

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

NAME	TYPE OF RECORD	ACTION	FILING DATE
WADDELL Robert	Estate	Deceased	21 March 1859
WADE, Beedy M.	Estate, Will	Deceased	12 Oct 1803
WADE, Joseph	Estate	Deceased	14 April 1896
WADE, Mariah	Estate	Deceased	1 April 1903
WADLE, J. J.	Estate	Deceased	29 July 1899
WADLE, John	Estate	Deceased	19 Jan 1904
WADSWORTH, B. F.	Estate	Deceased	10 Aug 1900
WADSWORTH, Thomas T.	Estate	Deceased	10 Jan 1893
WAGONER, Fredrick	Estate	Deceased	19 Nov 1866
WAGONER, Jacob	Estate, Will	Deceased	17 Dec 1870
WAGONER, Mary, Catharine, Daniel, John, Emanuel, and Sarah	Guardianship minor heirs of Jacob WAGONER		11 March 1873
WAKEFIELD, John W.	Estate	Deceased	10 Feb 1873
WAKEFIELD, T. J.	Estate	Deceased	1 Aug 1891
WALDRON, Patrick	Estate, Will	Deceased	14 April 1875
WALE, William F., George W., Mary Ann	Guardianship minor heirs of Jonathan WALE		19 May 1866
WALLACE, James G.	Estate, Will	Deceased	22 Dec 1900
WALLACE, James M.	Estate	Deceased	3 Sept 1881
WALK, Andrew	Estate	Deceased	16 Jan 1905
WALKER, Clark S.	Estate	Deceased	24 Nov 1897
WALKER, Elizabeth	Estate, Will	Deceased	13 Dec 1897
WALKER, Emma J. and Lee Otis	Guardianship minor heirs of Floyd F. WALKER		11 April 1874
WALKER, James	Estate	Deceased	13 June 1874
WALKER, James A., John B., and Charles C.	Guardianship minor heirs of James WALKER		1 April 1867
WALKER, Sarah A.	Estate	Deceased	6 Jan 1899
WALLACE, John S.	Estate, Will	Deceased	18 Oct 1873
WALLACE, Lulu Belle and John L.	Guardianship minor heirs of William A. WALLACE		30 Sept 1882
WALLACE, Mary A.	Estate	Deceased	24 Nov 1900
WALLACE, Julia A.	Estate, Will	Deceased	7 April 1900
WALLACE, Ruth	Estate, Will	Deceased	26 April 1906
WALLACE, T. D.	Estate	Deceased	6 April 1906
WALLACE, William A.	Estate	Deceased	22 Feb 1881
WALLS, Jonathan	Estate	Deceased	1 Oct 1864
WALLS, Sarah A. and Thurseay Jane	Guardianship minor heirs of Jonathan WALLS		16 Sept 1868
WALLS, Thurseay Jane	Guardianship Hezekiah SPOHN...guardian		25 Oct 1878
WALSH, Adam	Will	Deceased	12 April 1901
WALSH, Edward	Estate, Will	Deceased	11 July 1887
WALSH, Jane	Estate	Deceased	20 Aug 1887
WALSH, Patrick	Estate	Deceased	29 June 1870

