



# Warren County Genealogical Society

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## Happy Thanksgiving

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK --

We want to introduce you to your newly elected WCGS officers for 1993:

- President - Vicki Montgomery
- Vice President - Donna Crow
- Secretary - Ruth Henry
- Treasurer - Jane Godwin

Get to know these people who are willing to give some of their time for our organization. AND, if asked, please try to help them out.

If anyone would like to serve on the program committee or has an idea for or is willing to give one, contact: Donna Crow Tel. 278-4808

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are due before January 1st. If they are not paid, your name and address will not be in the yearbook. Don't miss out on all the Warren County news!

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Another page will contain a report and list of books donated to the Indianola Public Library and placed in the Genealogy Section for 1992. Check it out!

NEW MEMBERS - Lynne Davey	Our new members
408 W. 5th	attended the
Indianola, IA 50125	genealogy
Evelyn Brightman	workshop.
303 N. G	Welcome!
Indianola, IA 50125	

ADDRESS CHANGE: June Gerbode  
3118 Faulkner  
Rowlett, TX 75088-5904

### WCGS OFFICERS, 1992

- President - Enola Disbrow
- Vice Pres. - Dawn Curnes
- Secretary - Ruth Henry
- Treasurer - Jane Godwin
- Corres. Sec. - Thelma Pehrson
- Editor - Willa Jean Grissom
- Registrar - Jean Owens
- Historian - Kate Kauzlarich
- Librarian - Elaine Bungarner
- Parliamentarian - Marjorie Kline
- IGS Liaison - Louise Pilmer
- Past Pres. - Elaine Bungarner

Newletters will be published six times a year - Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

Memberships to Date - 124  
 Dues are: Individual \$6.00  
           Family --- \$9.00  
 Payable by Jan. 1 each year.  
 Membership runs Jan. to Dec.  
 Send dues to:  
 Jane Godwin  
 808 W. Detroit  
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All other mail should be addressed to:  
Thelma Pehrson, Corres. Sec.  
306 West Salem  
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All of the WCGS officers for 1992 wish you all most happy holidays and the best of everything for 1993!!!

*Christmas Joy*

*Willa Jean*

## LIBRARY REPORT

One of the ways the WCGS is committed to helping others with their genealogy is to support the Genealogy Section of the Indianola Public Library. When the library was moved to its new location, WCGS donated its entire collection of research materials to the library and the Genealogy Section was created to accommodate them.

Part of the agreement between us was that the library would make every effort to keep the materials secure. This is the reason the genealogy shelves are labeled "Staff Only" and a librarian brings materials requested out of that section. In addition, no materials may be checked out of this section. WCGS members are allowed to go into the stacks IF they show their current dues receipt to a librarian and ask to do so.

Each year committees and individuals collect additional information and donate it to the library, e.g. the Vital Records Committee updates the obituary records and several members work with Louise Pilmer in abstracting genealogical data from Warren County probates. Also this year, we have been trying to improve shelving space and labeling of shelves.

Books donated to the library this year are:

1915 Marion County History, given in memory of Maude Wilkins  
Galloway-McLaren Funeral Home Records, Norwalk, compiled by Dolly Flinn  
Bible Records - as copied from Bibles in possession of Warren County  
Historical Society

Baptism Records of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, St. Marys, Iowa  
March 1876/December 1900 Thanks to Tom Lippold and Dolly Flinn

Descendants of Alexander Young Art and Elizabeth Pendry, given by Harry Art  
Iowa Braffords, descendants of John W. Anderson and Syntha Brafford  
C. N. Carpenter Family

Ancestral Charts-2 Vols-cover years 1776/1977. Compiled by South Central  
Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

Complete Index to above Charts

1990 and 1991 Warren County Obituaries

Remember--we donate the books and they become the property of the library, therefore we follow their procedures. Use the material, but if you want to go into the stacks, show your WCGS dues receipt--one of the privileges of being a member!

