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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

How time flies! Especially when you are busy! But it is always fun to get back to genealogy. I don't find enough time for it as I would like. But if you are one of those "Snow-birds" and end up in McAllen, Texas you are lucky as they have a fine genealogy library, airconditioned, of course, with plenty of parking. I especially liked the arrangement of their books. Each state is clearly marked and are arranged alphabetically around the room. Outside the room are additional shelves which almost double the capacity of the room. Special books such as passenger list books, ethnic books and DAR books are in this area and are clearly marked. It would be difficult to tell all they have, but Bob and I spent many hot afternoons there during our ten weeks and did not exhaust the books.

There are also microfilms and readers in another area. Maps of the states, historic maps and maps of the world are located in another area. They have done a great job for being a moderate size city. Their genealogy meeting is on a Tuesday between 9:30 and 12:00 in their Conference Room on 3rd floor.

Records on the early border/Texas settlers can be found in the Edinburgh Historical Museum which is just north of McAllen and the county seat of Hidalgo County. The Museum Curator was very kind to show me the records and to explain how they could be used. Many were of course of Spanish/Mexican nationality. If you have any ancestors from this location, here is where you would look.

The courthouse records in Edinburgh were readily accessible and the personnel were helpful. We also checked courthouse records in Brownsville, Texas. The birth, marriages and deaths can be obtained by filling out a request form. The persons on duty look them up and bring the book to you to view. Copies of the information have a sizable charge. I cannot remember just what it was, but we opted to jot down the information as these were not direct lines, but family members of ancestors.

Are any of you "Winter Texans?" You can do your research while basking in the winter sun! Maybe we'll meet you there sometime.

Here at home your society is busy compiling censuses, atlases, church records, school records, making brochures about our society and many other things. Let us know if there is something you would like for us to take on as a project which would help you in your research. Remember, it is our goal to help our members to be able to find their ancestors and to enhance our library collection so that we will get the most for each \$ spent. We like "feedback."

Rose Frazier Bowery, Editor

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Programs:

August--Trips to the Iowa Historical Library, Des. M.
Sept. 17, 1990--How and where to Research in Eng., Germany, Belgium and other countries
Marjorie Kline

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 will get your copy before they are all gone. Does your library have a copy?

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TRIP

Members of the WCGS who took the trip to Des Moines reported that it was very helpful in getting acquainted with the fine library there. The trip was in June and a similar trip will be taken to the Iowa Historical Library in August instead of having a regular meeting. The date and time has not been set as of this newsletter. The members attending were--

Leona Aldridge
Dawn Carnes
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MEMBERS IDEA CORNER

From Becky Knouse, Rt. 1, Box 212-A, Braxton, Ms 39044: She writes "I really enjoyed this newsletter...I am researching...my husband's great, great uncle. (Knouse)... I think it would be a good idea to try to print the early church membership lists and old mortuary records of Warren County...I would definitely be interested in purchasing the material if available and affordable. I would definitely like to have the opportunity to purchase the 1887 atlas, too...May I suggest that you consider printing the church or mortuary records one page at a time in the newsletters. Other societies do so and then when it is all done you can publish it...I don't have a large personal library but I have the following materials and would be glad to research in them for other members if the request contains a SASE.

ILL Morgan Co. Federal Census (indexed) 1850
Morgan Co. Federal Census (indexed) 1860
Morgan Co. Marriages Vol. 1 1827-1839

MO Gasconade Co. Marriages 1822-1850
Gasconade Co. Index to Deeds: 1821-1830
Howard Co. Births and Deaths 1883-1893
Howard Co. Will Index 1818-1899
Howard Co. Wills Vol. 7 & 8
Howard Co. 1876 State Census (not indexed)
Osage Co. Births and Deaths 1883-1893
Osage Co. Early Tax Books

Also I can get to all of the MS (Massachusetts) Federal Censuses if the request has the county, TWP and/or page number...I think member helping member is a great idea. Thanks. Looking forward to the next newsletter. Becky Knouse"