WALTON, James F., Margaret E., William M., and John L.	Guardianship		
	minor heirs of James R. WATSON		11 Jan 1868
WALTON, James H.	Estate	Deceased	11 April 1867
WALTON, James R.	Estate	Deceased	14 March 1867
WALTON, Sarah R.	Estate, Will	Deceased	4 Sept 1895
WARE, William	Estate	Deceased	11 April 1874
WARD, Patrick	Estate	Deceased	30 July 1892
WARD, William C.	Estate	Deceased	31 Jan 1898
WARDRIP, Jacob	Estate	Deceased	13 Sept 1910
WARNOCK, David	Estate, Will	Deceased	4 Oct 1875
WARNOCK, James and David W.	Guardianship		
	Simeon WARNOCK...guardian		4 Sept 1875
WARTHEN, W. F.	Estate	Deceased	14 Jan 1891
WARREN, E. F.	Estate	Deceased	25 April 1898
WATSON, James A., Martha A., Joseph O., and Julia H.	Guardianship		
	minor heirs of J. A. WATSON		9 June 1877
WATSON, Joseph C.	Estate	Deceased	19 March 1877
WATTS, William	Estate, Will	Deceased	9 April 1901
WAY, Elsie J., Oscar T., Ruth C., Stephen and Susan	Guardianship		
	minor heirs of John WAY		18 Oct 1884
WAY, J. C.	Estate	Deceased	19 March 1879
WAY, Stephen E.	Estate	Deceased	10 Dec 1902
WAYMAN, John R.	Estate	Deceased	11 Sept 1879
WAYMAN, Joseph F.	Estate, Will	Deceased	29 Sept 1894
WAYMAN, Margaret E.	Estate	Deceased	29 Jan 1897
WEAVER, George	Estate	Deceased	28 April 1903
WEBB, A. A.	Estate, Will	Deceased	10 Nov 1898
WEBSTER, Daniel B.	Guardianship, minor heirs of Stephen R. WEBSTER		18 Dec 1891
WEBSTER, Eliza A.	Guardianship, minor heirs of Taylor W. WEBSTER		5 June 1872
WEBSTER, George and Ella	Guardianship, minor heirs of Taylor W. WEBSTER		5 June 1872
WEEKLEY, Merit	Estate	Deceased	20 Jan 1911
WEIL, Casper	Estate, Will	Deceased	4 March 1899
WEIL, Conrad	Estate, Will	Deceased	7 April 1903
WELLONS, D. H.	Estate	Deceased	29 Aug 1907
WELLS, Alonzo	Estate, Will	Deceased	27 March 1900
WELLS, Catherine R.	Estate	Deceased	3 Jan 1908
WELLS, Electa J.	Estate	Deceased	30 March 1901
WELLS, Eliza S., and Clinton R.	Guardianship		
	minor heirs of Electa J. WELLS		8 Jan 1902
WELLS, L. Whitney and Lee W.	Guardianship, Sarah WELLS...guardian		3 March 1865

Photos.....free to a good home!!!

Please rescue these old photos! Marg found an album at a flea market and would like to get it back to the family!! The photos are from Mt. Ayr Studios and feature the GLAZEBROOK family. Contact Marj KLINE, 1003 North "C", Indianola, Iowa 50125. Phone 515-961-8025.

Warren County...Naturalization First Papers March 1862 to September 1906

Abstracted by Vicki Montgomery....March 1995

These records have been abstracted with the original spellings directly from the first recorded naturalization papers at the Warren County Courthouse.

Name of Applicant	Country of Origin	Date of Filing
John HUSS	Denmark	31 May 1865
George HUSS	Denmark	3 July 1865
Charles HARVEY	England	12 Aug 1865
Thomas WOOD	Great Britain	9 Oct 1865
John CADDY	Ireland of Great Britain	9 Oct 1866
Peter SCHOOLER	Scotland of Great Britain	8 July 1868
W. P. WALKER	England	2 March 1868
Robert DICKSON	Scotland	1 June 1868
Christian SHERMAN	Germany	14 Dec 1868
Bartholemew STEEL	Germany	6 May 1869
John HOSSACK	Scotland of Great Britain	23 March 1869
Alexander BURNS	Ireland	18 July 1869
Daniel MUHRN	Germany	17 Aug 1869
Auton WADLE	Bavania (Saut)	28 Aug 1869
William CRAWFORD	Great Britain	12 Aug 1870
John EDWARDS	England	27 Oct 1870
J. Denis MCCOY	Ireland of Great Britain	14 Nov 1870
Benjamin COOPER	Great Britain	2 May 1871
John WATSON	Great Britain	25 May 1871
Peter STEPHENS	Denmark	16 Aug 1871
Henry LIEKHUIS	Prussia	8 Feb 1872
William GREGG	Ireland	29 April 1872
Jacob Christian RAPP	Germany	21 Sept 1872
Patrick MCDONALD	Ireland	30 Sept 1873
Ole O. DALL	Norway	8 Dec 1873
Fredrick KADING	Prussia	25 May 1874
Jacob GROTH	Germany	25 Sept 1874
John PISLMER	Germany	28 Sept 1874
Barnard BROMMEL	Germany	15 Dec 1874
William MARTIN	Scotland	22 Feb 1875
Charles KADING	Prussia	20 May 1875



BOOK REVIEW...."ILLEGAL ALIENS, IMMIGRATION IN THE US"
by Pierre Hauser, 1990.

