

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: September 18, 1989 "Who Came on the Orphan Train?" by Cathy Ayers

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

DUES: \$6.00 single and \$9.00 family membership. Send to Treasurer: Enola Disbrow, 810 West Salem, Indianola, Iowa 50125

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

MEET OUR SOCIETY'S CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Thelma Pehrson

Biographical Information:

A native of Warren County, I attended Brown's School and Brown's Chapel Church, graduated from Indianola High School and Simpson college. I married Ray Pehrson who lived at Swea City where I was teaching. We farmed for 40 years and after retiring and moving to Indianola in 1987, he died of a heart attack last September. We have three children: Marieta Grissom, John, and Marilea Chase and 7 grandchildren. School teaching for 22 years kept me busy throughout the years, in addition to homemaking. I am Moderator of Presbyterian Women of Trinity United Presbyterian church. I am an active member of Women's Club, Questers and many other organizations.

Interest in Genealogy:

I have always been interested in family history and have many boxes of clippings just waiting to be sorted. A more active interest began with the publishing of the Milo Book, 1880-1980. All of my grandparents and great-grandparents and some great-great-grandparents lived and most are buried in Warren County so that part of research has been fairly easy. I hope to get my information into a more accessible form in the near future.

Goals as Corresponding Secretary

As Corresponding Secretary I do very limited research here in the county for those who write for information.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1989 CONFERENCE

The Iowa Genealogical Society fall conference will be October 6 & 7, 1989, Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Ames, Iowa featuring Peggy Shomo Joyner, C.G., on MID-ATLANTIC COLONIAL RESEARCH, Andrew J. Morris on IRISH RESEARCH, and Paul E. Maddy, banquet speaker, on THE REPAIR OF NEGLECTED TOMBSTONES with plastic pipe, tubes of glue and an estimated \$5,000 of his own money, in rural Iowa cemeteries.

AM I REALLY READY TO PUBLISH MY FAMILY BOOK?

You are...if you can answer the following questions.

THE FAMILY

Do I have some nice stories of at least everyone born before 1900?...Do I have copies of their obituaries?...Have I records of their Wills & Probates?...Have I records of land transactions?...Do I show my research into the 1850 thru 1920 census?...Have I found old Bible records?

MY BOOKLET

Do I have a table of contents?...An interesting introduction?...Maps showing areas in which they lived?...Sources of my information?...An index, will it be an every name index OR surname index to those married into the clan, plus every name for those of our surname?...Have I included an address for every single descendant - a must?...Do I have a 3 generation chart at the front of the book so anyone purchasing it can see easily where they "fit" in?...Have I decided on my generation numbering system?...Do I want it so anyone purchasing it can insert sheets later?

DEMAND

If I make it too expensive, how many will buy if it costs more than \$10.00 with the economy today?...For those not purchasing at first, how many will want a copy after they see one?...How many extra copies can I usually get rid of?

PICTURES

Can they be used in my book?...Do they have to be glossy or what?...Can they reduce or enlarge them in size?...How expensive will it be to have picture pages?...Can they use color snapshots?...Can I trust the printer with my picture or should I have copies made locally?...Do you send pictures at same time or separate?

PRINTER

Have I ever seen a book this printer has already done?...Have I checked with the Better Business Bureau in the city where they are located?...Do I want it printed on one side or both sides of pages?...If it has to be punched, who will do that?...Who will collate it?...How much money do I have to pay before they print it?...How long will it take from time I send it to the printer until it comes?...How is it shipped?

TYPING

Can I use a portable typewriter?...What kind of ribbon can I use?...Can I use white correction fluid?...Can I use an eraser?...If printed on both sides of page, how about my margins on odd and even numbered pages?...Do I number picture pages?

