



Warren County Genealogical Society

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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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: May 15, 1989 "How to Use a Microfiche" by Louise Pilmer and "Our Library - What's In It For Us?" by Kenneth Smith

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.

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

MEET OUR SOCIETY'S LIBRARIAN: KEN SMITH

Biographical Information:

I was born in Madison County, October 20, 1907, the son of William N. Smith and Lillian Henderson Smith. My elementary education was completed in the Winterset schools. I graduated from the University of Iowa in 1932, receiving a degree in Business Administration and a commission in the Army Reserve. In June of that year I married Florence E. Weir, whom I had met at the Young Peoples Christian Union National Convention at Kansas City, Missouri in 1927. We have one son, Richard K. Smith of Fairfield, Iowa. In the fall of 1932 I started the Smith Oil and Trucking Company. I was called to active duty in 1942, serving four years of Active Duty and a total of thirty-five years in the Army Reserve, retiring as a Major. I served as Warren County Assessor from 1950 to 1955, City Clerk of Indianola from 1955 to 1972 and Mayor of Indianola from 1976 to 1982. I am an active member of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, the Des Moines Consistory, Warren County Genealogical Society, Service Corps of Retired Executives and several other organizations.

Interest in Genealogy:

Several years ago I became interested in the origins of my ancestors. My grandparents were all born in Iowa when the Indians were still here. Where did their families come from? From Scotland, Ireland, and England, then they came over the great migration routes in the early 1800s, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Tennessee. It is interesting and fascinating tracing their histories and movements.

Goals for the Society:

As librarian my primary goal is to complete the assembling, sorting and coding of the genealogy material in the Indianola Library. I also hope to add to this material so that it will be a valuable resource for researching genealogy.

NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY PROGRAM "A Wealth of Information from Military Records" By Enola Disbrow

For service prior to 1912, write to:

Reference Services Branch
National Archives and Records Administration
7th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20408

for form: NATF80 - to obtain copies of veterans records.

For WWI or II or subsequent service, write to:

NATIONAL Personnel Records Center (Military Records)
NARA
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132

After receiving the form write at the top: Send ALL Records.

Give name of veteran, branch of service, state from which he served, war or dates between which he served. If service was Civil War, note whether Union or Confederate. If known, provide date and place of birth, death date and place, name of widow or other pension claimant.

At this meeting Enola related the story of a Civil War ancestor she was able to put together after studying 97 pages of personal Army records and many depositions testifying for the widow, the pension claimant. Besides names, dates and places, she learned physical characteristics and descriptions of their values. Those are the things that make ancestors come alive for genealogists!

NOTES FROM THE MARCH PROGRAM "How Shall I Organize These Bits of Paper?" by Barb Rasko

Barb listed and described some "Elements for Effective Genealogical Organization".

1. Research Log: Assign a number to each item (source) as you collect it (also called a collection number). In the research log include (1) Description of the Source; (2) whether book or film; (3) Author; (4) Title; (5) Type of Document; and (6) a Description of Results - what found, i.e., dates, names, places, etc.
2. Worksheets: (with the collection number) detail the information found in each source. These should be kept in alphabetical order by family name.
3. Document: originals should be kept safely filed/stored; working copies can then be used.
4. Family Group Sheets: put down everything known for sure in ink, other information can be put in pencil.

Barb advised to keep a running list of what you are still looking for and where you think you will most likely find it. She said to put personality into your writing; one way would be to use narrative. She suggested gathering information about a region and write about that, even though it might not be your specific family, if they lived there at that time, they lived that way. Be sure to include documents in your story.

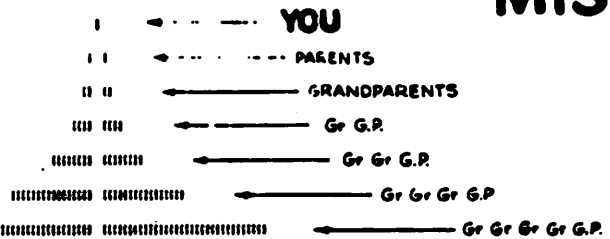
Barb likes to use the circle ancestor chart published by Evertons.

Also, be sure to include an index!

