

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 1 DUES FOR 1997 BECOME PAYABLE.
Nov. 12 7:00 PM Executive board meeting. Public Library.
Nov. 16 10:00 AM Cemetary committee meeting. Aspen, The Village.
Nov. 18 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING Public Library. Dr. Jack Jenkins, retired chairman of the Theater Department and instructor at Simpson College, will speak on "Making a Record-Oral Histories as a Part of Historical Research".
DECEMBER NO MEETINGS. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Jan. 10 Deadline for material for January newsletter.
Jan. 14 7:00 PM Executive board meeting. Public Library.
Jan. 20 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING Public Library. Mark Schlenker, Honorary Consul, Federal Republic of Germany, for the State of Iowa, will speak about his experience in researching his family history in the U. S. and Germany.

Officers 1996:

Pres. Ev Brightman
Vice Pres. John Kern
Treasurer Jane Godwin
Corres. Sec. Thelma Pehrson
Sec. Ruth Ann Hall
Registrar JoAnn Harvey
Librarian Elaine Bumgarner
Historian Kate Kauzlarich
Newsletter Ruth Ann Hall(Temp.)
Past Pres. Donna Crow

Active Committees:

Cemetary
Newspaper Abstracting
Courthouse Abstracting
Library Acquisitions
Obituary Committee
Research Requests
County Fair Divisions
IGS Representative-
Region 4
Sheryl Gwinn

Genealogy Research Sites

Iowa Genealogical Society, 6000 Douglas Ave., DSM 515/276-0287
T, W, Th 10:00-9:00, Sa, M, F 10:00-4:00. Closed Sunday.

State Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, DSM 515/281-6200
T-Sa 9:00-4:30. Closed Sunday & Monday.

Des Moines Public Library, 100 Locust, DSM 515/283-4152
M, T, W 10:00-9:00, Th & F 10:00-6:00, Sa 10:00-5:00. Closed Sunday.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center, 3301 Ashworth Road, West DSM 515/225-0416
M, T, W, Sa 10:00-3:00, T, W, Th evenings 6:30-9:00. Closed Friday & Sunday.

The Warren County Genealogical Society met September 16, 1996, at the Indianola Public Library. Twenty-two members, two guests and our speaker were present. President Ev Brightman began the business meeting at 7:00 PM. Those present introduced themselves and told about their favorite or most remembered saying of an ancestor.

The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2359.88 in the checking account and \$5494.01 in the Super Saver account.

Corresponding secretary Thelma Pehrson reported that we now have the Clarke County Cemetery book, Volume 1, for the library and that the queries are caught up. She also reported for Vicki Montgomery that Warren County marriages are done for 1900. Thelma has 1901 ready for the computer and is working on 1902. Thelma has indexed the Memorial and Biographical Record of Iowa for Warren County people and it is ready to be typed. She will soon be finished with extracting genealogical information from wills. She is now working on 1904 newspapers at the Historical Society Library while JoAnn Harvey is working on 1903. Ev suggested that the marriages might be put into books.

Ev thanked the members of the society that had helped with the Warren County Fair and reported that the executive board had decided that Donna Crow will review the popularity of categories and update their definitions. The number of categories must remain the same but titles may be changed. Ev noted that the trip to the Historical Society Library in Des Moines had been a success. Six members went on the van and three came on their own later.

Under new business she reported that a Beginner's Workshop will be on October 19 in the fellowship room of Trinity Presbyterian Church. On October 26th there will be two events. The Lucas County Genealogical Society will hold a day-long workshop and the IGS will hold a slumber party at their library in Des Moines.

Ruth Hall announced that Jack Jenkins will speak about oral histories at the November meeting and asked for suggestions for a program for the October meeting.

Ev said that Ruth Iverson is no longer coordinating the sale of the Warren County Atlases. They will be stored at the Municipal Building and a volunteer is needed to keep a list of what is sold.