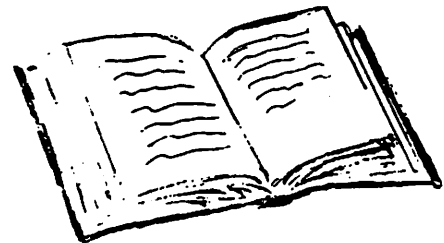
Elaine Bungarner, Librarian

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This rather ties in with the above.

### OUT ON A GENEALOGY LIMB

I think that I shall never see  
A thing so involved as a Family tree;  
A tree whose myriad boughs are spread  
To include the living and the dead.  
A tree whose roots are embedded deep  
Before this sap began to creep  
A tree whose branches will multiply  
Many years after I die.  
It's much too complex for a twig like me;  
But I'm glad I'm part of a family tree.



Before most people start boasting  
about their family tree, they  
usually do a good pruning job.

--O. A. Battista,  
Readers Digest

NEED HELP

There were some pictures left at the Warren County Historical Museum before Log Cabin Days but Edith Conn needs help in finding out who they come from and also who they are.

One picture says on the back "County farm when we lived there".

Another is a long picture of a large group of men in front of a rather ornate building.

Then there is this one of a young man taken at the Luke Stacy Photo Shop in New Virginia, IA.

Any information greatly appreciated. Call Edith #961-4246. Thanks!



*Luke Stacy,*

New Virginia, Ia.

From old newspaper - The People's Advocate, Jan. 26, 1881 - "There's no place like home, repeated Mr. Henpeck, looking at a motto, and he heartily added, 'I'm devilish glad there isn't.'"

THE GENEALOGIST'S PSALM

Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray; It maketh me to lie down and examine half-buried tombstones.

It leadeth me into still Court Houses, It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.

It leadeth me in paths of census records and ships passenger lists for my surname's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the shadows of research libraries and microfilm readers, I shall fear no discouragement; for a strong urge is within me, curiosity and motivation, they comfort me.

It demandeth preparation of storage space for the acquisition of countless documents; it anointeth my head with burning midnight oil, my family group sheets runneth over.

Surely birth, marriage and death dates shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of a family-history seeker forever.

VIA Linn Co. Heritage Hunters-April 1992

**Environmentally Safe**

**Household Recipe #2  
Drain Opener**

1/2 cup baking soda  
1 cup vinegar  
boiling water  
Dissolve baking soda and vinegar in boiling water and pour the solution down the drain. Continue to flush with hot tap water until clog breaks.

**Environmentally Safe**

**Household Recipe #1  
All Purpose Cleaner**

1 qt. warm water  
1 tsp. liquid soap  
1 tsp. borax  
squeeze of lemon or splash of vinegar  
Can be used for a multitude of cleaning jobs including counter tops, floors, walls, rugs and upholstery.

From Poweshiek County Searcher, Jan. Feb., Mch., 1992

August 11, 1992

Nauvoo Public Library

Nauvoo, Illinois

Obituary column from The Nauvoo Independent dated Wednesday, November 10, 1915:

DIED SUDDENLY LAST NIGHT

George DEEG Passes Away in His Buggy While On His Way Home From Ft. Madison

George DEEG, the well-known blacksmith of this city, died in his buggy about midnight last night while on his way home from Ft. Madison.

Mr. DEEG drove to Fort Madison yesterday, leaving here about noon. While there, he had traded horses with a liveryman, Wm. ENGEMAN. In the evening he started home with his new horse. He stopped at JUETTEMEYER'S store at Niota and where there the horse got away and ran back to Fort Madison. Mr. ENGEMAN and JOS. DECKER took the horse back to Niota, thinking that the horse ran away and that DEEG had been thrown out and perhaps injured. They found DEEG at the store, when ENGEMAN offered to accompany DEEG home. DECKER, who is a city fireman, and who is on his vacation, offered to go instead, and accordingly, he and DEEG started for Nauvoo about nine o'clock.

