

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 15 7:00 REGULAR MEETING. Library. "The Use of Genealogical Materials in Grief Work and Healing." by Ev Brightman.  
Sept. 20 10:00 CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING. See page 9.  
Oct. 10 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR AREA MEETING.  
Oct. 10-11 IGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Marshalltown.  
Oct. 14 7:00 BOARD MEETING. Library. Everyone welcome. NO REGULAR MEETING IN OCTOBER.  
Oct. 25 8:00-3:30 DISTRICT MEETING. W.C. Historical Soc. Building at fairgrounds. See page 3.  
Nov. 1 DEADLINE NOV/DEC NEWSLETTER  
Nov. 11 BOARD MEETING.  
NOV. 17 REGULAR MEETING. PAY 1998 DUES.

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Courthouse Abstracting  
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County Fair Divisions  
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Area 4-Sheryl Gwinnn

## 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.

1800 W. Jackson St. Knoxville

M 10:00-2:00, Th 6:30-9:30 PM, Sa 10:00-3:00. Info & appointments outside regular hours call Janet Long, Director, 515/828-8743.

## IN THE STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

1. Specialized Library-Des Moines/Iowa City. Iowa history and genealogical materials. May not check out.
2. Restricted access to Dewey system. Due to the condition of the collection, those books are restricted. You may list call number, author, title, your name and table number and staff will bring your desired choice to your table.
3. Library of Congress. Materials open. Books from the Dewey system which are in good condition are being transferred to the Library of Congress system for accessibility.
4. Archives. Original letters, diaries and published documents.
5. Census. Iowa. Some indexes for out of state. IGS has the census material.
6. Birth and Death records (County Courthouses) 1880-1925. Delayed birth records (those who were recorded when they wanted to return to country of origin or apply for social security. Microfilm.
7. Marriages from date county was organized.
8. Naturalization papers for some counties.
9. Church records.
10. Tax records.
11. Library staff will do some specific research by request.
12. Due to conditions of books, some are marked to not be copied. Please respect this. No purses, back packs or fanny packs are allowed. Lockers are available.
13. Both Dewey and Library of Congress systems are listed by surname (Dewey), state, county and city.
14. Info on Iowans who were in the st. legislature or congress.
15. Annals of Iowa. Iowa Heritage. Goldfinch.
16. Periodicals (other states).
17. Family newsletters.
18. Vanda cards available for \$1/25 for making multiple copies.
19. 300 Iowa newspapers.
20. Out of state indexes.
21. County histories. A-Jones in main area. Jones+ in back room.
22. Photographs (manuscripts-ask for help from archivist).
23. Maps. County. Railroad. Ask for assistance.
24. Microfilm. Look up your own microfilm, return it to cart for count of usage.
25. Indexes of county records.
26. Indexes of county census records. Soundex by year. Social and manufacturing.
27. Atlas (microfilm).
28. Delayed birth records (on fiche).
29. Fire insurance maps. Show growth of cities.
30. Unpublished family histories. Ask librarian.
31. City directories.
32. Civil War index. Iowa. In-out. Born. POW.
33. GAR. Family information. May have enlisted in another state, joined GAR in Iowa. Alphabetically listed by surname.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings. Summer is flying. today the humid heat of the county fair seems unreal. I want to especially appreciate donna Crow, Virginia and Forest Nelson and my son Cody for their work setting up and cleaning our exhibit area. Your willingness to prepare entries in our many categories provided an interesting and enjoyable experience. Thanks also to all who worked at our exhibit throughout the fair, some doing double shifts. We sold approximately \$150 of materials during the fair and plan to have materials available for sale during Log Cabin Days.

Our thoughts are with Louise Pilmer as she recovers from a fall. We hope you will be able to join us soon.

Seven members attended our trip to the State Historical Library. I will include an outline of offerings. Materials were given out. I have copies available if you are interested. I will bring copies to the September meeting. The planning for the October meeting continues. Mark the 25th of October on your calendars. The Saturday program will serve as our October meeting.

"See you in September" (15th that is).

## WCGS WILL HOST AREA MEETING

Our club will host the Area 4 genealogical societies October 25, 1997. Call Ev (961-3271) before Oct. 10 to register.

