

Reminder to Renew for 1996!!!

We need new queries for the newsletter!! What are you working on? Any questions?

Warren County Naturalizations to be published soon!

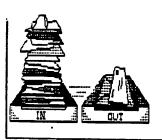
There will not be a yearbook for 1996. The names and addresses of 1996 members will appear in the #1 issue of this newsletter!

The Cemetery Committee has decided to start working on an addendum to the out-of-print cemetery book. They are contacting township trustees to establish correct entries.

WCGS has voted to index the Warren County Censuses! Plans are underway!

1996 Officers:
Pres. Eve Brightmen
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Tres. Jane Godwin
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Editor Vicki Montgomery





WCGS NEWS!!!

November 1995 Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance	1797.00
Receipts	104.00
Disbursements	247.06
Balance	1653.94

Super Saver Account Balance 5389.70
October Interest 10.19
Balance 11/20 5399.89

Surnames from Beryl Geise NEWBURG: GEISE, BRUCE, KERR, HAYES/HAYS, MATHEWS, MATTHEWS, BERNARD, TENOR, CHANEY.

Special Focus:
"Indianola"!

IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL
1846 * 1996

CITY OF INDIANOLA GENERAL INFORMATION

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	1950	1960	1970
Ackworth	95	77	111
Bevington (Warren Co.)			7
Carlisle	903	1,317	2,246
Cumming	131	148	189
Hartford	221	271	582
Indianola	5,145	7,062	8,976 ·
Lacona	430	396	424
Martensdale	161	316	306
Milo	525	468	561
New Virginia	342	381	452
Norwalk	435	1,328	1,745
Sandyville	92	115	89
Spring Hill	86	111	131
St. Marys	89	94	105
Total Urban	8,655 - 48.7%	12,084 - 58%	15,924 - 58%
Rural	9,103 - 51.3%		11,632 - 42%
•	17,758	20,829	27,556

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<u>Year</u>		 Population
1920		3,628
1930		3,488
1940	,	4,100
1950		5,145
1960		7,062
1970		8,976
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Publications for Sale:

Seven-Year Atlas\$36.75
(Add 3.60 if mailed)
Birth Records of Warren County Through
1920\$15.75 (Add 3.00 if mailed)
Deaths, Probates, and Obits Book One
(Add 1.00 if mailed)\$5.25
Deaths, Probates, and Obits Book Two(Add 1.00 if mailed)\$8.40
Deaths, Probates, and Obits Book Three(Add 1.00 of mailed)\$7.35
Warren County Naturalizations, First Bookready to go to print soon
Early Marr. of Warren County Book One.

...1849-1879..(mailing,1.00).....\$7.35

Early Marr. of Warren County Book Two. ...1880-1899..(mailing, 1.00).....\$9.98

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Besse Marson, B. A., M. A. Latin and I Simpson College and State University of Iowa	Pedago
HELEN THOMPSON, B. A. Associate Principal a Albia High School and Simpson College	nd I.
MARY SHAW, B. A. Nevada High School and Simpson College	English
ETHEL McGranahan, B. A. Indianola High School and Simpson College	English
ELLA MITCHELL, B. A. Indianola High School and Simpson College	English
EMMA HARNED, B. A. Mat Guthrie Center High School and Simpson College	hematics
ELOISE CRABBE, B. A. Mat Indianola High School and Simpson College	hematics
ALICE HOLMES, B. A. Simpson College Academy and Simpson College	History
HELEN ROBINSON, B. A. Brookings, S. D., and Grinnell College	History
Lors Kaur, B. A. Mat Jefferson High School and Simpson College	hemata s
AMY CRABBE, B. A. Indianola High School and Simpson College	Latin
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MARY BRADSHAW Indianola High School and Simpson College	٠.
THEODORE SAUR, B. A. Physic Indianola High School and Simpson College	
W. C. SPRATT, B. S. Agriculture, i Michigan State College	
LOBETTA ENGLER [Domes: Ipswich (S. D.) High School and Stout Institute, Menor.	

Simpson College Academy

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HISTORY OF INDIANOLA Abstract of Article Written by Carl Fletcher Brown, 1964 Found in the Indianola Public Library

The first official government of the City of Indianola took office 1 April 1864, just 100 years ago this year. It had its beginnings when 90 taxpayers of Indianola in October 1863, petitioned the county court. The courts granted this petition just 60 years after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. The one million square miles embraced in the purchase was unexplored and inhabited by Indians. Probably not over one thousand whites were in this vast territory. After the exploration of Lewis and Clark, it generally was believed the land would never be settled by civilized people, except along the principal streams.

