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Center Stage: Nancy Michaelson

by Ev Brightman

About twenty-five years ago (give or take) Nancy Michaelson received a book of genealogical research for her father's side of the family. Knowing this family information brought the realization that material from her mother's family needed to be compiled.

Nancy's paternal grandfather, Hogan Michaelson, immigrated from Norway. He and his wife settled in Des Moines, Iowa. He earned a living painting houses and is reported to have worked on the state capitol building. Her maternal great-grandfather, Charles Koehler, also setttled in the Des Moines area, travelling from Germany by way of Ohio. He worked as a carpenter, in mercantile and farmed in Ohio. He is credited with establishing a German Lutheran church located near Dexter in Penn township.

Nancy's parents, Edward Michaelson and Lorena Forster met while working at the Birch Biscuit Company in Des Moines. Nancy attended Lincoln High School. When looking to buy a home, the housing market brought her to Indianola where she has lived for the last twenty-six years. Nancy provides day care in her home. Her son also lives in Indianola.

Surnames include Rodgers (English), Michaelson, Forster, Koehler, Lechner (German) and Snyder.

Nancy was familiar with the Warren County Genealogical Society for many years and had actually attended a meeting at one time. While she found the meeting interesting, she felt too many demands on her time to join. She did, however, continue to enjoy the booth at the Warren County Fair. Two years ago she decided it was time to join and surprised herself by entering exhibits in last year's fair.

Since becoming a member, she has participated in walking the Indianola cemetery in preparation for the update of the Cemetery Book, the beginning genealogy class and the fair.

When asked what she has learned, she quoted other group members, "Document your sources." Nancy has been compiling and organizing information gathered by other family members with the assistance of her Family Tree Maker. Reading the material which had been in her continued on page 2

Calendar:

May 15	BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.			
May 21	REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m. Program: County Fair Exhibits Roll Call: Bring or explain about something you plan to exhibit at the fair			
June 12	BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.			
June 18	RESEARCH TRIP TO IGS 9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m., we will carpool, meeting at Trinity United Presbyterian Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.			
Last week in June				

Entry dates for Warren County Fair

July 28 Warren County Fair Exhibits due by 12:00 Noon; Judging begins at 1:00 p.m.

August 10 Research Day

State Historical Library and Tour of State Archives, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Meet at Trinity United Presbyterian Church

parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to carpool

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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Marieta's rambling comments:

As you can readily see this newsletter is packed with names, names and more names! Hope you find several relatives amongst them!

I know very little about the history of the Normal Institute, but I have been curious about it since I've started writing the County Kaleidosope for The Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune. The articles I included were all pre-1900, but the Institute continued long into the mid-1900s. It appears that sometimes it ran as long as 4 weeks, other times for only a couple weeks. But it also appears to have been a wonderful opportunity for the teachers to keep a step or two ahead of their students and to learn about the trends in education, as well as to become acquainted with the other members of their profession.

We have a full summer ahead with trips to IGS and to the State Historical Library and Archives and, of course, the Warren County Fair.

Virginia Wheeldon has been keeping me abreast with the cemetery walking and they are making significant progress. The word I received last week was "Carlisle is done!"

Please read the report that Ruth Hall and I wrote on the recent IGS Spring Conference. I came home ready to get back into the research mode.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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Queries

SMITH, BIXLER Seeking information on parents and birth place for James S. SMITH (June 1797 - March 6, 1879) and his wife Siby (Savilla) BIXLER (April 1805 - November 13, 1883). They were married August 23, 1826 in Darke County, Ohio. E-mail address farmbag@execpc.com or Therese Oie, N6761 Hwy P, Watertown, WI 53094

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possession for some time has lead to interesting discussions and, of course, more questions. A part of her family has moved to California. Nancy has enjoyed learning information which had been scattered until she began putting the material in order, giving form to the discoveries of the past.

Mini-Genealogy Classes at the Warren County Fair

We will be offering Mini-Genealogy Classes at the Fair this year. Each class will be taught by Marieta Grissom, each class will last approximately 1 hour and there will be no fee, no pre-registration. It will be a "stop by and learn" opportunity.

Sun, July 29 1:00 p.m. Basics

3:00 p.m. Where to go from here

6:30 p.m. Time Lines

Mon, July 30 1:00 p.m. Census Records

3:00 p.m. Time Lines

6:30 p.m. Basics

Tues, July 31 1:00 p.m. Basics

3:00 p.m. Where to go from here

6:30 p.m. Census Records

Wed, Aug 1 1:00 p.m. Time Lines

3:00 p.m. Basics

6:30 p.m. Where to go from here

This will be a wonderful opportunity to brush up on your research skills and to ask those "what do I do about this" questions.

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Bits and pieces about ... The Normal Institute

This is by no means a complete history of the Normal Institute that was held annually for many years providing additional education especially for the young teachers in many of the rural schools.

The Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, August 18, 1876:

The Warren County Normal school commenced its annual session Monday last, and has been moving smoothly along during the week in accordance with following programme of daily exercises:

- 8:10 A.M. Opening exercises at Baptist Church
- 8:30 B Arithmetic; A Arithmetic
- 9:15 A Grammar; B Grammar
- 10:00 Recess
- 10:15 B Geog or Orthog; A History or Reading
- 10:55 A Geog or Orthog; B History or Reading
- 11:35 Dismissal for Noon
- 1:30 B Mental Arithmetic; A Physiology
- 2:00 A Mental Arithmetic; B Physiology
- 2:30 Recess
- 2:50 Didactics
- 3:20 Music
- 4:00 Dismission

Whoever goes into this school expecting to find the old fashioned county institute, will find that he came on a fruitless errand. It is simply a school where any one who wishes to review common school studies might spend a few weeks very profitably. The instructors aim to exemplify the best methods of instructing children, so that the two departments resemble very much the higher departments of a well conducted city school. The superiority of the new system over the old is more obvious each year.

The following is the enrollment thus far. It is among the largest in the State, and equal to that of much more populous counties:

Prof. C. C. Chamberlin and Prof. John McLeod, Instructors

Nannie Park **DIVISION A** M. D. Bowen Henry Savacool John W. Leeper Delila Craven C. M. Charles Frank L. Lively Jennie Young D. H. Hamilton Louis Westerfield Amanda Leeper Carrie Lusk Morris E. Morrow Thos. J. Malov Prudence Van Hosen J. B. Slinker Jennie S. Clark E. E. Walter Mattie Cochrane

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The Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, July 15, 1880:

To the Teachers of Warren County—You are hereby notified that our next Normal Institute will convene Aug 2d, and continue in session four weeks. Circulars have been sent to all the teachers in the county. It is possible that in the large list of names of teachers on the register, I may have omitted some. If so, the omission was entirely unintentional; hence, I adopt this plan so that all of our teachers may now when the institute begins. Every effort has been and is being made on the part of our instructors to make this one of the best schools of the kind ever held in the county. The instructors are men of known and tried experience. Prof. Grumbling has long been identified with Simpson College and has had several years experience in Institute work; Prof. Cotton has been connected with the Indianola public schools for the past three years, and is experienced in Institute work. Prof.