Where: Warren County Historical Museum

When: 8:00-3:30 on October 25th

Cost: \$10.00. Lunch Included.

Program:

8:00- 9:00 Registration. Tables will be available for display, sale and trading of materials societies have to offer. General visiting and meeting members of other societies.

9:00-10:00 Tour of Historical Museum and Library

10:00-10:30 Break

11:00-12:00 Brainstorming session. Opportunity for each chapter to share ideas, projects accomplishments and look for solutions for problem areas.

12:00- 1:00 Lunch

1:00- 2:00 "If Stones Could Speak". Dr. William Reesman has studied the significance of emblems and shapes of tombstones including time period and location. His book by the above title will be available for purchase.

2:00- 2:15 Break

2:15- 2:45 Discussion with Dr. Reesman

2:45- 3:30 Wrap up

Hope to see you all there.

Ev Brightman

## THE 1997 WARREN CO. FAIR GENEALOGICAL REVIEW

by Donna J. Crow

It's 8:00 on Saturday, July 26th. It's already hot, hot, hot! A small group of genealogical folks are trying to clean & spruce up the display area in the corner of a building where there is NO air flow and a LOT of heat. After a little huffing & puffing & moving of display cases, we are ready to start accepting entries.

There are 45 classes and entrants in all but three. Our judge is Jay DeYoung of New Sharon & curator at the North Mahaska Co. Historical Museum. At 1:00, water jugs & fly-swatters in hand & fans a-blowing, the judging commences. Jay is very generous with genealogical remarks, especially those concerning preservation. I've tried to capture the essence of some of his comments below:

2. Give enough facts on your 3 x 5 card that other people can follow the history. Just because you know the whole story doesn't mean it's easy for others. Try to be clear regarding references as to whose mother, whose father, etc. (Fair Regulation Rule #3 states that all entries be accompanied by information on a card to show their genealogical connection to the exhibitor.)

2. When judging photo classes, the judge (Jay DeYoung) looks for things that are unusual or unique. Everybody has a picture of great-grandpa & grandma sitting with their 8 kids in a row behind them. This year's "Family Group" photo winner had a picture of a woman with crutches in it. He says people with disabilities (including pregnancies) were often hidden from the public and rarely photographed.

3. Still on the subject of photos: dust covers on the backs of photos can be made from brown grocery bags. Cut paper to fit back of frame, glue around the edges, then dampen the paper. As it dries, it will tighten up & seal.

4. Classes 7-24 are genealogical documents & research material. Even if you've never been granted the "privilege" of receiving Grandma's baby teeth (winner of Personal Item), these are categories anyone can compete in. The judge looked for documents that were "special" or significant to the exhibitor. Was this the item that gave great-grandma's maiden name (1996 baptismal certificate winner)? Was this the item that proved your family came from Europe member by member (1996 Census records winner). Proving what we suspect (or never knew) helps us find the next branch on our family tree.

5. If you are going to go to the trouble of making a photo album from old photos, use archival paper (acid-free & buffered), special mounting corners & sheet protectors without PVC (polyvinylchloride). If archival paper is not in your budget, while at the stationery shop, buy a high-rag-content paper (the bond % = the % of rag, the higher the number the better). He offered these sources for products: Light Impressions (800/828-6226) or University Products (800/628-1912).

6. Still on the subject of photo albums: "magnetic"-types are a NO-NO. There are two cautions. One, the chemical compounds used in manufacturing the adhesive and/or plastic sheets can damage the photos. Secondly, over time, the adhesive can fail & photos can fall out and get lost.

7. Jay promised us a recipe for a soda bath to dip newspaper clippings in. This neutralizes or buffers the paper so no further deterioration happens.

8. Exhibit classes 25-36 are for heirlooms & artifacts. I repeat, this is NOT an ANTIQUE class. It can be an antique, but the fact the Grandma used that ink bottle as a flower vase for violets in her "pretend" tea parties is what earned first place in the Glassware class.

As always, the genealogical fair judging is a learning experience. Just when you think you can sway the judge with a story about great-grandma's insane, 4-time married, 1/2 brother he falls for that one where Lilies of the Valley are handed-down for over a century by the women of one family (winner of the True Story class). Come join us next year for your "continuing education".