Territorial government was set up and settlement was so rapid that states were formed. Iowa territory was admitted as a state in 1846. The Virginia form of organization by counties was followed and Warren County was created by legislative act, being named in memory of Brig. General Joseph WARREN who lost his life in the Battle of Bunker Hill. A commission was appointed to locate the county seat of government.

The settlers did not feel the need of county government with sheriff and judge. They were industrious, frugal and not inclined to meddle in each others affairs. Justice was being administered satisfactorily by a vigilante committee. But they did feel the need of taxes for schools and roads. The commissioners selected the site for the seat of government on 4 June 1849, and gave it the name "Indianola." Colonel P. P. Henderson said, several years later, the name "Indianola" was taken from a news item about Indianola, Texas, which was in a copy of the New York Sun that had been wrapped around his lunch. Eighty acres, in the form of a square, were purchased for \$100 for the town site.

Warren County never was plagued by Indian conflicts for the reason that before the whites were permitted to take up settlement a treaty had been made by which the Sac and Fox Indians ceded their lands in lowa to the United States Government.

In the horse and buggy days, the court house in Indianola was surrounded by a hitchrack for horses. Pumps for watering horses were located on each corner of the square. By the order of the city council, cows were restrained from running at large after 20 November 1887. According to the Record and Tribune history of Warren County, the Indianola Journal had this item about the coming of the Rock Island Railroad to Indianola. "Think of it! The iron horse, dragging cars of progress, at 20 miles an hour, snorting into our city, a telegraph bringing us news with a speed that outstrides the lightning's flashing level best, and a grain elevator likewise. Out of the woods at last!"

And Indianola continued to get out of the woods. It was one of the first towns in lowa to have a municipal electric plant which was constructed in 1890. This was a steam plant which burned coal that had to be hauled. D. C. current was generated and was available only mornings and evenings until midnight. Day current began in 1911. Customers were charged according to the number of lamps used. The location of the plant was determined by the fact that the city owned the ground and not by

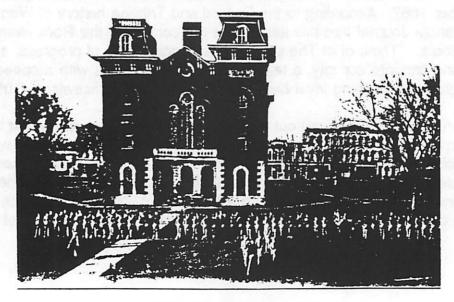
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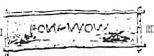
By 1928, the cost was so high a change was necessary. Fairbanks, Morse diesel-powered generators producing A. C. current were installed. The diesels burned fuel oil which then was very cheap. The oil came to Indianola by rail and was conveyed by pipeline from the railroad to the electric plant. Financing was arranged by paying Fairbanks, Morse & Company pledge orders payable only from the earnings of the plant. The pledge orders were not a debt of the city. This was before the day of Revenue Bonds which are the modern way of such financing. The pledge orders were all paid before due while the cost of electricity to the people of Indianola dropped from 12 cents per KW to 5 cents per KW.

In 1905 the city contracted for construction of a water plant to cost \$40,000 to be paid by sale of \$40,000 bonds. But, the city was prohibited against selling the bonds. So the plant was not paid for and was operated privately. The water supply was South River, a bend of which then came near the present residence. A dam was built at this bend and a steam pumping plant was constructed to pump the water from the river to a stand pipe where the present water tower now stands. Later, the river cut a new channel a half mile south leaving the dam and pumping station dry. Eventually, the city bought the plant and mains for \$15,000. Wells were constructed and equipped with electric pumps. But the water was hard and contained iron which stained everything in which the water stood.

With the help of electric plant money, an iron removal and softening plant was constructed in 1933 at a cost of \$30,830. The 40,000 gallon, 115 foot water tower was built in 1932. The 2,525 foot deep well was drilled and equipped in 1955. Indianola was one of 12 cities taking part in cooperation with the Board of Health to test the effectiveness of fluorine in the water supply in 1952. The deep well produced fluorinated water and ended the need to add fluorine. The original mains laid in 1905 are still in service and have been extended over the years to 27 1/2 miles.

The first paving was asphalt around the square in 1903. This was removed in 1949 and replaced by concrete. The next paving was of wooden blocks, one block each way from the square and to the Rock Island depot on Howard Street, 10 1/2 blocks in all. The wooden blocks are still in use. Paving has continued at intervals until now Indianola has 30 miles of paved streets.





