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WHAT KIND OF MEMBERS ARE YOU?

A lot of members are like wheelbarrows; no good unless pushed.  
 Some are like canoes; Need to be paddled.  
 Some are like kites; If a string isn't kept on them they will fly away.  
 Some are like kittens; They re more contented when petted.  
 Some are like footballs; You can't tell which way they will bounce.  
 Some are like balloons; Full of wind and ready to blow up.  
 Some are like trailers; They have to be pulled.  
 Some are like lights; They keep going on and off.  
 Many -Thank Heavens--are like the North Star; There when you need em, dependable, even loyal and a de to all people--Anonymous.

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### WAYS TO FIND A MAIDEN NAME:

1. Death certitates if within the past 100 years.
2. Childrens death records, newspaper obits, church records, marriage records.
3. Military pensions, bounty land warrents, wills deeds for sale of land.
4. Census records, sometimes mother-in-law is living with a son or daughter.

Name of Compiler Darl Bumgarner Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 William Bumgarner  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 3 August 1854  
 p.b. Decatur Co, Iowa  
 m. 7 Sept 1882  
 d. 18 August 1901  
 p.d. Warren Co, Iowa

2 John Fredrick Bumgarner  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. 3 January 1891  
 p.b. Squaw Twp, Warren Co, IA  
 m. 11 January 1915  
 d. 27 July 1946  
 p.d. Liberty Twp. Warren Co,

5 Lydia Ann Caldwell  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 31 December 1857  
 p.b. Wayne Co, Iowa  
 d. 22 October 1913  
 p.d. Warren Co, Iowa

1 Darl Eugene Bumgarner  
 b. 2 October 1924  
 p.b. Liberty Twp, Warren Co. IA  
 m. 24 March 1945  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 Charles Henry Williams  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 13 November 1864  
 p.b. Osawatomie, Kans  
 m. 25 January 1891  
 d. 19 October 1938  
 p.d. Liberty Twp. Warren Co, Ia.

3 Leona Agnes Williams  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. 10 January 1893  
 p.b. Osawatomie, Kans  
 d. 6 July 1963  
 p.d. Indianola, IA

7 Nettie Adair Helms  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 22 Sept 1871  
 p.b. Illinois  
 d. 29 Apr 1917  
 p.d. Warren Co., IA

Elaine Simmerman  
 (Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. 9 December 1923 d.  
 p.b. Warren Co. IA p.d.

8 John Bumgarner  
 (Father of No. 9)  
 b. 1824  
 p.b. Ohio

9 Mary King  
 (Mother of No. 9)  
 b. 8 January 1828  
 p.b. Clayburn Co. Tenn  
 d. 21 December 1918  
 p.d. LeRoy, IA (Decatur Co)

10 Levi Caldwell  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 23 October 1822  
 p.b. Portage Co, Ohio  
 m. 25 October 1843  
 d. 10 August 1892  
 p.d. Wayne Co, Iowa

11 Louisa M Curtis  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 7 November 1822  
 p.b. New York  
 d. February 1911  
 p.d. Wayne Co, Iowa

12 Franklin Williams  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. New York

13 Elizabeth Jackson  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 p.b. Frankfort, KY  
 d.  
 p.d.

14 William Helms  
 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. p.b. Ohio  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

15 Elizabeth Pogue  
 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. ohio  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

16  
 b. (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.

17  
 b. (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 d.

18 Thomas King  
 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

19 Margaret Hatfield  
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

20 John Caldwell  
 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b. 16 Jan 1801  
 m. about 1819  
 d. 15 March 1870

21 Barbry Simons  
 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b. 12 Jan 1801  
 d. 3 Jan 1873

22 Reuben Curtis  
 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

23 Hopy Heneretta Hills  
 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

24  
 b. (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m. New York  
 d.

25  
 b. (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m. New York  
 d.

26  
 b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.

27  
 b. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 d.

28  
 b. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.

29  
 b. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 d.

30  
 b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.

31  
 b. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 d.

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## THE PRICE THEY PAID

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Five signers were captured as traitors by the British, and were tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought, and died from wounds or the hardship, of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants; nine were farmers and large plantation owners--men of means and well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward.

ndals, soldiers, or both looted the properties of lery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General Washington to open fire which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed rabble-rousing ruffians; they were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave us an independent America! Can we keep it?

--Christian Beacon.

