



Warren County Genealogical Society

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As the year closes, we look back on our activities to assess our progress and needs and to plan for the year ahead.

At the beginning of the year, members of the society expressed a desire to purchase the remaining 1987 Warren County History Books from the publisher so that we could have control of the books and the funds from that project account. The Society asked the Executive Council to pursue the possibility of making the purchase and gave it the authority to complete the transaction.

As the result of correspondence and telephone conversations, we were able to purchase the remaining 82 books @ \$52.00 from the publishers, Curtis Media Corporation of Dallas, Texas. We sent the final payment to Curtis Media on May 18, 1989, and on the same day closed our account with them.

The funds from that account represented our royalties from books already sold minus the purchase price of the 82 books. At the direction of the Executive Council, these funds were placed in a Super Saver Account at Peoples Bank, Indianola. Money from the sale of history books is placed in this account and funds from it may be used for projects of the society.

1989 was the second year of hard work for the Library Committee. Last year, the materials from the WCGS Library, most of which had been kept at Louise Pilmer's house, were donated to the Genealogy Section of the Indianola Public Library.

This year, Mr. Ginter, the Head Librarian, asked for volunteers from the Society to help with shelving and caring for the materials on the genealogy shelves of the library. Members of the Library Committee of WCGS and volunteers took all of the materials off of the Genealogy shelves, recoded some and rearranged them to make them more readily accessible. All Warren County materials are placed first on the shelves and the rest are shelved according to the Dewey Decimal System.

There is a shelf list listing all materials on the Genealogy shelves at the library. The librarians show you this list and very graciously find materials for you when you are researching there. There are over 400 volumes of genealogy material in the library. These include probate abstracts, obituaries, family histories, Bible records, military records, and materials from many states and a few foreign countries--a good place to begin your research. (Cont'd on page two)

WCGS Officers, 1990

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Newsletter will be published six times a year--Jan./Feb.; Mar./Apr.; May/June; July; Sept./Oct.; and Nov.

Membership: To date--106
Dues are: Individuals-\$6.00
Family - 9.00
Payable by Jan. 1 each year.
Membership runs Jan. to Dec.

All mail should be addressed to:
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Programs:
Feb. 19--"How-to" Session
Where to search; How to write request letters.
Mar. 19--Old Cemeteries in Warren County: Larden Schooler

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The Vital Records Committee placed 14 volumes of obituaries in the library. The obituaries were gleaned from local papers and many were given to the Society by individuals. The committee indexed them and updates them annually. Some of those given by individuals are old obituaries and interesting as well as informative.

The programs for the year were planned to address the needs of the members as indicated on a survey at a meeting of the Society. Program rated as "most helpful" gave information on: Probate Abstracts; Military Records, Organization of Materials, Care of Photographs, How to use the Microfiche Reader, and the Computer Roots Program. We have members with expertise in these and other areas and everyone is willing to share and help others. This is another of the many benefits of membership in WOGS.

To meet the rising costs of printing and postage, the Society found it necessary to raise the dues to \$6.00 for a single membership and \$9.00 for a family membership. Also, to avoid having to print a large supply of extra newsletters, the Society decided to no longer give "back issues" of the year's newsletters to those who join late in the year. These changes were made through amendments to the By-Laws. Several other amendments were made to help the Society run more efficiently and effectively.

There were 150 exhibits in the Genealogy Department of the Warren County Fair in July. WOGS sponsors this department at the fair to promote our Society and to create and foster an interest in genealogy. Anyone who is a member of WOGS or a Warren County resident may enter.

Five WOGS members attended the IGS Regional Conference September 9, 1989 at Winterset, Iowa. Howard Snedden spoke on New Sources for Research and told us of ways to use libraries like the Iowa State Library at E. 12th and Grand, ISU Library at Ames, and Drake University Library to find information and leads not easily found elsewhere. William Sharpe spoke on Searching Veterans Records and especially about the Armed Forces Graves Registration File, division of the Adjutant General's office at Camp Dodge. Sue Cochran helped us with some good information on "What You May Find at the IGS Library in Des Moines."

Seventeen people attended the beginner's workshop which was held early in September. Participants received assistance in planning their family research and in organizing their materials; sources of information and forms to aid in compiling and recording information. The Society presents a workshop each year as another way to help members and non-members with their genealogy.

