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Center Stage: Lucille Utsler Perkins

by Ev Brightman

Lucille became interested in genealogical research when her oldest daughter began working on an ancestor chart as a part of a class assignment while attending Warrensburg in 1969. Lucille also noticed a Utsler buried in the Webb Cemetery and knew the person to be related to her father, but did not know how. In search of answers, she eventually attended a WCGS meeting; her ancestor chart in hand.

Lucille joined WCGS just after completion of the Warren County Cemetery Book. She has been a tireless worker, serving as historian, fair co-superintendent with Thelma Pehrson and spending hours typing and proofreading projects, including the Warren County History Book and the Birth Book, as well as clipping obituaries at the historical building. Her genealogical record books have provided stiff competition at Warren County Fairs.

Lucille grew up in Summerset, although she was born in Oklahoma, the youngest of seven children of Virginia Scott and James Utsler. Her father's family has been residents of Warren County since the 1850s, however, James Utsler met and married his wife while working for an uncle in Oklahoma. The uncle, C. B. Utsler (known as Jim) was a neighbor of author Marcus James, who made reference to Jim Utsler in his book, *Cherokee Strip*. Lucille's father worked as a farmer and for the railroad. Her mother taught school before marriage.

Lucille married Marion Perkins in 1942. They farmed near Spring Hill until 1960 when they moved to Indianola. In addition, Lucille worked as a nurse's aid for many years at the Jefferson Nursing Home (now Good Samaritan).

Lucille and Marion have five children. For their fiftieth wedding anniversary, one of her daughters made a cross stitch denoting birth, deaths, wedding and significant family events—a wonder and creative record of family history.

The surnames Lucille has researched (and she has very few questions left to answer) are as follows: Utsler, Perkins, Maine, Lockridge, Stewart, Bishop, Scott and Humphrey.

Lucille believes that genealogy would benefit regular classroom curriculum as, "They would be getting a lot of history and geography without realizing it." When asked what she has learned from her study of genealogy, Lucille stated, "You have to be a detective." She gives the following ex-

Calendar:

January 17 REGULAR MEETING
Let's eat out! Watch the Indianola newspaper and your next newsletter for dinner and program details.

WCGS regular meetings are held at the Indianola Public Library on the third Monday of the month (September through May, except no meeting in December). Special meetings may be planned for the summer.

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ample of researching a marriage date as part of a query. When the information was reported per request, the lady responded, "The family is not going to like this." Lucille dutifully rechecked her sources and replied, "Facts are facts." End of discussion!

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Marieta's rambling comments:

Wow! I've had "genealogy" overload!

First, was the **Time Line/Chronology** program I gave at the September meeting. I hope you have been working on your time lines—they are wonderful tools for remembering what happened when in your own life and with your family. They can also be valuable tools for figuring out answers in the lives of your ancestors.

On Oct. 3 Dave and I attended a 50th **Wedding Anniversary** for Dave's aunt and uncle. Dave took along family group sheets and up-to-dated many with births and marriages.

Helen Simpkins and I attended the **IGS Annual Conference** in Marshalltown on Oct 7-9, 1999. What a wonderful experience! I learned so much my head was really spinning on our way home. My notes are found elsewhere in this newsletter. The speakers were excellent, the vendor area was packed and the food was wonderful. Now that I've "digested" some of what I learned, I encourage everyone to attend next year's conference. The dates will be Oct 5-7, 2000. This conference is well worth the time and expense!

Next was the **Beginning Genealogy Class** on Oct 16. Ten people attended—a perfect size group. Several people were real beginners, others had varying levels of experience.

The following day Dave and I hosted the annual **Grissom Reunion**, where we showed slides we had made of photographs of previous Grissom Reunions, dating back to 1946. What fun! And, once again, Dave had his family group sheets for updating.

Finally, as I write this newsletter I am also quilting a baby blanket for the **new little Grissom boy** who is expected to be born by the end of November. (David Tyler Austin Grissom was born early—November 6—and he is David the Sixth, though he will be called Tyler. Mom, Dad and baby are doing fine.) What exciting times!

For several months I've been touting the idea that "everyone has a story." After attending the conference I'm going to expound on that. A biography is an interpretation of someone's life. It may be a mis-interpretation. For future generations to know your life as you want it to be known—you have to write your autobiography! No one else can tell your life story like you can. Write one story. Then write another story. Your stories don't need to be in order. A timeline may help you remember stories, but you don't need to feel compelled to write your stories in chronological order. A three-ring binder is perfect for this—you can fit the story into the proper place as you insert it into your notebook.

Please be sure to pay your dues before December 31, 1999.

We want to have everyone listed in the program book for 2000. We have several good programs in the works for next year and we plan to take several local research trips.

Do you have **genealogy research questions** that might be of interest to others? Recently I have had people ask: 1) How can I find out what is available and how can I get something via interlibrary loan? 2) How can I find out more about naturalizations? Also, more and more people are becoming interested in the resources available in the Kansas City area, i.e., the branch of the National Archives in Kansas City and the Mid-Continent Library in Independence. If you have general questions or interests, please let me know. We will find answers or information to assist you. We may have a program at a meeting on our question or we will research for answers and distribute the information through the newsletter or we will make information available at meetings.

I recently assembled a large folder of information about the holdings at the **Mid-Continent Library in Independence, MO** and this is available to borrow from the lending boxes—along with the exchange newsletters. Mid-Continent only allows interlibrary loan of microfilm with other Missouri libraries, but books can be borrowed through any library—and the shelf list is extensive. I encourage you to check it out!

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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Bits and pieces about ... Life in Warren County —100 years ago!

The following are items from the Indianola newspapers from 100 years ago. I found the everyday life items interesting and revealing about life during that time. In 100 years some things have changed and some things have not changed.

The Advocate Tribune, December 7, 1899:

Of general interest:

The people of Indianola will soon have the opportunity of hearing Ex-Supt Henry Sabin give his noted lecture entitled "Aaron Burr and the Men of His Time." Mr. Sabin will speak Tuesday evening Dec. 19, either at the M.E. church or college chapel. He comes to us highly recommended by President Chas. E. Shelton and many others who have a personal acquaintance with him. Let every one hear this noted lecture from one of our foremost educators. Further announcements will appear next week. Admission 15 cents. Reserved seats 25 cents.

The Tarkio football team came to Indianola to show our Simpson students how to play football last Thursday. Our Simpsons rolled them around in the rain and snow and mud all the afternoon, beating them by a score of 22 to 0, and concluded to look for some more competent instructor. A crowd of possibly a hundred watched the game throughout, despite the inclement weather.

The finest line of china at Swan & Peck's.

Mrs. Blodgett will please you in millinery.

WANTED: A girl to learn to set type, at this office.

\$12 to \$15 coats for \$10 – Sam Cheshire, south side square.

Our plush capes and cloaks at closing out price - G.E. Johnson.

Best, Taylor and Co is the place to buy your capes and jackets.

We have a full line of groceries and queensware at J. Fenner & Son's.

A huge stock of mid-winter goods just received at the Fair. Great bargains.

See Sam Cheshire's \$10.00 suits, they can't be equalled in the city. South side square.

Mumps are epidemic in Indianola, though but few cases have proved serious.

Go to J. P. Anderson's for fancy lamps, chamber sets, jardiniers, decorated china, etc.

We want to supply you with your holiday goods. A com-

plete line. – Douglass & Joy.

