



Warren County Genealogical Society

306 West Salem Indianola, Iowa 50125

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MEETINGS: 7:00 P.M. the third Monday of each month, except August and December, at the Indianola Public Library at 207 North B. Visitors are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: February 20, 1989, "A Wealth of Information from Military Records" by Enola Disbrow

NEWSLETTER: Published each month except August and December. We encourage members to send queries and articles for publication. Editor: Marieta Grissom.

DUES: \$5.00 single and \$7.50 family membership. Dues are payable to Registrar: Molly Bowlin.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: Thelma Pehrson, 306 West Salem, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

MEET OUR NEW SOCIETY PRESIDENT: Elaine Bumgarner

Biographical Information:

A life long resident of Warren County, Elaine was born on a farm south of Lake Ahquabi (before Lake Ahquabi!), the daughter of Andrew and Lela (Long) Simmerman. She attended Social Plains Rural School, and graduated from Indianola High School. Then she received both her B.S. and M.S. in Education from Drake University, teaching for 36 years in the secondary schools of Warren County. She is a life member of the Indianola Education Associan, the Iowa State Education Association and the National Education Associan. Besides the Warren County Genealogical Society, she is a member of the Warren County Historical Society, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Order of the Eastern Star. She and her husband, Darl, live on a farm.

Interest in Genealogy:

Elaine says: "You can safely describe me as a genealogical enthusiast. It's easy for me to get excited when I find new information about ancestors and other relatives. Genealogy must be my favorite hobby because that's what I usually choose to do when I have spare time--it's always relaxing and rewarding. Besides tracing my ancestry back as far as I can, I want to learn as much as I can about their lives, and I'm trying to write a family story about relatives in my generation and that of my parents and grandparents."

Goals for the Society as President:

Elaine's chief goal for the Warren County Genealogical Society for this year is to have everyone working according to his own personal needs and wishes, collecting genealogical data, organizing materials and writing family histories. To do this well, she hopes everyone can become more informed concerning: (1) research methods and sources; (2) the various genealogical libraries, and (3) the affairs of the local society. In addition; she hopes everyone in our Society can become better acquainted with each other.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER 1988 IGS (Iowa Genealogical Society) NEWSLETTER:

IGS is seeking donations to purchase a set of 35 rolls of microfilm for the Iowa G.A.R. records, that previously could only be used at the Historical Building.

Larry E. Messick of Winston-Salem, N.C. wrote to the Maryland G.S. stating that researchers should beware of Heritage Publishing Co. of Houston, TX. They did not respond to his correspondence or that of the Better Business Bureau. He stated that they have an unlisted phone number. -Maryland G.S. newsletter reprinted by Bremer County Browsings

A CALL FOR FAMILY HISTORIES: The newly opened Norwegian Emigration Center in Stavanger, Norway has compiled all church records, emigrant registers, censuses and bygdeboker from all over Norway to aid in genealogical research. The Emigration Center can use Norwegian and Norwegian-American family histories in their research. If you or someone in your family has compiled a family history the Emigration Center would greatly appreciate receiving a copy. The Emigration Center will also be happy to help you in your genealogical research. The Emigration Center, Hotel Atlantic, Jernbanev. 1, 4000 Stavanger, Norway.
-Treasure State Lines, Great Falls, MT

REPRINT SURVEY: If you are interested in a reprint of either "The 1894 Portraits and Biographical of Jones, Dubuque, and Clayton Counties", or "The History of Jones County, Iowa Past and Present 1910 in 2 Volumes-Illustrated", you should contact the Jones County Genealogical Society. It is estimated that "Portraits" will not cost over \$40 and "History" will cost approximately \$80 per set.

CAN'T FIND THAT CENSUS RECORD?? The 1790 census for present day District of Columbia is included with records for Montgomery and Prince George Counties, Maryland. The 1820 and 1830 censuses for Wisconsin are included in Michigan, the 1860 census for Wyoming is with Nebraska records. The 1860 census for Nevada is included with Utah, and the 1860 Colorado census is found with the Kansas census.
-Bremer County Browsings

RESEARCH TIPS: When submitting forms to the Federal Archives for Military Records you should include the wording, "Send Complete Medical File." Medical records are not filed with the military records. If the veteran was injured, hospitalized or received a medical discharge, there could be helpful information in the medical file, but you must request it.