There was a motion from Louise Pilmer that the meeting be adjourned, the second was by Jean Johnson. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Ev introduced the speaker, Dr. Tom Morain, the administrator of the Iowa State Historical Society, who spoke on "Growing Up in Iowa".

The Warren County Genealogical Society met October 21, 1996, at the Indianola Public Library. The meeting was called to order by President Ev Brightman at 7:00 PM. There were twenty-two people present including two guests and one new member. As roll call each of us told about the ancestor we would most like to talk to and the question we would most like to ask of them.

The minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was approved. Jane reported a balance, as of October 15, of \$2367.70 in the checking account and \$5502.95 in the Super Saver Account. During the past month there was income of \$53.50 from the sale of materials and from a donation and disbursements of \$45.68 for newsletter mailing and workshop expense.

Ev reported that there were 6 people at the beginner's workshop which brings to 23 the number that have attended the workshops. Three of the people joined the WCGS: Carol Van Aernam, Betty Casper, and Jeanne McKeever. Ev also reported that Jane Godwin will be keeping records on the Warren County Atlases. Ev will attend a workshop sponsored by the Lucas County Genealogical Society this Saturday. She also reported that in the recent board meeting there had been discussion of the use of money in the treasury and it was decided to wait until we know the cost of the updating of the cemetery book before we plan other expenditures.

Under new business Ev said that Donna Crow and Willa Jean Grissom will serve as the nominating committee and will have a slate of officers for the November meeting which is the annual meeting. Since Jane will miss that meeting she asked that someone be in charge of taking membership dues for 1997 that become payable then. John Kern offered to do this. Ev thanked Thelma Pehrson for taking care of reserving the library for our future meetings.

Ev then passed out sign-up sheets for committee service and asked us to complete a questionnaire about our personal and group expectations for the coming year. She will be making a program book for the 1997 year. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 and the group viewed the video "Island of Hope-Island of Tears" which is the Ellis Island Immigration Museum Film.

Ruth Hall, Secretary

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

October 26 I attended our Area 4 Genealogical Society's meeting held at the John L. Lewis Museum in Lucas, Iowa, and sponsored by the Lucas County Genealogical Society. I found it to be a very enjoyable day with many ideas shared and generated among participants. Lucas, Warren, Clarke, Wayne and Mahaska counties were represented. Each society displayed materials for sale (one Birthbook and an exchange offer). I also displayed our county fair book and exhibits as well.

Ron Roberts, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa and author of "Ordinary Ghosts and Everyday People in an Iowa Mining Town" and a biography of John L. Lewis, presented in the afternoon. He is trying to preserve a history of the Iowa coal mines and their influence on the migration patterns and lives of early Iowans. On a personal note-my great uncle, Charles Richard Hogg, from Bletzburg, Sweden, was included in the presentation of records depicting causes of death in the Lucas Mining population. Professor Roberts previously had no information identifying specific areas in Sweden from which the Swedish miners working (and dying) in the Lucas/Cleveland mines came.

Hopefully the Area 4 meeting will become an annual event.

Thanks to all of you for your participation, feedback and suggestions for plans for the coming year. I will be calling to complete the goal of having all committee slots filled and each member involved.

Reminders:

A welcome to all of our new members. Please turn in your family pedigree (ancestor chart) to JoAnn Harvey as we will be updating the surname index this coming year. If you have any questions please feel free to call any of our members.

"Dues are payable annually, beginning October 1st and becoming delinquent December 31st. The dues of individual members of this society shall be \$6.00 annually. Family dues shall be \$9.00 annually." Warren County Genealogical Society By-Laws. Article III, Sections 3.1, 3.2.

My wishes to all for a special and historically memorable holiday season.

Ev Brightman, President

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Fair Superintendents: manage genealogy division at Warren County Fair.

Library: process exchange of newsletters, etc. for library. Responsible for selection and approval of all books.

Program: arrange society's programs for February 1997-January 1998.

Finance: draw up budget and present at September 1997 meeting.

