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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

So much has happened since our last newsletter it is difficult to know what to put in this issue. During the past four months we have done genealogical research in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Some Warren County people migrated to Kansas to seek their fortune during the latter half of the 19th century but returned to Iowa when their dream was not realized. Two of these former Indianans were my great grandfathers, Isaiah Frazier and John Ballard Carey. They both returned to Warren Co. Iowa after a period of time. Other Iowans made this same trip but returned to Iowa. Washington County, Kansas was where these two tried their luck. Do you know of others who made this trip?

Next we went to Topeka, Kansas to research in the State Historical Library. We were able to do so for a short time, but as it was a weekend we had to find other things to do. We went to their museum on Sunday afternoon and did some research on Monday. We proceeded to northeast Oklahoma to do research in the records of the Cherokee Nation where my great grandfather, John Ballard Carey had worked among the Indians under Ulysses S. Grant. The Cherokee were ready to claim me as one of them as several of my surnames are very prominent among the tribe today as well as in the census records taken after the "Trail of Tears". We had dinner with some of the senior citizens of the Cherokee Nation and we felt very much at home with them. Maybe we do have an Indian ancestor. We both have ancestors who lived in Cherokee Territory of East Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia. Three of my surnames and even their given names are the same as some of my ancestors--Frazier, Carey, and Ballard. Have any of you done research in Indian records and found an ancestor? Let us know how you were able to make the connection.

In San Antonio, Texas we found a very nice genealogical section in the city library. A person could "kill two birds with one stone" by going to San Antonio. There is much to see there and then take your rest in the comfortable airconditioned library. Bob was able to break through on one of his lines while doing just that. He began looking at each book's index in the Tennessee section, found a name of one of his difficult lines and was able to gain at least two more generations. The book was one which contained briefs of wills of Sullivan County, Tenn.

"Inter Texans" can do research while warming up a bit this winter. I will write a little about what we learned about doing research in "The Valley" next newsletter.

Rose Frazier Boweny, Editor

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Programs:

June 18, 1990--"How-to"
Session for Wannan Co.
Fair Exhibitors: Cathy
Aynes
July 16, 1990--Family Picnic
at Wannan Co. Hist. Museum
and a "School Days"
exhibit: Edith Conn

BOOKS FOR SALE

Birth Records of Warren Co. Iowa (1880-1920) Price \$25.00 Send \$29.00
(This price includes \$1.00 Tax & \$3.00 mailing.)

1987 History of Warren Co. Iowa Price \$65.00 Send \$71.10
(This price includes \$2.60 Tax & \$3.50 mailing.)

These books were projects of the WCGS and we hope you all have purchased your copy and one for your local library or state library. Get your order in soon.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TRIP

The Warren County Genealogical Society will be taking a trip to the IGS Library in Des Moines on June 9th. The Senior Citizen's Van will pick us up at the Pamida parking lot in Indianola at 9:15. We plan to spend the entire day--~~10:00~~ to 4:00 in the library. The price for the trip will be \$2.00. Quite a bargain! Put this date on your calendar. Time--8:15 A.M. Place--Pamida Parking Lot Date--June 9, 1990

MEMBERS IDEA CORNER

It is great to know that some of our members have their antenna out for ways to improve our effectiveness as a genealogical society. THAT IS WHAT WE WANT! Here are some recent suggestions--

A White Elephant Auction (Purpose: To enhance our financial status) Lester Dahms reports that he attended a meeting of the Tama Genealogical Society and that each member had brought in an item which he or she could no longer use that had some value left, hopefully for another person. The items he described were definitely useful such as brown eggs, pies, cakes, tools, etc. The group had much fun, paid premium prices for the items, made a contribution to the society and went home with something that could be used to enhance their own lives. Quite a bargain all wrapped up in an evening of fun and profit for their society. What do you members think of that? Let us know!