Becky, your editor is going to be in Massachusetts the first and possibly second week in August. Wish I could meet you personally. There are still three Knouses in the Indianola Telephone Directory. We will see that you get some info on the Knouses in Warren County.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here is an update on the progress that is being made on the cemeteries. The RANDOLPH CEMETERY, located west of the Indianola Airport and north of Lake Ahquabi State Park in White Oak Township has gotten some attention. An old fence and some trash have been removed from around the graves. The cemetery which had been nicknamed "The Forgotten Cemetery" in our cemetery book is no longer forgotten, but is being cared for. There is a good fence around the cemetery which was placed there a few years ago after it was surveyed for its proper location. The township trustees were responsible for these improvements and for this they should be commended! Thank you White Oak Township Trustees.

PERSONAL LIBRARIES OF WCGS MEMBERS

Members helping members--See the "Members Ideas Corner" for Becky Knouse's list.

Rose Frazier Bowery, your Editor will search in the following book for those who send a SASE with the request along with the German surname you are searching.

Germany, East and West: German Research Association, Surname Book, Vol. 1, 1990
German Research Association, Inc., San Diego, Ca. 92171-1600

JULY MEETING REPORT

Cathy Ayers gave instructions regarding entries in the Genealogy Department of the Warren County Fair. Cathy is the Superintendent of that division of the fair. Entry dates were June 25 - 30 at the Extension Office. You might ask, "Why are you writing this when it is too late to enter?" Answer--Because you can plan ahead for the next year and maybe have some idea of how to prepart your exhibit. The divisions are as follows:

- Senior Div. 58 Photographs and Portraits--Ancestral Portrait, Family Group Picture, Ancestral Home Picture and Pictorial Family History or Display.
- Senior Div. 59 Documents--Family Bible with Records, An Old Personal Ledger, Old Baptismal Certificate, Old Marriage Certificate, Old Land Grant, Deed, Mortgage, or Abstract, Old Military Record, Old Will and Testament, Old Organizational Material, Best Display of Documents and Miscellaneous Written Item.
- Senior Div. 60 Genealogical Research Material--Pedigree Chart, Lineage Chart, Family Tree Chart, Genealogical Record Book, Genealogical Poster, Gravestone Rubbing, Best Display of Genealogical Material and Miscellaneous Item.
- Senior Div. 61 Heirlooms and Artifacts--An Old Book, Old Album or Scrapbook, Jewelry Item, Glassware or China Item, Small Household Item, Needlework Item, Small Tool, Personal Item, Religious Item, Toy, Best Display, Miscellaneous Item.
- Senior Div. 62 Warren County Heritage--(Research to be done by the exhibitor) Historical Poster of Warren County town, township, organization, church or event, Historical Poster depicting a lost art, craft, trade or custom common to Warren Co., Old photograph depicting life in Warren County.
- Junior Div. 63 (Age 16 and Younger)--A Chart to be made by the exhibitor, A Picture, Family Record Book compiled by the exhibitor, Genealogical Poster, Gravestone Rubbing, Miscellaneous Project.

If you are interested in learning more details about entries for a future date, please feel free to contact us.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Renewed membership: Cathy Ayers, 607 E. 1st Av., Indianola, Iowa 50125.

New Member: Martha Lawrence, 5455 Dodge Ct., Concord, CA. 94521 WELCOME!

THE MAIL BAG

C. N. Carpenter Newsletter, R1 #116 Dallas Center, Ia. 50063, Lorna J. Baldner, Ed.

Regarding family association newsletters--While talking with my daughter, Connie Combs, today, she mentioned how valuable she feels these newsletters are. If you learn of one which is published with a surname of significance to Warren County, we would appreciate learning about it. We will compile a list and inform our members.