Beard has built up quite a reputation as a teacher in the county and will do good work for us; Rev Heagle, instructor in didactics, has had an extensive experience in such work. Hence, so far as instructors are concerned, we are bound to succeed. The course of study is now complete; it has been arranged by our own men, expressly for this Normal. Our lecturers are all home men, except the state superintendent and from my knowledge of the men, we will all be profitably entertained by them. Warren county teachers, we believe, will compare favorably with the teachers of our counties in the state, and we as teachers should make this comparison more favorable than it now is. This we can do by attending the Normal, and fully availing ourselves of its benefits. I will be pleased to render the teachers all the assistance I can in the way of procuring board, etc. We cordially invite school directors to come at any time and see our teachers at work. Come and make yourselves perfectly at home with us. At the close of the term a general examination of certificates will be held. No third class certificates will be issued, but the examination papers of such as are only entitled to 3d grade certificate will be marked and preserved, so that if our schools cannot be supplied with teachers holding first and second grade certificates, enough 3d grade certificates will be used, merely to supply the demand and these will only have certificates issued to them on the written recommendation of the directors where the applicant intends to teach. -- A A. McCoy, Co. Supt.

The Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, July 22, 1880:

Palmyra—Some of our old teachers will attend the county normal this fall and probably some new ones, but as a general thing, they will stay at home and work. Wages have been so low that several of our best teachers are either quitting the business or leaving the county to teach somewhere else on that account, and ere long our schools will be filled with transient teachers, of whom no one knows a jot.

The Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, July 29, 1880:

The lectures before the teachers' Institute will be as follows: State Superintendent Von Coellin, Aug. 6th; Pres. E. L. Parks, the 12th (subject: Self-Culture in The Teacher); Rev. Joseph Calhoun, the 19th; H. M. Hogg, the 24th; and G. W. Seevers, the 26th. The lectures will all be given at the court house. The Directors' convention, let it be remembered, will be held the 21st of August.

The Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, July 29, 1880:

The Teachers' Institute—It is to be hoped that the Teachers' Institute, the work of which will begin Monday, will be attended more fully than any similar gathering hitherto held. This institute has been planned with a view to practical results, and no one attending it can fail of getting much benefit from the course of instruction. No one purposing to teach can afford to miss the drill and knowledge of the methods that they will here receive. In this connection, we wish to remark briefly upon a matter alluded to last week by our Palmyra correspondent—a disposition on the part of some teachers not to attend because of the low salaries generally paid to teachers. As every teacher who has been a reader of it knows, The Tribune has been an advocate of liberal salaries to teachers. It has spoken of the matter often, and not without, in some instances at least, good effect. But teachers must not expect a thorough reform in a moment. The matter must be persistently urged and no person in the county can so aid in bringing the salaries up to what they ought to be as the teachers themselves. By fitting themselves for the work in every possible way and by showing a superiority over the cheap-working teachers, they will influence school directors and patrons. There is a demand for good teachers somewhere if there shouldn't be at home, and to put themselves in the way of better salaries an attendance upon the institute will be a great aid. We believe, however, that the day is near at hand when good salaries will be offered in nearly every district in the county. A people as intelligent as are our citizens generally need but little experience to convince them that it is poor economy to employ cheap teachers. Most districts have already had sufficient experience. And besides, the prospect is more favorable from the fact that the matter is being agitated among the directors, and it is quite probable that this subject will be liberally discussed in the directors convention.

The Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, August 26, 1880:

The Teachers' Institute—As it draws to a close, the Tribune Quilabit indulges in some very solemn remarks upon the different kinds of teachers represented in the Institute.

The regular annual drill exercises of the Teachers' Institute closed yesterday and the balance of the four weeks session will be devoted to examinations and the issuing of certificate. The attendance, considering the rather lengthy session and busy time, has been remarkably good, although, of course, but a portion of the total number have attended the whole term. The instructors have, on the whole, given good satisfaction. They have worked

faithfully. Prof. Beard has been especially good in the department of grammar and Prof. Grumbling in that of mathematics and the other matters to which he has given attention. Prof. Cotton's geography drill was very good. If we were to offer any criticism it would be more upon the nature of the exercises than upon the manner in which they were conducted. The attention of the institute, as of nearly every institute, seemed to be mainly devoted to drill in the branches that are commonly taught in our schools, while too little attention was given to teaching methods.

THE TEACHER OUGHT TO KNOW—Most of the branches in which the institute pupils were drilled, were ones with which they ought to have been familiar. How to teach what they know is something that, it occurs to us, should have been more prominent. The difficulty with the average teacher is not altogether a lack of intelligence of what he is teaching, but an inability to tell what he knows, to impress that on the minds of his pupils and to draw them out. There is a deplorable lack in this respect among the common schools. There are few teachers who have had any drill in methods. It seems to us, therefore, that if methods of teaching could be introduced into our institutes and so introduced as to drill the teachers in them, much benefit would result therefrom.

A PLEASING DIVERSITY—It may seem as though, in the above comments, we have entirely overlooked the fact that didactics, or the science of teaching, was a special feature of the course of institute instruction, but we have not. Prof. Heagle conducted that department and in a manner that was very satisfactory to all, as it conveyed many new and practical ideas of proper methods of teaching. This feature was an especially pleasant and profitable one, and yet it leaves the idea that we wished to convey in our criticism clear for such criticism. In the didactic exercises, Mr. Heagle explained and illustrated the methods, but the teachers were not so instructed by practical imitation as to develop in themselves the art of carrying out the new ideas which they had received. Of course it would be almost impracticable to attempt individual drill of this kind with so large a number of teachers and so little time for practice, and great profit will undoubtedly come from merely listening and watching, but how much more good would be ccomplished if such a suggestion as we have offered could be made practical.

TEACHERS AS THEY ARE—We have no sympathy whatever for drones in the schoolroom and hence shall not be very gentle in the remarks which we may make in a general way about some of the teachers who have been spending time and money in attending the institute. There were those there who came for a purpose and who pursue that purpose with an energy that will insure rare profit to the schools that are so fortunate as to obtain teachers from this class. They are quick, on the alert and ready to get good from every exercise if there was good in it. Their goal seemed not merely the passing of an examination and the receiving of a certificate. Their object was improvement. But the other class was there, that class of

MISCELLANEOUS MAKESHIFT TEACHERS whose highest ambition is to get a certificate. Among this class we noticed a young man who is actually almost too lazy to eat his regular meals. His chief occupation has been that of holding down good boxes in the streets of Indianola, though he has lately mustered up a little gumption and taken to amateur horse-jockeying. he does manage to keep from falling out of the sulky which it is necessary for him to ride. That young man, we suppose, hopes to get a certificate that he may go to teaching school. If we were a school director and thought of hiring him we would want inserted in the contract such a clause as is said to have been embraced in Indianola's early day, a clause requiring him to wash his face and hands at least twice a day. We used to know a school master about whom it was said that he would do well enough in the winter, by putting him into a cold school room, but that in summer, he is too lazy to brush the flies from himself and consequently wasn't worth a cent. We doubt if the young man we have in mind would have get-up enough about him to do for a winter school, and yet we suppose he aspires to the honorable position of teaching the young ideas how to shoot. This is one kind of teacher and a very poor kind. Another kind is the