H.S. Yearbook

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Lois Demorest
PAULINE PORTERFIELD
BUTH MORRIS Chairman Association News
CORRELLA NUZUM Chairman Sunday School and Church Attendance
Lulu Ferguson
ALICE PHILLIPS Chairman Friendliness to New Members
Anna Peck

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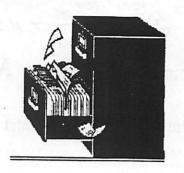
NEW Y. W. C. A. CABINET



Eleanor Morrison, Doris Himstreet, Lois Demorest Lulu Ferguson, Pauline Porterfield Loma Moss, Anna Peck, Harriet Scroggs, Alice Phillips, Oma Butler Corrella Nuzum, Bessie McFerrin, Ruth Morris, Ruth Braucht, Rosa Farlow



Indianola High School Yearbook



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STUART SHAWChairn	
WALTON FRANK	
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ELTON TRUEBLOOD	Publicity
Dwight Smith	r Finance
ELMER HICKMAN	
OREN PRATHER	an Social

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Warren County's First Marriage License....

...was issued to Franklin BENGE to marry Miss Arena BALES, on the 30th day of October 1849. BENGE was the man who was divorced from his wife at the first term of court.

The second marriage license was that of John BEESON and Miss Polly Ann HAWORTH, on March 28, 1850.

Warren County's 1852 grand jury
...was composed of the following: Eli
POSEGATE, Daniel BARKER, John GOSS,
Samuel OWEN, James C. GRAHAM, John
LAMBERT, Alexander BALES, Horton BEES'
Mahion HAWORTH, David TAYLOR, Albert .NDOLPH, James H. DINWIDDIE, James NICHOLL:
Thomas BLACKFORD and Matthew MILLICAN, of
which Daniel BARKER was appointed foreman.

OLD Y. M. C. A. CABINET



Trueblood, Stratton, Swain, Evans D. Smith, Taylor, Walker, Lippincott Frank, Shaw, Hickman, Frather

MARRIAGE RECORDS

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Warren County, Iowa BOOK "A" 30 Oct 1849 - 4 Jan 1867