Printing of Early Church Membership Lists of Warren County (Purpose: To provide one more good genealogical source for researchers in Warren County and to preserve records.) Rose Bowers, your editor, feels that church records in other locales have been of great value in finding genealogical data that we should definitely preserve all we can obtain for posterity and our own research. It is my understanding that some church records have been lost and perhaps may never be retrieved. Well meaning persons have taken care of some of these records only to have them burned in the house where they were kept. Other records were kept in the church only to have cleaning persons destroy the "dirty, useless books." It was too late to save them. Do any of you know where old church records are kept? Can you copy them for the WCGS so that we can compile a book of old church records? Can you help us save these records? Let us know what you can do to help on this project.

Printing old Mortuary Records of Warren County (Purpose: To provide one more genealogical source of data.) Rose Bowers, your editor, has found books of such records in other genealogical libraries and have found them to contain names of parents, birth dates, death dates, cause of death, family member's names and place of death. The informant's name was also given. Personal information of the financial arrangements was not included and should not be. Who would be interested in this type of record being published by our society? Who could help obtain your local records? Let us know what you want and could do to help on such a project.

Printing of more early atlases (Purpose: To provide our members with additional information regarding locations of farms, churches, schools and cemeteries.) Let us know if you think we should print more of these. We have printed the 1887 atlas in the past.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Volunteers for the cemetery project met Saturday, April 28. The immediate goal is to see that the older, smaller cemeteries in the county are not forgotten and abandoned and that all of the cemeteries of the county are well-kept. When we met we had 14 target cemeteries which we believed needed attention for one reason or another. We found only six of them needing further consideration at this time and only two or three of those showing urgent need of attention. We are pleased that the cemeteries are not being neglected. We plan a follow-up meeting in June and hope to have a progress report of any improvements made in the cemeteries for the July-August newsletter. These are the members who have volunteered to work on cemeteries: Louise Pilmer, Thelma Pehrson, Lucille Perkins, Edith Conn, John Kern, Marieta Grissom, Marjorie Kline, Georganna Morris, JoAnn Harvey, Charlotte Rice, Lulu Mae Clausen, Landen Schooler, Doris Young. Anyone interested is welcome to volunteer!

John Kern has Norwalk Cemetery Records updated to April 1st of this year and is in the process of getting Pleasant Ridge Cemetery into his recording system. The records from his computer system are fantastic--so easy to use and keep current. We want to have him show them to all of us at a meeting sometime soon.

Elaine Bumgannen, President

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

The library committee has been working getting materials ready to be added to the genealogy section of the Indianola Public Library so that they will be available for summer researchers. Genealogical information has been extracted from Hawkeye Heritage, various newsletters, and news articles. County and state records have been blended with records already on the shelves. Several volumes of Surname Indexes compiled from the Genealogical Helper have been added as well as a volume of Ship Passenger Lists and one of Georgia Records. There should be much useful information in these additions so don't overlook them when visiting the library.

Did you know there are genealogy books in the stacks in the main part of the library? These are the "How-to" and "helps" books which may be checked out as any other book in the library. Included are the following books:

929.107 In Search of Your European Roots by Angus Baxter

929.107 Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor by Bertram Groene

Doing Research in Salt Lake City

Tracing Your English Ancestors

929 Your Irish Ancestors by J. Anderson Black contains a history of Ireland and its people, a section on Great Irish Families and a final section "Tracing your Irish Ancestors."

929 Lost and Found, The Adoption Experience by Betty Jean Lifton, an adoptee. The struggle for a sense of identity is common to all of us and no less the adoptee. This book speaks to this need in a way no one else could as she is an adoptee. All genealogists should read this and place themselves in the adoptee's shoes for a time to experience what frustrations one must have as he or she attempts to find his roots. The Dial Press, New York, N.Y. 1979.

PERSONAL LIBRARIES OF WCGS MEMBERS

Members helping members--This section contains lists of genealogical materials which a member has in his or her own library and which that member is willing to research for other members of our society. The following list of materials and books is in the library of Georgia Walker, 1700 Searle Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50317. She states that she would be happy to check for other members for information if the member will send a SASE with the request.