The IRISH 'O' and SCOTTISH 'Mac' also mean "son of".

**THIS CAN'T BE TRUE ...
YET HOW CAN IT
NOT BE
AT LEAST BASICALLY TRUE?**

**WHY HAVE WE BEEN
MISLED?**



GENERATIONS AGO	YEARS AGO	NO. OF YOUR DIRECT-LINE ANCESTORS
1	25	PARENTS 2
2	50	GRANDPARENTS 4
3	75	Gr G.P. 8
4	100	Gr Gr G.P. 16
5		32
6		64
7		128
8	200	256
9		512
10		1,024
11		2,048
12	300	4,096
13		8,192
14		16,384
15		32,768
16	400	65,536
17		131,072
18		262,144
19		524,288
20	500	MILLION 1,048,576

**THIS IS ONLY THE DIRECT ANCESTRY - PER GENERATION...
FOR JUST ONE PERSON - YOU...
FOR ONLY 1,000 YEARS BACK... AND DOES NOT
EVEN INCLUDE THE 40 GENERATION TOTAL!**

21		2,097,152
22		4,194,304
23		8,388,608
24	600	16,777,216
25		33,554,432
26		67,108,864
27		134,217,728
28	700	268,435,456
29		536,870,912
30		BILLION 1,073,741,824
31		2,147,483,648
32	800	4,294,967,296
33		8,589,934,592
34		17,179,869,184
35		34,359,738,368
36	900	68,719,476,736
37		137,438,953,472
38		274,877,906,944
39		549,755,813,888
40	1,000	TRILLION 1,089,511,627,776

We are told, by the recognized authorities, that the present world population of 4 billion is the greatest ever ... and represents about 20% of all the people who have ever lived, i.e. 20 billion.

This chart reveals startling evidence which massively refutes the conventional view of the world and its population. The principle is simple: **IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE ONE.** One is the result of two; two is the result of four; four is the result of eight; etc.

It is true that there would be some incestual erosion in the mathematical progression of the chart. But, even a 90% erosion (which is unlikely) would still leave a mind-boggling number for the ancestry of **JUST ONE PERSON!**

Any comments should be addressed to The Editor.

GLOSSARY OF WORDS AND TERMS FROM LAND RECORDS

ABSTRACT OF TITLE: A condensed history of the title to land.

BASE LINE: An imaginary line running east and west from an initial point used in surveying the public domain.

BOUNTY LAND: A portion of the public domain given to soldiers for military service by way of bounty, in place of money payments.

DEED/WARRANTY: An instrument conveying title to real property.

DEED OF TRUST: A deed that creates a trust.

DEVISEE: The person who receives land or other real property by will.

DEVISOR: Testator; one who wills land to another.

EMINENT DOMAIN: That superior domain of the sovereign power over property within the State which authorizes it to appropriate all or any part thereof to a necessary public use, reasonable compensation being made.

FEE SIMPLE: An absolute inheritance, an estate in fee, without condition or restriction.

GRANT: Thing or property granted; gift; specifically, a tract of land, a monopoly, of the like granted by the government.

GRANTEE: A person to whom a grant is made.

GRANTOR: A person by whom a grant is made.

INDENTURE: A deed which originally was made in two parts formed by cutting or tearing a single sheet across the middle in a jagged or indented line that the two parts may be subsequently matched or rematched.

LESSEE: One to whom a lease is given.

PACE: A measure of distance; two and one half feet.

PATENT: An instrument making a conveyance or grant of public lands; a deed.

QUITCLAIM DEED: A deed conveying the interest of the grantor at that time.

RANGE: A tier of townships (in surveying) running vertical on the map or north and south.

SURVEY: The operation of finding and delineating the contour, dimensions, position, etc., by applying the principles of geometry and trigonometry, as of any part of the earth's surfaces; a measured plan and description.

-North Central IL Gen. Soc. via Sac Co. IA. Gen. Soc. Oct 1988

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 the other hand, begins with a single ancestor and traces forward in time to include all descendents to the present.

-Olmsted County, MN. via Sac Co. IA. Gen. Soc. Oct 1988

There are four kinds of bones in an organization:

WISHBONES	who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work
JAWBONES	who do all the talking, but very little else
KNUCKLEBONES	who knock everything anyone else tries to do
BACKBONES	who get under the load and do the work.

