

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## CALENDAR

- Nov. 11 7:00 BOARD MEETING. Library.  
 Nov. 17 6:15 CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING. Library-either in the smaller meeting room or the reference room.  
 7:00 REGULAR MEETING. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Speaker Delpha Musgrave, Special Projects Coordinator for the State Historical Society of Iowa. She will speak on "Exploring Records in County Courthouses".  
**PAY DUES FOR 1998.**  
 NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER.  
 Jan. 5 DEADLINE FOR JAN./FEBR. NEWSLETTER.  
 Jan. 13 7:00 BOARD MEETING. Library.  
 Jan. 19 7:00 REGULAR MEETING. Library. Speaker Thelma Pehrson.

### Officers 1997:

- Pres. Ev Brightman  
 Vice Pres. Louise Pilmer  
 Treasurer Jane Godwin  
 Sec. Doris Young  
 Corres. Sec. Thelma Pehrson  
 Registrar JoAnn Harvey  
 Librarian Elaine Bumgarner  
 Historian Kate Kauzlarich  
 Newsletter Ruth Hall  
 Past Pres. Donna Crow

### Active Committees:

- Cemetery  
 Newspaper Abstracting  
 Courthouse Abstracting  
 Library Acquisitions  
 Obituary  
 Research Requests  
 County Fair Divisions  
IGS Representative-  
 Area 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.  
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.

### TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

Individual memberships are \$6.00, family memberships are \$9.00. Send your dues to:

Jane Godwin; 808 West Detroit; Indianola, IA 50125  
Please note any changes in address, etc. If you are on e-mail we would be interested in having your e-mail address. At some time the addresses will be published in the newsletter again.

### LOOKING FOR HELP

Katrina Weed has requested that this notice be put in the newsletter. I can reply to her by e-mail or request her address if someone wants to write to her. She is not a member of WCGS.  
RAH

"Is someone researching this line?"

John N. Andrew b 16 July 1829 Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN, married 1856, found in Warren Co., in 1857 with wife, Jane R. (?). He opened a harness shop and served as postmaster and was also agent for the United States Express Company. He retired and opened a book and stationer shop. Then in 1879 he closed the business and moved to Clay Co., IA.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. I am trying to find his marriage, wife's maiden name, and his date of death.

Thank you for your help."

### COMPUTERS ANYONE?

Are you using a computer or thinking about getting one? I would like to explore starting a committee? subgroup? to talk about programs, internet research, etc. We might furnish a "column" for the newsletter. People who can't attend meetings could contribute—even those who are a thousand miles away. If you can, stay for a few minutes after the next regular meeting to offer ideas. Those who won't be at the meeting but are on e-mail can contact me at  
<hallross@aol.com>.

Ruth Hall

### LIBRARY HOURS FOR SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTIES IN THIS AREA

Clarke County holdings in Osceola Public Library, Fillmore Street. M 1:00-6:00, T-F 1:00-5:00, Sat. 9:00-1:00.

Keo-Mah GS (Keokuk & Mahaska Counties) inside the Penn-Central Mall and across from the Maid-Rite. M-F 12:30-4:00 (winter), 1st & 3rd Satr. 9:00-Noon.

Wayne County. LeCompte Library. M-F 12:30-5:00, Satr. 10:00-2:00.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter is here. Thankfully it waited until the day after our district 4 conference. I want to thank all of you for your efforts toward an informative and enjoyable conference. There were 25 participants. Sharing with other members of county societies is invigorating even if the sharing includes problem solving. Our speaker, Dr. William Reisman, was a good addition to the day's program. It seems to be the hope of all at the conference that our district make a district 4 meeting a yearly event to be hosted by different counties.

Especially I would like to thank: Doris Young and Elaine Bumgarner for making treats and wonderful table decorations, Thelma Pehrson for her presentation on the library, Ruth Ann Hall for the folders and materials, Marieta Grissom for set-up and decorations. Also, from the Warren County Historical Society, Marty Ford and Lois Carty for tours of the museum and Harriet Herold for a delicious lunch. Thanks to all.

Remember: Please pay your dues during the November meeting in order to have your name in the program book for next year.

Ev

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Doyle Woods, chairman of the nominating committee, reports that the nominees that will be presented at the meeting are:

President	Ev Brightman
Vice President	Marieta Grissom
Treasurer	Jane Godwin
Secretary	to be announced at the meeting.

There will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

## 16TH ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY TOUR TO SALT LAKE CITY

Hazel Demirjean of Des Moines has sent information about a tour she and Margaret Thomas of Arvada, Colorado, are escorting. It will fly from Des Moines on Sunday, May 3, 1998, and return on the following Sunday. The special IGS rate of \$332 per person if two in a room does not include airfare. See Thelma Pehrson for the informational mailing.

## THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR

I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned, he mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame,  
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe, they should be on some list  
Of passengers to the USA, but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man,  
So I play "geno-solitaire" to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he is blessed;  
But weather took engraving and vandals took the rest.  
He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No family Bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed to a girl named JONES.

(unknown author...via internet to the Seattle GS Bulletin and  
then picked up by the Welsh-American GS)

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