grand-
 son. Then my wife and I had a son. My
 father's wife is my son's half-sister and
 also his grandmother. Now it is easy to
 see that my father became my step-son by
 marrying my step-daughter. Therefore, be-
 ing my father's father, I am my own grand-
father. (Dub. Co.-Key Cy Oct 86)



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