DEEG was talkative until he reached the Maple Grove school house, when he apparently went to sleep. DECKER tried to arouse him several times but without success and when they reached Nauvoo at midnight all attempts of DECKER to arouse DEEG to find where he lived failed. DECKER stopped at some house and inquired where DEEG lived and when he arrived at the home he and Mrs. DEEG carried the prostrate form into the house.

Coroner BARR of Fountain Green (township) was notified and being unable to come on account of illness Justice of the Peace Herman BURGER, SR., summoned Frank BAUGHMAN, J.G. SCHNEIDER, Conrad ARGAST, John JOHNSON, Carl GROSS, and John REPPLINGER. DECKER was held as a witness and testified to the facts above enumerated. Dr. HAGGERT examined the body for any signs of violence and found none. Mrs. DEEG also testified. The jury brought in a verdict this morning at 5 o'clock that deceased's death was due to heart trouble. In DEEG's pockets were found \$171 in cash, his watch and other articles.

DEEG was a frequent visitor to Fort Madison, where he was able to purchase intoxicating liquor, not being able to get it in Nauvoo. He had been drinking heavily yesterday.

Deceased was a native of Schroetsburg, Wuertemberg, Germany, and was 50 years old. He came to this country and to Nauvoo 33 years ago. Was married here to Miss Rosa Van-arx, who with three sons, Carl, Albert, and George, survive.

Mr. DEEG carried life insurance.

Deceased served in the German army. He was a good mechanic and had many good qualities. The time for the funeral has not yet been set.

(The above is an interesting item, Vicki Montgomery found while researching. Other newspaper items made mention of a Mrs. George Weigand attending the funeral of her brother, George Deeg so thus established a family connection as Mrs. Weigand was her great-grandmother. It's such fun to find something new and discover a few characters we've not been aware of before. Thanks, Vicki.)

FROM OTHER GROUPS --

#### GERMAN INTEREST GROUP

The German Interest Group was started in March of 1992 by Iowa Genealogical Society members with German ancestry.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

#### PURPOSES:

- a. Provide an association of those interested in genealogy relating to German lineage.
- b. Hold meetings to encourage members and provide exchange of ideas and instruction.
- c. Provide contacts for such areas of resources, translations, researching geography, history, etc.
- d. Promote funding for purchase of "German-related" materials for IGS library.

#### PREVIOUS MEETINGS TOPICS:

Glenn Buhr, professor of German at Simpson College, spoke about Germany past and present.

LDS Library Research - library was opened solely for our group one evening to learn how to use their computers and materials.

FEES - Membership free of charge to IGS members. Occasionally donations are taken for incidentals or to provide seed money to buy materials. The group purchased the first book in the Glazier-Filby Germany to America series and has nominated more of the books on the "Ten Most Wanted" book list at IGS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION - Contact Marcia Martin (515/279-7058) or Chris Smith (515/964-7029).

IRISH GENEALOGY SEMINAR - Many who have ancestors in Ireland have met with frustration when they learn that the very records they need to continue their research were lost in "The Fire." This refers to a conflagration at Four Courts in Dublin, during a battle of the Irish Civil War in 1922. In the course of the fire, boxes upon boxes with centuries of Irish Census records and Parish records turned into ash. For the genealogists of Irish descent attending the seminar, especially those who have been "burned" by "The Fire," Ms. Warren's presentation was like a gentle spring shower, bringing hope that all was NOT lost in the fire. She provided information on many resources in Ireland that were not destroyed; including church registers, Probate Records, Civil Registrations, Marriage License Bonds and Land Records among several others. And as it turns out, many of these available resources are copies, transcripts or alternatives to those lost in the flames. So for those who have been stopped in Ireland by burnt records, don't give up hope...just keep digging. The information is probably out there somewhere. And for the researchers who lament that they lack the resources to travel to the green isle, don't despair. Many of these records are available on microfilm from Salt Lake City. (Part of report from Westward Into Nebraska, Oct 1992.)