SLOWLY MOVING TEACHER, the one who knows a thing or two, but who requires a long time to make the thing known, the teacher who is not lazy, but who requires hurrying a little. We saw several examples of this kind of teacher at the institute several days ago. Prof. Beard was calling the teachers by number. It would ac-

Thelma Pehrson is helping me with "Bits and pieces about ..." This will include information about various communities, events, or whatever strikes our 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.

tually take an occasional one long enough to get onto his or her feet to enable a good wide awake one to tell all that the Professor wanted to know. Wicked it may have been, but once or twice the thought came to mind during the time we were present, of what a glorious thing it would be if there was only present a small boy who knew how to put where it would do the most good a bright bent pin, or a long and sharply pointed tack. Some of our teachers, some who are not really drones, rather need the inspiration of a good hornets' nest to get them awake. They need to acquire that ease and readiness of motion which will enable them when called upon to respond with alacrity. If they have not a quick movement themselves they cannot get it from their pupils and a quick motioned pupil who is trained to think and act quickly will learn much faster and to much better advantage than the one who is dull. This is a fast age and it is just essential that our teachers should be quick motioned as that any other class of people shoud. Still another kind of institute attendant is

THE SLOVENLY TEACHER. Once in a while you see, as a friend gently remarked a few days ago, a teacher "who hasn't washed his (or her) neck." This kind of teacher is very apt to belong to the class already treated of, the slow-moving teacher, and even if a most through scholar, such a one as this oughtn't to be tolerated in a civilized school district. The one evil is bad enough. We have two other kinds of teachers to consider.

THE TITTERING TEACHER and the cute teacher. We saw them both but a day or two since in the drill room. Prof. Heagle introduced into his didactics a breathing exercise. This struck the tittering teachers as unusually funny. They would draw in their breaths and then let them out with a giggle, such a giggle, no doubt, as they would be pleased to have their pupils give were they to introduce such an exercise as a feature of their own class rooms. This cute teacher was not merely satisfied with his own giggling, but desirous of getting others to titter at his cute way of going through with the exercise. It was very cute, this part of the exercise was, and it satisfied us that the proper place to put the giggling or cute teacher is not in the school room.

THE MODEL SCHOOL TEACHER is a rare jewell. We believe we intimated this at the outset, but there can be no excuse for being such mediocre teachers as many are who assume to be teachers. The teacher whose ambition is to get a certificate and draw his pay ought to be impressed with the fact that there is a country in the far west that he had better emigrate to. Iowa doesn't need him.

THESE REMARKS have been offered free of cost and for the good they may do—great or small. We hope all the teachers will take them in good part. The way to do is to think all that is said about poor teachers was intended for somebody else.

Ella O. Howard

Nan Jevs

The following is the list of names enrolled during the four weeks of the Normal:

Belle V. Hastie Jeanett M. Hastie **Lucy Harris** Lizzie Hays Mollie McCoy Berta Foster Annie Crawford Lauretta Eberman Ella McCarty **Mary Craig Nora Griggs** Dott Payne Lizzie Beaty Ella Jones Allie Harnet Hattie M. Fink Flora McCarty Kate Braucht May A. Sheetz Emma Walker Alice E. Scoles Ella Laverty Florence Brasher Cora Slone Carrie Fassaner Kate Davis Sadie S. Nelson Martha Dashiell Lizzie C. Clark Carrie Flager Jessie Chessinger Louie Rhine Maria Hall Alice Pearson Minnie J. burtch Mary Ingalis Ettie Hughes Cassie Hufty Easter McCormick Carrie Lusk Lillie M. Starr Tacy F. Dowell Callie C. Reeves Eugenie Chapman

Cora Hamilton

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Civilia Ludington Mary E. Kern Mrs. M. R. Dulbertson Cora Stickle Mrs. M. J. Stockton Sarah Stockle M. S. Ellinwood Mrs. Belle F. McCov Clara L. Fink Jennis S. Clark Mattie Willey Eva E. Hall Jennie Young Lucy G. Clark Ella Young Belle Braucht Hellen E. Cowels Phebe Fassaner Maggie Baird Jennie Burnett Nellie Ritchie Mattie Proudfoot Morgan M. Reeves Josie Jordon E. R. Blattenburg Mary E. Hamilton Geo Lacy Nellie L. Bovd Amos M. Cox Clara Perkins Jo McDowell Lizzie Shepherd Ella McMillan Geo Braucht Maggie M. Braucht J. M. Archer Eva Vaniew Harl Cook Ella McCarty E. B. Lamb Elizabeth S. Cook **Byron Hall** Jas H. McEwen Hettie C. Stewart Lenora Spencer F. R. Sherwood Ervilla Stewart Lewis W. Cooper J. N. Elliot Mattie Nelson O. A. Kennedy Lucia Figgy E. L. Mavbee Addie Kenover Este Huff J. G. Myerly Dave S. Hamilton Sadie Lewis E. F. Henderson M. J. Ponig R. W. McGranahan **Fannie Hutt** J. W. McCollam Lillie Hursh Mina E. Hale F. L. Davis W. D. Sheetz Dovie Sherwood Lillie Schoolev

The People's Advocate, Indianola, Iowa, August 3, 1881:

Normal Notes—The Normal Institute opened on Monday. Teachers enrolled as follows:

Florence Duncan DIVISION A A. A. Evans Frank Crone Lillie Schooley Ella Lisby Minnie McCormick P. S. Baker **Nora Griggs** Maggie Thorp Frantz Cumston Hattie Lindsay Louie Rhine Ida Brown Mattie Smith Ella McCarty F. A. McCarty Chas. Moore Maria Rice Belle Braucht Ida Van Lien Estie Huff

Addie Kenoyer Minnie Brand Hattie Stewart John Minor Cora Stickle Nan Jevs Etta Hughs E. B. Ellison Jennie Starbuck Alice Mosier Louie Loper **Mary Cumrine** Mary Badly Mary Badly C. A. Badly Joel W. Brown Flora Johnson Amy H. Kern Sadie Lewis Maggie Brauncht Phebe Condit -Hattie M. Fink Ella Hunt **Rely Fantz** C. B. Lee Mattie Graham C. Ludington Willie McCov Florence Graves **DIVISION B** Julia E. Thompson Kate Brauncht Hannah M. Stanley F. M. Milliken Frank Hildreth Alice Scoles J. D. Gill Mary Heaton W. S. Ellinwood Stelia Strock John R. Hodges Cornelia Stewart Mary Mosher Lizzie Clark A. M. Mote W. M. Todd G. W. Rhine Nora Haworth

The session promises to be interesting. Miss Hannah has a primary school in session every forenoon which should be seen and studied by all our teachers and patrons and especially by our school officers. School directors should visit the normal and those not having teachers engaged should select them here.