Of course, one of the highlights of the year for many of us was our member from Australia, Edward Little, coming to the United States to research and to visit his ancestors' homeland. He stopped at Salt Lake City to research and was here for our September meeting. He stayed in this area (Des Moines, and Warren and Marion Counties) about ten days and was such a delightful, interesting person that he inspired us all to search "far and wide" for family history.

As 1989 closes, we are looking ahead to 1990. At this time (mid-December) 97 have paid 1990 membership dues. Of these, 31 are new members in 1989 and 1990. We welcome their enthusiasm and participation.

Programs in the planning stage will again provide means to further our genealogical research and writing. A committee has already been established to excerpt obituaries and other genealogical information from old Warren County newspapers for publication. Because of the expressed concern for the care and preservation of burial sites of our ancestors, especially small, old cemeteries which may have been forgotten, a committee of members have volunteered to identify problem areas and to show that "we care".

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Your suggestions for programs, projects, or other activities are always most welcome, and your efforts on behalf of WCGS are always appreciated. Anything that has been accomplished has been through the efforts of many people--a grateful thanks goes out to all for their support and enthusiasm for the Society.

ARTICLE II--PURPOSE OF THE WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The exclusive purpose of this Society shall be to aid individuals as they begin, develop and follow their genealogical interests and to encourage and assist them in preparing their genealogy or family history.

This Society shall aid the individuals through educational programs, discussions, workshops and conferences, and the gathering and publication of genealogical source materials. The Society adopts the following objectives to support the primary purpose:

1. To create and foster an interest in genealogy.
2. To gather and preserve genealogical and historical data, particularly with respect to ancestors and the founders and early settlers of Warren County and our country.
3. To aid individuals in their genealogical research and in compiling their family history.
4. To support the genealogical section of the Indianola Public Library.
5. To submit Iowa-related genealogical information for publication in the Hawkeye Heritage.
6. To encourage preservation and availability of county and state records.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK -- AN INTRODUCTION

Let me introduce myself as the "returned prodigal". I have just rejoined the WCGS after an absence of eight years although my interest in genealogy never lapsed during that time. I was a charter member of the Society and the first organizational meeting of the Society took place around my dining room table. My interest in genealogy was sparked when Dr. William and Mary Coleman who had moved to Murphreesboro, Tennessee told us of their genealogical research finds. This was about eighteen years ago when we visited them in Tennessee. They had visited their old home place in Kentucky and had wandered through the barn and it's hay loft when they chanced upon an old trunk in the loft. Upon opening it, they found a beautiful old patchwork quilt with names of family members neatly embroidered on each piece. My husband, Robert Bowery, told them of his father's birth in Sullivan County, Tennessee and the next thing we knew they had us searching in the archives in the Nashville, Tennessee Historical Library. We had beginner's luck and within an hour and a half had traced the Bowery family back to his triple great grandfather. We were "caught"! When we returned to Indianola, we wanted to have an organization of people who could be helpful to us in continuing our search, so called upon several individuals to learn who might be interested in this kind of organization. We called a meeting and that was the beginning of the present WCGS.

Our interim absence was regrettable but necessary due to family, church and professional obligations. We, my husband and I, have just returned from a year of duty overseas working at the Philippine Refugee Processing Center where we assisted in setting up an English program (ESL program) for six to eleven year old Southeast Asian children. This has made us more aware of the need of genealogical material for ethnic groups in our country. This has also resulted in our continued involvement with these people here in the states which sometimes requires much time. But we now feel that we can also begin to compile our own genealogies from the volumes of materials we have accumulated over the years. I also, as your editor, want to be helpful to others in reaching this goal, so want you all to send suggestions, articles and information which you believe will be helpful to yourself and to others. Let us hear from you!

Rose Frazier Bowery, Editor

INDEXING OF THE WCGS NEWSLETTER

One of the goals of the Editor is to obtain a complete collection of the WCGS Newsletters and to prepare both a Table of Contents and an Every Name Index for each year. These will be published in the WCGS Newsletter along with the significant year when the name was found in the source. The source will also be included to assist in establishing accuracy of the data. If any of you have a complete collection or know someone who has, please send us a list of the issues. We will attempt to obtain copies to complete our collection in the library.

It is this editor's belief that an every name index is necessary for any publication to be very useful in the future for those doing research. The indexes will be kept in the library to facilitate researchers in their work.