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**QUERIES**

Thelma Pehrson, Corresponding Secretary

Van Scoy Need information on Van Scoy, not Van Syoc. Searching for James Chase Sweeney who married Daisy Van Scoy. She later married Jess Smyers. Where is Daisy buried?

Mark Rains; 501 W. Center; Alma, MI 48801. 517/463-6339  
<mark.rains@cmich.edu>

Colclazier Will the people I've done research on Colclazier for please share information and write to:

Janie Wagon; 23 Holloway Drive; Lake Saint Louis, MO  
63367. <gwagon@worldnet.att.net>

I've lost the address of these people.  
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**FROM THE IGS NEWSLETTER**

(check with Ruth Hall for more information)

The Library of congress wants published genealogies. New and reprinted genealogy and local history books can be donated. Call 202/707-5537 for a postage-free address label. Donations may be tax deductible. There is a small purchase fund if you are unable to donate.

Are you a descendent of William Mortrude who served as a private in the Iowa National Guard at the Mexican border in the early 1900's? A Nebraska genealogist has a document you may want.

FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS

Clarke County Roots & Branches

Clarke County Cemeteries, Vol. 2 may be ordered before the end of Sept. at pre-publication price. (See Jane Godwin).

Wayne County Genie News

By way of the Contra Costa County, CA GS. "...one of the best ways to identify a person is by the contour of the ears. ... It seems that no two individuals have the same shaped ears. Remember those old photographs that you can't identify? Try this idea and see if it helps.

Union Roots

They have published two more books of stories about the counties' past. One is of military stories from the Civil War to present.

From several newsletters (which copied it from others)

All film-negatives, slides, and movies produced between 1889 and the mid-1950s contains nitric acid which will self combust with age, especially if stored in attics and basements. You can have the film tested or test it yourself with a special pen available from archival supply companies. Best advice is to make new copies. Destroy old film very carefully as nitric acid fumes are toxic. "The 1890 census we miss so much was destroyed by such old flammable film. The National Archives now stores its old film in steel drums immersed in water."

Linn County Heritage Hunters "A much over looked source of cemetery records in small towns is the City Hall. They may not have a record of all cemeteries in their town or township, but many times they do have one of the larger cemeteries. Be sure to ask about other genealogical type records. I found one city hall office that had the old bound newspapers from that town. And they do have police records which can give you a clue about a relative."

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FROM SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ISSUES OF THE 1903 ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE  
submitted by JoAnn Harvey

Carlisle. Lew Riley has moved to the Charles Rodgers place, recently vacated by Jas. Lewis.

Palmyra. George Wilson has the Blacksmith shop here.

Richard Taboy has a position as teacher in Highland Park College in D.M. Ben Bruce and Guy Schooler will attend school there.

Brice Campbell and George Nichols will attend Simpson College.

Wick. Joe Shultz is proprietor of the store and also has been installed as postmaster, his sister Mamie is helping him.

Abraham T. Wheeldon was born in Morgan County, Ind., Sept. 13, 1848, and died May 27. In 1850 he and his parents came to Iowa. In Oct., 1871, he married Alice Arnot and located in Richland Twp. where he lived at the time of his death. They had 5 children, 3 living, one died in infancy and Fred dying about a year ago from the accidental discharge of a gun. He was blind

for many years. Owing to high waters no funeral was held. A memorial service was held in Otterbien chapel conducted by Rev. W. A. King of Carlisle.

Medford. Harvey Taylor has returned home from work in Missouri. Ed Weatherby's family moved to Nevada.

Keith McCoy plans to go to D.M. soon.

G.M. Lester, con of C.H.D. Lester, who has been in the Philippines, will be stationed at Eagle Pass, Texas.

Jack Dyke sold his home to T. H. Shultz.

Jim Garrison has leased the Charley Braucht farm for 5 years.

Matthew Taylor and son W.G. now have telephones in their homes.

Allie Badgley has purchased the Brose Green property, recently vacated by M.C. Ray. M. C. Ray moved to his farm NE of town.

Cool. Ollie Rooney had to give up as our school teacher on account of poor health, Cora Middleswartz will teach instead.