Meanings of carvings on old tombstones  
Anchor-Hope

Poppy-Sleep

Lamb-Innocence

Cherub-Angelic

Corn-Ripe old Age

Cross-Emblem of faith

Laurel-Fame or Victory

Rosebud-Meaning of Life

Harp-Praise to the Maker

Torch-Inverted-Life Extinct

Sheaf of Wheat-Ripe for Harvest

Broken Ring-Family Circle Severed

Urn, With Blaze - Undying Friendship

Butterfly - Short-lived, Early Death

Dove, Innocence, Gentleness, Affection

Broken column-Loss of the Head of the Family

Urn Draped With Crepe or Wreath - Mourning

Palm Branch - Signifies Victory and Rejoicing

Oak Leaves and Acorn - Maturity, Ripe old Age

Open Book - Bible or Deceased was a Teacher or Clergyman

Tree Shrimp Entwined With Ivy - Head of Family, Immortality

Hourglass, Wings of Time Attached - Time Flying, Short Life

Lily or Lily-of-the-Valley - Emblem of Innocence and Purity

Full-Blown Rose - Prime of Life

Ivy - Friendship and Immortality

Morning Glory - Beginning of Life

Weeping Willow - Emblem of Sorrow

PERSONAL HISTORY-SHIRLEY RAE  
HERKE TONDERUM

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I am Shirley Rae Herke Tonderum, Born 4 Sep.1936 on our farm in Walnut Twp, Palo Alta Cnty, Ia. My parents, Ina Lenore Burg B 3-7-1903 and Ed Herke B 8-12-1900 D 1-6-1975. My two brothers Edmund Herke and Larry Herke. My two sisters Mary Lou Cunningham and Harriet Duhn. I attended Walnut #5 Country School, Graettinger Jr. and Sr. High and one year of Nurses Training at Iowa Methodist in Des Moines. George A Tonderum and I were married on 14-8-1955 at the Graettinger Methodist Church. We have been active in farming and raising 4 children. Our 3 sons, Michael, David and James farm with us and we also have a daughter Debra and seven grand children.

My dad's parents, Elizabeth Hoelzer and August Herke were born in Germany, Married near Paw Paw Il. and later moved to their farm in Iowa, around 1900. My dad was one of ten children and lived all his life in Section 23, alnut TWSP, Palo Alta County ( This is my birth place).

My mother's parents were S.W. (Billy) Burg and Harriet Proudfoot. Billy was sent to America (from Sweden) in 1875 at age 9 (by himself) to live with an uncle at Red Oak Ia. He and Harriet Proudfoot were married in 1888 in Des Moines. Her dad Charles L Proudfoot was an 1854 settler in Warren County, Ia.. He came from West Virginia with his parents at age 12. Charles parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Robinson Proudfoot--Their children were Jacob Proudfoot B 1822, Catherine McClarky B 1824, Mary Jane Van Scoy B 1826, James B B 1827, Martha Ann Stickle B.1829, Harriet Van Scoy B.1831, Elias B.1834, Emily Van Scoy B.1836, Caroline B. 1838 and our Charles Lewis Wesley B.1842. Thomas Parents were John and Lenore Hitt Proudfoot. John immigrated from Scotland in 1774 , Lenore was a grand daughter of

Peter Hitt ( one of the 1714 Colonists who settled Germanna, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. John and Lenore raised 7 children in Barbour Co. W.Va. (Taylors Drain near Philippi) and are buried at Mary's Chapel N of Phillippi. My other GGG Grandparents, James and Elizabeth Robinson are buried a few feet from them.

I've felt close to my Proudfoot ancestors as my mother passed on stories to us that her mother had told her--all passed down through the generations. The Taylors Drain Church and Mary's Chapel were built on Proudfoot land. My sister, Mary Cunningham and I went to Phillippi, W.Va. in June of 1990 to attend the world wide Proudfoot Reunion. The elderly gentleman who now owns Thomas's old farm and homestead ruins, gave us permission to explore the ruins of the (house foundation and chimney stones) We brought as many as we could carry over the mile of rough terrain, fences and thorny bushes. We value these stones as if they were gold. I love poetry and was taught it as a child--my mother recited poetry freely and I knew "Paul Reveres Ride", "Trees" and "Gingham Dog and Calico Cat" and etc. before I could read.

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INDENTURED YOUTH--June 25, 1990  
It should be noted that although many of the indentured youth are shown as coming from London, they did not necessarily live there. They may have gone there from anywhere in the British Isles to find work in London, then decided to emigrate. John Wareing's book Emigrants to America, Indentured Servants Recruited in London 1718-1733 suggests that an estimated 300,000 to 400,000 servants entered Britain's American colonies from all sources in the period 1650-1730.  
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MIDDLE NAMES...Middle Names,hard as it is to credit to this generation, were once illegal. The old English law was very definite as to the naming of children and, according to Coke,"a man cannot have two names of baptism. It is requisite, the law goes on,"that the purchaser be named by the name of his baptism and his surname, and that special heed be taken to the name of baptism."

Royal personages have always been allowed to have more than one given name, but as late as 1600, it is said, there were only four persons in all England who have two given names. In 1620 the Mayflower sailed for America and there was not a man or woman on it who had a middle name.

Even a century and a half ago, double names were very uncommon. The English used to dodge the law at times by ingeniously compounding names. Thus an old parish register in England may occasionally show combinations such as Fannasabilia, which is Fanny and Sybil joined together, and Annamaria is made up of Anna and Maria. Muis is one of the earliest middle names of record for boys. It was given in honor of the Virgin Mary.

As much as they dared, beginning along in the eighteenth century, parents evaded the "one name law". But, even as late as 100 years ago, custom was against the middle name.

If the signers of the Declaration of Independence be looked over, it will be found that only three of them had middle names. The first five presidents of the United States had only one name each. George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe. Before Grant, Eighteenth in line, there were only three double named executives- John Quincy Adams, William Henry Harrison and

James Knox Polk.