Dubuque County--Key City Genealogical Society gave information about the GERMAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA. "If you are among the 1.3 million Iowans claiming German ancestry and would like to trace your roots, the German Gen. Soc. of America will help. It...has over 3500 members throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia. Members...receive the monthly Bulletin with helpful hints, receive a discount on research, are eligible to enter info in GGSA's Earliest Ancestor Database. P. William Filby, Author and lecturer, best known as the compiler of massive volumes of passenger lists, says the GGSA library located in Claremont, Calif. is the best German genealogical research library in the U.S. Membership is \$15 per year. For more info and a copy of Bulletin send \$2 to GGSA, Dept. NL. P.O. Box 291818, Los Angeles, Calif. 90029."

Davis County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Bloomfield, Iowa, Vol. VIII, No. 2 includes:

Deaths - 1884 - 1896, Davis County, Iowa as copied from original records.

Old Fort Genealogical Society, Inc., Fort Madison, Iowa has some research tips as follows:

"When trying to locate your ancestor's maiden name: Check the census and study at least six families in each direction. Then check the probate records for each of those family names to see if your ancestor is listed with the heirs. Many times, married couples resided very near their families, who were neighbors."

"If you have a child show up in the census records who was born in the east while all the other children were born in the midwest, the family may have gone back home for a visit and the child was born at that time OR he may have come to them on an Orphan Train. Many times these children would use the names of the people who took them in, but were never legally adopted."

(NOTE: I just learned of another book about the Orphan Train children. It is A Family Apart. I did not learn the author's name, but I'm sure your librarian could help you.)

CHURCH RECORDS IN THE WCGS LIBRARY

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1976

The History of the United Presbyterian Church of Indianola, Iowa 1864 - 1959 (Thank you Kenneth Smith for bringing that to us.)

Motor Friends Church History, 1869 - 1969, compiled and written by Earl E. Smith

First Baptist Church Directory, 1982

Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys, Iowa, 1870 - 1970

Ackworth Friends Church and Surroundings, 1976

Kenneth Smith informed us that other United Presbyterian Church records are at Tarkio College, Missouri. As church records come to us we will attempt to get them indexed and ready for publication. Old membership lists have not started coming in as yet, but we hope you all will begin inquiring about those of churches you are attending or of some you know have existed. Lets save those records.

CHURCHES OF WARREN COUNTY IOWA

Community	Denomination	Earliest Newspaper Date
Ackworth	Friends Church and Academy	1875
	Free Methodist	1896
	M. E.	1894
Beech	Beech (No denomination given)	1916
Belmont	Belmont Zion (No denomination given)	1871
Browns	Browns Chapel, M.E.	1895
	Browns School, Sunday School, Otter Twp.	1881
Carlisle	M. E.	1896
	U. B.	1898
	U. B. 4 Mi. So. of Carlisle	1889
Center	Center Chapel (Probably M.E.)	1941
Churchville	Catholic	1877
Coal	Christian Union	1899
	M. E. near Hutt School House	1892
Cummings - Fairview	M. E.	1892
	Christian Union	1894
Farmers	M. E. (?)	1871
	Farmers Church (M. E. ?) Is this the one that was 2 Mi. E. & 2 Mi. So. of Motor?	1893
Goshen	Friends Church	1878
Green Plains	M. E. (Formerly Old Highland M. E. Church)	1906
	Old Highland M.E.	1881
Hammondsburg	Baptist	1878
Hartford	Presbyterian	1879
	Baptist	1881
Highland	M. E. (Later Green Plains M. E.)	1881
Indianola	African M. E. in Webbs Hall/Lot E. of College	1878
	M. E.	1874
	United Presbyterian	1855
	Friends	1892
	Nazarene	1939
	Presbyterian	1900
	Christian	1875
	Baptist	1865
	Catholic	1914
	Christian	1940
	Nazarene	1939
M. E.	1853	
Linn Grove	Linn Grove Church (No denomination given)	1857
Liberty Center	M. E.	1907
	Friends	1915
Martinsdale	Community	1915
	Lutheran	
Medford	M. E.	1892
Medora	M. E.	1939
	Presbyterian	1888
Middle River	Friends	1880
	M. E. (Near Army Post and Middle River)	1903
Motor	Friends	1869
Mt. Tabor	(No denomination given)	1874
Milo	M. E.	1880
	Christian Union	1932
	Christian	1914