This summary is aimed at helping you identify the immigration policies in effect during past 300 years in the United States. More detail is given in the book....these are the highlights.

Until 1798.....all people admitted freely and encouraged. In 1790, federal government has first census...people needed to develop the land, clear forests, farm, growth of cities, laborers for factories. Military for defense against Indians. George Washington..."we are open to receive."

In 1798.....ALIENS FRIENDS ACT...stated to deport "dangerous" immigrants, keep good workers. NATURALIZATION ACT...must have lived in US 14 years, last 5 in State where desire citizenship.

In 1799.....naturalization changed only to require proof of residency for 5 years.

1800-1820.....slow rate of immigration due to wars in Europe (England, France, Spain) limited sea voyages.

1820-1870.....7.4 million immigrants came, mostly from Ireland, Germany, Scandinavia, Holland, Scotland, Wales....these are now known as the "old immigrants."

By 1845.....Americans viewed immigrants with anger in the East, overcrowded cities, attitude...."don't let them in." Western America needed laborers for railroads, mining, etc. attitude..."send more."

1850-1880's.....Chinese flooded into California coast due to poor living conditions in China. Took Poor paying, service jobs!!....."women's work... sewing, cleaning, cooking". 90% male. White men scorned loss of jobs.

1850's....California passed anti-Chinese restrictions on public schools, marrying whites, testifying in court. Violence against Chinese escalated.

1882.....Congress passed a Chinese Exclusion Act....banning immigrants from China for 10 years...except students, merchants, children of Chinese Americans. Only time America singled out one race of people for exclusion.

In 1892....exclusions extended. kept until 1943!

About 1880....."old immigration" rates tapered off. New wave started....people from southern and eastern Europe: Italians, Greeks, Jews, Poles, Czechs, Slovaks, Russians, Hungarians. Came for jobs in US.

In 1882.....Congress began enforcing immigration laws...mostly sea passage. This resulted in first wave of illegal immigrants. Vast majority of Chinese illegal aliens gained entry by being claimed as a son or daughter of a Chinese American....these were called "paper sons."

Between 1900-1912.....one million immigrants each year.....most were uneducated poor, settled in cities in the Northeast. Caused unrest again...."no more immigrants!"

In 1903.....polygamy and contract laborers banned.

In 1917.....IMMIGRATION ACT.....all immigrants 16 years and older must show literacy in one (any) language to be admitted.

QUOTA ACT OF 1921.....set number of immigrants and only % of existing population (mostly English, etc. allowed) and limits on those from outside Northern Hemisphere (no Japanese/Chinese).

In 1924....JOHNSON-REED ACT (NATIONAL ORIGIN ACT)...cut the number of immigrants allowed even more. No Asian's. Many Mexicans came over the border and returned after working 1-2 years.

In 1929....Great Depression...many Mexican workers deported.

BRACERO PROGRAM...1942....American companies shipped in Mexican workers (field hands), then shipped them home. They hoped to encourage legal entry and exit to Mexicans. But only one in ten needing the job was hired.

From 1952-1953....immigration officials caught and deported 543,000 to 865,000 illegals. Many more got through!

1986....strict guidelines for employers hiring illegal aliens...amnesty for those here if apply for citizenship.



**WARREN COUNTY, WILLBOOK A (con't)
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.

PATTERSON, James T.: will dated 6 Feb 1862; will transferred from Chatham County, GA; will written in Augusta, Richmond County, GA; wife and executrix Catharine A. PATTERSON; his parents James PATTERSON and Margaret PATTERSON of Kirth, Bauffshire, Scotland; sisters Ellen (wife of John CUMMINGS), Margaret Ann and Catharine; witnesses Wm. T. GOULD, J. S. TUCKER, Edward A. ROHRER.

RUSSELL, Phoebe: will dated 26 Nov 1865; son and executor J. Milton RUSSELL, son William A. RUSSELL, son Owen D. RUSSELL, daus Helen HAMILTON, Harriett E. PERRY, and Marg. A. INGALLS, son Harry RUSSELL; witnesses H. R. BARKER, Lewis TODHUNTER.