- IL Fayette Co. Census (1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860)
Marion Co. Quarterlies
- IN Henry Co. Early Marriage Records 1823-1839
Lawrence Co. Early Marriage Records 1844-1851, 1835-1843, 1818-1834
Putnam Co. Marriages 1822-1837, 1838-1847
- MO Mercer Co. 1877 Atlas
Mercer Co. 1850 & 1860 Federal Census
Mercer Co. Some marriage, birth & probate records
Putnam Co. 1877 Atlas
- NC Guilford Co. Abstracts of Marriage Bonds & Additional Data 1771-1840, 1841-1868
Guilford Co. Surname Research Directory
- KY Dickey Diary Index
Ky Householders 1787-1811
Ky Locator (abandoned & current town names)
Historical Atlas of KY & Her Co's
Bourbon Co. Will Abstracts 1786-1816
Butler Co. Marriages 1810-1850
Clay Co. Marriages 1807-1850
Clay Co. Cemetery Records Vol. 1
Livingston Co. Marriages 1799-1808
Madison Co. Wills & Estates 1785-1813
Whitley Co. Marriages 1818-1850
Warren Co. Marriages 1797-1850
Wayne Co. Marriages 1800-1850
- VA Some VA Marriages Vol.1 & 2 1700-1799
History of Albemarle Co. pub. 1901 reprinted 1989
Over the Mountain Men
Early Court Records in SW VA

Complete Book of immigrants 1607-1660
Pruett-Prewitt-Pruitt 1850 Census (all states)
Pruett-Prewitt Records of VA

Family Quarterlies

Cooks Crier
Garton Newsletter
Llvellyn Lines
Wells Researchers
Walker Footprints Vol. 1 thru 5

Family Histories

4 Generations of James & Mary Whaley Jones
(Marion Co. IL)
McTeer-Mateer Family of Cumberland Co. PA
The Laughlin Family
The Powells
Descendants of Henry Stone & Tabitha Tuttle

Thank you Georgia for making research in these books and periodicals available to our members. If others have materials which would be helpful, please let us know and we will print your library. The Guilford Co. Surname Research Directory will help me, I know. Thanks again!--Your Editor

THE MAIL BAG

The Old Fort Genealogical Society, Inc. Quarterly has some interesting contents-- North Lee County Marriages, Death Records, 1850 Census, Cemetery Information and Pedigree charts with surnames Walker, White, Barber, Miller, Garrett, Schaeffer; Coddington, Wood, Hodge, Miller, Wells, Ross, Hawxhurst, Boden; Smith, Bosley, Childress, Maple, Sibert, Hatton, Walker, Wilson, Skyles, Wallace, Justus. Address: PO Box 1, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627.

Heritage Quest, Sept/Oct 1989 issue, is filled with many helps. Have you ever read this magazine? A list of French Canadians in the Carignan Regiment, Question on research in Germany, Jewish Roots, Swedish church records research, Kansas Records available at the Kansas City branch of the National Archives are just a few of the goodies contained in this issue. This is fully indexed with surnames, states and foreign countries.

History of Bremer County, Iowa are offered at \$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage--\$18.00. Orders directed to Ruth Fisher, 714 W. 43rd St., Vancouver, Washington 98660-1657.

Orphan Train Heritage Soc. of Amer., RR 4, Box 565, Springdale, Arkansas 72764. Des Moines Sunday Register of June 18, 1989 had a great article on the Orphan Train. (Pages 1A and 10A) Other sources on this subject are:

Genealogical Helper, Nov.-Dec. 1981

Midwest Living (Magazine), special 1988 Holiday Edition, "The Orphan Train Kids," written by George Hendrix

The Dangerous Classes of New York by Charles Loring Brace (founder of the Orphan Trains), book reprinted in paperback. The original published 1872.

