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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

After being gone six weeks five of which were spent state and county "hopping" doing genealogical research, I am "back in the saddle again." As you know, there are two ways to do genealogy--from the armchair, or Armchair Genealogy, and by state hopping or county hopping. The least expensive way is definitely from the armchair, especially with the costs of gasoline today and also the cost of hotels and motels. Those are not the only expenses which we were faced with, however. Historical and genealogical libraries are often located in a congested downtown area where parking is limited. One must either pay a sizable parking fee or be running back and forth to a parking meter where the charges can be as high as \$1.50 for two hours. We paid from \$3.00 to \$7.00 for a day's fee. Then, if your day was unproductive as far as finding a certain ancestor, you may need to spend several days in the search.

We researched in Massachusetts, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, W. Virginia, Ohio and Illinois. Oh yes, and Pennsylvania. We were especially successful in finding one of Bob's ancestors who had eluded us up to now. After finding him in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, we learned that his name was the same as a grandson, Hezekiah Hubbell (Hubble) Young who was buried in the DeWitt Cemetery at Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa. Not once did we think to look for persons with one of the names of his grandchildren. This was a lesson--clues to your ancestors may be in the names of grandchildren! We knew they often named children after their fathers, but we just didn't think to go in that direction.

One caution to "Armchair Genealogists." Do not take every bit of information you receive via the mail as "the last word." Do ask for the source of the information. It is really best to get two documents validating any information.

Our society is coming up to the end of another year of our existence. The election is to be at our next meeting and our dues should be paid prior to the printing of the January issue of the newsletter because that issue will go only to those who have paid their dues prior to its publication. SO PAY YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!! DUES ARE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR! SEND THEM TO---ENOLA DISBROW, 810 W. SALEM, INDIANOLA, IOWA 50125. We already have one member paid for the 1991 year and she is a new member at that.

WELCOME to WCGS: Helen Morgan, 209 N. 4th, Indianola, Iowa 50125 Tele: 961-2499.

Rose Frazier Bowen, Editor

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Family - 9.00
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306 W. Salem
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Programs:

October--Laws Re: Right to Privacy, County Attorney, Kevin Panken
November--Annual Election & Auction--Fun for all!
January--SHARING our Resources Books, Magazines, Family Newsletters, etc.

CORRECTION--

In the July/August issue an error was made in the item page 29, GOOD TO KNOW. "How to Compute Age or Birthdate of an Ancestor--The 8870 formula," should have said in line 4 "must subtract 8870" instead of "must subtract 8890." Sorry for that type error.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Nellie B. Reeves, 1111 E. Iowa, Apt. D, Bldg. 1, Indianola, Iowa 50125, called to inquire regarding trips or transportation to the IGS Library in Des Moines, Iowa. As I was not certain of any planned trip by the society, she inquired regarding transportation by other means. Here is her letter to me which I want to share with you:

Dear Editor:

After our phone conversation on Mon. July 23, 1990 I went to see Kay at the Red Rock Community Action Center, 1000 W. 2nd Ave., here in Indianola. My goal was to find transportation to or as close to the Iowa Genealogical Society Library, 6000 Douglas, Des Moines. I am pleased to say there IS Transportation available to Merle Hay Mall which is just across the street from IGS. Van service is available to senior citizens (60 Yr. of age) or disabled. There is a donation requested and the usual donation is \$1.50 round trip. You must make reservation one day in advance. Transportation is available on Thursday, Aug. 2nd and every other Thursday thereafter. Transportation is by Van and you are picked up at your residence and returned there. The phone number to call for further information or to make reservations is 961-2543. You are picked up fairly early in the morning and returned late afternoon so be prepared for a full day. You may want to bring a lunch. There is a lounge to use. If you are not a member of IGS there is a charge of \$3.00 to use the library.

I hope this information is useful to others. Thank you, Nellie B. Reeves

THANK YOU, NELLIE for this very informative letter. You did your homework on this and I am certain that other members will be glad to hear of this opportunity to do research in Des Moines at the IGS Library. Who wants to drive their own cars at the price of gasoline today? And of course, winter driving is not always that much fun, either.

CEMETERY RECORDS

Lorna J. Baldner, RR 1 #116, Dallas Center, IA 50063, sent the following information to Thelma Pehrson, our corresponding secretary:

"In searching Union Township, Warren Co. IA I have some documentation regarding burials in Sandyville Cemetery, Union Twp. as follows: In Cemetery and Death Records of Warren County, Iowa 1980, page 328, I call attention to Wm. Howard REED. Above his wife's name states, 'No last names, but match the following REED stone.' It is certain that Ernest C., 1904 - 1907 is the son of Wm. Howard and Edith. Possible that others are their children. Source of documentation for the above: '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 R1 #116 Dallas Center, IA 50063.' Copied from her diary hadwritten as is, with punctuation and spelling errors, in ink, on school tablet 8" X 11.5". Condition of tablet is poor but readable. Quote as written in 1907: 'Aug 31: Went to town in afternoon Bill Reeds Barn burnt Howard Reeds baby 3 years burned in it.'