Telephone: contact members to remind them of upcoming events.

Vital Records: co-ordinate collection and publication of Warren County records for specific projects.

Cemetery: preserve and maintain county cemeteries. Project: update Warren County cemetery book.

Publications: (one of those required by-laws)

Family Records: (1) gather member's pedigree charts for society usage. (2) compile surname index for publication in odd years.

Special Events: inform public of value of genealogy and promote projects at community affairs.

FROM THE ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE OF OCTOBER 29, 1903

Deaths:

Mrs. Silas M. Fortney, a resident of Indianola since 1865 died at her home Saturday night October 25. She was the mother of Mrs. George Farley, Mrs. Benjamin Phelps, Nellie and Bruce.

Died at her home in Indianola, Harriet L. Doolittle Johnson on Tuesday, October 20, age 77 years 11 months. She was born in Knox County, Ohio, November 23, 1825, and married Reverend Silas Johnson on February 1, 1847. ... They came to Oskaloosa in December, 1861. In 1891 she returned here. They had 9 children and 4 survive. They are G.E., F.S. and Mrs. C.J. Swearingen, all of here and W.S. The funeral was Thursday at her home.

Births:

Harry Douglas and wife a son, Mon. Oct. 19.

Dr. and Mrs. Mullican a daughter, Sun. Oct. 25. This is their first.

Ed Peck and wife twin daughter, Mon. Oct. 26, weighing 4 lbs. and 6 lbs. respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Overstreet a daughter, Fri. Oct. 16.

Marriage License issued at Des Moines to Thomas F. Finch, 62, and Zella Hall, 46, all of Carlisle.

C.D. Lyon has moved his family to the Dave Hamilton house just North of Hawthorn school. He will go next week to Washington, D.C., to resume his duties with Congressman Hull as assistant clerk to committee on military affairs.

Mrs. Ed Calhoun and children Gertrude and Byron of Chicago visited Ed's parents the S.S. Calhouns. Mrs. Calhoun is the former Stella Wilson, class of '96 of Simpson.

Milo:

Mrs W.P. Smith died Thursday morning October 22. She had typhoid fever for almost 8 weeks. Her body was shipped to her parents home near Oskaloosa for burial.

L. Daugherty has been appointed mail carrier for Route 31 as A. Logan resigned.

L. Davis has been appointed an organizer of the Possum Club for Belmont Township.

Guy Sutton sold his butcher shop to Alvin Oldaker.

L.C. Taylor's farm sold for \$10,000.

St. Marys:

At 9:00 AM last Wednesday occurred the wedding of Dara Luke and John Gehringer, at the Roman Catholic Church, Reverend J.A. Cook officiating. Maggie Luke, sister of the bride was maid of honor and Frank Limke was best man. Matt Silas of Cumming, played the Wedding March. The wedding dinner and supper were at the bride's home. The young people enjoyed dancing until the early hours.

Carlisle:

Mrs. Jane Walker of Des Moines died last Wednesday. Funeral was held here Saturday of at the M.E. Church. Her brothers and M.V. are George Nail.

Social Plains:

Evan Bryant has rented Dory Godlove's farm. Dory will move back to Milo.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Nellie B. Wood to Frank Lester on October 28.

Wick:

Claude Roy has bought the U.B. Hedrick property and his family will move there Wednesday.

Professionals listed:

Optician: O.N. Butler

Dentist: Dr. L.A. Mullican on SW corner of square

Doctor: P.F. Price, M.D., in Nemeyer Block, Milo

Attorneys: O.C. Brown, 2 doors W of Worth Savings Bank

L.L. Mosher, E side of square

E.W. & H.H. Hartmen, E of Todhunter Hotel

H. McNeil, over Warren County Bank

George Clammer, in Seigler, S side of square

W. H. Berry & J.O. Watson, SW corner of the square

I.E. Vale, near NW corner of square

J.H. & F.P. Henderson, N of First National Bank

(Newspaper extracts and sample ballot contributed by JoAnn Harvey.)