The Peoples Advocate, Indianola, Iowa, August 17, 1881:

Normal Notes—Our Normal made a good beginning notwithstanding the dust and intense heat at first. Prof. Grumbling conducts the exercises in arithmetic and history, while Prof. Beard takes charge of the grammar and physiology classes. Many of the students are not expecting to teach this year, but are preparing for the business in the future, and avail themselves of facilities which our normal gives to students and teachers. Prof. Beard has given us a severe rattling through the dry bones of physiology; and led us waltz in grammar, through the phrase and the sentence, which has torn down some old absurdities. Prof. Grumbling has caused us to rake up nearly every historical fact that has happened since the days of Noah, and showed that they have a close bearing upon our present, past and future times.

These exercises take place at the new schoolhouse from 8:30 till 10 A.M., and from 1:30 till 3 P.M. Miss Lida

Hannah conducts a "Model Primary School" at the college, from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.; and then we have general exercises at the college from 3 P.M. till 4 P.M. Miss Hanna is an accomplished teacher; one who fills her place, and fills it well; both as teacher and lecturer. She is also a beautiful singer. Her exercises alone would amply pay any teacher for all trouble and expense incurred in attending the normal. This is the first time that such a feature has been introduced into the normal, but I sincerely hope it will not be the last time. The thanks of the teachers and patrons of Warren County are due Superintendent McCoy for his untiring energy and good judgement in selecting teachers and in general management.

Following is the complete enrollment for the term, 138 in all.

DIVISION A R. A. Evans Lillie Schoolev P. S. Baker **Nora Griggs** Hattie Lindsay Ida Brown F. A. McCarty Belle Brauncht Ida Van Lieu Florence Duncan Frank Cumpston Ella Lisby Minnie McCormick Maggie Thorp C. B. Lee Mattie Smith Mollie McCov E. S. Cook **Fanny Hutt** R. A. McKinney Mrs. Belle Bratton Laurella Eberman Mary Craig Lizzie Campbell Jennie Coventry **May Poling Eugenie Chapman** James Cash Effie Smith Lucia Liggy **Thomas Miller** A. Leper

Louie Rhine Chas Moore Maria Rice Estie Huff Minnie Brand **Hattie Stewart** Nan Jevs Jennie Starbuck Louie Loper Mary Badly C. A. Badly Flora Johnson Sadie Lewis Phebe Condit Riley Fantz **Etta Hughs** Ella Young Mattie Smith Francis Risdon Ella Burgess G. A. Wilson I. N. Crow Ida Young **Fannie Craig** Carrie Graham Carrie Flager Dott Payne **Emma Price** Anna Spencer Sophia B. Feight Mary E. Wilkinson Mary Maxwell Lillie Hursh Anna Peverly

Ella Morris **DIVISION B** Kate Braucht F. M. Milliken Alice Scoles Mary Heaton Stella Strock Cornelia Stewart Lizzie Clark W. M. Todd Nora Haworth Addie Kenover John Minor Cora Stickle E. B. Ellison Alice Mosier **Mary Cumrine** Mary Badly Joel W. Brown Belle Labertew Evelvn Meek Lizzie Catheart Mattie Lewis R. F. Blythe Emma Brown J. N. Owen Jessie Crissinger **Emma Oliver** Jane McGinnis D. W. Reeves A. W. Reeves Emma Wykoff J. W. Elliott

Minnie E. Jav

D. W. Reeves

Lucia Faust

Amy H. Kern Maggie Braucht Hattie M. Fink Ella Hunt Mattie Graham C. Ludington Florence Graves Julia E. Thompson Hannah M. Stanley Frank Hildreth J. D. Gill M. S. Ellinwood John R. Hodges Mary Mosher A. M. Mote G. W. Rhine Lizzie Beaty Mary Ingalls D. Sherwood Fannie Alexander A. F. Woodyard Phebe Fasseur Henrietta Bradford Carrie Fasseur Sarah M. Burnett Esther Bloom M. W. Reeves A. W. Reeves E. R. Blattenburg R. A. Noble Alice Harned Clara Bonney Joseph Archer Ella Jones

The People's Advocate, Indianola, Iowa, August 31, 1881

Normal Notes—The Normal just closed was, all things considered, the most successful one ever held in our county. The lectures and discussions were well attended and received with the hearty good feeling that prevailed throughout the entire session.

The subjects of temperance and corporal punishment, called forth considerable discussion. But few teachers favored whipping, and they regard it as a necessary evil in extreme cases. One teacher thought that if goodness could be shipped into little children, that it should be

Florence Brasher

Bell Brittan

practiced on grown up children; and hoped that whipping would soon be abolished by law; and that no person should be licensed to teach, or preach, that used alcohol or to-bacco.

Prof. Ellinwood's lectures were the most interesting. He said the old system of teaching was not comprehended by children, because it failed to interest them. Many children were driven from school on this account. We should teach them to observe the natural world of things around them; to observe, think and express their thoughts. Simple experiments of any kind are useful to interest and attract children to school, and thus keep them off the streets and out of beer saloons and other places of demoralization. And having attracted them to the school room, keep them interested by the use of any harmless experiments and teach them the use of things and to think for themselves, and education becomes an easy, natural consequence. Impress them with the fact that they are surrounded by simples and compounds and illustrate with experiments. The Professor then experimented by burning the elements showing that a watch-spring burned in pure oxygen like a match in the air. He showed specific gravity and atmospheric pressure by uing the air pump and balances, and showed how many useful experiments could be made in any school room.

Prof. Baker's lecture on the Nebular Hyphothesis finished the course lectures. Prof. Baker is so well known in this community that it seems hardly necessary for any one to attempt to review this lecture, but I desire to call up a few of the points by way of comparison. He said that the activity of fire left traces of itself, and he desired to show that the condition of the earth does not show that it was ever a molten mass. The nebular was an Atheistical theory. The solar spectrum shows that nebular pure gas, and our world could not have been made of gas. Heat produced by pressure is sufficient to account for the internal heat of the earth. From the book of Genesis we learn that God made the world without the necessity of law. Not be a Geologist, Atheist or Theologian I am perhaps not able to judge whether the Prof is correct or not. But some very excellent authors think the nebular theory taught in Genesis, and most of the books that I have read on astronomy and geology hold to the opinion that the earth was onc a molten mass and that the crust is gradually thickening yet.

Ninety-five of our teachers went through the examination with the mercury at 100 deg in the shade. Taken all in all, our normal was pleasant and profitable to all concerned.

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA July 28, 1887

Warren County Normal—The Normal opened on Monday morning. The instructors were all present on time.

Prof. Beard opened the exercises with reading and prayer, after which pupils were enrolled. At 1:30 classes were called and lessons assigned.

Our Normal is reduced to such a system that it goes to work where it left off last year without a jar or any confusion. Running the Normal on the three years course and retaining the old instructors is giving the best of satisfaction.