SANDY, Susannah H.: will dated 3 Dec 1864; she was widowed wife of Henry G. SANDY; four eldest sons Joseph(executor) C. SANDY, Aaron H. SANDY, Jeremiah H. SANDY, and Uriah A. V. SANDY, my two daus Mary C. SANDY and Sarah A. SANDY JOICE; my three youngest children, sons Elisha J. SANDY, William H. SANDY, and Thomas J. SANDY; witnesses Samuel BURGESS, James GILBERT.

TARLETON, W. C.: will 6 Feb 1866; wife and executor Marg. E. TARLETON; witnesses Hiram A. WATSON, Rebecca FORMAN.

HICKS, Abel: will 18 June 1870; farmer; wife Sarah HICKS; heirs Allen H. HICKS, Wiley HICKS, Joel HICKS, Martin HICKS, Mary HICKS, Euraline GRAY, Lurina ROUTH, James C. HICKS, Elijah B. HICKS, Anna Martha WRIGHT, Tempy Jane WRIGHT, Robert HICKS, Elizabeth LAWAN; witnesses Samuel BURGESS, James STAFFORD.

CAIN, Mary: will 1 March 1869; son James CAIN, admin. Sarah CAIN; witnesses David WELCH, Thomas HARRISON.

COOPER, Thomas: will 5 Oct 1868; lived Jefferson Twp; wife Martha; 3 daus, eldest Eliza Jane COOPER, next Namonia Ann COOPER, younger Mary Elizabeth COOPER; executor Jacob F. LOUGH; witnessed Jacob F. LOUGH, Thomas A. WALKER.

Please let the editor know if you would like any certain family will abstract to appear in this newsletter!! I plan to abstract at random until completion of the old wills. Send request to: WCGS Editor, 1405 East Franklin, Indianola, Iowa 50125-1546.

Tips on Preserving Your Documents

Helpful tips for preserving your precious documents and memorabilia.

By Nancy Kraft, chair, and Ivan Hanthorn, Iowa Cooperative Preservation Consortium

Tip #1 – Don't Laminate

Did you know that laminating your important documents and treasured keepsakes is one of the worst things you can do to them? Lamination may seem to be the answer because it's tough material. Unfortunately, what the lamination process does is actually accelerate the aging of documents and other paper items. The process uses harmful glues and heat, which permanently bond items to the plastic. Once you've laminated something that's it — you can never remove it from the plastic.

Many people don't realize that lamination is bad because the damaging effects don't show up right away. But if you look at an old laminated driver's license, for instance, you'd see how the color in the photograph begins to degrade.

If you're not concerned with preserving an item permanently, then lamination is okay. It's fine for, say, protecting materials that will be used temporarily in schools.

Unfortunately, we're finding that many important things are being laminated — such as courthouse records, photographs, newspaper articles, bills of sale, and marriage licenses. It's quick and it's cheap but in the long run it's harmful.

Tip #2 – Photo Sleeves

To both visually enjoy and protect your photographs and keepsakes, enclose them in archival quality transparent sleeves. These enclosures are made of polypropylene, polyester, or polyethylene [not polyvinylchloride (PVC)], which are chemically stable materials free of additives and surface coatings. Brand names to look for include Mylar and Print File. If your items are fragile, include a piece of acid-free board or acid-free folder stock for support.

Tip #3 – Archival Products

If you want the next generation to enjoy your keepsakes, then you need to use archival-quality storage materials. Archival materials are becoming easier to find these days. There are several mail-order companies that stock materials for storing everything from books to photos and wedding dresses to baseball cards. You can often find archival products at your local photocopy, stationary, or art supply store, or call the following companies for a sales catalog:

Light Impressions, 800/828-6216
Hollinger Corporation, 800/634-0491
Reflections of Iowa gift shop, 515/283-1757
Library Binding Service, 800/526-5640

Tip #4 – Environment

Store your important items in the best environment you can find. Keep documents and paintings out of direct sunlight. If at all possible, avoid shelving books against outside walls, where condensation may form and harm your books. Also avoid storing valuable materials in basements or attics, where extremes in temperature and humidity may occur. An air-conditioned room with north or east windows is a good location for books and keepsakes.

Tip #5 – Copies

It's best to display a copy of the original and safely store the original. You can photocopy your entire scrapbook or historical documents and leave these out to share with friends so you don't have to worry about tearing or spilling.

Tip #6 – Reversibility

The rule of thumb in all preservation efforts is this: If it's not reversible (like laminating), it's not a good preservation practice. Any good practice will let you undo what you've done — in case technology changes or you change your mind about storage.