Lacona. Ed Rawlew and family have moved to town to the Dr. T.S. Starr house in the west part of town.

Inez Cornell started working in the Ledger office Monday morning.

North Otter. Jeff Byers has bought the old Baysinger homestead and is building a new house on the farm.

Prole. W.V. Elliot will teach Brush College school this fall. Blanche Burkhead will teach at Orilla and Lista Perkins will teach near St. Charles.

Edgar Merryman will finish plastering Linn Grove church this week.

Grandma Colclazier died at her home around midnight, Sat. the 12th. She was buried in North River Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted Wed. morning by Rev. C.W. Proctor.

Ackworth. Frank Keeney bought the Van Pelt farm of 160 acres north of town paying a little more than \$100 per acre.

Summerset. Isaac Bertch, who formerly taught school here, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Brown, near Carlisle. He was a soldier of the 60's.

Sandyville. A new ten pound girl at Frank Hicks.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Worthley died Monday from cholera infantum.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Taylor a 12 lb. boy last Thursday morning.

Indianola. Married at the home of Sheriff Lewis Hodson yesterday at noon was, Grace Hutchison to Fred W. Cline, the wedding march was played by Doris Bloom, Rev. Townsend of the Friends Church married them. Grace had made her home with the Hodson's for some 6 years.

W. R. Park of Runnells purchased the Manbeck property and will move to Carlisle for purpose of educating his children.

East Otter. Sam and Ed Parker have rented the McNeil farm on the corner.

Marriage License. Cecil Clevenger 27 & Nellie M. Beatty 18

William A. Houghtaling 21 & Cora M. Cottingham 19

Clifford Todhunter 24 & Effie McBee 18

Adam Sinift 69 & Sarah Routh 53

Fred Pennington 24 & Maggie Finch 21

*Descendants of Thomas John* ~~ANDREW LUCAS JONES~~

*Anna's Great Grandpa*

- 1 Thomas John 1793 - 1879 b: 1793 in Wales d: 27 June 1879 in Wales  
+Mary Thomas 1795 - 1877 b: 1795 in Wales m: 07 February 1820 in Wales d: 14 October 1877 in Wales  
..... 2 William John - 1873 d: 03 June 1873 in Mansamfred  
..... 2 David John 1821 - 1857 b: 23 November 1821 in Wales d: 13 November 1857 in Ebenezar Dinar Wales  
..... +Margaret Jenkins 1813 - b: 04 July 1813 in Wales m: 1845 in Wales  
..... 3 Irene Maria John 1846 - 1872 b: 26 July 1846 d: 15 November 1872 in Ebenezar Dinar  
..... +William Lewis  
..... 3 Samuel John 1848 - b: 17 October 1848  
..... +Janet Hopkins m: 31 January 1874  
..... 3 Daniel John 1851 - b: 05 July 1851  
..... 3 Thomas John Jones 1854 - 1911 b: 03 March 1854 in Wales d: 20 August 1911 in Des Moines Iowa →  
..... +Jimimah Walker 1856 - 1892 b: 21 June 1856 in Wales m: 29 June 1874 in TreForest, Wales d: 24 July 1892 in  
Bevington, Madison Co. Iowa  
..... 4 Agnes John Jones 1875 - 1973 b: 18 September 1875 d: 08 March 1973 in Spokane Wa  
..... +Ralph Masser  
..... 4 Margaret J. Jones 1876 - 1928 b: 01 July 1876 in Treadlow Wales d: 17 April 1928  
..... +John R. Henry 1873 - 1961 b: 19 July 1873 in Boston, Mass d: 13 June 1961 in Indianola, IA  
..... 5 David Motier Henry  
..... +Hattie Henry  
..... 6 John Henry  
..... +Maureen Henry  
..... 5 William (Bill) Henry  
..... 5 Marie Henry  
..... 5 Thomas John Henry  
..... 5 Blanch Henry  
..... 5 Raymond Henry  
..... 5 Robert Henry  
..... 5 Francis Henry  
..... 5 Arthur Henry  
..... 4 Maria Anna John Jones 1879 - b: 25 February 1879 in Birds Terrace Portyfrid, Wales  
..... +Mote Neuman  
..... 5 Dell Neuman  
..... 5 Billie Neuman  
..... 4 David John Jones 1880 - b: 16 December 1880  
..... 4 Hannah 'Anna' J. Jones 1884 - 1977 b: 21 July 1884 in Des Moines, Iowa d: 04 January 1977 in Spokane, Wa  
..... +Steven Oliver Hammer m: 03 June 1912  
..... 5 Maurice Hammer 1913 - 1915 b: 01 September 1913 d: 04 September 1915  
..... 5 Marjori Marie Hammer 1915 - b: 15 September 1915  
..... +Arthur Gustafson m: 12 October 1946  
..... 6 Sheryl Gustafson 1948 - b: 20 July 1948  
..... 6 Jan Gustafson 1952 - b: 03 August 1952  
..... 5 Dorothy Hammer  
..... \*2nd Wife of Thomas John Jones:  
..... +Maribe Steele 1854 - 1932 b: 1854 m: 28 March 1895 in Bevington, Iowa d: 1932 in Des Moines, Iowa  
..... 4 Arvon Jones 1897 - 1955 b: 14 May 1897 in Bevington, Iowa? d: 20 May 1955 in Des Moines, Iowa  
..... +Esther Josephine Peterson 1902 - 1989 b: 08 December 1902 m: 24 December 1924 in Stratford, Iowa d:  
20 September 1989 in Prineville, OR 97754  
..... 5 Stanley John Jones 1926 - b: 30 January 1926  
..... +Nina Lorraine Jones 1927 - b: 24 April 1927  
..... 6 Sandra Jean Jones 1948 - b: 24 July 1948  
..... 6 Jerryl Suzanne Jones 1950 - b: 20 May 1950  
..... 6 Shelly Jo Jones 1956 - b: 28 August 1956  
..... 6 John Stanley Jones 1961 - b: 04 August 1961  
..... 5 Evan Lewis Jones 1927 - b: 23 June 1927 in Des Moines Iowa  
..... +Norma Francis Heggen 1926 - b: 30 December 1926 in Des Moines Iowa m: 02 October 1948 in Iowa  
City Iowa  
..... 6 Ellen Louise Jones 1952 - b: 30 August 1952 in Iowa City Iowa