The enrollment up to Tuesday evening was 177, as follows:

DIVISION A Aggie Banker Mary Condit Nettie Hastie E. M. Mills Hattie Poyneer Laura Truitt Nan M. Craig Luella Weede Lena Ballard Belle Young Mattie Watson A. J. Beard Sally Conley Mattie McGee Ida M. Newland Estella Trueblood Loie Maxwell Sarah Hanby Maggie Vance Mamie White Lizzie Dillard Belle Braucht

Belle Braucht
DIVISION B
Florence Brazier
Cora Braucht
Luella Bartlett
Nellie Berry
Lillie Hurst
Mattie Hall
D. G. Kennedy
Addie Lusk
Kate McVey
R. K. McGee
Lizzie Parr
Clyde Reed
Jennie Stewart
Ross Trimble

Carrie VanGuider

Anna Wright Lora Barnes Belle Talboy Katie Woodvard Edith McGee Nannie Gillis Ida Reed Anna Dowler Luna Jones Katie Brownrig Lettie Braden Jennie Bay E. J. Burgess Hattie Brown Carrie Hall **Amanda Faust** Lena Lockridge Sallie Leftwitch Drusie McIntosh Ludie Owen Nannie Rav **Mattie Snuggs** Sallie Smith Abbie Tilton Mary E. Walker Mattie Wiloughby **Maggie Powers**

DIVISION C Jennie Beeman Bertha Crossman Louie McCoy

Adelia Cleveland

Mary Strock

Halina Scott

Clara Lewis

Mollie Baugh

Ethel Pitman

Fannie Courtney

George Bargar

Anna Henley Emma Jackson Sallie Karns Minnie Sandy Della McConnell Emma Puderbaugh **Amos Spencer** Jennie Taylor Mary Clevenger Belle Ogg Nellie Young Ella Small Mamie Stiffler W. H. Mills Mary Scanlan Maggie Lawyer May Brown Grace Cox E. E. Goodale Laura Hughes Allie Hillerman Addie Leap Anna Leggett Wade Oliver **Amy Spencer** Mary Starr Nellie Walton Frankie Burgess H. A. Reed Luella Fenner Nora Stiffler S. C. Boone Bertha Brown Lida Hodge Lizzie Embree

DIVISION D
Laura Angel
C. M. Anderson
Bertha Beard
Lizzie Breese
Maud Calhoun
Ollie Cook
Lena Clevenger
Nannie Durham
Nellie Edgerton
Lou Cheshire
Lethe Hall
Dot Hamilton
Sadie Hicks
Katie Hursh

Agnes Lee Ona Payne **Anna Powers** May Scott Susie Stone M. J. Taylor Grace Westerfield Lena Baugh Lemar Boatright Lucy Mills A. B. Pavn Inez Thompson Minta Fox Anna M. Silcott Emma Stiffler Lizzie Stanley Ella McClintock Euphemia Alexander Wm. M. Baldwin Anna Beppler Eva Bramhall Mollie Cochrane **May Coles** Mamie Clark Nora Edgerton Sadie Faust James Gill Belle Harden Belle Hartman Belle Hurst Elmer Jordan Mary Kennedy Ida Pavne Soda Perry Mollie Ralph Maurice Stone Maud Taylor W. R. Wright Sadie Beymer Minnie Boatright M. McCaughin Minnie Marshall May Richardson

Eva M. Weede

James Edwards

Anna Hogan

Carrie Smith

Emma Hadley

Betha Johnson

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, August 4, 1887:

Normal Notes—Our Normal is just now in the middle of the term. The enrollment numbers 222, and is about complete. A few more will drop in next week to "brighten up" for examination.

For thoroughness of instruction, punctuality in attendance and promptness in recitation, this session excels any that I have ever attended, and is certain, at least to my observation, that the Normal is steadily improving.

Supt. Stewart and his able instructors deserve great credit for their untiring energy and perseverence. Mr. Stewart's kindness and gentlemanly conduct, alike to instructor,

The following names have been added to the roll the past week, including some changed from one division to another:

pupil and visitor, is making him many warm friends.

DIVISION C DIVISION A Allie Hinshaw Ida Brown Maggie Beard M. D. Baldwin Florence Brasher Georgia Hastie W. B. Dunn Mary Loper Hattie E. Rhine Belle McIntosh Anna Whiston Maggie Braucht Nina Yount Mollie Reeves Louis Loper Lura Angel Mollie Cochrane A. E. Baugh Lillie Hurst **DIVISION B** M. S. Revnolds Mattie McGee Cora McIntyre Mallie Alexander W. S. Braucht Mamie Brown Lizzie Reeves Wm. Mcintyre C. E. Millen I. T. Cash **DIVISION D** E. G. Early **Nettie Hufty** Harry Maxfield Ollie Perry Blanche Dunn Maud McGee Ada Koble Mattie Proctor E. G. Freel Laura Kendall Win Lewis I. T. Martin Mary Hall Lizzie Clulow Jennie L. Martin James Liston

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, August 11, 1887:

Normal Notes—This is the closing week of our Normal; and, although the preceding terms were good, this is

Paul Jones

doubtless the best Normal ever held in Indianola.

There are four divisions comprising two hundred and twenty-five members; and the features most remarkable are the prompt attendance and fine interest that are seen in each department. This is certainly due to the good management of Supt. Stewart and Professors Beard and Cart. The best feeling pervades the faculty and the entire school.

Mr. Stewart and all the instructors are sparing no efforts to make this Normal a grand success, and their ambition is fully gratified. We hope that the spirit of enterprise and progression as exhibited during the last two years may continue with us; and that Warren county may come boldly to the front, an example to those round her.

Additional enrollment:

DIVISION A

Riley Fantz

DIVISION C N. C. Sandy

E. C. McKimmey
DIVISION B

DIVISION D Nellie Taylor

Minnie M. Flager Nettie Ouderkirk W. I. McClary Nellie Taylo
Orva Payne

W. J. McClary Effie Williams

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, August 7, 1890:

Normal Notes-

Don't fail to hear the lecture.

Book agents continue to swarm.

C's, sophomores, are striving to make a record.

Good work is being done in all the grades.

Visit chapel exercises and you will be pleased

Many teachers wish the normal term was longer.

Prof. Phillips moves his classes with his energy and interest.

There are about 170 teachers in attendance at normal this week.

Many teachers holding diplomas have enrolled in the lower grades.

Superintendent Stanley is doing much to establish reading circles.

The Superintendent has made a happy hit in the selection

of instructors.

Our music class is one of the best in normal. Prof. Michener conductor.

Teachers not in attendance are missing many lessons they never will learn.

The recitations are not interspersed with the examinations on state questions.

State Superintendent Sabin will lecture Thursday night in the college chapel.

Some of our blushing Profs. succeed admirably in preparation for chapel lectures.

Every teacher in the county should attend normal, so he could do better work next term.

The public shows its appreciation by attending chapel exercises and visits to class rooms.

How doth the little busy "B"? Improve each shining hour: and gather knowledge all the day, with all its strength and power.

[Following was a list of teachers enrolled in the different grades, however, the next week's paper had a more complete list that is being included here.]