Orphan Voyage, by Jean Paton, an orphan and includes interviews.

A Family Apart, Caught in the Act, and In the Face of Danger, by Joan Lowery, books of fiction, but the research is so thorough they give the picture accurately of the orphan experience.

De Halve Maen (Half Moon) is a Dutch ship replica of the 17th century. The original brought Henry Hudson to America in 1609. A festival was held in 1989 to celebrate its completion. Charter memberships were sold for \$1000 each which allow two lifetime passes on the Half Moon and other associated privileges. Address: Suite 1614, 301 N. Harrison St., Princeton, N.J. 08540. It might be something to visit when traveling in that area.

Genealogical Researchers' Ancestor Surname File of Athens County, Ohio by Mary L. Bowman & Beverly Schumacher, compilers, Athens County Hist. Soc. & Museum, 65 N. Court St., Athens, Ohio 45701, 1986. Beverly Schumacher, corresponding secretary of the society in 1979 maintained an index file of names and addresses of individuals researching ancestors who had once lived in Athens Co., Ohio. This file, kept in alphabetical order by ancestor's surname, included references to all correspondence, telephone calls, personal contacts, and five-generation charts. Mary L. Bowman continued maintaining the index during her tenure of office as corresponding secretary. This will be given to our library committee and will no doubt be placed in our library for your use. This is one I will use for certain!

Davis County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol VII No. 4, Bloomfield, Iowa has a list of Davis Co. Teachers and School Board Officials, 1868-1885.

Pioneer Sons and Daughters' Pioneer Trails, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, Dec. 1989, has ancestor charts with these surnames: Wright, Snodgrass, Boatwright, Dawson, Cramer, Dhabolt, Fox, Fredgille, Bechtoldt, Willaughby, Shafer, Ott, Johnson, Thomas, Bachtel; Fick, Kruse, Voss, Peterson, Neumann, Brinkmann, Schultz, Laine, Lorand, Stolz, and others.

SURNAME INDEX UPDATE--A REMINDER!

All members are expected to submit the surnames they are or have researched. This surname list is due to be published/updated November, 1990. It does take much time for this to be accomplished so please send them ASAP. The format which has been used in the past is as follows:

<u>RESEARCHER</u>	<u>STATE RESEARCHING</u>	<u>COUNTY RESEARCHING</u>	<u>NAMES RESEARCHING</u>
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You may be researching more than one name in a given county. Do not hesitate to list all names in such a case. Different spellings of the same name may also be helpful to some who are researching--especially if the persons of different spellings are related.

Send all correspondence to Thelma Pherson, 306 West Salem, Indianola, Iowa 50125 before October 1, 1990.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- June 2, 1990 NORTHWEST GEN. SOC. ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Holiday Inn Hotel, St. Joseph, MO. Contact Northwest Missouri Gen. Soc., PO Box 382, St. Joseph, MO 64502.
- June 6-9, 1990 NGS NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA TENTH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE: Brochures are available at the IGS Library in Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 22-23, 1990 FOURTH ANNUAL GENE-A-RAMA: Wisconsin Gen. Council is sponsoring at the Wisconsin Dells Holiday Inn. Newsletter Editors Forum, Resources in Archives and others. Contact Emil Krause, 6083 County Trunk S, WI Rapids, WI 54494 or call 715 435-3683.
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BOOKS OF INTEREST

KENNARD (KINNAIRD) KING, MC CUBBIN, KNIGHT & THEIR KIN contains the following surnames--Williams, Neal, Brummett, Goodin, Stone, Weeden, Rupe, Hardin, Lee, Patterson and others. 400 pages, 4700 names. There are some names I recognize as also found in Warren County. Contact: ALVIR PRESS, 24435 Lightwoods, Huffman, Texas 77336. Price \$38.00 postpaid.

GERMAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION SURNAME BOOK, VOL. 1, 1990 contains 7,007 records from 202 members. Your editor, Rose Bowery has just purchased this book and will make it available at our next meeting or to those who may want me to check for them regarding names, places in Germany, etc. The names and locales in the book are in various countries in and around Germany and the United States. It is organized by surname, country, state or province, county or next level administrative district, and city/town. It is an excellent introduction for me (who knows little about German research as yet) and I learned some about the country during my first sitting with the book that arrived just this week. I hope to go to Europe someday to research. This book will be of help.

GERMANIC FAMILY RESEARCH TOURS fully escorted tours to Germany, Switzerland, Austria. In the back of this brochure it tells the itinerary which includes, I am sure, some of the best places to research in these countries. I will keep this brochure with the book for future reference and perhaps list these places in future newsletters.

GENEALOGICAL VOCABULARY

Cenotaph: If found on a grave stone means this grave is empty, that the person which is named on the stone is buried somewhere else. The stone was erected to honor that person may have died somewhere else and the body was not found or the person may have been buried in another place.

Benoni: The name may be found when researching in New England Puritan families of the 17th and 18th century. It is a Bible name Rachel, wife of Jacob, gave to her youngest child before she died at his birth. "And it came to pass, as her soul was departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin." The meaning of Benoni is given as "Son of my sorrow" or "Alas, my son." Colonists usually had a reason for the names they gave their children. This name was usually given to a male child born under adverse conditions. (Submitted by Enola Disbrow from De Bonte Koe Ostrander Family Newsletter.)

What definitions do you have that would be of interest to your genealogy colleagues? If you have anything to share with the rest of us, please send them "Attention Editor."

WEST CHESTER CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK INVITES YOU TO JOIN

They are looking for members who are interested in their county--West Chester--and for those who would like for their local members to do research for them. They have an indexed county history. Address: West Chester Co. Hist. Society, 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, N. Y. 10523.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please add the following names to your membership list which was sent to you in your membership booklet:

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Martensdale, Iowa 50160

Address change: Helen Nernes, 4410 Ironton, Beaumont, Texas 77703

QUERIE CORNER

GROSECLOSE: The Henry GROSECLOSE family resided in Warren County possibly as early as the 1860's and at least in the 1880's near Carlisle, Iowa and are probably buried there. I have additional information that will help in the search. Can you help Gay K. Wernet. 2453 Ave. F, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501?

Johnson: James Johnson and wife, Martha, parents of Mary Emily and Sussanah Johnson lived in Keokuk Co. Iowa in early 1850's where James died Oct. 15, 1850 and Martha died March 3, 1853 and were buried in the Ford Cemetery in Benton Township. James was born in Virginia (I believe) ca March 11, 1796 and Martha was born in Tenn. ca August 7, 1808. What was Martha's maiden name? Who were James Johnson's parents? Who were Martha's parents? What were the names of their other children? Mary Emily married Isaiah Frazier of Warren County, Iowa and Sussanah married his brother, John Frazier. Are there other James and Martha Johnson descendants living in Iowa? Anyone having information about this family please contact Rose Frazier Bowery, 1005 E. Iowa, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

CAREY, BALLARD: Thomas and Rhoda (Ballard) Carey are both buried in the Ackworth Friends Church Cemetery. Thoma was born 1-13-1791 in Virginia and Rhoda Ballard was born 3-10-1792 in Virginia. They moved to Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio from Mt. Pleasant, Grayson County, Virginia 4-19-1817. Thomas and Rhoda had a son John Ballard Carey, my great grandfather. Who were their other children? Thomas's parents are believed to be Samuel and Rachel (Green) Carey who were of the Grayson Co., Va. church. Who were the parents of Samuel? What other children did Samuel and Rachel have? Contact Rose Frazier Bowery if you have information about this line. Address above.

GOOSIC, NICHOLSON, GILCRIST: Helen Nernes, 4410 Ironton, Beaumont, Texas 77703 would like to hear from anyone who has family ties to these names.

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