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President's Letter

Thanks to Carla Anders, we have a series of interesting programs scheduled. We had a very informative program about the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) at our March meeting. The speaker, Jeanne Beardsley, explained the goals and activities of the DAR. She also spoke about the importance of reliable and verifiable sources of information.

In April our program will be equally interesting and informational. Polly Glascock, from the Warren County Recorder's Office, will present a program on what information is available in the recorder's office and how to access that material.

How do we share our photos with family and friends? Has anyone carried that packet of pictures to family gatherings and pulled them out to pass around the table or the living room or the car or at a restaurant? There are other ways to share those pictures. That's our May program. Carla Anders will be showing us other ways to share those photos.

Thinking of photos, I was searching through some hidden areas in my house this weekend, and I found packs and boxes and envelopes of photos in every place I looked. I don't even remember putting them in some of the places! Anyone else out there have that problem? I couldn't help but think how much extra room I'd have if they all were on disks or in my computer.

Juanita Ott, President

If there is a red "X" on your address label, this will be your last issue of the newsletter.

Membership List

In our next issue, we will include a list of members including their address, phone number, and e-mail address. If you want any of this information withheld, please notify us at PO Box 151, Indianola, IA 50125, before July 1.

New Members

James Lawton of Boxholm whose ancestors in Warren County include the Gibbons and Whites.

Claudia Cole Meek of Des Moines researching Bundy, Barns, Flesher, Cole. Especially looking for the name of the parents of John M Bundy.

Calendar:

Tues, April 14	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Mon, April 20	7:00 p.m. REGULAR Meeting Polly Glascock, Warren County Recorder will discuss information available at her office. Whittier School.
Tues, May 12	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Mon, May 18	7:00 p.m. REGULAR Meeting Ways to share photos, by Carla Anders. Virginia Wheeldon will give presentation on the 2009 Fair Book entries, Whittier School.
Tues, June 9	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Mon, June 15	6:00 p.m. Picnic in Hewitt Cemetery, White Oak Township. (See map on page 7.)
July 22-27	Warren County Fair

MEETING LOCATION for 2009, at least through May, will be at Whittier School, 1308 W. Salem, in Room 110. Enter the building through the west door. WCGS regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (September through May, except no meeting in December). Special meetings may be planned for the summer. Board meetings are held at the Indianola Public Library.

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Ronald Stearns

We extend our sympathy to Dorothy Stearns, whose husband, Ronald, died in March. Among his many good qualities, he was helpful to Dorothy in getting to and from genealogy meetings and projects.

Marieta Grissom, CGSM

Our own Warren County Genealogical Society member, Marieta Grissom, has completed the National Genealogical Society home study course, submitted her portfolio of work samples to the Board of Certification of Genealogists, and has received certification from the board. We congratulate her on receiving this validation of her work. We knew she did exacting and thorough research and now everyone else does also. We have heard her talk about the work she has done in acquiring this certification in her last two fall programs, and we look forward to hearing more in her 2009 fall program.

From the Board of Certification of Genealogists web site: "Applications for certification are judged on whether they meet the standards delineated in the BCG Genealogical Standards Manual. All of its seventy-four standards contribute to the level of credibility in genealogy called the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). As a result, genealogists who are certified have demonstrated their ability to do work that meets the GPS."

The mission of the BCG is: "To foster public confidence in genealogy as a respected branch of history by promoting an attainable, uniform standard of competence and ethics among genealogical practitioners, and by publicly recognizing persons who meet that standard."

We believe that Marieta is the only person in Iowa who is currently a Certified Genealogist.

Ruth Hall

From the Warren County Historical Society

Check out the web site www.warrencountyhistory.org for more names that Cris Nagla has added to the list of obituaries that she has indexed. Dolly Flinn is in the process of indexing the wills. Dennis Allen has moved the probate files out of the "closet" and into the big basement room. They are filed by letter of the alphabet now. We need a couple volunteers to work together to file them by name and check them off against our list. The basement is getting warmer now and should be comfortable as a work place. We can always use volunteers. We also have two individual collections of photos and memorabilia that need to be cataloged plus many other things. Contact Ruth Hall or come to the library on Thursday from 9:30 to 4:00 or Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00.