Take your poultry to Barker's meat market and get top price – Barker & Mendenhall.

I have the abstract books formerly owned by E. B. Dowell, and do a general abstract and loan business – A. V. Proudfoot.

John Hedrick's team took a lively run from the Rock Island depot Monday evening, wrecking his wagon badly, but doing no other damage.

W. B. Spray, Jeweler – In order to reduce stock I will give, till Jan. 15, a liberal discount for cash on all goods in stock. South side square.

Our overshoes are of the best manufacture and are sold for a little less money than some dealers get for them. – At Trimble's shoe store.

The severest cold wave of the season put in an appearance last Sabbath, with quite a snow storm. Monday morning the temperature was near zero.

Before buying your Christmas presents be sure and call on W. B. Spray and examine his stock, all kinds of goods for old and young, Special cut prices. South side square.

Cheaper Farm Loans! Since September 1st, I am authorized to make loans on better terms than ever before. Optional payments. – E. W. Hartman, office, east of Todhunter hotel, Indianola.

Baptist Church – Rev. Orr Campbell, pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. every Sabbath. Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The public is cordially invited to each and all of these services.

Nothing succeeds like success. You may have read that before, but that doesn't prevent it from being true. All kinds of promising and supposedly desirable enterprises are tabooed and their promoters ridiculed simply because they were not a success. If an enterprise fails its promoters are very nearly public nuisances; if it succeeds they are accepted as public benefactors. Success is the talisman that assures the approving smiles.

Indianola had long been hampered by telephone rates that were in large measure exclusive. People could not afford to pay them, and the few phones that were taken were of little value to the patrons because so few people used them. Cheap rates were sorely needed. These could not be secured from the old company. Could a new system be put in by local capital and local talent? The people doubted.

Near two years ago a half dozen of our local capitalists de-

terminated to solve the problem of cheap telephone rates. They started out on the theory that to win success they must earn it. The necessary franchises secured they immediately began putting in the best possible service. All they asked was a chance, and this the people freely granted. A hundred phones were soon contracted. By midsummer of '98 Indianola had a telephone service unexcelled in any city, and at rates satisfactory to the public. W. S. Boze, a thorough expert in all lines of telephone management, was put in charge of the mechanical department and electrical work, while Mrs. Boze, equally competent in her department, has charge of the exchange, or central office, thus insuring practically perfect service. Of course such a telephone service at such satisfactory prices must steadily grow in public favor. The company now has in 160 phones and several orders waiting to be filled. It will undoubtedly soon number 200 phones, and every phone added adds to the usefulness of the system to its subscribers.

The question of cheap and acceptable telephone rates thus satisfactorily solved and the plant safely established on a permanent basis, some of the original members of the company, feeling that they had secured for the town all that they originally intended, and having their time fully occupied with their own private business, asked to be relieved from further active interest in the enterprise. They have accordingly transferred their interests to their late partners and the company has been reorganized consisting now of J. F. Henderson, Dr. Porterfield, and John Schee.

The retiring partners, Messers Park, Dowell, Swan and Reynolds, no less than the present members, have the warmest thanks of the citizens for the public spirit they manifested in undertaking the enterprise and the energy with which they pushed it to satisfactory completion. The line is deservedly popular and all our citizens will unite in wishing for it in the future, as it has had in the past, the most abundant success. Neither will their wishes be idle wishes. Wherever a new phone is desired the home company will have the call.

Administrator's Sale

I have for sale the following described lands, in Warren county, Iowa:

- W ½ NE ¼ Sec 2, Tp 74, R 24
- E ½ NW ¼ Sec 2, Tp 74, R 24
- SW ¼ NW ¼ Sec 2, Tp 74, R 24
- SE ¼ SW ¼ Sec 35, Tp 75, R 24
- SW ¼ SE ¼ Sec 35, Tp 75, R 24
- E ½ SW ¼ Sec 34, Tp 75, R 24
- Lot 3, Block 2, in Wesley Cheshire's Addition to the city of Indianola, Iowa.

Also Lots 83, 86 and 87 in Ballard's Addition to the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Will divide the lands to suit purchasers. Terms, cash, or its equivalent.

Address A. J. Morrison, Marengo, Iowa, or Henderson & Berry, Indianola, Iowa. A. J. Morrison, Adm'r. Estate of T. M. Henderson, Decd.

Entertainment at Center Chapel.

There will be an entertainment at Center Chapel Thursday evening Dec. 14, the following program:

1. Instrumental solo, selected, Miss Lillie Shope.
2. Vocal solo, Last night, Miss Blanche Britton.
3. Whistling duet, Mocking Bird, Shope Sisters.
4. Vocal duet, Gypsy Love Song, Miss Britton and Mr. Ward Baker.
5. Reading, A Yankee in Love, Miss Anna Shope.
6. Whistling solo, selected, miss Lillie Shope.
7. Vocal solo, Queen of the night, Miss Blanche Britton.
8. Imitation of Iowa's Military Band, Shope sisters.
9. Whistling solo, Shepherd Boy, Miss Anna Shope.
10. Vocal duet, Hunters Song, Miss Britton and Mr. Baker.
11. Whistling duet, selected, Shope Sisters.
12. Vocal solo with harp accompaniment selected, Miss Britton
13. A silent recitation, The Toilet, Miss Anna Shope
14. Whistling duet with vocal obligato, The Nightingales Trill, Shope Sisters and Miss Britton.

Ever body is cordially invited, Admission 15 cents, children 10 cents.

Norwalk:

Mrs. Ashworth is in Nebraska visiting her son Frank.

Mr. Thomas has moved his family into C. F. Crow's house, in the east part of town.

Miss Lillie Prince, of Des Moines, spent Thanksgiving at her home south of Norwalk.

The orchestra from Winterset furnished music for the dance last week at this place.

Rev. Stephenson, of Des Moines, preached morning and evening at the Christian church.

E. E. Guthrie was compelled to kill a good horse last week that got down in the barn and hurt itself.

Rev. Carter has his ankle badly sprained, caused by his jumping from the train before it had stopped.

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Palmyra:

Frank Viers has moved to Swan.

Mrs. Amanda Lutz has gone to Missouri on a visit.

Dick Talboy is teaching school at Old Avon in Polk county.

James Blanchard and J. H. Myrick postponed their trip until Feb. of next year.

H. J. Switzer and Joe Morris are in Chicago this week with six car loads of stock.

Joseph Blake and wife ate Thanksgiving turkey with Malachi Adkins of Carlisle.

Watt Butterfield, I. B. and Lora Farley started Tuesday of this week to Arkansas.

Wm. Gardner, an old resident of Palmyra has rented his farm and moved to Carlisle.

Miss Ida Webster of Carlisle has been employed for the winter term of the

The Pleasant Hill school commenced Monday morning of this week with Hugh Reed teacher.

Milt Park and wife are both very sick at the home of Mrs. Park's father, L. H. Keris; Mr. Park with consumption.

Elmer Park and wife, of Milo, and John Sieds and wife, of Avon, ate Thanksgiving turkey at J. W. Farley's last Thursday.

Uncle Ike Fisber came into Squire Schooler's court last Saturday accompanied by his Attorney Lemuel Mosies, county Attorney Clammer appearing for the state. Ike was charged with assault and battery; he assaulted a woman and battered her boy. There was great excitement. The people came in from the hills and plains. People who did not come to the election came through the rain to hear the trial but they were doomed to disappointment. Isaac took a change of venue and the case went to Ackworth, a college city. James the Hermit, and Cyrus and Mazoni, dealers in hogs and cattle were there. The Hermit left his hatchet at home as there were no hogs in the case to measure.