THE MAIL BAG

As we open the mail, we often find publications which our members should know are available. In this section of our newsletter we will try to keep you informed of these notices.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1228, Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91358 has published a book entitled "The Surname Register-Births, Marriages and Deaths of 15,000 Ancestors." It contains approximately 4000 surnames submitted by 234 members of their organization. The regular price is \$26.00. They also have a booklet "Directory to Regional Genealogical Research" which identifies members of their society. The price was \$4.00 last year. It will be 20 percent higher this year. If ordering, send Attention: Publication Sales

Appanoose County Genealogy Society, c/o Winnogene Anderson, RR 1, Centerville, Iowa 52544 has a reprint of the 1878 Appanoose County History for sale at \$30.00 per book. Add \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Iowa residents please add 4% sales tax.

Car-Del Publications, PO Box 73, Ludlow, MA 01056 publishes a magazine called "Scribe" six times a year. Subscribers may publish up to three hundred words per year in queries--FREE! Subscription price per year is \$10.00. Each issue contains at least four hundred queries.

Clark County Genealogical Society, PO Box 2728, Vancouver, Washington 98668 publishes a quarterly called Trail Breakers. Each issue contains a complete surname index for that issue. If any of you had ancestors who settled in this northwest region, membership is \$12.00 per year.

Keo-Mah Genealogical Society, Box 616, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577 has a quarterly newsletter which its members receive. The July-Sept. issue 1989 states their dues are \$5.00 per year. The genealogy includes both Keokuk and Mahaska Counties of Iowa.

German Research Association, PO Box 11293, San Diego, CA 92111 announces the publication of The German Research Association Surname Book, Volume 1. It contains 7007 records submitted by 202 GRA members worldwide. Pre-publication price is \$15 (until January 15, 1990). After that date the price will be \$18. Include \$2.00 to cover shipping.

Davis County Genealogical Society, 205 W. Arkansas, Bloomfield, Iowa lists teachers and school board officials for the years 1868-1885 in Vol. VII No. 4 newsletter.

Boone County Genealogical Society, Box 453, Boone, Iowa 50036 newsletter Vol. 7 #4 lists "Doctors in Boone County before 1900's"--A to H alphabetically. There is also a list of "Random entries from the Poll Tax"--A to D. I noticed some names which are familiar to Warren County. I was also interested in a method of printing a pedigree chart where the number was doubled to find the father of any person and the wife of any man was found by adding one. Very compact.

These materials will be turned over to the library committee to determine what should be placed in the library. Contact the editor or one of the library committee to view these.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Mr. Ginter, librarian at the Indianola Public Library, provided a list of recent additions to the genealogical collection:

- 974.8 History of Greene County Pennsylvania by Samuel P. Bates; published by Nelson, Rishforth and Co., Chicago, 1888 (Reprint published by Whippowill Publications, 4400 Jackson Ave., Evansville, Indiana 47715, Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Five) 898 Pages. Contains biographical sketches, alphabetized, for each township in the county. The first 558 pages contain a history of the county.

- 974.8 The Tenmile Country and Its Pioneer Families by Howard L. Leckey, Historian. Sponsored by Greene County Historical Society, Waynesburg, Pa. Printed by the Bookmark, Knightstown, Ind., 1977, a genealogical history of the Upper Monongahela Valley. Index is from p. 679-775 and appears to be an every name index. Extensive genealogies of numerous families are included. Be sure to see this one.

- 975.5 The Quit Rents of Virginia, 1704 compiled by Annie Laurie Wright Smith, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 521-523 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, 21202, 1975. Copies of the Rent Rolls of the Sevl1 Countys in Virg^a for the year 1704. It includes fourteen counties that paid tribute to the King. It is the only one that survived the years. The Original is in the British Public Record Office. A handwritten transcript is in the Library of Congress, Wash. D.C. Each entry gives the name, the county and the number of acres on which Quit Rent was paid.

- 929.2 Meet the Tisdales, Descendants of John Tisdale of Taunton, Mass. 1634-1980 by Rosa D. Tisdale, Gateway Press, Inc., 111 Water Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1981. 787 Pages. Fully indexed with females listed under their maiden names.

- 977.7 Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Counties, Portrait and Biographical Record, Biographical Pub. Co., Chicago, 1894. The first part contains biographical sketches of the Presidents of the United States from George Washington to Benjamin Harrison. The second section contains sketches of prominent citizens of the counties. It is fully indexed by counties.