-Greater Omaha Gen. Soc. Jan 1989

THANKS TO MAUDE WILKINS who contributed the items for this page!

DEATH RECORDS for Warren County for the year 1905: for June 1918 to January 1923; and for June 1935 to June 12, 1941 are at the State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA.

What is the MAGNA CHARTA? It is the great charter that King John of England was forced by the English Barons to grant at Runnymede June 15, 1215. It guaranteed certain civil and political liberties to the English people.

The DOMESDAY BOOK is said to be so named because it spared none and judged all men without bias, like the last judgment. It is the record of a survey of England, made under William the Conqueror in 1086, listing all landowners and showing the value and extent of their holdings; abbreviated D.B., also Domesday Book.

The MASON-DIXON LINE was surveyed 1763-1767.

INDIANOLA CHANGED STREET NAMES December 10, 1894:

Madison	to Ashland
North	to Boston
Borden	to Clinton
Main	to Salem
South	to First Ave.
Washington	to Second Ave.
Franklin	to A Street (later changed to Buxton)
Steam	to B Street
Fremont	to C Street
State	to Second Street (later changed to Jefferson Way)

All streets running east and west became Avenues and all north-south ones became streets. Howard Street is the only one never to have its name changed.

"Ob sini proli" means "died without issue".

Guilford County Court House Register of Deeds, Greensboro, NC 27402 has land records dating from 1771.

Quaker records show dates as "25 6th mo. 1827". This is actually the 25th of August, not June, as they began with March as the first month and February as the 12th month.

THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN STATES were:

Delaware	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania
Georgia	New Jersey	Rhode Island
Maine	New York	South Carolina
Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia
Massachusetts		

In early days Quebec was called Lower Canada, while Ontario was called Upper Canada.

CENSUS DATES - Census enumerators were instructed to take the census as of a certain date, regardless of when they visited. If the visit was after that date, babies born after that date were not included, but deaths were. Census dates were:

The first Monday of August in 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820
June 1 in 1830 and all following censuses through 1900
April 15 in 1910
January 20 in 1920
April 1 in 1930 through 1980

"It is wise for us to recur to the history of our ancestors. Those who have no regard for such history and for their posterity--those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future by the transmission of life and family name, do not perform their duty to the world. To be faithful to ourselves, we must keep both our ancestors and their posterity in our thoughts and affection; living in the memory and retrospect of the past and caring with affection for those who are to come after us. We are true to ourselves only when we feel a becoming pride in the blood we inherit and which we are to transmit to those who shall fill our places."

-Daniel WEBSTER (1782-1825), Pocahontas Trails Gen. Soc. via Sac Co. IA, Oct 1988

FINDING YOUR FAMILY RECORDS: Would you know how to locate your important family records if your spouse was hospitalized or out of town? Would someone else be able to find these records if YOU were hospitalized or out of town?

Managing important papers should be a joint family responsibility, but all too often they are shoved into old shoe boxes and forgotten, or only one member of the family knows where they are.

Here are some tips on organizing important materials:

Documents are safest in a bank vault. Make sure signature cards are on file for several members of the family to insure access in case of an emergency. Wills and life insurance policies, however, should NEVER be kept in a safe-deposit box since it could be sealed at the time of death.

Most financial records can be kept at home, but in fire-resistant boxes made for such purposes.

Know where to find the records when you need them and make sure the entire family knows this essential information.

INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS have increased in price to 80 cents. The coupons are used in place of a SASE when writing for information from overseas, and two are required. (Eastern WA Gen. Society, Nov. 1988 via Clark Co. WA, Feb 1989.)

RESEARCHING IN MISSOURI? The Missouri State Archives has some help for you. Write for the Missouri Archives Bulletin: "A Guide to County Records on Microfilm", a free 62 page listing arranged by county. Also ask for a request form. The archives charge only for photocopies at 50 centers per page, however, you can order any of the microfilms for \$5.00 each. (WA State Gen. Soc. Jan 1989 via Clark Co. WA, Feb 1989.)