Sample Ballot.

The Following is a True Form of the Ballot to be Voted at the General Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3d, 1903.

○ REPUBLICAN.	○ DEMOCRAT.	○ PROHIBITION.	○ SOCIALIST.	○ PEOPLES.
STATE TICKET.	STATE TICKET.	STATE TICKET.	STATE TICKET.	STATE TICKET.
] For Governor, ALBERT B. CUMMINS, of Polk County.	] For Governor, J. B. SULLIVAN, of Union County.	] For Governor, JOHN F. HANSON, of Mahaska County.	] For Governor, JOHN M. WORK, of Polk County.	] For Governor, L. H. WELLER, of Chickasaw County.
] For Lieutenant-Governor, JOHN HERRIOTT, of Guthrie County.	] For Lieutenant-Governor, J. D. BUTLER, of Iowa County.	] For Lieutenant-Governor, JAMES H. SCULL, of Henry County.	] For Lieutenant-Governor, A. K. GIFFORD, of Scott County.	] For Lieutenant-Governor, S. M. HARVEY, of Polk County.
] For Judge of Supreme Court, CHARLES A. BISHOP, of Polk County.	] For Judge of Supreme Court, JOHN R. CALDWELL, of Tama County.	] For Judge of Supreme Court, WILLIAM ORR, of Page County.	] For Judge of Supreme Court, I. S. McCRILLIS, of Polk County.	] For Judge of Supreme Court, J. A. LOWENBERG, of Wapello County.
] For Superintendent of Public Instruction, JOHN F. RIGGS, of Keokuk County.	] For Superintendent of Public Instruction, A. R. McCOOK, of Howard County.	] For Superintendent of Public Instruction, JOHN S. WARD, of Polk County.	] For Superintendent of Public Instruction, FLORENCE A. BROWN, of Keokuk County.	] For Superintendent of Public Instruction, MILO BUNCE, of Adair County.
] For Railroad Commissioner, DAVID J. PALMER, of Washington County.	] For Railroad Commissioner, W. S. PORTER, of Hardin County.	] For Railroad Commissioner, H. R. BRADSHAW, of Webster County.	] For Railroad Commissioner, OAKLEY WOOD, of Calhoun County.	] For Railroad Commissioner, WALTER McCULLY, of Decatur County.
County Ticket.	County Ticket.	County Ticket.	County Ticket.	County Ticket.
] For Treasurer, T. N. COFFIN.	] For Treasurer, A. H. PERKINS.	] For Treasurer, FRANK McGRANAHAN.	] For Treasurer,	] For Treasurer,
] For Sheriff, GRANT L. KIMER.	] For Sheriff,	] For Sheriff, F. M. ROBERTS.	] For Sheriff,	] For Sheriff,
] For County Superintendent, J. W. RADEBAUGH.	] For County Superintendent, ELIZABETH WADSWORTH.	] For County Superintendent,	] For County Superintendent,	] For County Superintendent,
] For Member of Board of Supervisors, GEORGE FRIDLEY.	] For Member of Board of Supervisors, R. B. MC CLELLAND.	] For Member of Board of Supervisors, A. J. SUTTON.	] For Member of Board of Supervisors,	] For Member of Board of Supervisors,
] For Coroner, O. P. JUDKINS.	] For Coroner,	] For Coroner,	] For Coroner,	] For Coroner,
] For Surveyor,	] For Surveyor,	] For Surveyor,	] For Surveyor,	] For Surveyor,

FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS

Butler Branches: Butler County G.S. held an all day workshop on "Immigration". It was co-sponsored by the Clarksville Library.

Des Moines County G.S. arranged for instructional sessions on using the Internet for genealogical research with the help of their extension office. Twenty members participated.

Clarke County Roots & Branches: Volume II of Clarke County, Iowa Cemeteries should be out this spring. It will contain all the cemeteries except Maple Hill which was Volume I. (WCGS has Volume I in their area of the public library.)