Prole:

A family dinner was given at the home of L. S. Spencer Thanksgiving day.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lutz, of near Green-

bush, is very sick.

Mrs. John Wiley, of Norwalk, visited relatives in these parts not long since.

L. S. Smith presented himself and family with a fine new heating stove one day last week.

Mrs. Essick spent a few days with her son Harry Essick and family, near Indianola, last week.

Ben Burkhead returned home Monday after two weeks' absence in the south part of the county.

Miss Ethel Deitz, of our town, and Arthur Brown, of Norwalk, were married in Des Moines recently.

J. Butler and family and James Wilson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harlan, east of Prole.

The force of men that have been working on the K. & W. Railroad will finish and leave for other parts by the first of this week.

A series of meetings has been held at the Linn Grove for the past four or five weeks and are yet running. A goodly number attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of Des Moines, a sister of Mrs. J. W. Burkhead, came down and took dinner with the Burkhead family Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Clapper and wife, of Osceola, came in Thanksgiving morning on the 10:45 train and took dinner with his brother Fred and family, leaving on the 4:20.

Mrs. Tom Davis and daughter returned home Saturday morning, taking her little niece Merny Keller with her, after visiting the past week with her brothers Will and Henderson Keller, in Prole.

North River:

Kinsie Neely has sold his store.

Ella Collicott is on the sick list.

Mr. Collicott is building an addition to his house.

Bert Mason started to school at Highland Park last Monday.

Mrs. Hebron Tilton has returned from Missouri, where she has been visiting.

Grove school had a very interesting Thanksgiving program

Thelma Pehrson is helping me with "Bits and pieces about ..." This will include information about various communities, events, or whatever strikes her fancy. The same subject may be featured more than once, depending upon the information found. Thelma is Librarian for the Warren County Historical Library and is gleaning this information from articles, scrapbooks, books, etc in the WCHS Library. For more information about the WCHS Library you may contact Thelma at 515-961-4409 (home). The Library is open Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

last Wednesday.

F. L. VanVorhis will preach at the Center school house next Sunday, and the next Sunday Mr. Nevlin, of Spring Hill, will preach.

Motor:

Mrs. Mary Ellis is not so well at present.

J. M. Freel is hauling corn from Hartford.

Mrs. A. W. Mosher is visitng near New Virginia.

C. W. Smith and family were at Des Moines last week.

L. G. White and family made a brief visit to Lacona one day last week.

Lewis Welcher's sale was well attended; the proceeds amounting to over \$5,000.

E. W. Hill, wife and little daughter Minnie, were at Decatur City last week, guests of Mr. Hill's brother, J. H. Hill.

Milo:

Mr. Lukenbill has moved his jewelry store into his new room.

Uncle Jimmie Amsbury returned last week from his Mt. Ayr visit.

John Wikel has bought Wm. McNeer's farm of 80 acres; price \$50 per acre.

Archy Smith has sold his farm of 40 acres to Mr. Greenfield; consideration \$2,200.

Miss Manda Smith, of Indianola, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Oldaker, this week.

Bud Sutton and Frank Starr, with their families, ate turkey with Gordon Bloom Thanksgiving day.

Alva Miner has moved his buther shop into the new brick building that C. M. Conditt built for him this fall.

Wm. Yoder has moved his goods into the brick building just completed. It is a nice room, finished up in style.

C. C. Bigford will sell his household goods next Saturday and will leave us. Belmont will lose a good Democrat.

Clint Conley came in on the train last Tuesday morning from Omaha, to take his father and mother home with him.

Ed Bolton, who is teaching school at Cool, was at home last week to attend the funeral of Martin Oldaker, his half brother.

Mrs. R. C. McNeer, who has been very sick for some time, is still lingering between life and death with little or no hopes of recovering.

A Mr. Briggs has bought Henry Irvine's team and implements, and rented his farm for next year. Henry did not find a sucker this time.

Uncle John Risinger, who has been driving milk wagon for two years, has failed to show up, on account of sickness. Hope he may be on his round soon.

Sandyville:

Born, to Riley Ogen and wife, Dec. 1, a boy.

Miss Susie Stone was on the sick list the first of the week.

R. A. Bare and wife took dinner with Lee Morningstar Sunday.

Dr. C. O. Grose, of Pleasantville, called at Sandyville one day last week.

Walter Sandy, who is attending Drake, at Des Moines, is home on a visit.

W. Reigns, from Knoxville, visited with his brother one day last week.

Miss Nellie Morningstar, who is attending school at Milo, was at home over Sunday.

Miss Susie Stone, who is making her home at Winterset, spent Thanksgiving at home with her parents.

J. A. Glasgow has returned home from the Adventist sanitarium at Des Moines and is much improved in health.

Mrs. Chas. Perkins and daughter Cora, of Des Moines, visited relatives near Sandyville a few days last week.

Mrs. J. B. Reigns has been enjoying a visit with her two sisters the past week. We did not hear where they were from.

C. S. Carpenter and wife ate turkey with his niece, Mrs. Milt Mason and famiily near Otterbein Thanksgiving. Mr. Mason has sold out and will soon move to Montana.

The masquerade party at this place last Wednesday evening was a grand success. A very enjoyable time was had and the young men had prepared an elegant supper for partners, of which they all partook after the other fun was over.

The Indianola Record, December 7, 1899

Board of Supervisors

The following persons were declared elected Justices of the Peace and Constables for the several townships as shown by the (election) returns:

<i>Township</i>	<i>Justice of the Peace</i>	<i>Constables</i>
Belmont	E. Richmond	
Jackson	C. T. Parish	A. L. McGinnis

		Wm. Slinker
Liberty	M. F. Burgess	A. W. Crandall
	S. C. Boon	
Otter	Richard Bird	Dayton Culbertson
Palmyra	A. D. Clark	
Richland	W. G. Kurtz	
Squaw	G. W. Grant	Ed Smith
Union		George Kirkpatrick
Virginia	W. C. Montgomery	Geo. Buchanan
	L. E. Shane	
Washington	H. F. Burns	
White Breast	P. H. Hunt	Fred Wachter
	J. C. Hook	B. D. Jenkins
White Oak	Alex Jenner	Grant McDaniel
	A. Dyer	Geo. Morrison

The Taking of the Census

The great task of taking the census for 1900 will be commenced June 1 and completed during the month. The supervisor for the Seventh Congressional District of Iowa is Samuel C. Smith, one of Winterset's brightest young attorneys and from the manner he is entering into the work the appointment was no mistake.

The people can materially aid Mr. Smith and his enumerators by being ready to answer all questions that may be asked them when the enumerator puts in an appearance and to refuse to answer any question listed is a misdemeanor and punishable.

It would be a good plan, for everyone to make an inventory of all their worldly possessions on January first and put it carefully away for the enumerators coming. Commence this by writing down the name, age and sex of every member of the family; then the number and value of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry, etc; the amount of grain and acres of each kind you produced this year; bushels of apples; acreage of potatoes and their yield and the amount of small fruit gathered.

You can do this during the long winter evenings and perhaps save you several hours in the cornfield in June because the enumerator will have to have all this information and much more. It is a good thing anyway for the head of every household to know just where they are at on the first of the new century.