GENEALOGY COLUMN - The Star Tribune Publishing Co., P.O. Box 149, Terre Haute, IN 47808 offers free queries in their newspaper. Send to the attention of: "Genealogy", Dorothy J. Clark - at the above address. (Henry Co. IL Gen. Soc., Dec 1989 via Clark Co. WA, Feb 1989)

GRANDPARENTS need to keep alive traditions that give unique definitions to their families. Pass on a sense of family heritage. Tell stories of ancestors, family milestones and traditions. These roots give a family a sense of pride that can be an anchor and a guiding inspiration for grandchildren. Blessed are the children whose grandparents have provided them with traditions that serve as an inspiration to move ahead. They will construct a meaningful and worthwhile present based on an appreciation of the past. -Ronald E. Hawkins, "Family Happiness is Homemade"

Keep a photocopy of all your correspondence!

ACCURACY OF CENSUS

"The accuracy of a census record is in proportion to the accuracy of the enumerator and his informant," an article in the South Bend, Indiana Tribune stated in 1986. Early records are especially vulnerable to inaccuracies, it has been found. The appointment of enumerators may be partly to blame for inaccurate results. People were selected for the job because of political affiliations, not literacy qualifications. This point was made clear by the Tribune columnist who offered the following letter written by a census taker.

"Ocupsyshien - census taker. I am a census taker for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in resent years and now in 1865, it has become a hard and time consuming job to count all the peephill. There is not many that can do this work, as it is necessarie to have an ejudashun, which a lot of people still do not have. Another atribert needed for the job is good spelling, for so many pephill to be counted can hardle speek inglish, let alon spel their names."
-Posted on the bulletin board of the National Archives via Madison Co, IA Gen Soc 1st Quarter 1989

SPOUSE SUGGESTS "GENEAL-ANON GROUP:

Carol Collins, genealogy columnist of Michiana Roots in the South Bend Tribune, South Bend, IN turns over her column to her husband, Walton R. Collins once a year. In the Jan. 3, 1988 issue, Mr. Collins suggested forming a "Geneal-Anon" group for all spouses of genealogists who were merely "Hangerson" like himself. Those interested were provided a checklist of proposed requirements for membership. "If you spouse does five or more of the following" he wrote, "you are elligible."

Ranks family vacation sites by the quality of the cemeteries in the vicinity;

Is often indifferent to lunch or dinner if he/she happens to be glued to a computer screen (if indifference extends to breakfast, it may be too late even for Geneal-Anon to help you);

Spends hours putting genealogical charts in order, while surrounded by disarray of his/her last 6 trips to the research library;

Is occasionally found at 3 a.m. on a wakeful night, entering genealogical data into a computer or a family sheet;

Spends a day in Chicago in mid-Dec and never leaves Newberry Library for the glitter of Water Tower Place;

Has the wall of his/her workroom plastered with family charts;

Sets out for the Fort Wayne Library at 6 a.m. on snowy winter mornings despite forecasts that the blizzard of the decade will arrive by noon (it is, I believe, every genealogist's dream to be snowed in for a week someplace like the Fort Wayne Library);

Never fails to volunteer to run the family reunion, which is to be held next summer in a place hundreds of miles away where no tourist has ever before turned up;

Comes home from conferences loaded with audio tapes of every conference session including the happy hours;

Hangs around telephone booths in unfamiliar cities and airports, paging through the telephone book in search of names in the family line...and sometimes dialing strangers "on a hunch".

"There is, sadly, no help for the addicts themselves," Mr. Collins stated. "Science has already shown that conclusively. It is the innocent parties Geneal-Anon might still be able to help."

QUERIES:

COE Searching for info on Jonathan COE (1824-1886), his wife Mary (WEAVER)
WEAVER COE, or their children: Calvin Luther, Henry Lee, Cassus M. Lizzie, Ida,
 Ella or Charles. I have birthdates, but little else. Jonathan moved to
 Norwalk, Iowa about 1856. Jan Herbert, 633 North Main, Fostoria, Ohio
 44830.

STUBBS Seeking info on Iddo STUBBS who died in Warren County in 1872;
CROSSEN previously resided in Marion County and in Ohio. Also seeking info on
 Nehemiah and Thomas CROSSEN families, 1860-1875. Maggie Weir, 3182
 County MM, Route 4, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235.

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