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Our year runs from Jan 1 - Dec 31.
Meetings third Monday monthly -
Indianola Public Library, Indianola.

WCGS NEWS:

Our society has lost a faithful and caring member. Lester Swartzlander of Indianola, died on 3 February 1995 at his home, his loving wife Margaret by his side. He will be missed by all.

A memorial book will be placed in the library collection in his honor. Anyone having a suggestion for the book, please contact Elaine Bumgarner, chair of the Library Committee.

Publications for Sale:

Death, Probate, and Obituary Book
I, II, and III

Seven-Year 1800's Atlas

Early Marriage Records

IGS SESQUICENTENNIAL PROJECT!!!!

To commemorate the 150th year of Iowa becoming a state, the Iowa Genealogical Society in creating a guide to Iowa Genealogical Research! At approximately 300 pages, the guide hopes to cover the background (history and geography), ethnic and religious influences, kinds of records available, "out-of state" resources (National Archives, etc.), state and regional resources, local/county resources, and reference materials that can be used to help researchers.

6 February 1995....German Interest Group...meets at IGS Library, 7 pm, topic..."Brainstorming Research Problems."

The IGS Library (at 6000 Douglas in Des Moines) is open 10 am - 4 pm, Monday-Saturday....and Tues. 7 pm - 9 pm.

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
.....BUDGET FOR THE 1995 OPERATING YEAR.....

Approved Jan 1995

Balance on Jan 1, 1994 **1871.80**

INCOME

Dues	588.00
Donations	72.50
IGS Profit Sharing	112.00
Sale of Forms	10.96
Sale of Books...Birth Books	215.75
Death, Probate, Obit	40.00
Atlases	680.75
Special Projects	186.30
Postage for Books - excess	27.20
Iowa Tax on Sales	37.53

1970.99

EXPENSES

Newsletter Printing	269.30
Newsletter Postage	2210.12
Courtesy	00.00
Book Mailing	9.86
Library Forms	198.41
Sales Tax (1993)	62.10
Travel to IGS	00.00
Genealogical Project	273.62
Programs	75.00
Misc.	126.68

Total **1283.40**

Balance on 31 Dec, 1994 **2559.39**

GENEALOGICAL PROJECT ACCOUNT - Super Saver

Balance on 1 January 1994 **5161.16**

Interest	125.55
Balance on 31 Dec 1994	5286.71

RESEARCHING WITH PROBATES RECORDS: An Abstract From Ancestry Magazine, Volume 12, Number 3 (May/June 1994)

****Editor's Note:** This wonderful magazine used to be a "newsletter" but recently was transformed to a full status. It is available by writing to: ANCESTRY INC., 440 South 400 West, Suite D, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Article written by Denn Devins, C. G., C. G. I.

When a person dies, every state has laws that provide for public supervision over the estate that is left, whether or not there is a will. Probate is a minor judicial procedure to prove that a will is valid....that the witnesses did see the deceased sign it without duress and in full understanding of the contents. The maker of the will is called the "testator". To die without a will is to die "in-testate." The testator usually names someone to be the executor (male), executrix (female), or administrator (a personal representative). "Real property" indicates land ownership, while "personal property" indicates household, moveable items, cash, accounts, and securities. "Partition" is the process of dividing land among people who owned it as a group.

There is great value in seeing the original probate/will papers (or an exact photocopy) because the older records held in courthouses are not the originals but a hand-written copy of the one given to the family. Sometimes these courthouse records contain errors. Additionally, abstracts such as that which follows this introduction, have been copied from a hand-copied index to this published list.

Inventories and accounts contained in the probate files will tell you much about a person's economic status, occupation, and lifestyle. Sale lists can indicate other family connections and neighbors names.

The example below was found in our courthouse. There were a total of 13 pieces in the tri-fold bundle of papers.

*The Last Will of
Geo. D. Pilmer Deceased*

*Filed opened and publicly
read February 2nd 1884
and the second day of the
March term it being the
1st day of April set for
proof and probate of
same. J. J. Anderson
Clerk*

PROBATE COURT.

J. J. Thompson

vs.
THE ESTATE OF

Geo. D. Pilmer
Deceased.

