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WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 20 7:00 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.

February 11 7:00 BOARD MEETING. Public Library.

February 17 7:00 REGULAR MEETING. Public Library. Elizabeth Osenbaugh will speak about her work researching the national archives and tracing settlers in the northern part of Lucas County and the southern part of Warren County, particularly the Norwood area.

February 22 10:00 CEMETERY COMMITTEE. Ev Brightman's. 303 N. G.

February 28 DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER

March 11 7:00 BOARD MEETING. Public Library.

March 17 7:00 REGULAR MEETING. Public Library. Philip E. Webber, Professor of German, Central College, Pella, will speak on "The Ethnic Experience in Iowa"

Officers 1997:

Pres. Ev Brightman

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Past Pres. Donna Crow

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Cemetery

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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.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Warren County Genealogical Society met November 18, 1996, at the Indianola Public Library. The meeting was called to order by Vice-president John Kern at 7:00 PM. There were 23 members present plus 4 guests. As roll call we each told where our ancestors settled.

The secretary's report was through the previous newsletter. There were no additions or corrections.

John told us that he is now the chairman of the cemetery committee and he reminded us that our dues became due on November 1st.

New officers were elected. Ev will continue as president and Jane will continue as treasurer. There were no nominations for vice-president and John has said he does not wish to continue. Louise Pilmer nominated Doris Young as secretary. The motion was seconded by Mary Berry and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Dr. Jack Jenkins then spoke to the group about his experiences in collecting oral histories and his use of them in the play he wrote named "Cherries Hung With Snow".

Ruth Hall, Secretary

Books Added To The Library In 1996

From librarian Elaine Bumgarner

Out of the Midwest-Fayette County History

Remember Me by Bertha Cordes Schuchmann. Includes history of northeast Iowa, family group sheets, pictures, etc. Genealogy is indexed.

The Great American Bottom by Georgia M. Engelke

Index to 1870 Federal Census, Athens County, Ohio

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Cemetery Records of Athens and Meigs Counties, Ohio, Book I

Champlin Genealogical Data by Robert Champlin

Descendants of James Crews thru his son Ellison

Ancestors and Descendants of John Charles Ellis and Alcinda B.

Glaze

History of the Mills Family

Rubottom and Related Families

Life and Descendants of James Sherriff (ca 1777-1846)

"Ancestors" has started on PBS

The third of ten episodes of the PBS series "Ancestors" will be broadcast this Saturday, January 18, at 5:30, on Channel 11. If you missed the first two episodes you missed some basic stuff about ancestor charts and some discussion of the importance of noting the source of information. There was also emphasis on looking through all family things for information. The series was created by Brigham Young University. Internet address is <http://www.kbyu.edu/ancestors.html>

Greetings From the President

Welcome to the New Year! I hope we are all well and warm! Last weekend my house plus the wind chill brought back many memories of wood stoves, non-insulated family homes, and, of course, the memories of the special people who were a part of those days.

We have received correspondence from the Curtis Publishing Company offering to reprint the Warren County History book at a discount. The executive board discussed the options at length. It was decided that the president will request a quote of cost from the company to be discussed at our regular meeting January 20, 1997.

John Kern has done a wonderful job with this year's program book. I think we will all be pleased and a special thanks to John for his creativity and willingness to take on this project.

See you at the meeting.

Ev Brightman

Queries

From Thelma Pehrson, Corresponding Secretary

Seeking information on McCurdy family. Minnie Florence McCurdy b 7 Dec. 1877 in Warren Co. Her mother Margaret Ellen Nichols McCurdy died 1 Oct. 1881 and is buried in Palmyra, IA, Cemetery.

Carolyn Kay (Henderson) Bredeweg
5709 Leeway Drive
Midland, MI 48640-2217
517/835-6404

Researching Boyles family. Need death date of Sarah M. Boyles who died 1916, was married to E. Kline and is buried in New Virginia Cemetery. Also death dates of John Wesley Boyles and his wife Sarah Margaret (Strawn). Both died in 1926 and buried in New Virginia Cemetery.

Roy L Lockhart
4215-18th Ave.
Parkersburg, WV 26101-6908
304/428-5898

Have You Paid Your Dues??????????????????

1997 members will have a program book. If you have not paid your dues you will not be included in this handy schedule of programs which will contain addresses and phone numbers of members. John Kern has made a very nice prototype and we hope to get it to members by the February meeting. The form for paying dues is on the last page.