NOTIFYING THE RELATIVES

Is it OK to expect payment in advance?...What all should I tell them in the notice?...How much profit do I want to make per book?...If book rate, what postal guidelines do I have to meet?...Is the cost the same no matter what state it is sent to?...How much is it going to cost to mail it?...What type of envelope should I use?...Sample of notice I sent to relatives:

"Dear relative:

Sept. 1, 1983

After 3 long years of letter writing, the booklet on all descendants of Wilhelm Zimmer 1812-1890 of Immekath Prussia who died in Des Moines Co., Ia. is finally ready to go to the printers Oct. 15. It is 158 pages, includes pix of Wilhelm and wife, also their six kids that came to Iowa, 2 maps one of Prussia area and one of Augusta township Des Moines Co., IA. and stores submitted by many of you: indexed. There will be few extras made, so ALL copies need to be ordered now. Price is \$10.00 which includes mailing book rate. If interested, mail check so I get it by Oct 12. Any ordered will be mailed Nov 20, watch for them by Dec 1.

Thank you for all your help.....Verda"

DONATING COPEIS TO LIBRARIES

Where all do I want to donate copies?...How do I cover that expense?

-Sept 1985, Southeast Iowa Gen. Conference - speaker Verda Baird, Route 1 Box 50. Fairfield IA via KFO-MAH TRACER'S

DEADLY WORDS:

A woman was being shown around a thriving Bible camp when she came across a small burial ground. Her guide said, "The camp you see today might not have existed without this cemetery."

He explained, "In the early days, when this camp was only a dream, somebody was always saying, "If we had the money we'd build," or "We can't build now," or "It's impossible to go ahead." We were stymied until we came up with a dramatic idea for getting rid of our stumbling blocks. We buried them!"

The visitor took a closer look at the gravestones. "Here lie words that hinder," said one, and on the other three were carved the words: "IF", "CAN'T" and "IMPOSSIBLE".

CIVIL WAR SOLDIER'S PHOTOS WANTED

The department of the Army, U.S. Military History Inst. Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013-5008 has an on-going project. They would like to collect a photograph of every Civil War soldier, both North and South--all 4 million of them. So far they have about 80,000. If you wish to contribute to the collection, you may send either an original photo, insured, or a good negative by copying the original itself. They do not want to copy from prints because it is difficult to get a good sharp negative. The photo, with an 8 x 10 enlargement, will be returned to the donor by insured mail.

If additional copies are desired, up to three prints will be made from one negative. The museum has an extensive photographic collection and will check its card file and regiment lists for inquiries if an SASE is included. They are also collecting correspondence from the Civil War period, i.e., soldier's letters, diaries and memoirs according to Michael J. Winey, Curator

-Fairfield Trace, Spring 1989, Lancaster, Ohio via KEO-MAH TRACERS

CANADIAN POSTAGE

Joyce Hughes, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, has a good point that we genealogists need to consider. Postage from the United States to Canada is now 30 cents for the first ounce. Also, it does no good to send SASE to recipients in Canada with US postage affixed, because Canada, being a foreign country, has its own postage stamps. A good idea would be to enclose loose stamps which could be used by the Canadian resident when he wants to send SASE to someone in the US.

-The Ohio Gen Soc Newsletter, Mansfield, Ohio via KEO-MAH TRACERS

THE GREAT WAGON ROAD

The Great Wagon Road ran west from Philadelphia, PA., through Lancaster and York, then turned southwest to Frederick, MD., and on into western Virginia. From almost beginning of the 18th Century, newly-arrived immigrants to Pennsylvania moved west out of Philadelphia in search of land, and this vital route west became known as the Great Wagon Road. Some of those who travelled that road stayed in York for a long period of time; others stayed only briefly. Some who passed through on their way to western Maryland and Virginia came back to visit families or to find brides. In many instances, some record exists of these connections. York thus became a gateway for the frontier to the west and southwest, and many more people used this same route to travel down to Carolinas, over to Kentucky, and eventually up into Ohio. The newly-renovated genealogical library of the Historical Society of York County is located at 250 East Market St., York, PA 17401.