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS ON HAND IN INDIANOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Numbers/Months</u>	<u>EDITOR</u>
1975	1	1, 2,	Pauline Baxendale Bertine Davis
1976	II	1	No Record
1977		May	Genevieve den Hartog
1978		Jan.	" " "
1979		Apr., May #2, July, Oct., Dec.	Edna Van Syoc
1980		Jan., Feb., Mar.(?) Apr., May, June, July, Sept.	No Record Louise Pilmer
1981		Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept. Oct., Nov.	Louise Pilmer
1982		Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept., Oct., Nov.	Maude Wilkins
1983		Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept., Oct. Nov.	Barb Rasko/ Sheryl Ledlie
1984	10	Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May #2, June, #3, July #4, Sept., #5, Oct. #6, Nov. #7	Marieta Grissom
1985	11	Jan. #1, Feb. #2, Mar. #3, Apr. #4, May #5, June #6, July #7, Sept. #8, Oct. #9, Nov. #10	Molly Bowlin

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Numbers/Months</u>	<u>EDITOR</u>
1986	12	Jan. #1, Feb. #2, Mar. #3, Apr./May #4/5, June #6, July-Sept. #7/8, Oct. #9, Nov. #10	Molly Bowlin
1987	13	Jan. #1, Feb. #2, Mar. #3, Apr. #4, May #5, June #6, July #7, Sept. #8, Oct. #9, Nov. #10	Mary Lou Parks
1988	14	Jan. #1, Feb. #2, Mar. #3, Apr. #4, May #5, June #6, July #7, Sept. #8, Oct. #9, Nov. #10	Cathy Ayers
1989	15	Jan. #1, Feb. #2, Mar. #3, Apr. #4, May #5, June #6, July #7, Sept. #8	Marieta Grissom

NOTE: Maude Wilkins, one of our long time members and one of our past editors, kindly gave me her collection of our WCGS Newsletters and it was possible to fill some of the gaps in our collection. She had made up a list of all copies in her collection through 1984 and had indicated those copies she believed to be missing since that year. In 1980 there may have been a November issue. Do any of you have one? We have what we believe to be a March 1980 copy. That would complete the year 1980.

Maude thinks there may have been a January copy for 1982. Do any of you have one? Were there more issues in the years 1975 to 1979? We have listed all that are in our collection. If you have any of those years other than those listed, please notify us and send us a copy. We would appreciate your help. This will enable us to get them indexed for every name and to prepare a table of contents.

PERSONAL HISTORIES OF OUR MEMBERS

As I was inventorying the past Newsletters of our society, I noticed that there were some personal histories of some of our officers. What an excellent idea! Wouldn't it be too bad if we collected much data from various documents in our county and neglected to get first hand information from our own members? Let's think of those who are to follow us and be faithful in telling something about our own members and experiences. You probably wonder why this would be such a concern of mine. One of my husband's ancestors, A. G. Young of Marion County, Iowa, was the benefactor of a history of that county which was published in, I believe, 1975 or so. (I do not have the book before me.) But the irony of the situation was that he did not publish a thing about himself or his family in that same book. The only thing we can figure out is that he thought everyone knew about his family and there was no need. We have, as a result of this, searched far and wide to learn something about A. G. Young himself and still have not been able to find much nor have we found his parents.

I am going to ask each of you to send in a 500 hundred words or less short history of yourself. Please include the names of your parents, date of birth, brothers' and sisters' names, where you were born, schools you attended, your occupation, your marriage and any other historical information you can squeeze into this word limit. We'll be looking forward to receiving them and publishing them as we have room.

QUERIES FROM OUR MEMBERS

KENNEDY, GLAZE, BALL: Kennedy, Jerome W.S. married Sarah Glaze in Norwalk, Iowa. Children were Jessie Kennedy, b. 13 Nov. 1876; W^m Bert Kennedy, b. 25 April 1879; Kittie Ethel Kennedy, b. 6 Nov. 1884 married Hugh H. Ball, 8 May 1907. Anyone knowing any information on this family, please write Edna Kennedy Cleveland, P.O. Box 575, Newport, Oregon 97365. (Thank you, Edna, for enclosing "A Genealogist's Christmas Eve." We'll try to make it available to those who want it--perhaps in an issue next Christmas.)

SIMMONS, ALLEN: On 1860 census there are two ALLEN's, Lewis 18, b. Missouri and Thomas, 1 b. Missouri, living in the household of William C. SIMMONS. SIMMONS and ALLENS are buried at Webb cemetery. Who were the parents of Lewis and Thomas ALLEN and what was their connection to William C. SIMMONS? Write Mary Ann Banks, RR 4 Box 135, Winterset, Iowa 50273.