Filed *Feb 23* 1884

J. J. Anderson Clerk

By *J. H. Derronzi* Deputy

*The Last Will and Testament
of George D Pilmer -*

*George D Pilmer of the
Township of Greenfield - County of
Warren and State of Iowa by profession
a Farmer - being of full age and*

Warren County Probate and Court Records 1853 - 1910

Taken from the oldest records held in the Warren County Courthouse, Clerk's Office. File drawers located above the cabinets, around the records storage area. Index boxes (2) located on the cabinets in the middle of the records area.

These records were microfilmed by the LDS church in 1993 and the film should be available soon.

"A"

NAME	TYPE OF RECORD	ACTION	FILING DATE
ABEL, James W.	Estate	Deceased	8 June 1863
ABEL, Laurinda V.	Estate	Deceased	13 March 1885
ABEL, William R.	Estate	Deceased	5 Jan 1907
ABRAMS, H. H.	Estate	Deceased	14 Nov 1870
ACKELY, William H.	Estate	Deceased	5 June 1868
ADAMSON, Ellis	Estate	Deceased	14 Dec 1896
ADAMSON, John	Will	Deceased	4 March 1879
ADAMSON, Joseph	Estate	Deceased	13 Feb 1900
ADAMSON, T. P.	Estate	Deceased	8 Oct 1906
ADAMSON, William L.	Estate	Deceased	8 June 1893
ADKINS, M. C.	Estate	Deceased	16 Jan 1901
ADKINS, M. E.	Estate	Deceased	13 Nov 1876
AKERS, Mary M.	Estate	Deceased	23 Jan 1902
ALBERT, A. E.	Estate	Deceased	25 April 1864
ALBERT, David	Estate	Deceased	2 March 1861
ALBERTSON, Jesse B.	Estate	Deceased	29 June 1863
ALCOCK, John	Estate	Deceased	30 Nov 1874
ALEXANDER, John	Estate	Deceased	30 March 1883
ALEXANDER, Silas William, Henry W., Mary A., and Elizabeth D.	Guardianship, minor heirs of John W. ALEXANDER		28 JUNE 1870
ALFREY, M. M.	Estate	Deceased	30 June 1892
ALLEN, Fannie C. and Joseph W.	Guardianship and Estate, minor heirs of Harriet S. ALLEN		8 FEB 1868
ALLEN, John W., Sarah, Frances, and Bell	Guardianship, James HIATT...grandfather		no date given
ALLEN, William M.	Estate, Will	Deceased	26 Feb 1910
ALLER, William	Estate	Deceased	6 June 1898
ALLIS, Edward P.	Will	Deceased	16 Sept 1893
AMOS, James M.	Estate, Will	Deceased	31 Aug 1898
ANDERSON, Charles, Eva, Joseph, Eddie and Jessie	Guardianship, Thomas ANDERSON...father and guardian		14 Jan 1896
ANDERSON, Hugh P.	Estate	Deceased	7 April 1870
ANDERSON, J. S.	Estate	Deceased	25 Feb 1903
ANTHONY, Matilda	Estate	Deceased	29 March 1888
ANTHONY, Ross A. and William A.	Estate, Guardianship, Thomas J. ANTHONY..guardian		7 Feb 1870
ANTHONY, William	Estate	Deceased	8 June 1874
APPLEGATE, A. J.	Estate, Will	Deceased	18 April 1895