The Lucas County Genealogical Society has donated "Heritage of Lucas County" published in 2000 and a McCann family history. Betty Cross has donated the 1880 Lucas County Census and information on the Peter Campbell Davis

and Ruble families and the Mumford family of Del Marva, Penn.

We also have a wonderful county map showing all the rural schools, donated by Larry Foley.

For Those of You Working with Cemeteries

This is from an e-mail from a representative of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries: Wayne Blessing was the 2008 recipient of the Robert and Phyllis Carter Award that is presented by the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries (SAPIC) each year for outstanding work in the preservation of Iowa's pioneer cemeteries. Wayne works full time as a stone mason, but has offered to spend his weekends, when available, assisting persons in stone restoration in cemeteries. This is a great opportunity to learn from a professional -- book him early!

Wayne Blessing, professional stone mason, will go most anywhere in Iowa to help with cemetery restoration if his mileage is paid. 501 North St., Box 71, Zeoring IA 50278-7741; 641-487-7585. E-mail: dei1998@netins.net

Open Class Genealogy Department

- 1 \$3.00 for four entries or less; \$4.00 for more than four entries per exhibitor. See "Schedule for Taking Entries" and General Rules and Regulations for further information.
- 2 Entries are limited to Warren County residents or members of the Warren County Genealogical Society. No out of state residents will be allowed to exhibit. Due to limited space, exhibitors may register one entry in each of twenty classes.
- 3 **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY INFORMATION TO SHOW THEIR GENEALOGICAL CONNECTION TO THE EXHIBITOR.**
- 4 Please prepare all photo entries so that they are ready to be hung.
- 5 Exhibits which have won premiums in previous years may not be entered again except as part of a collections class.
- 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.

Open Class Genealogy Department (cont)

- 8 Entries are to be in place no later than noon on Wednesday, July 27, 2009, and judging will take place at 1:00 p.m.
- 9 Exhibits are to be picked up at 9:00 p.m., Sunday, July 27, 2009. Superintendents will not be responsible for anything left after that time.
- 10 Superintendents reserve the right to reclassify exhibits if necessary. Senior Division is open to all ages. Junior Division is open to those 12 and younger. Posters or exhibit material larger than 36" x 36" may be judged, but only displayed as space permits.

Premiums: 1st - \$3.00 + 2nd - \$1.50 + 3rd - \$1.00

- 11 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.
- 12 The WCGS "Well-Rounded Genealogist" Sweep-stakes Award will be presented to the person with the highest total number of points as defined below. To be eligible for the award, the participant must have at least 12 entries, with a minimum of 1 entry in Division 58, 3 entries in Division 59, 3 entries in Division 60, 1 entry in Division 61, and 1 entry in Division 62, and 3 or more entries of the participant's choice to a maximum of 20 total entries. Points will be given for each ribbon received: 3 points for each blue ribbon, 2 points for each red ribbon, and 1 point for each white ribbon. For example, if the participant enters 18 classes and receives a ribbon on each entry, all 18 ribbons will be counted toward the total number of points, as long as the above numbers are fulfilled in each Division. The winner will receive a certificate and his/her name will be added to a plaque displayed in the Genealogy booth. In case of a tie, the winning participants will share the award.

Class No. Senior Division 58: Photographs

- 1 Ancestral Portrait or Photo (only 1 photograph, 1 or 2 people)
- 2 Family Group Photograph (only 1 photograph)
- 3 Ancestral Home, Barn or Homestead Photograph
- 4 Pictorial Family History Poster or Display Board
- 5 Family Photo Album
- 6 Ancestral Church, School, or Organization Photo
- 7 Miscellaneous Photograph (doesn't fit any other class)

Class No. Senior Division 59: Books and Legal Documents

- 8 Diary, Ledger or Letter
- 9 Vital Statistic Certificate or Record: Birth, Baptismal, Marriage or Death
- 10 A Land Document (change land records to 1 land document)
- 11 Military or Military Pension Record
- 12 Will or Probate Record
- 13 School, Church, or Organization Records (not poster or display)
- 14 Best Collection of Documents (not a poster) (example: Multiple Land Records or all records listed above)
- 15 Poster or display (any or all of Division 59)
- 16 Miscellaneous Document (doesn't fit above classes)