DATES: You may have seen this "new" method of listing dates: 1987MR30. This method uses only eight characters, instead of the usual ten, and there is NO way of confusing the year, month or day because of the numeric - alpha-numeric sequence. Putting the year, month and day in descending order is more suited to computer sorting which, with computerizing becoming ever more popular, may well force this conversion in the near future. It is possible to use only two alpha characters to represent the month. Example: JA, FE, MR, AP, MY, JE, JL, AI, SE, OC, NO, DE. - Eastern Washington G.S. Newsletter

NEW DANISH MUSEUM: The groundbreaking ceremony took place Labor Day in Elk Horn, Iowa, for a \$12 million Danish Museum that will tell the story of Danish Immigrants to this country. Fund raising is now taking place. The museum will include a Genealogy Department. People with Danish backgrounds are encouraged to get their genealogy written and sent to the Danish Museum Committee or c/o Edna Christensen, 706 Hazel, Atlantic, IA 50022. -Cass County G.S. Newsletter

MAGNETIC PHOTO ALBUM TIP: If your pictures have bonded to the magnetic photo album, try lifting a corner and then aim a blast of warm air from a hair dryer underneath the picture. -Davis County G.S. Newsletter

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. -Unknown, from Washington County G.S. Newsletter

NEW IGS LIBRARY WINTER HOURS: Monday through Thursday 9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday Night 7:00 - 9:00
Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

Last year at this time, the IGS Library was open fifteen hours a week. This winter it will be open thirty-six hours a week for your researching pleasure. Fridays are characteristically the slowest day, so this winter the library will be closed on Fridays.

IGS OBITUARY FILING PARTIES: Through the winter months the IGS Library plans to have "Obituary Filing Parties" on the second Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 4:00. Drop in for a while or bring your lunch and stay all day.

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE, ANYONE? From the Vancouver Register 6 April 1892, on pronunciation of English names:

See:	Say:	See:	Say:	See:	Say:
Abergavenny -	Abergenny	Colquoun -	Cohon	Salisbury -	Sawlsbury
Beaucamp -	Beecham	Cowper -	Cooper	St. Leger -	Silliger
Bolinbroke -	Ballingbrook	Grosvenor -	Grovenor	Wemyss -	Weems
Brougham -	Broom	Hawarden -	Harden	Taliaferro -	Tolliver
Bulwer -	Buller	Holborn -	Hobun	Norwich -	Noridge
Cholmondeley -	Chumley	Knollys -	Knowles	Talbot -	Torbut
Cirencester -	Sisister	Leicester -	Lester	Thames -	Tems
Cockburn -	Cobun	Majoribank -	Marchbank		

-Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA, Nov 1988

The following information appeared in Changing Times, under the heading THE GOOD BOOK: Bibles are the most common books in the world and generally have little collectible value. However, Bible collecting is increasing and early, rare and physically attractive books in general are rising in value.

We have found someone who will estimate the value of a Bible. Write to librarian consultant and appraiser Ronald Lieberman, The Family Album, RD One, Box 42, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania 17327.

When you write, tell Lieberman the date and place the Bible was published and the size of the book and describe the binding and any illustrations. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for his reply.

-"Pioneer Trails", Des Moines, IA, Dec 1988

ELLIS ISLAND IS SET TO COMPUTERIZE AN IMMIGRANT LOG!

By using a simplified computer, visitors to Ellis Island will be able to glean information from original ship manifests: where relatives came from, how old they were, who traveled with them, and where they were going and what possessions they carried. A special program is being developed to track immigrants whose names were changed or spelled phonetically by immigration officials. The goal is to open the Ellis Island Family History Center June 1992.

-"Roots and Leaves" Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society, Fremont, NE, Winter 1988

1 CALENDARS: 1801-2000

Select the desired year from the table below.
The number shown with each year tells you the calendar to use for that year.

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Calendar grid for 1988, months 10-12 (October, November, December).

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Calendar grid for 1988, months 1-3 (January, February, March).

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Calendar grid for 1988, months 4-6 (April, May, June).

Monday's child is fair of face Tuesday's child is full of grace Wednesday's child is full of woe Thursday's child has far to go Friday's child is loving and giving Saturday's child works hard for its living Sunday's child, a child that's born on the Sabbath Day, is fair and wise and good and gay.

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Calendar grid for 1988, months 7-9 (July, August, September).

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Calendar grid for 1988, months 10-12 (October, November, December).