Harry Hartzler was twenty-six years old Tuesday. His first reminder of the fact was a strapping by Geo. Richard in the morning. His next was when on returning from lodge he found himself captured by some twenty of his gentlemen friends as a surprise planned by his wife, but she "got her cum up-ens" for the wives of her invited guests walked in on her. She was not only surprised but worried for the three

chickens sold by Harry to Alex Graves that morning, with an old rooster thron in for full measure, would not have made eating enough for the double dose. However, the self-invited ladies had prepared an abundance and there was more fun to the square inch than one could shake a stick at. Mr. and Mrs. Hartzler have numerous momentos of the occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Baker are now fully at home to their friends; the doctor to his patrons in his office, one block north of the northwest corner of the square and mrs. Baker, in one of the finest residences in town, just north of the office. It is the wish of all that they may live many years to enjoy their elegant home.

Social Plains:

There was a peddler in our neighborhood last week repairing organs.

The school boys have bought a ball and bat and are now ready to play (come on Cool).

Spring Hill:

The woodmen are out in the woods and are bringing in some fine timber these days.

The Christian church is nearly completed, and is a fine building and quite an addition to our little burg. Let the good work go on.

The Advocate Tribune, December 28, 1899

Of general interest:

Are the people of Warren county, especially of the northern portion of the county awake to the fact that a movement is on foot to locate a military post within 10 miles of Des Moines? The probability is so good that already offers are asked of tracts of land containing about 700 acres for this purpose. No better location or finer land can be found within the prescribed limit than in the northern tier of townships in Warren county. The post will constitute a good sized town. It will produce nothing but an organized appetite. It will make a considerable demand for mechanics, laborers and building material, and a constant market for the produce of farm and garden. It will certainly be of great value to the vicinity in which it is located. Warren may just as well secure this prize as any other community. But it is not likely to come unsought. Such prizes seldom come that way. You must shake the tree if you would see the golden apples falling into your lap. There are few farms large enough, under one ownership. But adjoining farmers

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can join and make the offer of a tract of land of the requisite size. If the people along the nothern border of this county want this prize they should get a move on them. In a matter of this kind it is wonderfully easy for a community to sin away its day of grace and be everlastingly too late.

Notice—All parties owing us on book account or note past due, plase call and settle, as we have dissolved partnership and our books must be settled. The accounts will be found at Fowler & Shick's Grocery. —Webster & Fowler.

Mrs. S. M. Fortney gave a dinner party in honor of her daughter Nellie, Wednesday, Dec. 20. Those present: Nellie and Lizzie Ogg, Ethel and Edna Van Pelt, Lulu and Ada Hartzler, Susie Hewitt, Cora Sloan, Nellie Surber and Mrs. Mae Sandham.

Christmas and New Years Holiday Excursions. The Burlington will issue excursion tickets on account of holidays Dec 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1899 and Jan 1, 1900 at 1 1/3 standard first class fare to any station within a radius of 200 miles. Good to return up to and including Jan. 2, 1900.

Seldom if ever have Indianola merchants had two such days as last Friday and Saturday. They may have had as much or more trade on other holiday occasions, but that was only one feature of it. A great many came in to trade. A great many more came in only to see the sights and see others buy. All came through the mud and slush, for the mud and slush were everywhere. No one could evade it. Their feet and clothing were loaded with it. The store floors were covered with it. Goods and furniture to the height of a foot or two from the floor were plastered with it. They have had a regular house-cleaning time this week.

Christmas coming on Monday made a little break in the usual order of observing it at the churches. The Baptists had a program and distributed presents Sabbath evening. The Methodists met Monday morning. The Sabbath school was treated to confectionary. There was a genearl and generous contribution of provisions etc amounting to probably 500 pounds for the poor. A marked feature of the occasion was the presentation of a clock to Senator Berry, who has been superintendent of the Sabbath school for the last 20 years. The clock is a very elegant one of the best American manufacture, in a case of Mexican onyx. President Shelton made the presentation speech. Superintendent Berry, was very visibly affected as well as completely surprised. The Christians, Presbyterians and United Presbyterians all had their Christmas celebrations Monday evening, in all of which the young people were handsomely remembered.

Marriage Licenses Issued:

Dec 20 William O. Romine, age 22, and Miss Dora M.

- Shigley, age 19.
- Dec 20 Charles W. Vanfleet, age 23, and Miss Nellie G. Brown, age 18.
- Dec 20 M. C. Weeks, age 33, and Miss Jessie Spence, age 22.
- Dec 20 Harry J. Goodale, age 21, and Miss Christina A. Hahn, age 23.
- Dec 21 Simon Roe, age 21, and Miss Joannah Agard, age 18.
- Dec 22 Cyrus I. Clark, age 23, and Miss Francis M. Miller, age 21.
- Dec 23 S. W. Scott, age 22, and Miss Carrie Morris, age 20.
- Dec 23 Charles W. Moore, age 25, and Miss Cate C. Berry, age 23.
- Dec 23 Neal Devore, age 33, and Mrs. Augusta Ne-meyer, age 32.
- Dec 23 J. J. McClellan, age 37, and Miss Laura Truitt, age 36.
- Dec 25 Harry L. Bissell, age 23, and Miss Agnes J. Wil-son, age 26.
- Dec 26 E. R. Graham, age 23, and Miss Effie Cashman, age 23.
- Dec 27 Jos. A. Gardner, age 23, and Miss Lucy Coff-man, age 24.

Petit Jury for January Term, 1900.

Clyde Barnes, St Marys	Jackson Twp
E. H. Baxter, Norwalk	Greenfield
Charley Bitting, Indianola	Lincoln
Hibert Clark, Clarkson	Richland
C. F. Enos, Indianola	Washington
H. W. Freeman, Norwalk	Linn
J. M. Graham, Indianola	Washington
John Grissman, Conger	Jefferson
Len Hemphill, Somerset	Lincoln
W. C. Hollingsworth	Otter
C. D. Hunt, Indianola	White Oak
Harry Jones, Indianola	Lincoln
J. C. F. Long, Milo	Belmont
J. R. McNeer, Milo	Belmont
R. W. Parr, Indianola	Washington
P. Reed, Carlisle	Allen
Chas. Romback, Indianola	White Oak
A. C. Rodgers, Lacona	White Breast
D. F. Sanders, Carlisle	Allen
J. G. Sandy, Sandyville	Union
Joe Trimble, Lacona	White Breast
C. K. Weinman, Indianola	Washington
C. F. White, Indianola	Washington
L. H. Young, Liberty Center	Liberty
Jury summoned to appear on the second day of the term,	

to wit: Jan 10, A.D. 1900.

Grand Jury for 1900:

J.S. Campbell, Palmyra	Palmyra Twp
W. C. Hastie, Summerset	Allen
J. L. Lamar, Sandyville	Union
W. H. Lawrence, Norwalk	Greenfield
Joe Lockridge, Spring Hill	Jefferson
Thomas Nutt, Indianola	Washington
C. S. Parker, Indianola	Washington
B. S. Reynolds, Milo	Belmont
Oscar Springer, Wick	Jackson
E. Strube, Cumming	Linn
J. W. Thompson, Lacona	White Breast
Alvin White, Ackworth	Lincoln

To appear January 10, 1900.

Prole:

A large number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keller, Dec 18, to remind her of her 23rd birthday. After the house was well filled and the young folks busy playing games, a number of ladies took possession of the kitchen. Soon a bountiful supper was prepared. Table after table was spread until all were served. Fun, music and games were the order of the evening.