(List of Churches Cont'd)

Milo	United Presbyterian	1881
	(No Name) (Church located 5 Mi. E & 1 Mi. So. Milo)	1888
Newbern	Union Church	1904
New Virginia	M. E.	1855
	Baptist	1873
	Progressive Brethen	1892
North River	Christian	1903
	M. E.	1913
	North River Church	1909
Norwalk	M. E.	1857
Orilla	Christian Aid Society	1935
Otter Creek	Christian (to Center Chapel)	1941
Palmyra	Free Methodist	1900
	M. E.	1852
Plainview	M. E. (Near Shafer/Shaver Cemetery)	1904
Plainville	Plainville Church/Chapel (No Denomination)	1880
Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill Church (No denomination given)	1871
Pleasant Ridge	Friends	1874
Pleasant View	Pleasantview Church (No denomination given)	1871
Prole	Christian	1903
	Church of Christ	1904
Rosemont	Catholic	1914
Sandyville	M. E.	1875
	Christian	1874
	Free Will Baptist	1873
Schonberg	Baptist (1 Mi. No. Schonberg)	1877
Scotch Ridge	United Presbyterian	1853
Spring Hill	M. E.	1900
St. Marys	Catholic	1900
Summerset	Baptist	1878
	M. E.	1880
	United Presbyterian	1913
Waveland	Church of God	1886
Wick	Wesley Chapel (M. E.?)	1871

The names of these churches were gleaned from an index of church reference made in newspaper articles of Indianola newspapers. The microfilm is in the genealogy section of the Indianola Library. The dates are the earliest reference to the church on microfilm or, where an anniversary was held, a calculation was made to determine the earliest date of the church. Where no date is indicated, a church is known to have been or does exist and has been in that location a long time.

The reason for making this list is to be able to obtain histories of these churches and, if at all possible, early membership lists. Any church materials will provide some names and will be valuable. Do you know of other churches not on the list? Do you know their locations? Do you know anyone who attended any of these churches or if there is someone who would know where materials can be obtained about these churches? We all have used church records at some time and place in our genealogical research. I am sure any names we could come up with from these churches may prove valuable to someone. If you have a church directory of your church which you would provide for our library it would be helpful--a start. We hope to hear from persons who have some ancestor who attended an early church in Warren County, Iowa. Thanks for helping!

IGS ANNUAL MEETING

Don't forget the IGS annual meeting October 5 and 6 at Howard Johnson's 4800 Merle Hay RD, Des Moines IA, 50322 (I-80 exit 131). Speakers are Maralyn A WELLAUER and William H SCHOEFFLER with workshops, prizes and a few surprises. If you are not already a member of IGS now is the time to join, \$16.00 individual and \$20.00 family. Send % Registrar to: P.O. Box 7735, Des Moines IA 50322-7735. Make the check payable to The Iowa Genealogical Society. (IGS June 1990 Newsletter, p.11)

QUERIE CORNER

BARTRAM, PROCTOR, GRAHAM: Martha Lawrence, our new member of 5455 Dodge Ct., Concord, CA. 94521 is interested in information about these families.

HARLESS, CROAT: Patricia Burgus, P.O. Box 6290, Evanston, Ill. 60204 would like info of these surnames.

REID, SEIBERT: Phyllis C. Krotz, 2435 Bradfield Dr., Lincoln, NE 68502 is researching the family of Nathan L. and Elizabeth J. Reid. Their daughter Mary married John Seibert and moved to Indianola from Corning. Had a son Nathan Hull Reid who moved to Rushville, NE.

FULLERTON, WOODS, GATES: Eleanor Phillips, 2500 Linden Ave., Boulder, CO. 80304 is researching these families.