POSTAL SERVICE PROMOTING GENEALOGY

"Plant a Family Tree" is the name of a program which began the first week of October 1988. As a part of the program, the Postal Service has printed millions of folders that discuss family histories on one side and contain a genealogical form on the back to fill in information on parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. In addition to providing a form for starting a family tree, the folder includes tips on pursuing a more detailed family background. These forms are free at your local post office.

-Davis County (Iowa) G.S. Newsletter, Vol. VI, No. 4

SALVATION ARMY - MISSING PERSONS LOCATER

The Salvation Army operates a missing person service in 86 countries of the world, and is open to the public. Be aware of the following basic guide lines: person being serched for must be a near relative, you must provide essential information on the person, the Salvation Army reserves the right to reject or accept requests based on reasonableness, feasibility or motive, there is a \$5 non-refundable fee.

You may contact the local Salvation Army office or write to the nearest Territorial Headquarters. Addresses: 860 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610; 120 W. 14th St., New York, NY 10011; 1424 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329; 30840 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

Taken from the "Dear Abby" column, The Oregonian, Aug. 15, 1988 via Clark County G.S., Vancouver, WA, Oct 1988

DETERMINE CHURCH AFFILIATION OF ANCESTOR

In determining the church affiliation of your ancestor, these clues could be considered: NATIONAL ORIGIN If your ancestors were Scotch-Irish, chances are they were Presbyterian or Quaker. Most of the Irish were Catholic. As a usual rule, English people were members of the Church of England, Congregationalists, or Methodists. Many of the German nationality were members of either the Lutheran or the German Reformed and Evangelical churches. Most Swedish belong to the Lutheran Church. The Dutch were affiliated with the Dutch Reformed Church. Many of the Swiss were Mennonites, some coming from Germany where they had gone because of the religious persecution in their county.

Other clues to be considered are: family traditions which point to a definite religion; tombstones (the "sign" of the Methodists was the upraised hand with the index finger pointing to heaven); wills, death certificates, hospital records, obituaries.

Once you have decided the religion to which your ancestor belonged, write to the church located in the area or city where he lived. Ask for copies of any records pertaining to the family you are interested in. ALWAYS SEND A SASE and also a small offering of appreciation for their help.

-Mower County Genealogy News, Vol. 1, #19 via Davis County (Iowa) G.S. Newsletter Vol. VI, No. 4

THE GREAT MIGRATION: FROM THE AMERICAN COLONIES TO CANADA

How many are aware of the great migration to Canada from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, etc? Many thousands of immigrants from the American Colonies went to Canada, especially to Ontario, during the years 1776 to 1850. Although some went before 1776, "The First Great Migration" took place from 1776 to 1812. The migrations from Pennsylvania were mostly from the counties of Lancaster, Bucks, Somerset, Montgomery and Northampton. Many from New York were from Dutchess County, Long Island, Mohawk Valley and Albany. The reason that many of these families went to Canada rather than join the Ohio migration was because they had sworn loyalty to the English king; to escape persecution and also to be free from war service. The latter applied especially to the "Plain Folks". Many of these groups who went to Canada were the Moravians, Lutherans, Reformed, Huguenots, Mennonites, Amish, Quakers and Dunkards. The names of these families are ones very common in Ohio and Pennsylvania and these other states today. Here in the trackless wilderness they found rich limestone soil and walnut trees, the sign of rich soil. One of the most valuable and highly recommended books on research of these families is "The TRAIL OF THE BLACK WALNUT" by G. Elmore Rebman. The book possibly can be found at many libraries. Charts in the back of the book list the names of the families, where they came from, where and when they settled in Canada and nativity of family before coming to America.

-Ohio - THE CROSS ROAD OF OUR NATION, Records & Pioneer Families, p. 51, Apr-Jun 1965, Vol. VI No. II via Davis County (Iowa) G.S. Newsletter, Vol. VI, No. 4

DELAWARE "Hundreds" PROVIDE STEADY LINK

A government legacy from Great Britain still in use in Delaware today is the "hundred". Today the hundred is primarily a geographic term denoting location. Dating from King Edmund I (939-946), a hundred was a unit of English local government between a village and a shire, or county. It is thought that the term denoted a geographical area large enough to provide 100 men in time of war.

-L.A. Times, Dec. 14, 1986 via Davis County (Iowa) G.S. Newsletter, Vol. VI, No. 4