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, August 14, 1890:

Normal Notes—The following are the teachers in attendance to date:

PROFESSIONAL Lizzie Parr Nannie Craig TEACHERS Mattie Hall Geo. A. Meek Alice Mosher Mae Poling Mattie Watson Carrie VanGilder **Hattie McCarty** Mary Weede Jennie McGinnis Edith McGee E. B. Lamb Drusie McIntosh Laura Truitt Anna Peverly S. H. Tidball

S. H. Tidball
Mamie White
Estella Strock
Luella Weede
Fannie Alexander
Marie M. Rice
Flora Johnson
Bertha McCarty

A GRADE
Bettie Wadsworth
Lora Barnes
Lizzie Dillard
Maggie Braucht
Jennie Stewart
Emma Price

Evelyn M. Hodge Estella Strock Mattie McGee Ida VanLew

Sallie Smith
Flora Johnson
Chas. Gruver
Maude Calhoun
Belle M. Hastie
Jennie Barnett
Belle Braucht
Adelia Cleveland
Mary Buchanan
Anna D. Hyer
Blanche Dunn
S. H. Tidball
Geo. A.Meek
Anna Peverly
E. B. Lamb

B GRADE Anna Story Belle Hurst Laura Starbuck Katie Harvey Sadie Faust Minnie Flaglet Minnie Hughes Eva M. Weede Sadie Puderbaugh Cora Braucht Sadie Hicks Laura Simon Eva A. Cavit Minnie E. Lundy Huldah Burbery Julia Watson

Julia Watson
Maude McGee
Mary Scanland
Nannie Smith
Lizzie Parr
Carrie Smith
Belle Hamilton
Mary Powers
Ida Payne
Francis McClintock

Jas. Gill
Grace Smith
Amos Cox
Emma Tresham
Sadie Beymer
Carrie Anderson
Laura Ramsey
Esther Freeman

Esther Freeman Ada Taylor Mary Clark D. A. Cochran Amanda Faust Mary Vance Olla Hantz Minnie Marshall Anna Beppler Jennie Barnett Minnie Thompson Mamie Kinsey Stella Shearer Nellie M. Berry Lena McCoy

Lena McCov Luella Fenner Julia Hathaway Dora Painter **Bessie Hughes** Bertha Johnson **Bushie Long** May Richards Mary Stork Ona Payne Ethel Pitman Fred Johnson H. H. Basier Laura Moon Ella Ellis Luda Owen

Luda Owen
Mary Starr
Lizzie Stanley
Chas. Huff
Vincent Hogan
Cora Slone

C GRADE

May Hodge

Laura Weede
Sadie Cowie
Nettie Hicks
Carrie L. Eno
Carrie Mathews
Effie Reeves
Luella Corbitt
Jennie Jordan
Almeda Reynolds
J. A. Roades
Anna Reynolds
Lillie Andrews
Mary Richards

Eva Black
Saml. Montgomery
Effie Reeves
Cora E. Lewis

Ora Blair
Etta Ferguson
Etta Hayes
Mrs. E. R. Kinsey
Hattie H. Freeman
Anna Orr
Lou Hall

Mary Highes
Maude Pitman
Linnie Lamb
Ollie Dearth
Laura Clark
Lizzie Hadley
Byrd Smith
Effie Hodson

W. H. Mills

Effie Hodson

D GRADE

Anna J. Hossack

Clara Hicks

Etta Perley

Sadie Glascock

Mary Bitting

Maude Patterson

Maca M. Fortney

Esta Braucht

Ida M. Coryell

Ed Calhoun

Mattie Keller

Myrtle Hall

Subbina McCollum

Mamie Hickman

Myrtle Ashworth

Frank Lewis

Edith Jeys
Mamie Blakely
Rose Reece
Mollie Haworth
Ella McCusker
May McGranahan
May Cole

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May Cole
Homer D. Brown
Nellie Braud
Mollie Mason
Katie Glascock
Allie Johnson
Robt. J. Moore
Mable Freeman
Esther Frazier
Thos. Hutt
Nettie Barker

Libbie Wheeler
Will W. Hickman
Myrtle Scott
Clara Shupe
Effie Sharer
Harvey McComb
Fannie VanGilder
Nannie Peebler
Kate Peebler
Ada Whitney
Rose Wallace
C. T. Reed
Emma Freel
Veda Graham

Maggie Smith
J. T. Park

The Indianola Record, August 13, 1896:

The Institute—A Successful Normal by able instructors.

The teachers' normal institute of Warren county is in session and will be for two weeks. It promises to be the largest and the best ever held in our city. This was evidenced in the beginning by the unusual registration. On the first day 195 registered, the second day this was swelled to 220 and at present there are about 240 at the session. Supt. Guthrie has planned well for the teachers and expects every teacher who will teach in the county, to touch elbows with professional progress.

The following is a complete list of instructors and the branches they teach:

Supt. Edd R. Guthrie, director and conductor

Supt. B. P. Holst, Boone, teaches didactics, civics, history, and physical geography

Prof. E. W. Beard, Milo, arithmetic, didactics and reading.

Prof. W. B. Read, Ogden, physiology, orthography and grammar.

Miss Nellie Sanborn, Des Moines, language and primary methods.

The following is a list of names of the members for each grade:

A DIVISION **Mattie Howig** Jennie McGinnis Carrie Watkins Hettie Campbell Myrtle Wallace Nellie Brand Sadie Wilson Lillian Woodmansee Mable Pearson Weede Martin E. A. Jenner Zelva Perkins Kate Pressly Effie Shutt Miles Sutton Carrie Trimble Clara Shupe Mable Hughes Luella Tidball Carrie Young Lucy Clark Olla Hartz Maggie Braucht Grace Barker Lora Allen Sadie Puderbaugh Minnie Hyde Mamie Hickman S. G. Mosher **Anna Harding** Eva Bramhall Walter Hammer Almeda Reynolds Minnie Willis Mattie Hall Sadie Cowie

Bettie Wadsworth Alice Schooler O. P. Hamilton May Frantz Grace Beam Anna Revnolds Esta Braucht Eva Pope Amos Pet Haves Jennie Barnett Hattie Maxwell Luella McDaniel Francis McClintic Belle Wallace Anna Ketchel Ora Price Geo. M. Wallace Lily Andrew Cora Hamilton G. W. Lee Ella Patton Augusta Fisher Anna Beppler Bessie McClure Ida Young Sadie Foust D. H. Goss Estella Pope C. T. Reed J. E. Batten Minnie Sandy Mattie Watson

Mary Clark
B DIVISION
Kate Strube
Florence Thornburg
Emma Hallam
Mary Foland

Minnie Craig Mary Brewer Francis Gregg Maude Kurtz Lizzie Baker W. H. Sandy **Howard Reed** Rose Kurtz Mable Matthews Alice Dearth Myrtle Craig Lucy Chumbley Viola Boston Lena Coe Anna Orr Bessie McGee Daisy Glascock Kate Glascock **EdithgSmith** Vivian Ellis W. S. Anderson L. Z. Carpenter Lizzie Dinnis Lena Booth I. C. Walker Loren Morgan **Belle Banks** Belle Williams Maude White Nellie McCusker Maggie Powers Hoyt Wykoff Effie Havnes **Nettie Hicks** Lena Rooney Mamie Kemp J. H. Hommer Anna DeHack Luella Carpenter Lizzie DeHack H. A. Reed Frank Wells Lizzie McCloskey **Emma McCloskey** Lizzie Reed L. L. Miller **C DIVISION** Waler E. Wellons