When middle names got going it became fashion, the law having dropped into disuse, parents went to work combining names for their offspring. One custom was done away with in England in consequence of this, the plan of naming the eldest son for the estate, particularly where he succeeds to the estate through his mother. The old practice is still followed to some extent in this country by the mother's maiden name being given to the eldest son, and identifies the boy when he reaches manhood, and so have some purpose. From (Ottawa County Genealogical Society, Maimi Oklahoma).

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#### COMING EVENTS

7 March 1992 and  
14 March 1992-Two "How-to" workshops, sponsored by State Historical Society of Iowa and Iowa Genealogical Society.

10 a.m. Saturday, 7 March-Beginning Genealogy. Learn what you need to know to uncover your family roots from home sources and the libraries. Fee \$5.

10 a.m. Saturday 14 March-Using the Census. Learn what unique information each census offers and how to look it up. Fee: \$5.

Choose your location for either/both workshops:

Manuscript Reading Room, Centennial Building, Iowa City; Instructors, Betty McKray and Charlene Hixon or Classroom B, State Historical Building, Des Moines.

Instructors, Margaret Foster and Sue Cochran.

Contact: Beth Johnson, (319)335-3928, SHSI, 402 Iowa Ave. Iowa City, Ia. 52240 for further information.

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## MUSEUM'S WALL OF HONOR IS GROWING FAST:-

The Danish Immigrant Museum, An International Cultural Center, in Elk Horn, Ia., is now under construction. When you visit the site you will notice that construction workers have put up a temporary sign along the south-west edge of the main floor which reads "Wall of Honor". The many visitors to the construction site are constantly asking "Where will the Wall of Honor be?" This temporary sign is the answer.

The Danish Immigrant Museum is being built to honor the more than 360,000 Danish Immigrants by telling their stories and by collecting and preserving their artifacts and traditions. The Museum's Wall of Honor will pay tribute to the Danes who came to America in search of freedom, prosperity, and adventure. The Wall of Honor will be the only centrally located registry where the names of the Danish immigrants are displayed.

Contributions of \$200 or more will permanently place the name of a designated immigrant on the Wall of Honor, along with the city and state where the honored person settled, resided or is interred. There is a 40 character limit on the name. Each Donor will receive an acknowledgement of his contribution suitable for framing. Once a donor has made a Wall of Honor gift, they will be mailed a brief family history form to be submitted to the museum. These histories will be on file and can be viewed by visitors to the museum.

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While money isn't everything, it does keep you in touch with your children.

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## COLONIAL RELATIONSHIPS:

The titles "Sr.", "Jr.", the "III," etc., do not necessarily have the same meaning in colonial records as what are used today. Often a "Jr." may have been a nephew, or a "Sr." an uncle. Many times the "Sr." and "Jr." were not even related. Also, when a "Sr." died the "Jr." of the community became "Sr." and if there was a "III," he became "Jr."

Another relationship confusion is that of "father-in-law," "son-in-law," etc. In colonial times a wife's father and mother became considered and referred to as father and mother of the husband as well, and visa versa. Consequently, references to a father and mother may be biologically, either the husband or wife. A "father-in-law" referred to the second husband of a spouse's mother. A "son-in-law" was the wife's son by a different marriage.

Though there is no exact time when the nomenclature changed, careful research should help distinguish what the proper relationships should be.

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In England there are Treasury Papers 47-49 and 10-11 in the Public Record Office at Kew that detail "bond servants" ages 15-21 who entered in indenture in exchange for passage to America. The records follow an act of 1717 and provide name, age, occupation and former place of residence. And, in the Guildhall Library (London) are documents entitled "Memorandums of Agreements to serve in America and the West Indies," dating from 1718 to 1759. They include 3,000 who immigrated to the colonies as indentured servants. U.S. libraries have Original Lists of Emigrants in Bondage from London to the American Colonies 1719-1744 edited by J. & Kaminkow, based on these documents.

INDIANA - The Indianapolis Star newspaper, P.O. Box 145, Indianapolis, In. 46206-0145 has a genealogical query column entitled "Indiana Ancestors" for those who wish to publish queries on Indiana ancestry.

Dublin birth, death and marriage records have been moved from the Custom House to 6-11 Lombard St., East Dublin. They have the 1901-1911 census on microfilm and the Church of Ireland Parish register. Wills are in Four Court Bldg., and the Roman Catholic parish registers are on microfilm at the Nat'l Library. Irish Civil Registration-Index to marriages starting in 1845 is available at LDS Libraries. (News 'N' Notes. St. Lewis Gen. Soc.)

Do You Have A DOCTOR Ancestor ?

The American Medical Association will do genealogical research in their files on deceased American physicians, for \$15 per name. The file is complete from 1906-1969, and incomplete from 1878-1905.

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We also have Sacoge News from Early Iowa.

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We also exchange with Platte Co. Mo., Pottawatomie Co. OK, Clark Co. Wa, Taylor Co. W. VA, So Central PA, East Cuyahoga Co. OH, Athens Co. OH, and Noble Co. OH.

We encourage you to make use of local information in these newsletters.

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