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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK --

P L E A S E R E M E M B E R

At the September Executive Council Meeting, it was voted to hold the election of Officers for 1993 at the regular October 19th meeting!!!

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - A genealogy workshop for anyone interested will be held on Sat., Oct. 10th at 1 P.M. at the Indianola Public Library. Call Enola (961-0943) for further information and registration.

We are happy to welcome another group of boosters for genealogy: Clarke County Roots or Branches, Clarke County Genealogical Society
% Osceola Public Library
300 S. Fillmore
Osceola, IA 50213

However, we are sad to inform our members that the Decatur County Society has disbanded due to a lack of interest.

New Members: Joanne Amos
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See next sheet for announcement of another meeting.

- : WCGS OFFICERS, 1992
- : President - Enola Disbrow
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: Newsletters will be published
: six times a year - Jan., Mar.,
: May, July, Sept. and Nov.

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: Memberships to Date - 122
: Dues are: Individual \$6.00
: Family --- \$9.00
: Payable by Jan. 1 each year.
: Membership runs Jan. to Dec.
: Send dues to:
: Jane Godwin
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: addressed to:
: Thelma Pehrson, Corres. Sec.
: 307 West Salem
: Indianola, IA 50125

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: Remember if there is some-
: thing you'd like to see in
: our newsletter, just offer
: the suggestion or give us
: the item. Thanks in advance!

"The World of Genealogy"

The Gibson Memorial Library in Creston, Iowa, is pleased to announce a genealogical seminar to be presented by Ron Bremer, noted genealogist, on Wednesday, October 7, 1992, 7-9 p.m. at the Restored Depot, 116 W. Adams, Creston.

Born and raised in southern California, Mr. Bremer now has an office near the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He is the author of "The Compendium of Historical Sources." Mr. Bremer has personally visited the major genealogical record centers in every state and province in North America.

He averages five seminars a week and travels about 60,000 miles a year. He is presently one of the most popular and sought after genealogical speakers in the country. His ability to answer questions from the audience makes his seminars more personal, and frequently he is able to help each individual in attendance. He seldom uses a microphone and is in constant demand as a motivational speaker. His lectures are not only most informative but also very entertaining.

All those attending are encouraged to come prepared to discuss their genealogical research problems. Mr. Bremer welcomes audio and video recording.

Topics covered will include: Introduction & Organization - Little-Known Sources
Speeding Up Your Genealogy - Research by Correspondence
- Solving Stone-Wall Problems - Contacting Collateral Cousins - Courthouse to the Outhouse - Attic Archaeology - And Questions and Answers

The seminar is free. Mr. Bremer will have his publications on display to sell. Library staff members who have heard Mr. Bremer are very enthusiastic about his Creston seminar. If you have hit a genealogical brick wall, Mr. Bremer is just the person to help you over it.

Don't miss this dynamic person who has a wealth of information to share!

Any questions - Contact: Char Hudson, 515-782-2277

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PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord, help me dig into the past and
sift the sands of time
That I might find the roots
that made this family tree of mine.
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads
on which my fathers trod,
And led them through so many lands
to find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book
or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
in some forgotten crypt;
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts
my soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
that ends the same as mine!


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Soc. VIA Westward Into Nebraska.

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HELPFUL EXTRACTIONS FROM NEWSLETTERS TO AID YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
by Bonnie LANNING, GOGS

MEDICAL TERMS ON DEATH RECORDS

(Editor's note: If you are working with death records you may find this article very interesting!)

ALBUMINURIA

Presence of albumin in urine. Albumin is a protein that is present in blood and other tissue; its presence is a sign of kidney disease.

APOPLEXY

Sudden loss of consciousness due to cerebral hemorrhage or the blocking of an artery of the brain. Stroke.

BILIOUS CHOLIC

Colic. Acute abdominal pain accompanied by vomiting bile.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE

General term for diseases of the kidney. Seldom used now. Albumin in the urine was regarded as a sign.

CAPILLARY BRONCHITIS

Bronchopneumonia. Inflammation of the lungs which begins with the smallest bronchioles or tubes. They become plugged with a mucopurulent fluid.

CATARRH

Inflammation of mucous membranes, such as of air passages of head and throat, accompanied by free discharge of fluid with cells and cellular debris.

CATARRH FEVER

Originally used to indicate influenza and pneumonia of lobes of lungs. Now used to denote conditions caused by the herpes viruses.

CATARRHAL GASTRITIS

Inflammation of the mucous membrane (lining) of the stomach with the production of a fluid with cells and cellular debris.

CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS

Acute inflammation of membranes of brain and spinal cord. Usually a disease of children.

CARIES OF THE SPINE

Destruction of bone by causing death of cells. Term applied to tuberculosis of the vertebrae.