This may have been in our newsletter before but gives quite a bit of information. WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A PHYSICIAN? Check out the DECEASED PHYSICIAN MASTERFILE! Data on more than 350,000 physicians can be obtained by writing to the American Medical Association Library and Archives, Attn: Graham HASTINGS, P. O. Box 10523, Chicago, IL 60610. Records through 1905 are not complete, but they feel the files are comprehensive from 1906 to 1969. Data includes date of birth and death, medical education, place of practice and an obituary. There is a charge for copies. IA Gen. Soc. Newsletter, April 1991.

IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS - Our new combined 7 ATLASES. Order from Dean & Ruth Iverson, 406 South 4th St., Indianola, IA 50125. Cost is \$35.00 + \$1.75 tax (Iowa residents only) but checks should be made to WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. If mailed add another \$3.60. Birth Records of Warren County through 1920 \$20.00 + \$.25 tax and \$3.00 if mailed. Happy shopping for those hard to get for people on your list.

???? QUERIES ????

GASKILL - I am hoping someone there can help me with a knotty little problem. I have been researching the Gaskill family in your area. In your publication of birth records, I found Albert Gaskill who had a daughter, Nora on 12 Aug 1897. They are in my family line.

My question is does anyone know a connection between them and the following entry? Robert Bennett Gaskill was born 22 Jan. 1918 in Washington Twp. to Bessie Bell Hawkins and Bennett Mitchell Gaskill.

Also found, in the death records a Edythe H. Gaskill wife of "B.M." Gaskill b. 18 Aug 1892, d. 15 Mar 1910. She was buried in Indianola as were Albert and his wife, Ethel. If anyone there has any interest in this family, I have letters from Ethel to Albert's sister, Evaline in Missouri, one dated 1910 and the other 1928. I would be happy to share copies.

Are there any descendent of either family living in the area at this time?

I am a member of the Genealogy Society in Red River Co., TX and would be happy to help anyone researching in this area. Elizabeth PERIMAN, 204 E. College Ave., Clarksville, TX 75426

WHEELER - Need brothers and sisters of Samuel Davis Wheeler b. 1810 in Loudown Co, VA. m. Elizabeth Mathews. His father was Robert b. about 1748-49 MD, m. Nancy Davis b. about 1775 VA. They moved to Ohio where Robert and Nancy died in the 1840s. Samuel was said to have 4 siblings I'd like to find. Since Robert was about 59 when he married Nancy, I feel there was likely another family. Dorothy MOONEY, 134 Peno Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801

HOPKINSON - Albert Paul who died in Palmyra Township about 1868-1870. He was born in the township on Jan. 20, 1868. He may be listed in the WPA Cemetery Record for Warren Co. Would like obit for Mrs. Eleanor Paul Hopkinson, wife of E.P. who dies in Palmyra Twp. Sept. 19, 1958. Clifford W. THOMAS, 39 Yellowstone Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131.

PARROTT/ADAMS/COOKSEY/GOODRUM Families - Mrs. DeForest (Fae) Parrott, 3137 SW 12th St., Des Moines, IA, 85 when she died (probably late 70s). Had a sister, Lenore Solderlund. If anyone knows where her records for those listed above and also RHODES, would like to know. Chalotte SCHMIDT, 163 Fordham St., Colorado Springs, CO 80911 719-392-3024.

LEWIS/ANTHONY - Jessie Lewis, male, DOB unknown, Pl. of B - Virginia? May have resided in Warren Co. in 1860s. Speculation only.  
Daniel Lewis, male, DOB June 1, 1840, Barnesville, OH, father: Jessie Lewis. Resident of Warren Co., Sandyville, IA or around Pleasantville from 1865 to around 1875 after serving in the Civil War. Married Cynthia Anthony in Sandyville, IA on Dec. 23, 1867.  
William Anthony, male, DOB May 16, 1812, Pl. of B - Unknown, d. April 8, 1874, Sandyville, IA. Father of Cynthia Anthony. Resident of Sandyville, IA from around 1861 to death. Shirley V. LEWIS, 1111 J Street #28, Davis, CA 95616.  
(She also enclosed a Pedigree Chart for William A. Lewis.)