*I'm trying to contact relatives -  
especially Masser Henry Neuman.*



FAMILY HISTORY ON PREVIOUS PAGE

I received the genealogy on the preceding page as president of the Iowa Welsh Society. Some of the names are from Warren and Madison Counties. Please contact the woman directly if you want to trade information with her.

Stephanie Kniest (maybe Kriest); 2308 Gordon; Spokane, WA 99205-2448.

The back of the paper has a reference to Thomas John Jones. "T.J.J. immigrated from Cardiff, Wales, in 1883 (Ellis Island). Changed name from John to Jones. Got medical degree from Drake University. Worked on the state capital (did all the wood details). Lived in Des Moines, Iowa. Moved to Bevington later." Ruth Hall

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

The cemetery committee will meet Saturday, <sup>September</sup> ~~October~~ 20th, at 10:00 AM at Aspen, The Village, 1203 N. E. All are welcome to attend. We are planning a new, revised cemetery book and there is still much cemetery walking to do. Anyone interested in working on the committee to plan the book, walk the cemeteries, enter the data on computer, proofread, and/or help in any way is welcome.

Come to the front door of the building (Aspen) and someone will be there to let you in.

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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        | _____ 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 next meeting.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, MARSHALLTOWN  
OCTOBER 10-11

This year's conference, entitled "Family Ties", will be held at the Iowa Valley Continuing Education Conference Center on the campus of the Marshalltown Community College in Marshalltown. Featured speakers will be James and Paula Warren from Minnesota. Topics include "Family Reunions", "Internet and Genealogy", "Quaker Ancestors", "The IGS Library", "Irish Research", and "German Research". For more information, contact Judy Weber, 306 SW 4th St., Greenfield, IA 50849. From the IGS newsletter. Ask Ruth Hall for copy of registration form.

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DUES ARE DUE ANYTIME

Remember that the new year for our society begins on January 1, 1998. Please pay dues before or at the November 17th meeting. Those paying later than that time may not be included in the program book. Use the form on page 9. Thanks.

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