-Abstracted from an article, "Look to York if Ancestors Passed Through Pennsylvania", by John W. Heisey, in Antique Week's Genealogy Week section, February 27, 1989 issue, via KEO-MAH TRACERS.

HINT: Use Glad Bags to store your genealogical papers. They are made of Mylar, which is archivally safe, and much cheaper than purchasing storage bags from an archival supply store. -Franklin Record, January 1989 via KEO-MAH TRACERS.

GRAVES OF US SERVICEMEN BURIED OVERSEAS

Those seeking the graves of U.S. servicemen buried overseas should be aware of the existence of the American Battle Monuments Commission. According to the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, the Commission is responsible for the construction and maintenance of American military cemeteries on foreign soil. Congressional Quarterly's Washington Information Directory (1986-87) lists American Battle Monuments Commission (Executive Office), 20 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20314, or call (212) 272-0533 for information. The Federal Register says one may contact the Director of Operations and Finance, Col. William E. Ryan, Jr., American Battle Monuments Commission, 5127 Pulaski Building, Washington, DC 20314 or call (212) 272-0536.

-News from the Northwest (IL) via KEO-MAH TRACERS

NEW JERSEY RESEARCH

The New Jersey Dept of State Archives and Record Management, 1855 West State Street, CN 307, Trenton, NJ 08625, will provide information on wills prior to 1901, colonial deeds, colonial marriage bonds and some military records for the American Revolution.

-Westward into Nebraska, May 1989

KENTUCKY NEWSPAPER FILMS

The University of Kentucky is making its microfilmed newspaper holdings available for out-of-state interlibrary loans. Write: Inter-Library Loan, M.L. King Library, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0391

-Westward into Nebraska, May 1989

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

We should not trust our memory of what sources have been searched, particularly if it has been several weeks or longer since we have done research on an ancestor. Individual research charts are very important in our genealogical research. We should keep an Individual Search Chart for each individual on our pedigree charts. The chart lists the records searched - even those which did not give information. Such a chart enables one at any time to determine what research has been carried out. They are convenient to use when answering letters from others inquiring if we have information on that person. The chart is not intended to itemize the results of searches which are usually recorded in a research notebook. It is more like an index which allows one to quickly determine what has been done and eliminates the unnecessary duplication of work in records previously searched.

The chart assists one in locating notes recorded in research notebooks - notebooks used to record notes taken in libraries and when interviewing people about our ancestors.

If an ancestor wrote daily in a personal journal, dating each day's entry, the material is a primary source of information. Currently written birth dates, marriage dates and death dates are most likely correct. There would be little doubt about the accuracy of such a statement: "our daughter Lisa passed away at 5:10 a.m. this morning."

Personal knowledge of family members is good evidence for names and relationships. A child usually knows the names of his parents, brothers, sisters and often his grandparents. Among the best kind of knowledge is that which comes from immediate contacts of the person. However, such information is often unreliable for dates--birth dates, marriage dates, death dates.

Westward Into Nebraska, April 1989

CANADIAN RESERACH

It may be of help to know when civil registration began in each province, bearing in mind that in the first few years the records were far from complete. the earlist date of land registration is included in parentheses when known.

ALBERTA: Births 1887, marriages and deaths 1898
BRITISH COLUMBIA: Births, marriages and deaths in 1872.
MANITOBA: Births, marriages and deaths 1882 (1872)
NEW BRUNSWICK: Births, marriages and deaths 1888 (1784)
NEWFOUNDLAND: Births, marriages and deaths 1892 (1831)
NOVA SCOTIA: Births and deaths 1864-75, 1909 on., marriages 1864 (1720 for Acadian, 1749)
ONTARIO: Births, marriages and deaths 1869 (ca 1794)
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Some marriages 1787, births, marriages and deaths 1906 (1767)
QUEBEC: Births, marriages and deaths 1926 (1626)
SASKATCHEWAN: Births, marriages and deaths 1889 (1872)

A good map and gazeteer are necessities when trying to locate a Canadian origin. Modern maps for any area of the country can be obtained from Map Distribution Office, 615 Booth St., Ottawa, Ontario KaA OE9, which issues a free brochure, How to Order a Topographic Map. The Gazeteer of Canada is a series with a volume for each province, available from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa.