Senior Division 60: Genealogical Research Material

- 17 Pedigree or Family Tree Chart (Pedigree is Ancestors or Descendents of 1 person, Family Tree includes siblings)
- 18 Collection of Research Material (including clippings or photocopies of clippings, internet items)
- 19 Research Notebook (Incomplete record, may include Internet research, collaboration research, show what facts still must be researched and verified, i.e.: a work in progress)
- 20 Genealogical Record Book (Finished product, including family group sheets, documents, clippings, photos etc)
- 21 Lineage Chart (Direct bloodline between 2 individuals)
- 22 Time Line (1 person compare dates for family, local, national, world events)
- 23 Genealogical Map (show where ancestors lived)
- 24 Family Census Records (three or more years for the same person)
- 25 True Story, Biography or Autobiography (complete or segment) written by exhibitor (500-600 words)
- 26 Miscellaneous Research Item

Senior Division 61: Heirlooms and Artifacts

- 27 Book (published, not genealogical)
- 28 Piece of Glassware or China
- 29 Small Household Item or Tool
- 30 Needlework item
- 31 Personal Item (example: Small Piece of Silver or Jewelry, etc)
- 32 Bible, other Religious Item, or Bible Record
- 33 Small Toy
- 34 Artifacts with central theme (souvenirs, documents, keepsakes, etc, example: military, school, religious collection)
- 35 Simple display with genealogical theme to include items from multiple divisions easily visible in one eye shot
- 36 Miscellaneous Item (greeting card, clipping, post card, etc)

Senior Division 62: Iowa Heritage

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

Junior Division 63: Ages 12 and Younger

- 40 A Pedigree or Lineage, made by the exhibitor (Pedigree is ancestors or descendents of one person; Lineage is direct line between two persons)
- 41 A Family Picture (one photo)
- 42 Family Record Book (include family group sheets, other items of interest) compiled by the exhibitor
- 43 Genealogical Poster (family group sheets, photos, maps, clippings, documents, etc. for a family)
- 44 Map showing where Ancestors lived
- 45 Photographs showing present home or barn and an ancestral home or barn

County Fair Request

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING GENEALOGY ENTRIES FOR THE COUNTY FAIR:

Contact Virginia Wheeldon
Box 151
Indianola IA 50125
515 848 3582
v.wheeldon@mchsi.com

Betty Cross has sent us a letter with some of her Warren County connections that she has given us permission to use in our newsletter.

MY RUBLE FAMILY

My Ruble and associated families have been in the Warren and Lucas County areas of Iowa since 1850. Henry Ruble was the father of these ancestors. He was born in Tennessee in 1797 as his family was migrating from Virginia, through the Carolina's into Tennessee to Ohio as they fled persecution of the Quaker sect. His parents were Samuel Ruble and Rachel Thornburgh, who had a large family, including brothers Owen and Henry.

Owen Ruble married Rachel MARTIN in Greene County, Indiana, and his brother, Henry, married Rachel's sister, Mahala MARTIN, three years later. The Henry Ruble family lived in Warren County, Ohio, in the 1820's where their first six children were born. Sometime in the 1830's, they moved to Warren County, Indiana. Here they added at least six more children and his wife, Mahala, died sometime after the birth of their youngest child in 1842.

Henry's older children married in Warren County, Indiana, and were starting their families. A decision was made to move to Iowa, again to Warren and Lucas Counties. Henry and his younger, unmarried children would accompany the wagon train. Daughter Rhoda and her husband, Albert THOMAS, and son, James, stayed in Indiana and she died before 1870.

Many of the children were girls, so the names of this group included Julia and Thomas ARNOLD, Sarah and Milton THOMASON, Lydia and Isaac MILLS, Hannah and James GRAY, M. Elizabeth and William CUMPSTON, M. Elizabeth and Leonard GROVER, Mary and Thomas RIGGINS, Mary and William WHEELER, and Rachel and William Hopkin DAWSON. All of these families, in addition to the wives of three RUBLE sons, George Wayne (KACHEL), Andrew Jackson (EDWARDS), and Greenbury Martin (RODGERS) produced offspring to add to the surnames spread over Warren and Lucas Counties for more than seven generations.

Land was secured in both Warren and Lucas Counties with Lacona as the Post Office. Many of this second generation are

sleeping in the graveyard southwest of Lacona, known as the Arnold/Mills/Thomason Cemetery. Several of the men served in the Civil War and Andrew Jackson Ruble, William Cumpston, and Thomas Arnold gave their lives for the Union.