For more information, write or fax:

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State Historical Society of Iowa
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Iowa City, IA 52240
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This was sent to us by the Iowa Cooperative Preservation Consortium with the request that we share it. We are more than happy to do that.

We all have old family photographs and documents that are priceless to us. Don't let them waste away just because they aren't being stored safely. Lets try these methods.

WCGQUERIES...../March/April 1995.....

**DE COU, FREESTONE, LENT, FOUST, NORRIS, BURNETT, BRADLEY,
MCCARTY, HODGKISS/HOTCHKISS, COFFEE/COFFEY.**

Would like to hear from anyone researching these families. Lillian Tilton THOMAS, 211 E. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood, Illinois 60107-1460.

**BEERY, BLACK, BLOSSER, BONNETT, BOYD, COLLINS, ELLIS,
GARRISON, GLAZE, HATFIELD, MAYNARD, MCCOY, MULLINS, SPICER,
SYKES, WRIGHT, ZWANZIGER.**

Would like to hear from anyone researching these names. Also, she is writing a family history book and would like help on these two questions:

1. My 2nd Gr Grandfather was Writer Stamper GLAZE (on most records he is identified by initials only...i.e. W. S. GLAZE). He married Mary Jane BLACK, the daughter of Benoni BLACK and Mary BLOSSER. The family moved to Norwalk from Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1856. Mary died 13 Feb 1869. Writer Stamper died 28 Nov 1886. I have been unable to locate a death certificate for him. Are there any obituaries covering this time period? His headstone is at the Norwalk Cemetery.

2. On page 20 of the 1880 Census (Linn Twp) I find W. S. GLAZE with a wife Amanda and a step daughter Emma Karmody (sp). Although his name was spelled GLASE, I know this is the correct family as it also lists his daughter Minnie and son George. Are there any marriage records in your collection which would show the date of marriage?

Betty SCOTT, 10414 Peacock Hill Ave NW, Space #48, Gig Harbor, WA 98332-8939. 206-851-7656

SMITH, SCHOONOVER, TAYLOR, MILES.

Would like to correspond with anyone interested: Patrick and Ann SMITH, Luke and Mary (SCHOONOVER) SMITH, Catherine (SMITH) and George TAYLOR, and Margaret (SMITH) and John MILES. Mary A. SMITH, 14860 Church Rd SW, Farwell, MN 56327. 612-283-5782.

GILCHRIST OR GILCHRIEST / JOHNSON

Any information on Alice Gilchriest who married Fred Johnson. She died 2 July 1910. Would like to know where they are buried and any children. Helen Nemes, 1440 Andrew Dr., Warson Woods, MO 63122

GOOSICK / HENDERSON

Looking for information on: The sensational trial of Goosick, before Col. Henderson (the Co. Judge). Mr. Goosick shoot a man a half mile distant, in the big toe. This was written about in the Early Settler's Meeting in 1879. As being years before. Can anyone enlighten me. Helen Nemes, 1440 Andrew Dr., Warson Woods, MO 63122



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WCGS QUERIES...../March/April 1995.....

GOOSIC/SCOTT

Looking for death date and burial place of Emma Goosic Scott, wife of Isaac B. Scott. Isaac died 9 Oct 1907; Bur. Indianola Cemetery; Their children Wm. L., Charity Ann, Elizabeth B., James G., Cynthia J., Loring Isaac, Andrew Jackson, Jane & Manerva L. Any information on these people please write: Helen Nemes, 1440 Andrew Dr., Warson Woods, MO. 63122

NICHOLSON / GOOSIC / SHAVER / BICKEL / DILLON / KELLER / BORRALL

Any one having any information on the Zachariah Nicholson family. They came to Warren Co., in 1849. He and his first wife are buried in Smith Cemetery. He died in 1885. Children: Mary, Joseph, Elisha, Elizabeth m Geo W. Shaver, John, Lucinda m Michael Bickel, James P., William m Mary Louise Goosic, Rebecca Ann m John H. Dillon, Thomas S., Martha C. After death of his wife Martha in 1857 he married Mary Jane Keller and had Harvey m Mary L. Borrall, Reuben, Franklin, Z. D. and Marion. Would like any further information. Helen Nemes, 1440 Andrew Dr., Warson Woods, MO 63122