Cool:

Charley Moore has his house finished and if all signs are favorable will with his bride move into their new home about the middle of the week.

Wedding bells and, charivari bells too for that matter, were heard here last week; Miss Bessie Cashman becoming Mrs. Schutt. The best wishes of the community go with this young couple. May she still have "cash" and a good "man" and never be "shut" out of any of the pleasures of life.

Wick:

Grandma Springer's 98th birthday was on Friday, the 22d. A number of her friends gathered in and had a very nice dinner. All report a nice time.

The Indianola Record, December 28, 1899

They were Gobbled

A few days before Christmas some of the boys about town getting tired of waiting for the day when all make merry, gathered in one of the barns in the rear of Barker's market and began having a little time of their own, ably assisted by a little brown jug marked "Forty Rod". As the contents of the jug went down their spirits went up and soon Tam O'Shanter, as he started on his famous ride, was an Iowa

Prohibitionist as compared with them and nothing was too rich for their blood. At this stage of the game they espied Mr. Barker's turkeys, all cooped for his Christmas trade. It was but a moments work to capture them and then they began tossing them into the air, first making bets as to whether they would fly into the haymow or onto the barn. It was great fun while it lasted and it lasted until Art's turkeys were all uncooped. Now comes the sequel: Art discovered the loss of his turkeys and after a merry chase captured them; then he discovered officer Roach; he discovered the merry-makers, his honor discovered that the city's finances were getting low and the boys discovered that such fun came very high as it cost each from \$10 to \$12.

Fred Robertson Murdered

The remains of Fred Robertson, brother of Charlie and Frank Robertson, Mrs. Theo. Long, Mrs. C. E. Hamilton, and Mrs. Harry Reed were brought to Milo Saturday evening from Joplin, Missouri, where he was foully murdered the evening of December 20th.

As we learn the particulars they are as follows: It seems that Fred was boarding at a place where the daughter loved a young man contrary to the wishes of her family. She eloped with him and the family accused Fred of assisting her in getting away and bad blood was engendered. Fred left the place and while walking with a friend on the fatal day was followed by the girl's brother who fired five shots at him, none of them hitting him. Later he followed Fred to his boarding place, called him out and after Fred would talk no longer, but had re-entered the house, the fatal shot was fired through the panel of the door.

Fred will be remembered by many of the Record's readers and his death comes as a crushing blow to his aged mother, brothers, sisters and many warm friends.

Abram Price

Died at his home in Indianola, Iowa, Wednesday, December 20, 1899, aged 63 years and 5 months.

Abram Price was born in Madison county, Ohio July 21, 1836, moving with his parents to Vermillion county, Illinois, was married to Miss Huldah Cheshire February 11, 1855 and moved to Warren county in 1859 locating on a farm south-east of Indianola and in the spring of 1862 moved to town, thusing having been a resident of the county for forty years and during the most of this time, an active business man. He was well and favorably known throughout Warren and adjacent counties and enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends. He was a staunch democrat and took considerable interest in the political events of his time.

His beloved wife, two sons, V. K. of Indianola and C. L. of Wapello and one daughter, Mrs. Morgan M. Reeves of Butte, Montana, were with him in his sickness and death and they wish to express sincere appreciation and thanks for the many kindnesses shown their father and them.

The funeral was conducted Friday by Revs. Miller and Peck and many old time friends showed their esteem for the departed and sympathy for the bereaved by attending.

Gardner-Coffman

Thursday evening, December 28, 1888 at the home of A. J. Coffman and wife in Hammondsburg, Warren county, Iowa, occurred the wedding of their daughter Lucy to Mr. Joseph Gardner of Ackworth. The event was one of those quiet, happy, home affairs, where, surrounded by those held most dear, the worthy young people take the vows which, with God's blessing, unites them in a tie which should never be broken but grow stronger and happier as their love matures. The Record wishes them joy and prosperity.

Weeks-Spence

to a neat cottage home, fully furnished by the provident groom in anticipation of the happy event, M. C. Weeks and Miss Jessie May Spence invited a few of their more intimate friends and Rev. Sopher, Wednesday evening, December 20th 1899 and at 7:30 o'clock they were made husband and wife by the clergy mentioned. then followed a wedding supper prepared by the bride's own fair hands and a more enjoyed one was never served. Miss Spence is a niece of J. H. Derrough, a most estimable young lady and we congratulate her and her worthy choice on their happy, unique, wedding.

Forrester-Richardson

The wedding of Bessie Richardson to Mr. James Forrester last evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Richardson, was the social event of the holiday week that eclipsed all others.

Promptly at eight o'clock the ribbon girls, Misses Jessie Talbot, Sallie Lyon, Anna May Swan, Bessie Tarlton, Grace and Louise Perry, opened an aisle from the stairs to the piano in the parlor when Mrs. Frank Perry began the prelude of the wedding hymn.

Miss Lotta Richards sang a solo and the chorus quartette, Mesdames Warthen, Osborn, Tarlton and Miss Howell entered singing and were followed by Messrs Herman Forrester, Loren Talbot and Misses Effie and Genevive Richardson. Then came the cute little flower girls, Harriet Perry and Margarite Richardson and the ring bearer, Master Dan Peck in pure white, looking like a miniature Cupid. Then came the bride and groom, who on taking position,

assumed the obligations of husband and wife, Rev. Hopkins performing the ring ceremony.

The wedding throughout was a very pretty one, perfect in every detail. The home was beautifully decorated, the supper was a dainty one, the presents were very rich, well chosen and numerous. The guests from a distance were: A. D. Forrester, wife, and son Chauncy, of Dexter, and Herman, of Evansville, Indiana, father, mother and brothers of the groom, Wm Richardson and family, Mrs. Dwight Fleckenger and daughter Cora, of Elwell, Miss Sadie Moore and Mr. Joe Kise, of Cambridge, Miss Dunn, of Milo, and Miss Mayme Mead, of Maxwell.

The wedding of James Forrester and Elizabeth Richardson is a source of congratulation. Miss Richardson was one of Indianola's fairest, most popular and cultured young ladies and will grace any home, while Mr. Forrester, who was an Indianola business man for years, is in every way, well worthy of his choice. They will be at home to their friends at Jolly, where Mr. Forrester is engaged in the drug trade.

Scotch Ridge:

Mr. David Pilmer has been quite bad with rheumatism.

Mrs. Hood and daughter of Cass county are visitng with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pilmer.

The junior young people gave an entertainment and social at Mr. Thos Ledlie's Christmas night.

Medora:

Mrs. Myrta Anderson is here from Indianola visiting her father, O. C. Loper.

O. J. Pennington, of the Medora school, was at his home near Ackworth, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell, of Liberty Center, spent Sunday with her father, Dr. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson ate turkey, Christmas, with their daughter, Mrs. Dave Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Teller, of Osceola, came up Sunday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Van Patten.

The Henry and Hossack families entertained their little folks with a Christmas tree at the home of the former, Christmas day.

Mr. Henry Stacy came home from Indianola, Thursday, for a few days visit with his parents. Mr. Stacy is reading law with attorney Clammer.

Brush Creek:

Born, to Riley Black and wife, a fine girl, December 18th, 1899.

J. B. Weede is teaching at Pleasant Valley; Bert Woods the Broad Horn; Belle Wallace the Hazel Ridge.

Rob Pickens has sold his farm to Mr. McVey. consideration \$30.25 per acre for 80 acres. We regret losing such neighbors.