Myrtle E. Lyon

Josephine Sever

Katie Davill

Birdie Morley Virgil Moor Myra McNaught **Bessie Shetterly Daisy Edgerton** Minnie Holcombe Ida Friar Maude Pitman Ellen Smith Verda Shaw Louie Hossack Thos. A. Edwards Cora McNaught Kate Beitzell Grace Adams Virgil Perkins Lillian Jenner Ida Freeman Nellie Hughes Dot Shawver Mamie Cocke Lulu Clarke Mable Oaks Ethel Braucht **Nettie Porter** Florence James Figa Corzatt Josie Greenfield Harry Goodale Marabell Frazier Dosha Hurst Vinitia Reeves James Irwin Emma Graham Allie Lewis Elmer Moon Joanna Wilson Della Mendenhall **Hugh Montgomery** J. G. McGee W. W. Hickman Effie Hamilton Jessie Stringfield **Mary Proctor** Nellie Ogg Katie DeHack Lucy Wonderlin Nora Taylor Ruby Diehl S. A. Montgomery

Veda Graham

Blanche Davis

J. E. Reed

John Spohn Julia Pope Luda Smith **Ethel Renshaw** Myrta Hyatt Lenora McCoskev Jennie Corbitt Pearle Coles Clark Cleveland Rosa Chumbley Nora Chumbley **Kate Powers** Bessie Cashman Sadie McManis Nellie Woods **Mary Peters** Rav McCov **D DIVISION** H. S. Brewer Ellen Moore Anna Barger Mina VanSvoc Allie Bell Clara Johnson Mary Cassady Mary Childress **Edith Havnes Edna Summy** Florence Patrick Roxie McElroy Octavia Goble Grace Close Fred Betts Robert Davison Luinda Reed Eva West Blanche Andrews Elbert Wood Margery Wells Nellie Truitt Sally Mason **Edith Hickman** Julia Erwin **Edna Summy** Minnie Cruin Mamie Vance Roscoe Richards **Amy Flesher** Eva Strube Lucy Bramhall Walter Boyd Lou Sutton E. Floy Smith Rosa Lucas

The Institute begins its annual session this year with a larger attendance and more enthusiasm than has been shown in any preceding session.

The teachers of the county appreciate the kindness of the Indianola people and thank them for the cordial reception given them in the eentertainment Tuesday evening.

The Supt. and instructors of the Lucas Co. Institute will visit the Normal this week. Warren County educators will be pleased to show them how an idea Normal institute should be conducted.

Warren County teachers are progressive and up-to-date in intelligence, methods and enthusiasm, and are glad to avail themselves of the opportunity the Institute affords for special training in their line of work.

Supt. Guthrie has planned wisely. The corps of instructors is made up of able school men. The work given by them will be helpful and profitable to our schools. Every teacher should take advantage of its influences for good. We hope to be able to say that there is not a teacher in Warren County who failed to attend. The new law makes

this almost imperative on teachers.

Supt. Holst will lecture at the court house on Thursday evening of this week. The subject of the lecture is "The Issues of Life." He lectured in Carroll last week and the Carroll Sentinel says of the lecture: "The lecture was deeply interresting and instructive. The closest attention was given from the beginning to the end by the audience. The speaker is full of wit, humor and interesting facts. He has a wonderful power of fascinating his hearers, and leading them to applause and admiration. His interesting descriptions, comparisons and narration of facts, coupled with his cheerful disposition lead to applause by every one present."

IGS Spring Conference Highlights

Ruth Hall and I attended the IGS Spring Conference. Ruth has written a story of her highlights, then I will conclude with my additional comments.—Marieta

by Ruth Hall

On April 27 and 28, 2001, the Iowa Genealogical Society held its Spring Conference in Sioux City. Entitled "Precious Land, A Migration to the Prairie" it began, appropriately, with a luncheon talk about the first organized exploration of the prairie, the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Beverly Hinds, who is a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and also an Ambassador for the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, told us about the individual members of the expedition with emphasis on the only member of the expedition who died, Sgt. Floyd, who is buried at Sioux City.

In the afternoon there was a free tour of Sioux City. We saw a life-sized carving of the Last Supper and went to the riverfront park where we walked through a touching memorial to Flight 232, which crash landed in Sioux City in 1989. Also at the riverfront we toured a dry-docked steam boat which housed a museum to the early history of the area. It included Native American beadwork, replicas of early boats used in exploration and a figure of Sgt. Floyd. The facial features of the figure were created through the use of a plaster cast made about 1900 of the skull and the re-creation was a project sponsored by Beverly Hinds' late husband Dr. Strode Hinds. We also visited the War Eagle monument and the sales room for the Palmer Candy Company. It was a wonderful introduction to Sioux City.

The evening speaker was Nancy Emmert, a Certified Genealogist, who teaches genealogy classes for Madison

IGS Spring Conference Highlights, cont'd

(Wisconsin) Area Technical College and is a past president of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. She urged us to think of ourselves as family historians rather than genealogists and to acquire an understanding of the history, politics, events and culture that our ancestors experienced. She read to us excerpts from several journals and autobiographies during her speech "Voices From the High Plains" to illustrate how they can help us to know more about our ancestors' lives. As usual at these conferences, the program book contained an outline or notes from all the speeches and seminars. Nancy included a good bibliography of resources.

On Saturday there were three session times with a choice of four or five subjects at each time. I staved with the computer theme and attended two sessions by Greg Brown, one on Family Tree Maker and one on genealogy on the internet. Greg is a self-described computer geek and works for Gateway Computers. He is in charge of the GenWeb sites for Woodbury County (Sioux City), Dakota County, Nebraska, and a county in Colorado. He feels that all our printed genealogy books will eventually be on the internet and we need to adapt to that reality. He also said to treat information on the internet as we would any documentation. knowing that there will be mistakes. An interesting sideline piece of information from these sessions is that there is a mass of records of early steam boating on the Missouri that has been moved to the Sioux City library. One of the Woodbury County Genealogical Society members is cataloging it. It includes captains' logs and passenger lists. In some cases it includes crew members names.

The third session I attended was "Creating a Book on the Internet" by Loren Toomsen, who is active in the North Central Iowa Genealogical Society and a north central Iowa computer/genealogy group. He also works with FTM and suggested beginning with a small book focusing on one ancestor and using it for something such as Christmas gifts.

Also on Saturday, Nancy Emmert spoke twice. In the morning she spoke on using land records in research and in the late afternoon she spoke on writing a family history. I missed both of these.