CONGESTION OF THE BRAIN

Increased amount of fluid intravascular compartments (blood vessels and sinuses) of the brain causing swelling.

CONSUMPTION

Wasting of the body due to tuberculosis.

CYANOSIS

Bluish discolorizations of skin due to lack of oxygen.

DELIRIUM TREMENS

Acute mental disturbances marked by trembling, great anxiety and mental distress. Can follow withdrawal from alcohol or drugs.

DENTITION

Infected teeth and surrounding structures causing general debility. Result of lack of dental care and mouth hygiene.

DROPSY ON BRAIN

Abnormal accumulation of fluid within skull placing pressure on the brain. Modern term is hydrocephalus.

EFFUSION OF BRAIN

Escape of fluid from vessels into brain.

EMBOLISM

Obstruction of a blood vessel by a blood clot, air or other material such as a fragment of tissue.

ENTERITIS

Inflammation of the intestines.

ERYSIPELAS

Contagious inflammation of skin and subcutaneous tissue marked by redness and swelling. May on occasion affect other parts of the body. Caused by streptococcus in humans.

GASTRIC FEVER

Inflammation of mucous membrane of the stomach (lining) with discharge of fluid with cells and cellular debris. Same as catarrhal gastritis.

GLANDULAR ENLARGEMENT

General term for enlargement of glands or lymph nodes. May refer to Hodgkins's disease, leukemia or, in children, mumps.

HEAT EXHAUSTION OR STROKE

Reaction to heat, prostration, weakness and collapse due to dehydration.

HYDROCEPHALUS

Abnormal accumulation of fluid within skull causing pressure on the brain. Same as dropsy on brain.

INANITION

Weakness and weight loss from lack of food or inability to digest food.

INTEMPERANCE

Polite term for alcoholism.

LUNG FEVER

Pneumonia.

MARASMUS

Extreme emaciation. Growth retardation with wasting of subcutaneous fat and muscle. Chiefly a disease of the first year of life. No specific cause known.

PLITHISIS PULMONALLI

Plith means flight and pulmon refers to lungs. Probably a rapid developing pneumonia.

PUERPERAL FEVER

Rise in temperature after childbirth; infection.

PYANOSIS

Py means pus and osis disease. Probably pus in blood or blood poisoning.

PYEMIA

Pus in blood. Blood poisoning. Now the term septicemia is used. It is a systemic disease with the presence of infection or its toxins in the blood.

PYLEPHEBITIS

Inflammation of portal vein or its branches. Portal vein is the large blood vessel of the liver through which blood returns to general circulation. Pylephebitis usually is caused by intestinal disease.

PYROSIS

Burning sensation in stomach accompanied by raising small quantities of stomach acid. Heartburn.

PYURIA

Pus in the urine.

SCRAFULA

Indefinite term referring to swelling in the young. Fat accumulates or there is lymph node or gland enlargement. The term comes from swelling in the neck which makes the neck look like that of a pig to which scrafula refers.

TEETHING Infected teeth and mouth at the time teeth erupt in the young. Lack of dental care and mouth hygiene. Results in general debility.

VITAL EXHAUSTION State of extreme fatigue, typically unable to respond to stimuli.

SOURCE: Minnesota (State) "Genealogist," Vol. 22 #2, June 1991.

b. born
m. married
d. died
p. place

2. William Norton Smith

b. 3/22/1887
p.b. Olin, Jones Co. Ia
m. 12/24/1906
p.m. Winterset, Madison Co.
d. 8/18/1939 Ia.
p.d. Des Moines, Polk 5.
Iowa

1. Kenneth Eugene Smith

b. 10/20/1907
p.b. Winterset, Madison Co. Ia.
m. 6/15/1932
p.m. Indianola Warren Co. Ia.
d.
p.d.

3. Rhoda Lillian Henderson

b. 7/22/1884
p.b. Clearfield Taylor Co.
d. 11/3/1970 Ia.
p.d. Indianola, Warren Co.
Ia.

Submitted by

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4. Commandore Americus

b. 8/10/1852 Smith
p.b. Jones County Iowa
m. 12/24/1879
p.m. Hale Twp., Jones Co.
d. 2/17/1930 9.
p.d. Bronaugh, Vernon Co.
Buried-Olin, Jones Mo.
Co., Ia.

Elizabeth Waite Walston

b. 1/12/1854
p.b. Wyoming, Jones Co. Ia
d. 8/5/1927
p.d. Bronaugh, Mo.

6. William Richard Henderson

b. 5/30/1852
p.b.
m. 9/29/1874
p.m. Louisa County, Iowa
d. 1/3/1922
p.d. Winterset Madison Co.
Iowa 13.