WCGS FINANCIAL REPORT**DECEMBER 31, 1996****CHECKING ACCOUNT****BALANCE ON JANUARY 1, 1996****\$1832.99****RECEIPTS**

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| DUES | \$526.00 |
| WORKSHOP FEES | 41.00 |
| DONATIONS | 60.00 |
| IGS PROFIT SHARING | 211.24 |
| SALE OF FORMS | 33.08 |
| SALE OF BOOKS | 356.35 |
| IOWA TAX ON SALES | 8.70 |
| TOTAL | \$1236.37 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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| NEWSLETTER PRINTING | \$178.37 |
| NEWSLETTER MAILING | 91.96 |
| BOOK MAILING | 2.24 |
| LIBRARY | 32.45 |
| WORKSHOP EXPENCE | 10.59 |
| 1995 TAX ON SALES | 21.75 |
| PROGRAM EXPENSE | 30.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | |
| REFUND | 43.35 |
| IGS CONTRACT | 78.75 |
| TOTAL | \$489.46 |

BALANCE ON DECEMBER 31, 1996**\$2579.90****SUPER SAVER ACCOUNT****BALANCE ON JANUARY 1, 1996** **\$5306.19****INTEREST RECEIVED** **133.29****BALANCE ON DECEMBER 31, 1996** **\$5439.48****TOTAL ASSETS****\$8019.38**

Research Services Offered by German Interest Group

Interested in furthering your German research and can't get to the IGS Library? The German Interest Group of the Iowa Genealogical Society offers two services which might help.

Germans to America. Because of the many generous donations from the German Interest Group members and others, IGS now has 52 volumes of *Germans to America* and is collecting donations toward the next five volumes.

The *Germans to America* series lists passengers arriving at U.S. ports from 1850 forward, eventually to cover the years through 1893. Currently we can search through April 1886.

For a small fee, all of which will go toward additional German research materials for the IGS Library, a German Interest Group member will look up your surname in the appropriate volume(s). Include \$5 for each surname and year, and any additional information which may help the researcher find the right person (especially the names and ages of anyone else likely to be traveling with your ancestor).

Meyers Orts Lexicon. If you know the name of the town, village or hamlet from which your ancestor came, a German Interest Group volunteer can look it up in the newly acquired *Meyers Orts Lexicon*, a 1912 German gazetteer on microfilm which lists localities in Germany according to the boundaries of the 1871 German Empire.

The *Meyers Orts Lexicon* can identify the place where civil registry records were kept for each locality and can determine whether a locality had a Lutheran, Reformed or Catholic parish or Jewish synagogue.

CHAPTER NEWS

- **Butler County** — Is moving its genealogical resources from the Parkersburg Library to the Clarksville Library. The move is scheduled to take place before January 1.
- **Jones County** — County supervisors have agreed to establish a commission for the preservation of pioneer cemeteries.
- **Lee County/Old Fort** — Purchased 24 rolls of microfilm of vital records and probate.
- **Pocahontas County** — Will issue a Pioneer Certificate to individuals who had an ancestor living in Pocahontas County by 1900.
- **Union County** — Selling 1997

historical calendars which feature history of the county from 50 years ago on each date.

- **Wapello County** — Will soon be moving to the Old Burlington-Northern depot.

- **Washington County** — Purchased 25 rolls of Columbus Junction newspaper film.

- **Webster County** — Received partial funding of their \$3,790 REAP Historical Resource Development Program grant for microfilming and indexing of various Webster County newspapers dating back to the 1860s and for the purchase of a microfilm reader-printer.

IGS INTEREST GROUPS

German Interest Group

c/o Marcia Martin
710-63rd St.
Des Moines, IA 50312
(515) 279-7058

The German Interest Group meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the IGS Library.

January 6, 1997 -- "Friedhoff (Cemetery) Hopping in Germany"
-- Don and Connie Swenson

February 3, 1997 -- "Sources for Solving Research Problems"
-- German Interest Group Panel

Irish Interest Group

c/o Theresa Liewer
1607 NW Northwood Dr.
Ankeny, IA 50021
(515) 965-7894

The Irish Interest Group meets at the IGS Library at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Topics include history, American research, Irish church, tax and land records and county family heritage centers.

Northwest Iowa Computer Genies

c/o Darrell Easton
Box 136
Akron, IA 51001-0136

For a small fee, of which all money in excess of costs will go toward additional German research materials for the IGS Library, a German Interest Group member will look up your location and send you a copy of the page and a helpful hints article to help to make sense of the abbreviations and Gothic script. Include \$5 for each

locality name, along with any variant spellings you know of, and any additional information which will help the researcher find the right place in case more than one locality in Germany might have the same name.

Address all requests and include an SASE to: German Interest Group, 710 63rd St., Des Moines, IA 50312

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:

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

Comments:

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

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