A. C. Douglas has bought the thirty six acres, which was the land set apart for Mrs. Tom Coltrane after the death of her husband. Mrs. Coltrane died last August. This property is to be divided between her brothers and sisters. Mr. Douglas paid \$1,275 for said land.

Of general interest:

A Big Barn

Probably one of the largest, best built and most convenient of barns in Warren county has just been completed by Frank P. McAdoo, for and at the home of the Forst Hill herd of Shorthorns. The structure covers 54x72 feet, is 18 feet to the eves, with hip roof, has a capacity of 150 tons of hay and will comfortably shelter 100 head of cattle. The Record congratulates this energetic Short-horn breeder on this evidence of his prosperity and Warren county on having him as a citizen.

Next year is not the commencement of a new Century—according to the best authority obtainable—but the ending of the nineteenth century. The twentieth Century begins Jan. 1, 1901.

It was a green Christmas until about 10:30 a.m. when the old lady began emptying her feather bed and kept it up the balance of the day.

Probably the largest gathering in town was at the always hospitable home of A. J. Sutton. More than a half hundred people surrounded the board, which included 11 children, 22 grandchildren, 3 sons-in-law, 3 daughters-in-law and 9 friends, yet there was turkey, chicken and lots of other good things to spare.

Take Notice: We, the undersigned dry goods merchants of Indianola, Iowa, agree to close our places of business at 7 o'clock p.m., except Saturdays, during January and February.

Best Taylor & Co
G. E. Johnson
Park & McKee
E. W. Perry & Sons

Summerset

Mr. and Mrs. John Goldizen, of Palmyra, ate turkey at the Cassady home.

Miss May Thompson is home from Des Moines for a few weeks stay with her parents.

Will Wishman and family, of Youngstown, spent Christmas with his parents here.

Charlie Schooler and family ate Christmas dinner in Des Moines, with Mrs. Schooler's mother, Mrs. Gilman.

Mrs. Henry Epps, accompanied by her daughter Lulu left for Chicago Monday where she expects to engage in city mission work.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Isaac Brown, formerly of this place. We have no particulars as we learned of her death only by hearing that her remains passed through here Saturday morning.

Northeast Otter:

Edna Hodgkin is quite sick with the mumps.

Uncle Dave Morgan is now comfortably located in the new house.

Minnie and Bertha Wells ate turkey at Frank Moorhouse's Monday.

Will Clary and family, of Milo, spent Sunday with his brother at this place.

Bernie McClelland, of Milo, visited at A. J. Coffman's Saturday night and Sunday.

Several from here attended the funeral of Fred Robertson at Belmont Zion Sunday.

**Dues are due
by December 31, 1999**

Research Helps - IGS Annual Conference Notes

In Search of the Perfect Tombstone: Tree Stump Markers

presentation by Phyllis Carter at IGS Annual Conference, October 7-9, 1999

Phyllis treated the opening evening group to a very interesting slide presentation showing examples of tree stump markers.

Limestone tombstone markers in tree stump shapes

Hand-carved

Around 100 years old—most date from 1870s to 1920s

Various sizes

Variety of symbolic ornamentation; examples:

Stump	life is broken
Branches	indicate children
Sheaf of wheat	bread of life or adult man
Dove	Holy Spirit; peace
Clasped hands	marriage
Calla lilies	resurrection
Acorns; oak leaves	steadfastness
Anchor	faith and hope
Wedge	life is parted
Fern leaves	unfinished life
Ivy	immortality

Others had items such as:

Knocked over pot or a broken pot

Lilies turned upward; others with flowers turned downward

Flowers in a wreath

Broken wheel

Bird tending babies in a nest, then at bottom of the stone were 2 live baby birds and 1 dead bird

Pile of books on a pedestal with a hand reaching for the top book (a Bible)

Full-size roll-top desk with a listing of names for people buried in family plot

These are works of art; speak from a different time

Would have been transported by railroad after completion

Carved from solid limestone pieces with mallets and chisels; reflect amazing skill

Amazing detail: may show number of tree "rings" as number of years in the person's life

Carvers:

Most are NOT signed

Most carvers from Bedford, Bloomington and Jasper, Indiana

Probably carved tombstones as "moonlight" or second jobs

Stone is easier to carve as it comes out of the ground
Bedford, Indiana limestone quarries:

10 miles x 30 miles – limestone bed

Very dense stone; best in the world; 99% calcium
Started quarrying the stone in 1827; estimate enough for another 300 years

Cut in 4' x 4' x 10' blocks, weighing 4 tons

Used mostly for building facing today

Lots of barges of limestone are shipped to Japan

Phyllis also told us the story of how she and her husband happened to purchase a custom-made tree stump marker from the Indiana Limestone Company in Bedford, Indiana. Then she ended her presentation with the story of the "unveiling" party they had at the cemetery after their tree stump marker had been set. The party was complete with invitations, the undertaker picking them up at their home, taking them to the cemetery, family and friends gathered, Loren Horton giving a talk about tree-stump markers, and when the party was over, the undertaker taking them back home—the first time the undertaker had ever returned his client home after going to the cemetery!

(When you see these markers in the cemetery, you will now know more about them. And, if you are fortunate enough to have an ancestral grave marked with one, you can feel special and you should include appropriate information regarding the marker with that ancestor's genealogical data and story.)

The following are my notes from four presentations by Tony Burroughs at the IGS Annual Conference, October 7-9, 1999. Mr. Burroughs was an excellent speaker. He teaches genealogy at Chicago State University and is president of Black Roots, a genealogy and service supply company. He has had extensive experience researching in libraries, archives, historical societies and county courthouses; his credentials are impressive. His information was practical and should be very useful to any research genealogist.

Nature of Genealogy

presentation by Tony Burroughs at IGS Annual Conference, October 7-9, 1999

Too often we just go into the records without a plan. Name of the game is strategy, follow through/carrying out the plan.

- I. First the researcher needs to "Understand History"
 - A. Go from general to the specific using:
 - Encyclopedias
 - History books
 - Readers' Guide (periodicals)
 - University Press books have good footnotes—go

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- to the sources listed
Documentary histories – these works transcribe original records and include summaries
Older works – often listed in bibliographies
- B. Understand the role of the ethnic group
 - C. Study geography
 - D. Go into detail (i.e. if researching an ancestor that fought in a war—get into the history of the specific battles.)
 - E. THEN, go from the specific back to the general for a better overall understanding.
- II. Next the researcher needs to “**Understand the Research**” process
- A. Look at PERSI first!
 - B. Study other lecturers, i.e. check REPEATPERFORMANCE.com for an Index.
- III. The third step is to “**Understand the Repositories**”—where the records are located
- A. Start with the local library
 - B. Check government document repositories
 - C. Check genealogical libraries
Salt Lake City, Fort Wayne
 - D. Check the National Archives (The National Archives sponsors a week-long institute each summer—nothing like going on location—with experts, speakers and then doing research.)
 - E. State and local genealogical and historical societies
 - F. University libraries (many have original records)
 - G. County courthouses
 - H. Get to know the research librarian at every library you use. This person will be a very valuable resource!
- IV. The next step is for the researcher to “**Understand the Records**”
- A. What, where, information contained, micro-filmed?
 - B. Primary sources versus secondary sources—check the secondary sources first?!
PERSI is available on CD ROM (for \$100)
Military Service Records in the National Archives (leaflet #7, 14 pp, free)
Need Record Group # to find items in the National Archives.
Need to understand the Process as well as the Records, i.e. follow the “money trail”
- V. Finally you get to “**Search for your Ancestors**”
- A. Develop a plan – make a list of records to check – prioritize them

- VI. “**Analyze**” the information you find
- A. Develop a chronology
 - B. Write a biography of the ancestor – according to the information you have found thus far
 - C. Study the information and brainstorm theories
 - D. Compare with other people
 - E. List the problems – conflicts
 - F. Develop a Research to Do list and develop a follow up plan
 - G. Prioritize the list
- VII. “**Go Public**” – publish the research
- A. The first step in writing would be to finalize a portion of what you have done for a family reunion, etc.
 - B. Then, for the final step you would put it altogether and write your family history.