MORE FROM THE MAILBAG--RE QUERIES

Just after typing the "QUERIE CORNER" I picked up the newsletter from the Old Fort Genealogical Society, Inc., Fort Madison, Iowa and spotted a letter which had the same surnames as requested in the FULLERTON, WOODS, GATES querie above from Eleanor Phillips of Boulder, Co. The letter was printed in full in the newsletter as they found it very valuable. It begins as follows:

"Dear OFGS Members,

I have traced my dad's grandparents' line - WOODS and GATES back to Plymouth Colony and early Long Island. My great-great grandfather Wood's mother was a SCOTT. I am related to two different SCOTT lines - one goes back to the SCOTTs of SCOTT Hall. I am also related to 3 different WOOD lines from England. The GATES line also goes back to Massachusetts and then 6 generations in England."

Roberta M. Lefler, 2008 Paseo Laro, San Clemente, CA 92672 wrote the letter which is only partially quoted here. I would recommend that Eleanor Phillips contact this person, wouldn't you? It pays to read the other newsletters. Who knows what you might find. The letter is in the July 1990 Newsletter of this society. Surnames mentioned in the letter are TITUS, GILDERSLEEVE, POWELL, WOOD, GATES, PLUMLEY, LITTLE, STACY, WHEELER, HUBBARD, BENJAMIN, WOODWARD, SCOTT, PRIOR, FILLMORE, DAY, EASTMAN, KIMBALL, RUDD, BURHAM, WATERMAN, POST, HAZEN, BOYNTON, SMITH, TUTTLE, TRACY, BOURNE, PINGREE, CLEMENS, SHAW, TILTON, GRANT AND HYDE. She states her lines are early Hancock Co., IL and Lee Co., IA pioneers. The lines above are early New England and Plymouth Colony. She has books on the WOOD line of Long Island and the GATES, SCOTT and KIMBALL lines.

GOOD LUCK, ELEANOR!

GOOD TO KNOW

How to Compute Age or Birthdate of an Ancestor--The 8870 formula: Using a calculator, enter 18890506 which represents the death date 1889 May 06, then subtract 710709 representing the age of the person, 71 yrs., 7 mos., 9 das. From the result of 1817979, must subtract 8890, to correct the months and days. You have 18170927 or 1817 Sept.

(From Genealogical Helper, Mar. 1976)

LABELING PHOTOGRAPHS

How many of you have inherited some old beautiful photographs and you had no idea who were in the pictures? I have had that happen and wondered how they could have neglected to identify the persons when they knew I was doing genealogy of the family. Well, I think I am going to have to be careful because I have not written on the backs of very many of my pictures. Of course "we all know who they are"---NOW! But what about my grandchildren or their children?

To identify old pictures, bring them out at a family reunion or contact that distant cousin you haven't seen for a long time because you have been so busy doing your "genealogy--too busy with the dead to visit the living! Take your tape recorder--the smaller the better--and record those important words. They will enjoy reminiscing about the pictures. You may learn something you didn't know about the family. Label your own families pictures--the ones you take each week--and don't forget the slides. Just a thought. Have you looked at your old slides, the ones you took of the children when they were little. Some slides fade badly. I know some of mine have and it is important I get them out and find out how I can preserve them for posterity. Do you have any ideas about how this can be done? Making VCRs is becoming popular, but how do you do it? Have any of our members had experience with this and could make some suggestions about how this can be done? I am full of questions today, but I do think it is important we preserve our pictures and identify them--NOW!

Incidentally, I read where you should not pull glued photos from old albums as they might tear. I ran across some of my pictures which had been pulled out of an album and they had writing on the back. Part of it I cannot read as some strong glue was used. I am afraid of damaging the pictures, but I sure would like to be able to read what is on the back. Today they recommend using albums with acid-free paper in them. 100 Per cent cotton fiber paper is best and making your own is recommended using a three-ring binder. Protect pages with polyester-based plastic, not vinyl. Black and white pictures do not fade like color prints. Using black and white film occasionally will give you at least some pictures for future generations. GOOD LUCK ON LABELING AND PRESERVING YOUR PICTURE..

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