-Tri-State Trader of Dec 1979, via Eastern Nebrask Genealogical Soc June 1989

TYLER, TEXAS, CAMP FORD PRISONER LIST WANTED

A memorial is planned for the confederate prison, Camp Ford, at Tyler, Texas, and names of country men who died there during the Civil War are wanted. For men who served from Iowa, write Military Records, State Adjutant General's Office, 700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, IA 50131. Send names to Memorial Committee, Camp Ford, Tyler, TX 75701.

-Davis Co. Gen. Soc. Newsleter, Summer 1989

GRAVE MARKER PROJECT

Dr. Loren Horton of the State Historical Society of Iowa is working on a Cemetery project. He hopes that when you are doing your research this summer in cemeteries that you will keep in mind some of the things he is looking for and drop him a note. He is looking for white bronze markers. They are usually bluish gray from age. Jot down the surnames of the people, the death dates and the name of the manufacturer and date. It should be somewhere on the marker. Also note the name of the cemetery. He hopes to record as many white bronze grave markers as possible in Iowa for a book he is writing.

If you find any of the following symbols on grave markers, Dr. Horton would like the same information: A butterfly leaving a cocoon, a grave stone in the shape of a full-sized bedstead, a dove resting on a finger pointing left or "west", a "Woodmen of the World" trademark dating before the 1890s and a hollow metal marker made of "white bronze" (sandblasted zinc).

Dr. Horton, HA. State Historical Dept., 402 Iowa Ave, Iowa City, IA.

-Sac Co. Gen. Society April 1989

BLAME IT ON THE QUAKERS?

This religious group refused to accept the names of the days and weeks adopted by the Romans and chose to use numbers, such as First Date and First Month instead. Many persons today use the same idea as 4-15-89, but just to avoid any confusion of what date is meant, it is better to write out the month in your genealogical records.

-Adair County Historical Society, April 1989

EDITOR'S NOTE: HELP! HELP! HELP! This list should be a mile long! Please take the time to look over this list and think about the names and locations you are researching. Then complete the sheet enclosed in this newsletter and send it to Thelma Pehrson, 306 West Salem, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

We have nearly 100 members and the people who have given us their information constitute only a fraction of the total membership. I think everyone would want to know who is researching where. If someone else is researching the same location as you are, wouldn't it be nice to have someone to share information with.

I will print the final list in the October newsletter. Be sure your information is included!

RESEARCHER	STATE RESEARCHING	COUNTY RESEARCHING	NAMES RESEARCHING
Doris Lawson	Connecticut	Hartford Co.	Rogers, Steele
Enola Disbrow	Delaware		
Charlotte Rice	Illinois		
Elaine Bumgarner	Illinois	Hamilton Co. Peoria Co. Stark Co. Vermillion Co. Tazwell Co.	Long Long Simmerman Mills Kelso
Marieta Grissom	Illinois		
Charlotte Rice	Indiana		
Jane Godwin	Indiana	Southern Counties	
Elaine Bumgarner	Indiana		
Marieta Grissom	Indiana	Franklin Co. Putnam Co. Washington Co. Switzerland Co. Wayne Co. Hamilton Co. Shelby Co. Fountain Co.	Cue, Benge Belvel Bettis Hayworth Kelso, Nelson McLaughlin Richardson (ca 1835) Grisham/Grissom Newport
Darl Bumgarner	Kansas	Allen Co. Miami Co. Harper Co. Barber Co. Morton Co.	Williams, Helms Williams, Helms Bumgarner Bumgarner Bumgarner
Charlotte Rice	Kentucky		
Elaine Bumgarner	Kentucky	Clay Co.	Benge
Enola Disbrow	Kentucky	Barren Co.	
Marieta Grissom	Kentucky	Mercer Co.	Bettis Clark, Richardson Grisham/Grissom Morgan
Enola Disbrow	Maryland		
Kenneth E. Smith	Maryland		
Marieta Grissom	Maryland	?	Richardson (ca 1760)
Marieta Grissom	Missouri	Jasper Co. ? ? ?	Belvel Gloshen McLaughlin Stewart