'Sep 3: Howard Reeds little boy 3 years old that got burnt was burried today got out nothing but the bones.'

This would confirm the Ernest C. REED'S age and date of death. I thought you would like to add this information to your records as well as a possible mention in your newsletter.

PERSONAL HISTORIES--MARJORIE BACHAND KLINE

I, Marjorie Bachand, was born Sept. 14, 1930 in Alamosa, CO. to James A. Bachand and Mary Elizabeth Milledge. I have two brothers, James L. and Dan M. My sister, Barbra, is deceased. I attended kindergarten in a small brick building just for kindergarteners, then attended Boyd Elementary School and Alamosa Junior High before moving to Red Oak, IA. I graduated six weeks later from the eighth grade. After graduation from Red Oak High School, I attended Jennie Edmundson School of Nursing in Council Bluffs, IA. where I became an R.N. I met my husband to be, Paul D. Kline, while he was a freshman at Iowa State University. We were married December 23, 1951.

I became interested in family history after moving to IA where my Grandpa Milledge took me to decorate graves on what was then called Decoration Day, now Memorial Day. He would tell me stories of the families and, oh how I wish now I'd have written them down! I am trying to jot down stories my mother has told me the past ten years as we travel. (Truthfully, she doesn't like to do all this reminiscing.) One event she has related occurred when she was employed at the Craggs in Estes Park. A group of them decided to climb Long's Peak. Then began ascending slowly by flashlight as night was falling. Looking forward to an early sunrise kept them going forward. But the sun didn't rise as it was too cloudy the next day! They returned disappointed but have laughed many times over this and how foolish they were to begin climbing so late in the day.

In high school I played the clarinet and went to All-State twice. I was in a play, "Pink and Patches" that won first at state my senior year, and was runner-up in singles tennis my junior year.

I have four children: Paul D., married to Mary Gillett, has four children, Mark, Leah, Sarah and Lois; Kenneth W., married to Sandra Handt, has two sons, John and Jason; Martin L., married to Linda Lehman, has two children, Christopher and Jennifer; and Angela M. who is to be married to Russell Benad Sept. 1, 1990.

I've lived in Indianola, IA 24 years and have a sense of having been here always. As a young girl I was a Brownie and a Girl Scout. I baby sat a lot, clerked in Ben Franklin's 5 and 10¢ Store, detasseled corn, worked in the kitchen at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak. As an adult I became an R.N., was a Sunday School Teacher, was President of Irving School PTA in Indianola, served as chairman of Newcomers Club in Boone and Indianola, Chairman of Christmas Seal in Benton and Warren Counties, Cub Scout Den Mother, and board member of Home Health Aid and Mobile Meals. I have been a member of PEO Chapter 9P, a charter member of Indianola Writer's Workshop, WCGS, Warrenola Questers, and was a Bluebird and 4H leader. I am a life member of Warren County Historical Society, started the first aid and emergency center for the Indianola Balloons, Inc., later known as the National Hot Air Balloon Championships. I have also served as a volunteer with the Volunteer for Hospice of Central Iowa, the National Balloon Museum, instigated scoliosis screening in the schools in Iowa, helped start the clothes closet, now called the Helping Hand, and assisted in compiling information from cemeteries in the county for the cemetery book.

Presently, I maintain an active membership of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, am a school nurse and help at the Indianola Good Samaritan Nursing Care Center. Traveling has become a favorite pasttime of mine. I believe in living each day to the best of my ability and have fun doing it. Life can be so hard at times, but we need to enjoy each precious moment to the fullest.

by MARJORIE (BACHAND) KLINE

Marjorie is also serving as chairperson of our Vital Records Committee. She has been a member of the WCGS since 1973. THANK YOU, MARJORIE for sharing your personal history with us.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Some families can trace their ancestors back for hundreds of years but can't tell you where their children were last night. (Page 3, The Last of the GOOD CLEAN JOKE BOOKS by Bob Phillips, Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, Oregon 97402) (Editor's comment--Actually that's no "joke".)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Marj Kline was the presenter at our September meeting and spoke on Researching our European Ancestors. A few of the important research sources and techniques she told us about are:

PA Germans and their descendants 1683-1933: The Bibliog. on German Settlement in Colonial North America is recommended.