Researching Vital Records

*presentation by Tony Burroughs
at IGS Annual Conference, October 7-9, 1999*

Write your autobiography, then interview relatives, search attics and basements, visit cemeteries. After these steps you are ready to search for vital records.

Death Certificates

- A. Search for these before Birth Certificates
- B. Not always reliable, take them with a “grain of salt”
- C. Note who was the informant. Spouse is the most reliable; reliability reduces if the informant was a child of the deceased or another more distant relative.
- D. Remember the informant was under stress and grief at the time of providing information.
- E. Obtain photocopies.
- F. Places to look for date of death:
 - Funeral programs
 - Obituaries and death notices
 - Hospital records
 - Military pensions
 - Police reports
 - Insurance records
 - Social Security records
 - Cemeteries
- G. Coroner’s and Medical Examiner’s Records

Birth Certificates

- A. The “short form” would have been completed “after the fact.”

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- B. Delayed birth certificates are not the original and could include errors. The individual applying for a delayed birth certificate would have needed to provide evidence; what evidence (documentation) was used?
- C. Birth certificates were needed to join the military in World War II and to obtain food rations (delayed birth certificates may have been needed for this).

Marriage Records

- A. These are the last records you would look for.
- B. Often hard to find because may have lived in one place and married in another.
- C. Check for a family Bible
- D. Anniversary notices in family papers and newspapers will give clues to wedding date
- E. Census Records
- F. "Marriage certificate" versus "marriage license" versus "application for marriage license"
- G. Just because a courthouse or other research facility employee doesn't find a record doesn't mean the record isn't there.
- H. Pension application records usually include marriage information.
- I. Banns - some churches required that an upcoming marriage be "announced" for three consecutive Sundays prior to the ceremony taking place.
- J. Marriage returns - the record needed to be returned after the ceremony took place

Digitalized records "scare me to death!" because of the chance for error. Everyone needs to be sure genealogists have access to the **original** records.

Divorce Records

Child Support Papers

Tracing the Family Tree

presentation by Tony Burroughs, IGS Annual Conference, October 7-9, 1999

Everyone has a story; everyone needs to tell their story. Write your autobiography—you are the only one who can do it! Keep a diary or journal. A biography is an interpretation of someone else's life; it can be a mis-interpretation. To be sure your story is the way you want it to be, you need to write it.

Interviews:

- Prioritize by age

- Include your siblings
- Tape record—even if you have to connect the tape recorder to a telephone
- Transcribe!
- Extract information and put in your files for those people—don't let the information be buried in the tape

Family Archives, includes:

- Letters, diplomas, photos
- Scrapbooks
- Bibles: analyze
 1. Chronological order? Written at time of event or from memory at a later date? Accuracy
 2. Handwriting?
 3. Copyright date of the Bible?
- Newspaper obituaries - very important
- Funeral programs with obituaries
- Photo albums

Cemeteries

- Get the history of the cemetery
- Know the entire name of the person: first name, middle name, last name and nickname
- Dates may not be correct
- Access cemetery records
- Cemetery may be unkempt or abandoned

Family Group Sheets, documentation:

- Use footnotes
- Must know where your information came from!
- Raise the standards!

Creating Order Out of Chaos

presentation by Tony Burroughs, IGS Annual Conference, October 7-9, 1999

If your life is in chaos, you need to put things in order. You need to look at the pieces in different ways!

Cure: STOP RESEARCHING! You need to spend some quality time with your genealogy. You need to process the research you have already done!

Organize your mess:

- All offices use files for filing and retrieving information
- Use 8 ½ x 11" paper for all notes—little slips of paper get lost
- Keep file folders thin—when a file folder gets thick, divide it into smaller folders

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Process documents:

- Transcribe tapes
- Create lists

Create lists

- List of records searched
- List of documents collected
- Research to do list with priorities

Sort records – chronologically

Use chronologies to solve problems – essential! Records are created by events. Put the events into perspective by developing chronologies.

- Analyze genealogies
- Determine dates and events; create mini-chronologies for specific events or files, i.e. pension files
- Compare with other events
- Discover how events developed – their evolution
- Locate other records
- Develop new theories

Write biographies. Life is in chronological order. Weave the facts into a narrative, add some history and anecdotes. Use footnotes for sources.

Keys to creating order out of chaos (and answering questions):

Simplicity	Order	Answers
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Realistic goal:

Write your family history (1st edition)!

IGS Annual Meeting

4:00 p.m. October 8, 1999

IGS President, Everett Geurink, presented the “state of IGS” comments:

1. IGS is in the process of determining how to create a microfilm vault, transforming a small office into a limited access area with extra dehumidifiers for added environmental control.
2. IGS is planning to reduce the size of Hawkeye Heritage and the IGS newsletter with the cost savings going into the building fund.
3. Officers and area representatives are encouraged to visit the local societies.
4. The seed was planted to possibly change the name of the organization to be more in line with the popular “family history” concept instead of using more distant terminology, i.e. genealogy.

Other items mentioned in the meeting were:

- IGS has approximately 2,700 members. Last year \$11,000 went to the local societies under the revenue sharing plan.
- IGS is replacing the well-worn 914 rolls of the 1850 census. They are able to purchase “enhanced” copies.
- IGS is trying to purchase the remaining 400 rolls of the 1860 census so they would have all census records for the entire United States. A fund-raising campaign is underway for this.
- A fund-raising campaign is also underway for the building fund.
- The 2000 Annual Conference will be held in Marshalltown on October 5, 6, & 7 with John and Barbara Wylie from Texas as the keynote speakers.

Burrowing for Your Roots in the Badger State

*John A. Brissee, President,
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society*

Early history

Many nationalities and much ethnic heritage
Southeast corner and Southwest corner primary early settlements
Good prairie land for New England farmers
Southwest corner uplands – minerals – especially lead; Indians were already mining it
1820s white Americans took over mineral rights
Miners came up the Mississippi from the South
1840s many ethnic groups came
Economic, political, crop failures in old country
Similar climate and topography for northern Europeans
Then at turn of century came many southern Europeans
Also many Japanese men came to work on the railroad
Lumber companies came to northern part of the state

Geography

Center of the northern hemisphere
Center of the western hemisphere

Church Records

Catholics – located at parish and diocese levels
Lutherans – need to know which kind of Lutheran – many records

Newspapers

Extensive collection at the State Historical Society

Many County Histories have been published.