APPLEGATE, Lydia J.	Estate, Will	Deceased	28 May 1908
ARCHER, Lillian N. and Mary L.			
	Guardian and Estate, minor heirs of Lucy W. ARCHER		22 Dec 1892
ARMSTRONG, Russell	Estate	Deceased	16 Jan 1888
ARMSTRONG, Thos. R.	Estate	Deceased	7 April 1890
ARNOLD, John D.	Estate	Deceased	22 Nov 1910
ARNOLD, Maria	Estate	Deceased	8 April 1887
ARNOLD, Wesley	Estate, Will	Deceased	12 April 1888
ARREL, John	Estate, Will	Deceased	7 June 1886
ART, Robert A., Henry, Thomas, and Charlie			
	Estate and Guardianship, A. Y. ART...guardian		6 Sept 1900
ASH, Matilda	Estate	Deceased	1 Aug 1900
ASH, Michael	Estate, Will	Deceased	7 Aug 1887
ASH, W. H. H.	Estate	Deceased	16 Jan 1911
ASHWORTH, Elizabeth	Estate	Deceased	9 Oct 1861
ASHWORTH, George	Estate	Deceased	17 April 1894
ASHWORTH, George, Nettie, and Clara			
	Guardianship, minor heirs of J. R. ASHWORTH		23 May 1892
ASHWORTH, J. R.	Estate	Deceased	29 May 1890
ATKINSON, Theresea A.	Estate	Deceased	15 March 1894
AURAND, Charles Finley	Guardianship, minor heirs of Ellen AURAND		21 Aug 1869
AYLWARD, Thomas	Estate, Will	Deceased	23 Aug 1901

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FALLIS, John M.	Estate	Deceased	21 Nov 1900
FARLEY, Mary A., Wm L., Madison W., Amanda, John A., Lucinda, James T., Lewis H.			
	Guardianship and Estate, minor children of John FARLEY		26 Oct 1860
FARLEY, Sylvester	Estate	Deceased	5 June 1896
FARLIN, Kittina, Lucy, George, Emily and James			
	Guardianship, Aaron REEVES...guardian		31 May 1861
FARLING, John G.	Estate	Deceased	14 Sept 1895
FARMER, Daniel W.	Estate	Deceased	7 Feb 1855
FARMER, Martha and Rebecca			
	Guardian, minor heirs of Daniel W. FARMER		9 Dec 1861
FARR, Elmer E.	Estate	Deceased	1 June 1905
FEAGANS, Thomas	Estate	Deceased	7 Nov 1871
FEAGANS, James, Erma, Marvin, Jane, Alex.			
	Guardianship, Thomas PENDRY...guardian		5 Feb 1866
FEAGINS, Marion and Martha	Guardianship, James FEAGINS..guardian		17 March 1875
FEAR, Emma	Estate	Deceased	18 Dec 1900
FEATHER, Jonas	Estate	Deceased	8 July 1897
FEE, William O.	Estate	Deceased	7 Dec 1897
FELL, Phebe Viola	Guardianship, Joseph WRIGHT...guardian		16 July 1863
FELLOWS, Cecil M.	Guardianship, T. V. FELLOWS...guardian and father		13 Sept 1901
FELLOWS, John T.	Estate	Deceased	10 Nov 1897
FELTON, J. B.	Estate	Deceased	— July 1903
FENNER, L. A.	Estate	Deceased	21 Jan 1910
FERGUSON, Alonzo T., Charles A., Harry S.			
	Guardianship, S. J. VAN GILDER...guardian		21 Oct 1878