If the lineage descends from a German immigrant: The American Revolution, Pochmann's and Jchultz's Bibliography of German Culture in America to 1940 will contain nearly all references, aside from those which may be found in general local history books, not specifically German-American in subject matter.

Look for German language newspapers and periodicals: Arndt and Olson--German-American Newspapers and Periodicals 1732-1955.

Study the local history, religious customs and beliefs and the day to day occurrences which affected them.

Newspapers can be extremely useful for birth and death notices. But place is not always a good indicator of the newspaper's readership and reportage. For example, under Inman, KA is listed the Wahrheitsfreund (friend of truth) published by the Crimean Mennonite Brethren. A small band of immigrants closely related among themselves who settled in various places in the Mid-west, not entirely on farms around the town of Inman.

Under Breda, IA is listed the Ostfriesenzeitung: Heimatblatt der Ostfriesen in Amerika (newspaper for immigrants from East Friesland) which may contain information on specific immigrants from northern Germany.

Newspapers of well-defined religious groups--Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonites--all had periodicals covering wider areas than congregations or parishes in the cities and towns in which they were published.

Check the Arndt bibliography for lists of towns and cities in U.S. where German periodicals were published. There were 70 in Illinois, 60 in Iowa, 70 in Ohio.

Check the American Genealogical Resources in German Archives, known as AGRIGA. U.S. Library of Congress National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) contains only holdings of non-government archives.

To request research assistance in Germany, write:

Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer
Verbande e.v.,
D - 33 Braunschweig,
Steintorwall 15 (Stadtarchiv),
West Germany

Margorie gave more information on research in France and Switzerland but space does not permit all information to be printed in this issue. Thanks Margorie for your presentation.

ANCESTRAL CHARTS UPDATE

One of our goals is to place a copy of the ancestral charts for each of our members in the Indianola Public Library Genealogy Section. Some of the charts we have currently on file are several years old, and some members have never submitted a chart of their ancestors. If you have further information or have never submitted a chart before, please send a dated chart before Nov. 30, 1990 to: Dawn Carnes, Registrar, 1509 W. 6th Ave., Indianola, Iowa 50125. Charts received after Nov. 30, 1990 will not be included in our library reference until the 1991 update takes place. In an effort to obtain uniformity, please try to have your chart on 8½ X 11 paper. Your chart will be in a three-ring binder. Your old chart will be returned if you include a SASE.

Dawn Carnes, Registrar

(Editor's Note: Or your correspondence can be sent to Thelma Pehrson, Corresponding Sec., 306 W. Salem, Indianola, Iowa 50125. She will see that the Registrar receives all pertinent correspondence. I typed the above message before I realized that the correspondence should have gone through our corresponding secretary. Sorry!)

IOWA COMMUNITY CULTURAL GRANT

From: William H. Jackson, Director

Re: ICCG Application Period

"As you may be aware, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs administers the Iowa Community Cultural Grant Program. This program provides matching grants to cities and non-profit, tax exempt community groups for the purposes of employing Iowans while promoting our state's cultural, ethnic and historical heritage. Eligible projects include festivals, music or drama productions, and cultural programming for museums, libraries, arts councils and tourist attractions in Iowa.

Recent changes in legislation have altered the funding source for this program. We have established the dates of September 15 to November 1, 1990, as the next ICCG application period...Application Review (dates) Nov. 5 to Dec. 31, 1990...Notification of Award (date) Approx. Jan. 10, 1991...Contract Preparation (time period) Throughout January 1991...Project Initiation (date) February 1, 1991...An official ICCG application form will be mailed to you when the application cycle is opened in September. This application will contain the administrative rules for the program as well as the information necessary to apply. Should you have questions regarding the program after receiving the application, I invite you to contact our office for assistance...I encourage you to apply for these funds as we continue to strive to preserve and promote Iowa's cultural resources.

Capital Complex/Des Moines, Iowa 50319/515-281-6258"

(Editor's Note: Funds are out there for societies such as ours to preserve cultural info and to promote our projects. Do you have any ideas of programs, workshops, or projects that might be funded by this DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS? If you have ideas, get them to the President and let her know your idea so that action can be taken and application made before the deadline.)

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Often we assume that "everyone knows how to do genealogy" especially when we have done it for years. As the editor of this publication, I do not want to fall into that trap! Do not hesitate to ask questions, write a letter or give suggestions to this editor as I believe this newsletter should help every member, not just those who are able to come to our meetings. Therefore, I will attempt to spell out some steps which you, the beginner, should take to begin to collect your genealogy. Here goes---on the next page, please.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

As you probably already know, we are a part of a larger organization--The IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY--an organization which has just celebrated its TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY! Louise Pilmer reports that she and two other persons who have been a part of our Warren County Genealogical Society attended a meeting in Des Moines, Iowa in 1964 which became the IGS organization the following year, 1965. Among those attending the 1964 meeting were:

Louise Pilmer, Larry Mikesell, Harry Rex Art, Pat Murray, and Hazel Demirjean.