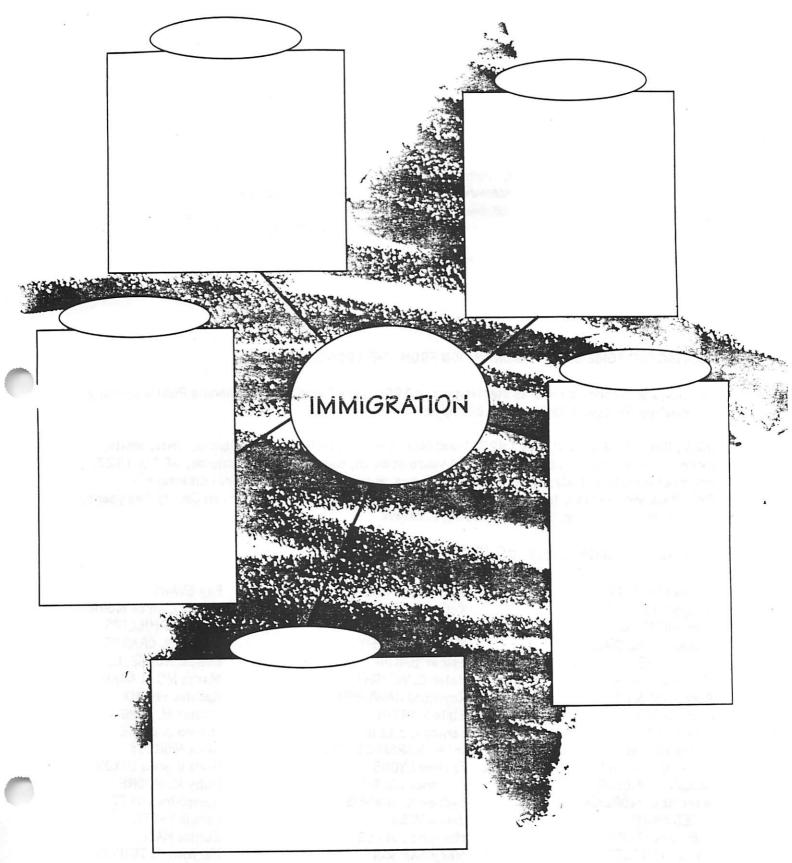
Hame of Groom	Name of Bride	Date
Benge, Franklin L.	Bales, Arrena	30 Cct 1849
William	Stark, Nancy	21 Apr 1850
Barker, Amos	Gee, Sibble	21 Apr 1850 4 Oct 1850*.
Dengen John	Raworth, Polly Ann	28 Mar 1850
Benson, John	Car Plica	4 KAV 1850*
Carey, John	Haworth, Hannah	11 Sep 1850*
CIRPR. MILITAG	Shawver, Nancy	12 1850
Hadley, Jeremiah	Colclazier, Mary Ann	30 Jun 1350
James, William N.		12 Oct 1350*
Johnson, Stephen_		28 Sep 1850*
Smith, Jonathan P.		30 Jul 1851*
Barker, Esra H.		30 Jul 1831.
Barker, Moses R.	Cox, Rachel L.	11 Jan 1851*
Cook, Nathan	Carey, Almeda	17 Jan 1851*
Dotson, James	Smith, Pannie	18 Jul 1851*
Fisk, H. (Dr.)		28 Dec 1851
Haworth, Joseph	Benge, Mary Mordock, Mary (Miss)	4 Sep 1851
Haworth, William P.	Mordock, Xary (Xiss)	8 Sep 1851
	Haworth, Klizabeth	TO DEN TODIA
Hockett, Havila Manders, Bartley	Sanders, Rebecca (Miss)	28 Nov 1851*
"lack Toeanh	Taylor, C. (Miss)	15 Nov 1851
Clack, Joseph	Landfier, Sophiah (Miss)	18 Nov 1851*
mith, Jemes W.	Dotson, Juliana	8 Jul 1951*
Smith, Silas Stateler, John B. Baker, D. A.	Brassfield, Zilpha (Niss)	
Stateler, John B.	Bassinger, Eva J. (Miss)	
Baker, D. A. Bryan, John P. Smith, Wliss	Destrict to manage is (Miss)	
Bryan, John F.	Crews, Margaret B. (Miss)	16 Feb 1852
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Wright, Abraham	Mayfield, Susan	19 000 1052
Alexander, Abraham	Bishop, Mary Ann	9 84F 1000
Beeson, Clark	Mills, Charity	9 Oct 1853
Beeson, Hoover	Shetterly, Nancy	II Dec 1055
Bilbo, Elijah	Randolph, Elizabeth	17 NOV 1855
Brinkerhoof, Geo.	Gee. Phebe (Miss)	CCOL TQA YS
Carpenter, James	Lyon. Blizabeth	מכסג שפי לכל
Cary, John	McNess, Sarah Isabel	9 Oct 1853
Dewell, George R.	Adkins, Amy	27 Cct 1853
Pales, Eli	viers, Eva Ann	18 Dec 1853
	Bunker, Hannah	1 Dec 1853
Hamilton, George	Russle, Hellen (Miss)	27 Apr 1853
Hamilton, James M.	Morris, Martha	28 Dec 1853
Hammer, LaBon 3.	Ginder, Elizabeth	4 Aug 1853
Haworth, Jeremiah	Albert, Sarona A.	10 Nov 1853
Haworth, John %.		20 Jun 1853
Hughes, Charles	Kite, Lucinda	14 Feb 1853
Huntaman, H. C.	Morgan, Juliana ("rs.)	22 Sep 1853
Jones, Gilbert	Nunnely, Mary Elizabeth	4 Dec 1853
🛌 Jones, Thomas 🎖.	Rouser, Lydia Ann	4 Jul 1853
Jordan, Bavid C.	Stitt, Fartha Ann (Miss)	14 Jul 1853
Kellum, Jesse	Hunt, Letha	14 001 1000

^{*} Denotes Marriage License applied for but certificate not returned.

Labertew, Elishu M.
Little, William
Lukenbill, Henry
McBridge, James R.
Mannon, Pobert
Maxwell, H. W.
Owen. Sanford S.
Owen, Thomas
Plumley, Orison
Seachrest, E. G.
Shannon, William M.
Stanton, Wahlon
williams, Uriah
Wood, E. D.
Wright, William A.
Barlow, John
Baysinger, Elias
Bernard, Nicholas
Bilbo, Joseph
Bradford, William
Cain, John J.
Clanton, Joel
Clough, Thomas %.
Coles, W. 7.
Cotnam, J. P.
Davis, Tewis Dotson, Pleasant
Dowlean Sob
Davidson, Rob
England, Jesse Fetters, Samuel P.
Flesher, Frederick J.
Hail, James
Harris, Elijah
Haworth, Calvin
Henderson, H. C.
Hill. William
Johnson, Milton R.
Johnson, Samuel
Laverty, Michael G.
Lemmon, Albert
Lemon, William
Leonard, W. T.
McKay, Chas.
Mayfield, Luke
Moores, Joshua
Newport, William
Nichollson, Elisha
Ray, George
Roberts, Thomas
Stanley, James
Starbuck, B. B.
Surber, William H.
Smith, Lewis C.
Smith, Newland