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Enola Disbrow	Nebraska	Saunders Co. Douglas Co.	
Enola Disbrow	New Jersey		
Enola Disbrow	New York	Albany Co. Ulster Co. Ostego Co. Montgomery Co.	
Darl Bumgarner Marieta Grissom	New York New York	Madison Co.	Curtis, Hills Kelso
Charlotte Rice Elaine Bumgarner Doris Lawson Marieta Grissom	North Carolina North Carolina North Carolina North Carolina	Guilford Co.	McNamer Unthank, Worley Hayworth
Charlotte Rice Enola Disbrow	Ohio Ohio	Pike Co. Champaign Co. Madison Co.	
Darl Bumgarner	Ohio	Pike Co. Portage Co.	Bumgarner Caldwell
Elaine Bumgarner	Ohio	Adams Co. Brown Co.	Derrough Dixon, Derrough
Kenneth E. Smith	Ohio	Portage Co. Hamilton Co. Pickaway Co.	Irene Andrew Reed Catherine Van Eaton Walston
Marieta Grissom	Ohio	Guernsey Co. Belmont Co.	Belvel/Belville/Belveal Belvel Newport, Stewart
Edith Conn Les Swartzlander	Pennsylvania Pennsylvania	Bucks Co. Island of Ragen North Cumberland Co.	Swartzlander Heim (1840) Hime (1850)
Jane Godwin Enola Disbrow	Pennsylvania Pennsylvania	Schyhil Co. Pike Co. Jefferson Co. Lancaster Co.	
Doris Lawson	Pennsylvania	Bradford Co. Allegheny Co. York Co. Franklin Co.	Rogers McCaudless Harper Woods
Kenneth E. Smith Darl Bumgarner Elaine Bumgarner Marieta Grissom	Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Pennsylvania	Westmoreland Co. Westmoreland Co. Allegheny Co. Westmoreland Co. Dolphin Co. ?	Isaac Moore Caldwell Stewart Stewart Ferree Morrison, Middleton, Hull
Marjorie Kline	Rhode Island		
Charlotte Rice	South Carolina		

RESEARCHER	STATE RESEARCHING	COUNTY RESEARCHING	NAMES RESEARCHING
Kenneth E. Smith	Tennessee	Blount Co.	Henderson, Alexander
Enola Disbrow	Tennessee	Clayburn (Claiborne)	King
Darl Bumgarner	Tennessee	Clayburn (Claiborne)	King
Marieta Grissom	Tennessee	?	Mills, Devault
Edith Conn	Virginia		
Enola Disbrow	Virginia		
Doris Lawson	Virginia	Floyd Co.	Terry
Elaine Bumgarner	Virginia	Wythe Co.	Simmerman
Marieta Grissom	Virginia	?	Stanley
Charlotte Rice	West Virginia		
Marjorie Cline	Wisconsin		
Jane Godwin	Wisconsin	Grant Co.	
Marjorie Kline	Canada		
Jane Godwin	Denmark		
Jane Godwin	England		
Kenneth E. Smith	England		
Mary Smart	England		
Les Swartslander	Germany		
Edith Conn	Germany		
Marjorie Kline	France		
Kenneth E. Smith	Scotland		
Enola Disbrow	Sweden		
Edith Conn	Alsace Lorrain		

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