Land Records – at the Register of Deeds in the courthouses

Plat Maps – at the state archives

Vital Records – began keeping state-wide vital records on 1

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October 1907

Need to look at both the state and county records
Handwritten and aren't always exactly the same
Pre-1907 records are on microfilm and can be gotten
for the cost of the photocopy

Court Records

Located at circuit level/county level

The State Archives and the State Historical Society are on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. (The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society does NOT maintain a separate facility, but supports the State Historical Society facility.)

SOME SELECTED WISCONSIN RESOURCES:

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin (SHSW)

The Library of the SHSW is one of the premier sites for North American research, not just Wisconsin research. The Archives Division is an often overlooked source of many original records. Library holdings are included in the University of Wisconsin-Madison catalog (MADCAT). The Archives maintains a separate catalog (ARCAT).

816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706
<http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/>

Area Research Center Network (ARCs)

Each ARC in this network of 14 archival facilities (including the SHSW) located at University of Wisconsin campus libraries throughout the state holds county and local government records for counties in its assigned area. In addition to such basic items as Naturalization and Court records, there are many non-governmental collections of local interest. Holdings are catalogued in the SHSW Archives Catalog (ARCAT).

<http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/archives/arcnet/>

University of Wisconsin-Madison Memorial Library

By agreement, the SHSW is limited to North American items. Memorial Library has many holdings of genealogical interest for other areas. It is particularly strong in German and Norwegian materials. Holdings may be searched in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Catalog (MADCAT).

726 State Street, Madison, WI 53706
<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Memorial/>

The Golda Mier Library, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Besides being the site of the Milwaukee ARC (Milwaukee Urban Archives), the Golda Mier Library holds the American Geographical Society Collection which is considered to be outstanding among the world's leading geographical libraries. It includes an immense collection of gazetteers and large-scale topographical maps, which are especially useful

to genealogists.

2311 East Hartford Avenue, Post Office Box 604
Milwaukee, WI 53201
<http://www.uwm.edu:80/Library>

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society (WSGS)

The largest genealogical organization in the state, WSGS, among other things, publishes a quarterly *Newsletter* primarily devoted to Wisconsin source materials, conducts two day-long seminars each year, and operates a Pioneer/Century Ancestor program. The Society does not offer research services, but will respond to requests for information from the extensive Pioneer/Century Ancestor files, and will assist in referring researchers to local societies including the 21 WSGS Chapters located throughout the state.

P.O. Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/>

Milwaukee County Genealogical Society (MCGS)

MCGS offers research service in selected Milwaukee area sources for a minimal fee.

P.O. Box 2737, Milwaukee, WI 53227
<http://www.execpc.com/~mcgs>

Vesterheim Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library

A branch of the Vesterheim Museum at Decorah, Iowa, the Vesterheim Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library is probably the single best resource for research into Americans of Norwegian ancestry in the country. Research services, translation and consultation services are available for a fee.

415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703
<http://www.vesterheim.org/genealogy/>

Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association (WRDA)

Registers of Deeds are the key to courthouse research in Wisconsin. They hold the files of vital records and land records. The WRDA Web site provides names, addresses and phone numbers of the Register of Deeds for every county plus links to Web sites with additional information for many of them.

<http://www.wrda.org>

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS)

The Vital Records page of the DHFS Web site includes detailed information on applying for vital records by mail, restrictions on access and fees. (Must have an appointment to see the records in person.)

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/VitalRecords/genereq.htm>

Wisconsin USGenWeb Page

The USGenWeb state page provides links to county pages for each of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigenweb/>

The following are some examples of items exhibited at the 1999 Warren County Fair:

**Category: True Story of the Past
Lost Child**

by Virginia Wheeldon, received 2nd place

Have you ever wondered WHAT IF? WHAT IF something did not go as planned? WHAT IF that baby had not been found? Some details are unclear, but I know I would not exist if this story had a different ending.

My great-grandparents, George and Ellen Sill, came from Ohio in the late 1800s. They settled in White Oak Township, Warren County, Iowa, on a farm near the Pleasant Hill church that they helped build.

One summer day ladies gathered at the church, possibly for quilting. Grandma mounted her horse with small son, Otis, who was about three years of age. Grandpa worked around the barn that day. Wishing to stay home with his dad, Grandma put Otis down off the horse and watched him round the corner of the house on his way to the barn. Grandma returned home in the afternoon, and began to prepare the evening meal. Grandpa came in from his work, looked around, asked "Where is Otis?". Unaware Otis had stayed home, Grandpa had not seen him.

A call went throughout the neighborhood a small child was missing. Everybody turned out to locate the child. The ladies stayed with Grandma and held a prayer vigil.

There were many ponds in the area. Frighteningly, the search continued all night and most of the next day. Late in the day the sky darkened as a storm approached. Grandma was nearby, waiting for news of her son. Finally, in a field about a half mile from the house, someone located the small, sleeping boy dug into a shock of oats. When she knew her son was found, Grandma fell into a faint and did not hear the cheers of joy.

Grandma wrote a letter to Otis and his wife Bessie following the birth of the first of three sons. She stated this was the date of "major happenings" in his life. He was "found by 200 men," married, and his first child was born—all on June 20. As a correspondent for various Indianola newspapers, Grandma was well known throughout the county for poetry and articles of neighborhood events. One of her published poems related Otis' disappearance.

My interest in this even? My father, Orville, was the first of Otis' three sons. I have the distinction of being the first of 13 grandchildren. My daughter is the first of 24 great-grandchildren. There are at least 36 great-great-grandchildren. Descendants total 76, including a few adopted and step-children.

I sometimes find myself dwelling upon this tale which creates spooky, eerie, and unsettled feelings. I usually wonder,

WHAT IF?

Category: Military Record

2nd JoAnn Harvey

"This military record is my Uncle Pete's b. Feb 20, 1897 d. Dec 14, 1973, he is my dad's older brother. This record has lots of information as it tells when he went into the Army and when he was discharged. It tells all about his physical appearance, where he served and his mustering out pay, his rank, former occupation, where born and such. One thing with this being a typed copy, it doesn't have his real signature. Three times his company received orders to ship overseas, but each time something happened to keep them from going. Once it was the great flu epidemic, and lastly it was the signing of the Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918."

Category: Ancestral Church

1st Dorothy Stearns

"This is St. Paul Lutheran Church which was started in 1854 by a group of Lutherans. In the early years they had no full time pastor, one came once a month from eastern Iowa. In 1872 a new church was built on 2 acres donated by Henry Langebartel's daughter and husband. Henry is my husband's great, great grandfather. It is one of the oldest Lutheran Churches in Iowa that is still going. A new church was built in 1953 and a front addition was added in 1975. Many members of his family attended this church and still do today."

3rd Willa Grissom

"When we first moved to Corydon about 1932, my older sister, my brother just younger than me and I decided we would go to Sunday School. We lived a block east of the square and there was a Christian Church on the east side, just a block from our house. Their service hadn't started yet, so we walked 3 more blocks west to the Methodist Church and it was ready to begin so that's where we went and where I was married, almost 54 years ago. It's now been replaced by a new church with air conditioning, but it doesn't have the charm of the old one with the huge rose window on the front and in the balcony."

Category: Small Piece of Silver

2nd Jane Godwin

"Just before we were married in 1944, I purchased a boxed set of silverware at Younkers Store in downtown Des Moines for \$9.98. The set included eight place settings and many accessory pieces. We used the silver for many years, until our family grew large enough to need more eating utensils. Most of the pieces were given to a daughter, but I still use this ice tea spoon. It brings happy memories of long-ago meals."

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