16 Oct 185 Graham, Margaret J. 9 Dec 18' Suman, wartha 29 Dec 185, Epurgin, Emily J. 12 Jun 1853 Gillaspie, Malissa 31 Oct 1853 Randell, Eartha Johnson, Mary L. 21 Apr 1853 18 Sep 1853 McClure, Abigal C. 16 May 1853 1 Oct 1853 Park, Mary Ann Shetterly, Sarah 4 Jul 1853 Meek, Mona C. Bunker, Mary D. (Miss) 10 Apr 1853 Hockett, Sarena (Miss) 26 Mar 1853 Graham. Sarah 3. 26 Apr 1853 Moon, Elisabeth 8 Sep 1853 Hicks, Amy M. (Kiss) Delbridge, Polly 31 Mar 1853 16 Apr 1854 9 Jul 1854 Jones, Kargaret 9 Jul 1854 Paul, Lucinda (Ers.) Randolph, Lucinda EcGinnis, Elisabeth 29 Jan 1854 9 Jan 1854 25 May 1854 Sheper, Sarah P. 19 NOV 1854 Shutt, Angeline Rice, Lydia 5 Jul 1854 16 Sep 1854 Cumrine, Mary Ann 15 Oct 1854 29 Oct 1857 Ball, Anne P. Doud, Mancy 30 NOV 185. Campbell, Mary 29 Aug 18 Hicks, Sarah 20 Aug 1954 Allen, Rachael 29 Feb 1854 Benjamin, Easter 13 Jul 1854 Lemon, Almyria Ann 26 Aug 1854 Rush, Mahala Stogsdal, Nicey (Miss) 8 Jan 1854 Haworth, Rachael 19 Oct 1854 9 Nov 1854 Moores, Eliza 28 Aug 1854 Perkins, Mary Ann Frazier, Rachael 1 Jan 1854 5 Nov 1854 Middleton, Catherine 29 Sep 1854 27 Jul 1854 Kitchell, Lucy A. Lemmon, Mary Ann 5 Jul 1854 Flesher, Mancy 6 Jul 1854 Hancock, Chalista Noble, Hannah 31 Aug 1854 7 May 1854 wickersham, Martha 2 Feb 1854 Smith, Sarah Jane. 8 Mar 1854 Morgan, Lydia 15 Oct 1854 Goosic, Delilah 17 War 1854 Ray, Catherine 10 Sep 1354 Roberts, Folly A. 22 Jan 1854 Beeson, Louisa 11 Jan 1854 Hunt, Jenemiah 1 Feb 185 Webster, Nancy M. 4 Jun 187 Forme, Sarah Ann 19 NOV 15. Shutt, Elizabeth

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#### LOOKING FOR SOME DEATH INFORMATION FROM THE 1900'S???

Abstracts of coroner's reports starting early 1900's are found in the Indianola Public Library - Genealogy Shelves!! Below is an example:

BOLL, Ralph Diehl: d. 30 Oct 1927, lived Otter twp., 10 miles SE of Indianola, male, white, married, wife was Edna E. BOLL, age 44 years at death, cause of death - suicide, 30 Oct 1927. Personal effects on body: none, inquest held - no, autopsy held - no, funeral directors - Proudfoot and Overton, Indianola. Lived in Otter township two years, Warren County two years, lived in lowa 27 years. Signed - Earnest E. SHAW

## Simpson College Class of 1918

Maude MOFFETT Gladys MERRITT Edna FICHTER Esther PEDDICORD Ray E. EDIE Mamie BANNER Porter HAVELY Neva HARDY Clayton LANE Lottie MC LAIN Fern LIPPINCOTT Joseph A. MILLER Merritt L. MORLAN Iva EDWARDS A. Everett RUBY Irene STERRETT M. Louise KERN

Merrill W. ANDERSON Kather in HORN Doris SILLIMAN Minnie MURPHY Esther BAKER Helen G. WRIGHT Raymond HAWORTH Elsie MARTIN Lenice I. LILLIE Iri H. MARSHALL, Sr. Thelma LYONS Florence CASTLE Sydney H. MORRIS Verna VOSS Marion E. SELLS Mary SAMSON E. Frank WARREN

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