For the second time at an IGS conference, there was a surname wall. Each participant could post four surnames along with our contact information on the appropriate alphabetical segment of the wall. I didn't have any luck with Jones, Wentz, Paulus and Clark, but I hope they do this again at future conferences. I'll find another Wentz sometime.

In addition to the sessions and the speeches, there was a marketplace with dealers in genealogy tools, books and services. For me the conference was worth the three and onehalf hour drive each way, especially with the wonderful weather we had.

Marieta: For the first break-out session, I attended "Keys to the Treasure" by Denise Haslam of the Family History Center in Sioux City. She gave a very informative presentation on the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and how to use the local center to access materials in Salt Lake City.

I gave my Time Line presentation during the second workshop session, and during the third session, I attended "Legends, Letters, and Lies" by Mary Bakeman from Minnesota who has become an expert on upper Midwestern research. Mary encouraged everyone to develop a better "eye" for interpreting family stories and preparing family history through the exploration of the events of the Spirit Lake massacre of 1857.

I attended Nancy Emmert's two Saturday presentations that Ruth Hall missed. "Where's the Dirt—Land Records" included a lot of basic land record research information. I particularly enjoyed her concluding presentation "Leaving a Legacy" in which she discussed compiling a family history into a form that can be distributed to family members and libraries alike. Many of us would rather research than write, but, she said, "unfortunately, wonderful family information disappears because it is buried in an unorganized pile of research notes." She asked, "What kind of genealogical legacy do you want to leave for your descendants, cousins, and other reearchers? Will others be able to access and use your research? Will your personal knowledge of family members be lost?" She also emphasized the need for proper documentation of both research and writing.

As with Ruth, I was very glad I attended the conference.

Old Dogs in Genealogy—Sioux City Version

by Ruth Hall

Remember the half-cousin I told you about last year? He is Bill Clark of Sioux City. We discovered each others existence by accident and have been exchanging information on the Clark family since. I took a break from the conference to visit Bill and his wife, Mary. Both are retired and Bill is 77. A few months ago one of his sons gave him a computer with FTM and the internet on it. His screen name is olddynasaur. He gave me a copy of a family tree with over two hundred descendents of the original Ezekiel Clark (1759-1822). He also has discovered that the middle Ezekiel Clark (1817-1898 and the first EC's grandson) had four children instead of one child with his second wife. She was a Mormon and two of their daughters produced a total of 23 children. Bill has learned a lot at the Latter Day Saints library in Sioux City and has certainly taken up computer genealogy with enthusiasm. While I was there a son-in-law came over to install his new scanner for him. I can hardly wait to see what he discovers next.

Warren County Fair Rules and Classes:

Fair Dates: July 28 - August 2, 2001

- 1. \$1.50 for four entries or less; \$2.00 for more than four entries per exhibitor.
- 2. Entries are limited to Warren County residents or members of the Warren County Genealogical Society. Due to limited space, exhibitors may register one entry in each of twenty classes.
- 3. All entries (except classes 37, 38 and 39) should be accompanied by information to show their genealogical connection to the exhibitor.
- 4. Please prepare all photo entries so they are ready to be hung. Small photographs may be placed in zip lock bags and corner punched for hanging. Please protect your photos with plastic if not in a frame with glass.
- 5. Exhibits which have won premiums in previous years may not be entered again except as part of a display
- 6. Artifact and heirloom displays are limited to items that have genealogical significance. This class is not meant to be an antique display. The exhibitor must know and indicate the connection the item has to his ancestry.
- 7. Diligence will be used to insure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement; but, in no case will the Management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur
- 8. Entries are to be in place no later than noon on July 22, and judging will take place at 1:00 p.m.
- 9. Exhibits are to be picked up from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 27. Superintendents will not be responsible for anything left after that time.
- 10. Superintendents reserve the right to reclassify exhibits if necessary.
- 11. Senior Division is open to all ages. Junior Division is open to those 16 and younger.
- 12. Posters or exhibit material larger than 36"x36" may be judged, but only displayed as space permits.

Premiums: 1st = \$3.00; 2nd \$1.50; 3rd = \$1.00

Senior Division 58: Photographs Class No.

- Ancestral Portrait (may include man and wife) 1
- 2 Family Group Photograph
- 3 Ancestral Home Photograph
- Pictorial Family History or Poster 4
- 5 Organized Collection of Family Pictures
- Ancestral Church

Senior Division 59: Books and Legal Documents

- 7 Diary, Ledger or Letter
- Baptismal, Birth or Marriage Certificate 8
- 9 Land Records
- 10 Military Record
- 11 Will or Probate Record

- 12 School Records
- 13 **Organization Records**
- 14 Genealogical Scrapbook
- 15 Best Display of Documents
- 16 Miscellaneous Item

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- Pedigree or Family Tree Chart
- 18 Lineage Chart
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- Best Display of Newspaper Research 23
- Best Display of Genealogical Research Material 24
- 25 Miscellaneous Research Item
- True Story of the Past, written by exhibitor 26 (Limit: 500 words)
- Biography or Autobiography (complete or 27 segment) written by exhibitor

Senior Division 61: Heirlooms and Artifacts

- 28 Book or Bible
- Small Piece of Silver or Jewelry 29
- 30 Piece of China or Glassware
- 31 Small Household Item or Tool
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- 35 Small Tov
- 36 Miscellaneous Item

Senior Division 62: Iowa Heritage

- Historical Poster depicting the history of an 37 Iowa town, township, organization, or event
- Historical Poster depicting the history of a 38 method of lost art, craft, trade or custom common to Iowa.
- 39 Photograph depicting life in early Iowa.

Junior Division 63: Ages 16 and Younger

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The Warren County Genealogical Society will present the JoAnn Harvey Memorial ribbon to each first-time exhibitor, in addition to any other ribbon the exhibitor may receive.

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MILO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 123 Main Street, Milo, 641-942-6557, Mon, Wed, Thurs 2:00 - 5:30, Tues 6:00 - 8:00, Fri 9:00 - 11:00 & 2:00 - 5:30; Sat 9:00 - 12:00. Paula Griggs, Librarian. The Milo Library has an extensive collection of obituaries for cemeteries in Otter and Belmont Townships, and some obits for people who have lived in the area and are buried elsewhere.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 6000 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, 515-276-0287. Tues, Wed, Thurs 10:00-9:00. Sat, Mon, Fri 10:00-4:00. Closed Sunday

STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, 515-281-6200. Tues - Sat 9:00-4:30. Closed Sunday & Monday.

DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY, 100 Locust, Des Moines, 515-283-4152. Mon, Tues, Wed 10:00-9:00, Thurs, Fri 10:00-6:00. Sat 10:00-5:00. Closed Sunday.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER, 3301 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, 515-225-0415. Mon, Tues, Wed, Sat 10:00-3:00. Tues, Wed, Thur evenings 6:30 -9:00. Closed Friday & Sunday.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, 1800 West Jackson Street, Knoxville. Mon 10:00-2:00. Thurs 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sat 10:00-3:00. Information & appointments outside regular hours call Janet Long, Director, 641-828-8743.

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