7. Dora Iowa Moore

b. 4/23/1853
p.b. Lewis Cass Co. Iowa
d. 7/13/1936
p.d. San Antonio, Texas

8. Burt Adams Smith

b. 6/11/1830
p.b. Stockbridge, Mass.
m. 7/3/1851 Berkshire co.
p.m. Jones Co., Ia.
d. 4/18/1889
p.d. Olin, Jones Co. Ia.

Irena Andrew Reed

b. 3/26/1834
p.b. Kent, Portage Co., Ohio
d. 12/24/1906
p.d. Olin, Jones Co., Ia.

10. William Norton Walston

b. 12/12/1829
p.b. Pickaway Co., Ohio
m. 8/12/1852
p.m. Wyoming, Jones Co., Ia
d. 4/4/1909
p.d. Jones Co., Ia.

11. Sarah M. Waite

b. 8/3/1833
p.b. Burley, England
d. 11/5/1912
p.d. Wyoming, Jones Co., Ia

12. Alexander Tedford Henderso

b. 3/25/1824
p.b. Blount County, Tenn.
m. 3/23/1850
p.m.
d. 5/23/1882
p.d. Louisa County, Iowa

Rhoda Anne Alexander

b. 11/22/1829
p.b. Blount County, Tenn.
d. 7/19/1908
p.d. Clearfield, Taylor Co. :

14. Isaac Moore

b. 3/4/1804
p.b. Westmoreland County Penn
m. 9/11/1849
p.m.
d. 5/24/1880
p.d. Louisa County Iowa

15. Catherine Van Eaton Crow

b. 8/13/1819
p.b. Hamilton County Ohio
d. 4/18/1872
p.d. Louisa County Iowa

IOWA PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

A project of the Iowa Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 3815, Des Moines, Iowa 50322

NAME OF APPLICANT Kenneth E. Smith

ADDRESS 1105 North B CITY Indianola STATE Iowa ZIP 50125
(As it is to appear on the Certificate)

NAME OF IOWA PIONEER ANCESTOR Commandore Americus Smith

DATE BORN 8/10/1852 WHERE Jones County Iowa
(As it is to appear on the Certificate)

DATE OF DEATH 2/17/1939 WHERE Bronaugh, Vernon Co., Missouri

PIONEER'S FATHER Burt Adams Smith PIONEER'S MOTHER Irena Andrew Reed Smith
Walston 1879

NAME OF PIONEER'S SPOUSE Elizabeth Waite DATE OF MARRIAGE 12/24/ WHERE Hale, Twp., Jones Iowa

DATE BORN 1/21/1854 WHERE Wyoming, Jones Co., Iowa

DATE OF DEATH 8/5/1924 WHERE Bronaugh, Vernon Co., Missouri

PIONEER SPOUSE FATHER William Norton Walston PIONEER SPOUSE MOTHER Sarah M. Waite

COUNTY IN IOWA ANCESTOR SETTLE _____ DATE SETTLED IN IOWA _____

CHILDREN OF IOWA PIONEER ANCESTOR

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>DIED</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
1. Milo Garfield Smith	11/4/1880	Olin, Iowa	1/8/59	
2. Chester Smith	3/5/1882	Olin, Iowa	8/1884	Olin, Iowa
3. Irvin Christopher Smith	2/26/1884	Olin, Iowa	10/3/1958	
4. Commodore Smith, Jr.	6/2/1885	Olin, Iowa	7/1966	
5. William Norton Smith	3/22/1887	Olin, Iowa	8/18/1939	Des Moines, Iowa
6. Daisy Dean Smith	12/11/1888	Olin, Iowa		
7. Burt Adams Smith	3/21/1890	Wyoming Twp. Jones Co.	1/14/1964	
8. Ray Sylvania Smith	11/30/1892	Wyoming Twp, Jones Co.	5/12/1901	
9. Walter McKinley Smith	5/10/1896	Winterset, Madison Co.	5/10/1953	
10.				
11.				
12.				

	<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>SPOUSE NAME</u>
1. Milo Garfield Smith	8/26/1903		Maude Beem
2. Chester Smith			
3. Irvin Christopher Smith	1907		Dora Hanibuth
4. Commodore Smith, Jr.	10/6/1909		Anna Edith Cooley
5. William Norton Smith	12/24/1906	Winterset, Ia.	Rhoda Lillian Henderson
6. Daisy Dean Smith	12/25/1907		Ernest Young
7. Burt Adams Smith			Mae Martin
8. Ray Sylvania Smith			
9. Walter McKinley Smith	3/1916		Rosie Hammer
10.			
11. William Norton Smith (2nd wife)	7/3/1913	Wick, Warren Co. Ia.	Thora Agnes Sayre
12.			

YOUR SOURCE OF PROOF _____

6/1/82

Q U E R I E S ---

MURPHY - Is wondering if anyone locally is doing research on this family name? Wants to find out if the people she is searching for are residents of Warren Co. or no relation to any local Murphys. Contact her. They have joined IGS in Des Moines. Jim & Wanette J. Smiley, 606 S.W. Cherry, Ankeny, IA 50021.