FERGUSON, Etta, James, John	Guardianship, minor heirs of John A FERGUSON (deceased) and Ellen M. FERGUSON...mother and guardian		21 Oct 1878
FERGUSON, John A.	Estate	Deceased	18 March 1874
FERNAL, Alice, Ezra, and Charles	Guardianship, minor heirs of Charles FERNAL and Amand FERNAL...mother		5 Aug 1873
FERNALD, Charles	Guardianship, E. F. SANDY..guardian		11 June 1879
FERNALD, Wm D., Leon S., Yettie S.	Guardianship, minor heirs of Abbie S. FERNALD, George W. FERNALD...guardian		8 June 1875
FETTERS, Samuel	Estate	Deceased	28 May 1889
FIELD, A. D.	Estate	Deceased	22 Dec 1908
FINLEY, Hattie, Elijah, Lavina, Mary Frances, Elizabeth, James, William, Nancy	Guardianship Elizabeth FINLEY...guardian		21 May 1870
FISHER, Eden	Estate	Deceased	5 Oct 1903
FISK, Florence A., John B., Charles W., Maria L., Effie F., Martha C.	Guardianship James LAVERTY...guardian		21 Dec 1864
FISK, H.	Estate	Deceased	12 Nov 1864
FITZGERALD, Thomas	Estate	Deceased	1 April 1867
FLEAGER, Andrew	Estate	Deceased	18 Sept 1869
FLEAGER, Caroline	Estate	Deceased	13 Nov 1872
FLEAGER, Margaret	Estate	Deceased	9 Aug 1871
FLEMMING, James	Estate	Deceased	3 July 1882
FLESHER, C. P.	Estate	Deceased	2 Sept 1879
FLESHER, MADISON	Estate	Deceased	no date given
FLESHER, William E., James, Lucinda M., and Sarah A.	Guardianship minor heirs of Madison FLESHER		4 July 1853
FLYNN, Wm. C.	Estate	Deceased	26 March 1896
FLYNN, William H.	Estate	Deceased	9 April 1896
FOGEL, Joel	Estate	Deceased	23 April 1888
FOGLE, Columbus S., Ralph E., Stella M.	Guardianship Mary J. FOGEL...guardian, minor heirs of Joel FOGEL		7 May 1888
FOOT, Robert F.	Will	Deceased	25 Aug 1890
FORD, A.	Estate	Deceased	13 June 1856
FORD, Grace E. and Olive F.	Guardianship Sarah M. FORD...mother, C. F. MOORMAN....guardian		24 May 1890
FORD, Joseph	Estate	Deceased	29 May 1873
FORD, Uriah	Estate	Deceased	2 April 1890
FORD, W. H.	Estate	Deceased	2 Jan 1903
FOREMAN, Jacob M.	Estate	Deceased	15 Feb 1878
FOREMAN, James G.	Estate	Deceased	9 May 1863
FOREMAN, Sarah E. and Samuel C.	Guardianship M.J. SIPE.....guardian and mother		8 Nov 1882
FORMAN, James E.	Guardianship Maria M. FORMAN..Mother		21 Sept 1864
FORREST, Carrie D.	Estate	Deceased	14 Jan 1909
FORSYTHE, Burton	Guardianship Burton FORSYTHE....Father Josephine FORSYTHE...mother and guardian		5 April 1892
FORSYTHE, James M.	Estate	Deceased	18 Aug 1891
FORTNEY, D. H.	Estate	Deceased	1 Oct 1879
FOSTER, Francis A.	Estate	Deceased	13 April 1893
FOSTER, Jacob M.	Estate	Deceased	20 March 1896

WARREN COUNTY, WILLBOOK A
FROM THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CLERK'S RECORDS

Abstracted by Vicki Montgomery Feb 1995

The following records were abstracted from Willbook A, the oldest wills on record in the courthouse. All entries were hand written.

ADAMSON, John: will dated 29 July 1878; wife Phebe Ann; children (not named); witnesses George SINYON, Alpheus BOUD, Hiram H. BOUD.

BAILEY, David W.: will dated 27 June 1866; widow Hannah BAILEY; son David W., son Nathaniel, dau Lovantia, Eunice, Vashlie, and Cynthia S., son Charles D.; executors Charles and Hannah BAILEY; witnesses J.J. COZAD, A. R. HAYNES, W. BARNWELL.

COOK, Zachariah: will dated 6 Dec 1873; lived Richland Township; 50 years old; seven children.....dau Mary ULISHIN, John, Henry, Nancy, Elizabeth, William, Rachel; executor Joseph HALTERMAN of Palmyra Township; witnesses W. S. HULL, J. A. COTTER.

DAVIS, Ephraim P.: will dated 1 Dec 1864; executors... son Charles W. DAVIS, wife Nancy C. DAVIS; lived in Indianola; dau Elizabeth T. IVINS, dau Sarah P. DAVIS, Grandson Charles Lynes LOOP and his mother Mary C. LOOP; witnesses John CHESHIRE, T. W. HALLAM.

ELLIOTT, John: will dated 7 April 1875; wife and executor Sarah Jane ELLIOTT (STAUD); established ELLIOTT'S MISSIONARY FUND for the United Presbyterian Church of North America; his mother Eleanor ELLIOTT; witnesses Edward HULL, W. B. CARUTHERS.