Charter members were honored at the ANNIVERSARY meeting in Des Moines, Iowa this past week. Louise was able to wear the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CHARTER MEMBER RIBBON at this meeting. Other charter members were also honored those two days. CONGRATULATIONS LOUISE. We are proud to have you as a member of our society and appreciate the work you have done for both societies through the years!

Louise reports that she attended some excellent workshops at the state convention, one of which pertained to the use of land records in family history research. She kindly provides the following report of that workshop:

"WHAT!!YOU HAVEN'T USED LAND RECORDS IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH?"--Presenter:
Georgene "Gus" Sones

Using LAND/PROPERTY RECORDS is the same as in other research; First, you must know the COUNTY where your family resided, when the county was formed (Use the Handy Book.); Second, if possible, learn the township name/number; Third, get out your family group sheets and ancestor charts and make the necessary changes--show the COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, and STATE; Fourth, you will have a difficult time in trying to locate records if all you show on your sheets is the city and state; and Fifth, your efforts to locate land/property records will prove rewarding because the following may be gleaned from them:

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| Wife's given name | Removal from area/Where moved |
| Approx. date of death | Status of applicant for Homesteads, etc. |
| Correct names (First, middle or initial) | Ages and number in family |
| Children's names | Post Office address |
| Former spouse | Whether a citizen |
| Date of settlement | Property value |
| Where family members reside | Clues to birthplace of children |
| Clues to marriage dates | Previous owners/possible relationships |
| Occupation | Church affiliation |

Homestead Claims may give where children were born.

Mexican Land Records were the last lands issued to any soldier for war service.

Public Domain--Remember that rights were often issued a year after the application date.

Tax Lists--A searcher must remember Tax Lists were always one year behind.

Pennsylvania Land Records give not only the history of a piece of land, but also includes family history which may reveal disputes and/or "illegitimates."

All these records can usually be found in courthouses. If not, those in charge of the office will tell you where you can locate them.

Reported by: Louise Pilmer

WCGS ATTENDEES AT THE IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Robert Bowery, Rose Bowery and Louise Pilmer attended the ANNIVERSARY convention which was held in Des Moines, Iowa on October 5 and 6, 1990 at the Howard Johnson Motel on Merle Hay Road. We wish more of our members could have benefitted from the fine workshops which were held. The next few issues of the WCGS Newsletter will contain reports of the various workshops. Be patient and watch for these articles.

QUERIE CORNER

LEWIS, GRAHAM, GRAY, CRAWFORD, MALLET AND ALLIED FAMILIES: Beverly Griffith Brown, 220 E. 10th St. S., Newton, IA 50208 has researched in Warren County and is interested in relatives or others researching these families.

PORTER: Corrington S. Porter, Civil War veteran, deceased 6 June 1900 at Lacona; buried at Newbern Cemetery. Any help will be appreciated by S.W. Sarver, 26105--172 Ave. S.E., Kent, Washington 98042.

BARNETT, HEFLEY: Are there any of the family of Elva Elizabeth Barnett and Will H. Hefley buried at the Ackworth Cemetery? Please notify Roxie Guzman, 9520 Lucerne Ave. #26, Culver City, CA 90230 if you know of any.

KESSLER, KESLER: Nellie B. Reeves, 111 E. Iowa Apt.D, Bldg. 1, Indianola, Iowa 50125 is researching this surname. If you have information regarding this surname, please contact her.

KNOUSE: Becky Knouse, Rt. 1, Box 212-A, Braxton, MS 39044 is researching this surname. One of our members, Maude Wilkins reported that her brother married Evea Knouse. His surname was COX. KNOUSES were a large family. Father was Theodore Edward KNOUSE and mother was Susie Dorcas DOLLISON. A Clista Mae KNOUSE married Floyd MURPHY. A Maxine KNOUSE married a REPPLINGER. A Francis KNOUSE lived many years in Indianola, Faye KNOUSE, his wife, is still a resident of this city. The KNOUSES migrated via this route--Ohio, Jacksonville, Illinois. Persons knowing about the KNOUSES in Warren Co., Iowa or these other locations please contact Becky.

(Members--Please send your queries. This is your newsletter and we want to help you find that illusive ancestor. Please give as much information as possible so that we can be more specific in our replies to you.)

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