The Dubuque County-Key City GS has a member who offers free genealogical help to the public at the local library on Tuesday evenings.

Guthrie County GS: Ancestors who emigrated overland to the West may be part of a data base formed by the Oregon-California Trails Association(OCTA). Their project, called the Census of Overland Emigrant Documents(COED), surveyed emigrant diaries, reminiscences, and letters. As of January 1996, 2,078 documents have been surveyed by COED and 55,000 names recorded. To request a form for a surname search mail a SASE to: Census of Overland Emigrant Documents, Oregon-California Trails Association, Box 1019, Independence, MO 64051-0519. Fees are \$10 per surname. The information they provide will usually be the name of the document containing the name and where it can be located.

Central Iowa GS of Marshalltown, sells tickets for \$7 to a candlelight tour of a local cemetery on a late September Saturday evening. Tours leave every 7 minutes with 17 people in each group. Twenty-two local actors portray individuals who played a part in Marshalltown's history.

Lucas County Notes and Shakin the Family Tree! Five members went on Vancestoring II and plans are being made for next year. (They talked to our group about their trips that stop at several libraries over a several day trip.) Also, they have designed two logos with the name of the club that they have put on transfers that can be used on sweatshirts, cloth bags, etc.

Union Roots of Union County GS: Interview older relatives now! Some things can wait, but once a relative or individual is no longer around to answer questions the answers may be lost forever.

Our Names The Game(South Central Pennsylvania GS): Internet address for Palatines to America: <http://genealogy.org/~palam/>. National organization whose members have an interest in German-speaking ancestors. Website includes on-line immigrant ancestor register contributed by descendants.

The collection of newsletters is kept in the Indianola Public Library. Ask the librarians for the location. Elaine Bumgarner is our society librarian.

ARE YOU ON-LINE?

If you wish to correspond with the WCGS on-line send to hallross@aol.com. Ruth Hall, newsletter, editor.

SUGGESTIONS?

What would you like to see in the newsletter? Do you have things you would like to contribute? Contact Ruth Hall, 961-5043, or 408 E. Salem, or see e-mail address above.

REMEMBER THE ANNIVERSARY

On December 28, 1846 President James Knox Polk signed into law the bill making Iowa a state!

PBS SERIES: ANCESTORS

This series will be on the local station after the first of the year. There are 10 segments of 30 minutes each. Time will probably be in the late evening or on weekends. Watch the schedule or call the programming department at KDIN after the first of December.

To join the Warren County Genealogical Society or renew your membership send:

- _____ \$6.00 for individual membership
- _____ \$9.00 for family membership

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Are you interested in helping with any of the following committees:

(see page 3 for descriptions of committee activities)

- _____ Fair _____ Library _____ Program _____ Finance
- _____ Vital Records _____ Cemetery
- _____ Telephone _____ Publications _____ Family Records
- _____ Special Events

Comments:

Mail this form to: Jane Godwin, Treasurer; 808 West Detroit; Indianola; 50125 or bring it to the November meeting.

QUERIES

Roan Family

Need information on Richard Roan who died 2 April 1887. Daughter Mary Elizabeth Roan **Williams**. Son Cornelius W. who was married to Barbara J. Royer.

Dierdre K. Madden; 825 Hilltop Road; Mendota Heights, MN 55118

Does anyone have information about Amos Kirby and wife Amy who transferred to the **Three Rivers Monthly Meeting** in Iowa in about 1854?

Thelma Pehrson; 306 W. Salem; Indianola, IA 50125

David W. Carter married Margaret J. James 28 September 2867. Mary Ann Carter was born in 1869. The father got in "some kind of trouble", left Iowa and their name became **Leggitt**. What happened? He was Washington Leggitt living in Marion County, Missouri in 1880.

Carolyn Courtney; 5320 Creasy Springs Rd.; Columbia, MO
65202

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary, Thelma Pehrson. If you have queries send them to the newsletter address below.

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