BARNES - Wants history for James M., John W., Sylvester, Thomas F. and William Alva Barnes. Wonders if any descendants of the above people still in Warren County. Has information sheets from a West Virginia group going to Iowa. Barbara Rehorn, 8341 McCready Drive, Dallas, Georgia 30132 Tel. 404-445-4580.

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With all the atorms we've been having, perhaps this item from The People's Advocate - June 22, 1881, will interest some.

"The Storm in Iowa"

The part at Norwalk, Linn township, Warren County, the storm commencing Saturday evening at 6 o'clock was the worst in the history of the neighborhood. Mr. Burkhead's splendid residence near Linn Grove was completely demolished. His barn also was utterly torn to pieces. The family all escaped. The house of Mr. John Keller was considerably wrecked but not torn down. Just before the storm came up Mr. Keller's little girl went out in the field after the cows. Mr. Keller seeing the approaching storm ran out after her. Just as he reached her the storm broke upon them and snatched the little girl from her feet and drew her up in the air whirling her round like a spinning top. The father reached for her just in time to catch hold of her feet and pulled her down in his arms. He then laid down on the earth and held fast to a post till the storm had gone by.

The widow Burkhead a little farther northeast, lost her barn.

Mr. Lamb, of the same neighborhood, also had his born completely destroyed.

The storm in its progress came next upon the barn of Mr. Lockridge, which it unroofed.

When the funnel fury crossed North river, it was seen to draw water from the stream over a hundred feet into the air, and also tore up the planks in the bridge at that point. When it got as far as Salyver's coal shaft, it tore the company's scales out of the ground.

The storm on Sunday began about 2 o'clock at Norwalk, both hail and rain coming down at a fearful rate, tearing up fences, orchards and out-houses. The fruit trees and crops are all ruined in that locality. There is not a hill of corn to be seen for miles. The fruit trees that are not torn down and out of the ground are so beaten by the hail that the bark comes off at a touch. Mr. Adam Stiffner had 30 acres of fine corn, knee high, which he had plowed three times, which the storm removed so successfully that there is not a hill to be seen in the whole field."

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DETERMINING A MAIDEN NAME

On the average, a couple usually bought land six times in their lifetime. Typically, there are four signatures on each deed, representing the witnesses to the event or to the legal instrument. According to tradition, the first two witnesses are from the husband's side of the family and the second two signatures are from the wife's side of the family.

While this is not positive proof, it is a good clue. With these names, a researcher can then search supportive records such as probates, plat maps, etc. This tip works best before the Civil War period. Many families traveled together before the advent of railroads.
From: Old Fort Genealogical Society, Inc., Fort Madison, IA - January, 1991

~~ITEMS~~
MORE INTERESTING ~~ITEMS~~ FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

The Peoples Advocate - July 20, 1880 - STARTLING DISCOVERY - "The body of an Indian chief was unearthed in the gravel pits this side of Des Moines last week by the workmen who were loading the train. The articles found in the grave go to show that he was once a person of distinction. A silver bracelet, finger rings, bow and arrows, knife and hatchet and a pipe full of tobacco, were lying beside the skeleton which was resting on his left side, one ear being in a good state of preservation and still retaining the war paint. A large silver medal was also found, of the following description: On one side was the figure of a pipe and hatchet crossed and the words 'peace and friendship'. On the opposite the name and likeness of president Adams, with the inscription 'treaty of peace' dated A.D. 1825. The medal is of solid silver and worth about \$3.00 as compared with our present coins. Mr. Bronck has already been offered \$100 for it; but refused the tempting offer. He will write to Washington in order to ascertain whether there is a record throwing any light on the matter and give the result to the public." The above is from the Albia Industrial Era of July 15. The discovery referred to must have been made on or very near Warren County soil."

Same newspaper but issue of May 11, 1880 - "What color is a lad when undergoing punishment? Yell-O."

Same paper issue of June 29, 1881 - A valuable improvement has been made in the recorder's office, in new book racks. Each record lies flat and on rollers, so that it is easily drawn out and does not rub or twist. Miss Hayden is also overhauling, arranging, and indexing all old papers. It is a big job, but will be thoroughly done.

Again the same paper and issue - "Neighbors Pretty Daughter - 'How much is this a yard? Draper's son (desperate 'spoons' on her) - Only one kiss. Neighbors Pretty Daughter - 'I will take three yards, grandma will pay.'"

Same paper - Aug. 17, 1880 - "They were soon to be married. He had vague ideas of house furnishings, and he asked her what kind of carpeting he should get for the parlor. She said, 'Axminister.' And he protested it was none of the minister's business."

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