REMEMBER - These newsletters go out to all our members (all over the country), to about 25 Iowa societies and to around 12 out of state groups so you might be surprised what someone else might have that you could use.

# A Genealogist's Christmas Eve



**"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.**

**The dining room table with clutter was spread  
with pedigree charts and with letters which said . . .**

**"Too bad about the data for which you wrote  
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."**

**Stacks of old copies of wills and the such  
were proof that my work had become much too much.**

**Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.**

**And I at my table was ready to drop  
From work on my album with photos to crop.**

**Christmas was here, and of such was my lot  
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.**

**Had I not been so busy with grandparents' wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.**

**While others had bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer,  
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.**

**While I was thus musing about my sad plight,  
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.**

**Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.**

**When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.**

**Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys, and 'ole Santa Claus, too.**

**And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.**

**The TV antenna was no match for their horns,  
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.**

**As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,  
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!**

**"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,  
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)**

**Spotting my face, good old Santa could see  
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.**

**He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work  
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).**

**Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy;  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.**

**He spied my research on the table all spread  
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)**

**Tonight I've met many like you, Santa grinned.  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.**

**I gazed with amazement - the cover it read  
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."**

**"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"  
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.**

**While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,  
I do some research in the North Pole Library!"**

**"A special treat I am thus able to bring,  
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing."**

**"Now off you go to your bed for a rest,  
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."**

**As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,  
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.**

**While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,  
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.**

**And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
"Family History is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"**

**THE OREGON TRAIL PROJECT - Genealogical Society Offers Oregon Trail Certificate**

The Oregon Trail Project is issuing special certificates to anyone whose ancestors came west via the Oregon Trail between the years 1811 and 1911.

"This is a tribute to those hardy pioneers who came overland by wagon, handcart or foot along the Oregon Trail," said Jane Walls Golden, chairperson of the Oregon Trail Project. "Entire families, with all their worldly possessions in tow, left homes and loved ones to follow an inner voice that promised a better life 'out west'."

Recognizing descendants of Oregon Trail travelers commemorates the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the peak year of westerly migration. Golden explained.

"People began to head west in 1811 using the Old Platte Road," she said. "But the exodus was at its height in 1843 when about 300,000 pioneers journeyed west of the Missouri River to begin new lives. The Old Platte Road then became known as the Oregon Trail."

To qualify for an Oregon Trail certificate, Golden said applicants must prove direct descent from a person who traveled any part of the Oregon Trail between 1811 and 1911. To receive an application or more information, write to the Oregon Trail Project at 4620 Overland Rd., #206, Boise, Idaho 83705.

The Oregon Trail Project of Idaho is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting, archiving and publishing data about the Oregon Trail.

**CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR RESEARCH** - The Civil War Descendants Society will, for a small fee, provide information about any ancestors you have who served in either the Union or Confederate armies. You may order a Certificate of Recognition (\$5), a documentation research for a soldier (\$10), a military unit research (\$10), and/or a family search using US Census Indexes. For more information contact the ACHS&M or write direct to the Civil War Descendants Society, PO Box 233, Athens, AL 35611. From: Athens Co. Historical Society, Athens, OH

**SIGNING NAME WITH 'X' WAS SIGN OF FAITH** - Signing a name with an 'X' wasn't always an indication of illiteracy, according to the Handy Book of Literary Curiosities, published by the Gale Research Co. Among the ancient Saxons, everyone, whether he could read and write or not, was required to make the sign of the cross after his signature as a proof of his good faith. (From: Linn Co. Heritage Hunters - Oct/92)

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