FORTNEY, D.H.: will dated 16 Nov 1878; dau Charlotte A. VANTASSEL, dau Orpha S. FORTNEY; executor E. W. FORTNEY; all my other living children and the children of my children who are now dead; witnesses J. D. MCCLEARY, R. J. GRAHAM.

GOODWIN, George M.: date of death 22 Oct 1868; will dated 15 April 1868; wife and executor Frances GOODWIN; witnesses Thomas W. COATES, James TALBOTT.

HOOTON, Lewis P: will dated 13 June 1866; Palmyra Township; mother Christina HOOTON executrix; witnesses Silas IGON, Mary IGON, S.V.R. JAMES.

JAMES, Thomas: death date 14 Aug 1866; will dated 1 Oct 1866; wife Ann Amelia M. JAMES; mules to J. W. THOMPSON, \$ to Thomas J. and E. J. ROY, sons of Lurudas ROY; his father John JAMES; Charles M. BISHOP of Rawlsburg, Presto County, West Virginia (caring for his father); witnesses Solomon VANSCOY, Nathaniel HYTTON.

MORGAN, William H.: will dated 16 Jan 1869; admin. Benjamin WINSHAW, Jephtha MORGAN; wife Catharine MORGAN, dau Catharine MORGAN (yet unmarried), "other married daughters"; farmer; children 1-Matilda, 2-Ruth, 3-Elizabeth, 4-David, 5-Jonathan, 6-Abigail, 7-John, 8-Catherine, 9-Elisha, 10-Susannah, 11-Jephtha W., 12-Rebecca, 13-William; Matilda and Elisha are deceased with yet living children; witnesses Isaac STARBUCK, William DOAN.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CHART		
TYPE OF PHOTO	PERIOD OF USE	SPECIAL FEATURES FOR ID
Daguerreotype 2 3/4" x 2 1/4" 3 1/4" x 4 1/4"	1840 - 1856	Flashes like a mirror at some angles. Appears as a negative at some angles. Picture on silvered copper plate. In case with brass border protected by glass in front.
Ambrotype As above	1855 - 1870	On glass with dark backing. Appears normal at all angles. Is a negative without the dark backing. In a case as above.
Tintype Various sizes	1856 - 1900	Picture on a thin iron plate. Does not need glass to protect surface. Most often free of holder, but may also be in a case or album.
Carte-de-visite 2 1/2" x 3 1/2"	1859 - 1868	Paper print glued to mount of nearly equal size. Studio's name often on front and back of mount.
Cabinet 4 1/2" x 6 1/2"	1866 - 1900	Paper print, larger than Carte-de-visite and glued to mount larger than photo. Studio's name often on front and back of mount.
Post Cards	1900 - 1914+	Paper photo, backside of which has printed place for stamp.
Home photos Various sizes	1890 - present	Paper print not glued to a mount. Surface often glossy with a border. Print may have scalloped edges, 1920-40.
Elongated photos May be over 3" long	1910? - 1930?	Paper print which may roll up. Generally taken at group meetings, e.g. family reunions, graduations.
Stereo Cards Early photos 3" Later photos 4"	1860 - early 1900's	Paired paper prints mounted on long cardboard; often on curved mount. When viewed through paired lenses at a fixed distance gives a depth effect. Generally scenic views.

HOME Sources for Genealogy....."Begin With Yourself"

"A"...albums, antiques, awards.
"B"...bibles, birth ann't,books.
"C"...cert's,church, clothing.
"D"...deeds, diaries, diplomas.
"E"...employment,estate papers.
"F"...frakturs,funeral,fraternity.
"G"...genealogies,graduations.
"H"...histories, house history.
"I"...immigration,insurance.
"J"...jewelry, journals.
"L"...land records, letters.
"M"...medals, medical,memoires.
"N"...naturalization, newspapers.
"O"...oral history, occupations.
"P"...passports,photos,portraits.
"Q"...quilts.
"R"...religious items, report cards.
"S"...schools,scrapbooks,speeches.
"T"...taped interviews, titles,taxes.
"U"...uniforms.
"V"...veteran,voters,vaccination.
"W"...weddings,wars,wills.
"Y"...yearbooks.

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