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ALLEN: Seeking information on Jesse ALLEN and wife, found on 1853 census of "Strip twps." Jesse ALLEN, b. 27 Dec. 1825, Clay Co., Mo.; moved to Warren Co., Ia. circa 1852; owned land in Linn Twp.; nothing known after that. Any help would be deeply appreciated. Write Mary Ann Banks, RR 4 Box 135, Winterset, Iowa 50273.

COLCLAZIER: Emma E (Emily) COLCLAZIER, dgt of John and Hannah, married Green MERRIMAN in Indianola on March 27, 1877. They had 13 children according to the census. Twins were born in Bevington Twp. and two (2) more were born in Jefferson Twp. All the rest just say "Warren County." The person I am trying to get back to is Philip Colclazier, wife Mary ??? . Philip is the grandfather of all these Colclaziers. Philip and Mary had seven (7) children. I would like to learn Mary's maiden name. I do not know if Philip had brothers or sisters. According to the census, Philip came from "Pa." and his wife from "KY." The first three (3) boys of this couple were born in KY. Where in KY? Where in PA? Philip would be my great grandfather. William Colclazier was my grandfather. Contact Lola Colclazier Taylor, 3360 Collister Dr. #17, Boise, Idaho 83703. She promises to repay anyone who is able to provide her with help.

CARPENTER, GREEN, PARKER, GOSS/GOSE: I am researching in Union Township in Sandyville area the CARPENTER and GREEN families. Also, I have little information on the PARKER, GOSS/GOSE families. Lorna J. Baldner, RR 1 #116, Dallas Center, Ia. 50063.

HAWORTH, HAINES, LAMB, LACY, PECK: I am researching in Union Township in Ackworth area these families. Lorna J. Balner, RR 1 #116, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063.

CEMETERY INFORMATION AND ADDITIONS

Lorna J. Baldner, Dallas Center, Iowa, came across some information regarding a burial in the Conklin Cemetery which should be added to the Cemetery data. She gives the following documentation for the addition:

Henry TOMPSON (probably Thompson) buried 17 February 1907

Source of documentation: A diary written by Delcena Lucinda (GREEN) CARPENTER, wife of Virgil N. CARPENTER who lived in Union Township and Sandyville area all their lives. This diary is now in the possession of Lorna J. (TAYLOR) BALDNER, RR 1 #116 Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Copied from her diary handwritten with punctuation and spelling errors in ink on school tablet 8" X 11.5". Condition of tablet is poor but readable. Quote as written:

"17 Feb. 1907. (partially torn) and Mr. Brasher was here all day. then about one o'clock a funeral possatoon (procession) drove up the Dead was Henry Tompson burried in the Conklin graveyard. then 5 of them came back here for dinner Virgil went to help dig the grave. Us and Willie Parkers went to Mr. Stiles. Stay till Bed time."

PERSONAL LIBRARIES OF WCGS MEMBERS

Many of us have a personal library which we have obtained to help us in our genealogical research. Those who would be willing to search in these books for information which might help others or who would be willing to have others come to your home to research in your personal library, please let us know what books you have so we can list them in our Newsletter. I, the Editor, will begin to list the books I have available in my library. They are as follows: (Cont'd on page 8.)

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Passengers to America, A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from The New England Historic and Genealogical Register Edited by Michael Tepper, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1977.

The Early Settlers of Maryland, An Index to Names of Immigrants Compiled from Records of Land Patents, 1633-1680, in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, Edited by Gust Skordas, Assistant Archivist State of Maryland, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1974.

The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register, Index of Persons, Volumes 1-50, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1972. (Two Volume Index)

Hopewell Friends History, 1734-1934, Frederick County, Virginia, Records of Hopewell Monthly Meetings and Meetings Reporting to Hopewell, Two Hundred Years of History and Genealogy, Compiled from Official Records and Published by a Joint Committee of Hopewell Friends, Assisted by John W. Wayland, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1975.

Winchester, Virginia and Its Beginnings, 1743-1814, by Katherine Glass Greene, Printed by Shenandoah Publishing House, Strasburg, VA., 1926

1972 Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research in Pennsylvania, Third Edition, by Floyd G. Hoenstine, Hoenstine Rental Library, 414 Montgomery St., Hollidaysburg, Pa., P.O. Box 208, 16648.

North and South Carolina Marriage Records from the Earliest Colonial Days to the Civil War, Compiled and Edited by William Montgomery Clemens Editor of Genealogy Magazine, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1977.

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