The next generation increased the surname list. The Arnold children added HOWELL, DAVIS, HENDRICKSON, and WILKINS. George Wayne's offspring married into MUMFORD, DAVIS, SPRAY, BAUGH, VINCENT, SWARTZLANDER, ACHORS, and WALLACE families. Thomason marriages include DILLMAN and WILSON. The Mills line has added NYSWONGER, CRITSER, BROWN, SHUPE, and BROWER. Those added in the Gray descendants include CLEVINGER, HAYDEN, CURTIS, RHODE, FORSTER, ASHBY, CONRAD, ALLEY, DURHAM, DAVIDSON, and WILSON.

Andrew Jackson Ruble died from disease in the Civil War but left a son who died young and two daughters who married MC FARLAND brothers. Greenbury Ruble left Lucas County for Dakota after his wife's death. One daughter married Smith TUCKER and stayed in Warren County, but the son lived in Missouri, Oregon, and North Dakota, where he died. Three other daughters spent their lives in Oregon, where they married and died. The Cumpston marriage brought PARR, and then the Grover marriage added HAMILTON, SCOVEL, COLLIER, and SMITH. Mary Ruble had one child from her marriage to Thomas Riggins who married a KRUTSINGER. After his death, the WHEELER family was formed and added QUINN, SWANSON, PRIMM, MANLEY, WAUGH, and SMITH. The Dawson's had a large family of 11 children but they moved to Kansas, then Colorado, so no local surnames have been added to our genealogy.

This means that when I speak of my RUBLE lines, I am speaking of at least sixty area family surnames prior to 1900. I am always interested in making contact with others in these lines and their descendants.

Betty Cross

Upcoming Events in Iowa and Surrounding States

April 18: Rock Island County Genealogical Society at the Moline Viking Club. All day workshop featuring Curt Witcher from the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch if registration is received before April 8. Call 309-236-1985 or check the website listed below. Mr. Witcher will speak about: Using church records; using government documents; "Hunting in the Hoosier State;" and getting more from the internet.

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilbgsrim/news/2009GenConfInsIdePP.pdf

May 2: Family History Conference of the St. Louis Genealogical Society featuring David Rencher, Director of Records and Information Division, Family and Church History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He is currently director of the record digitization project of the church. "This all-day conference is the largest such single-day event in the Midwest. This year's conference features nationally-recognized speakers, outstanding local speakers, a large and bustling vendor area, and an optional lunch." From their web site: www.stlgs.org/fair

This conference draws about 400 people. Their pool of local speakers is outstanding because many are associated with the public library and other libraries which house PERSI and other genealogical and historical collections. The conference site at the Maryland Heights Community Center is close to one of the beltways and there are reasonably priced motels close by. *Ruth*

Upcoming Events in the US

May 13-16. Raleigh, N.C. National Genealogical Society Conference. The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West. www.ngsgenealogy.org

Aug. 18-22. The annual conference of the Oregon-California Trail Association will be in Loveland, CO. This may interest people whose ancestors traveled the overland trails and, particularly, those who went to look for gold in California (1849) and Colorado (1859) or who traveled with one of the Mormon wagon trains. The conference is being hosted by the Colorado-Cherokee Trail Chapter and will include special information on the Smoky Hill Trail through western Kansas and eastern Colorado (approximately I-70) and the Platte River Trail (I-80 and I-76). www.octa-colorado.org

Sept. 2-5. Little Rock, Arkansas. Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference. "Passages Through Time" www.fgs.org

Sharing Information

Have you attended a conference recently (see Ruth's notes on page 7), learned something new (see Cris' article on page 6), had an unusual or interesting experience during your genealogical research? Please let us know.

Do you have a query? We will be glad to help you in your

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research through the newsletter. Just be specific and keep it short. Do you have a page or so about your relatives in Warren County that would be connected with other families in Warren County (see Betty Ruble's family on page 4)? Send or e-mail us the information. This is your newsletter!

Ruth

My Favorite Website

Illinois State Archives
(<http://www.ilsos.gov/Genealogy/MyWeb/globsrch.html>)

If you are lucky enough to have Illinois ancestors, this website is for YOU! The Illinois State Archives has created a wonderful online searchable index for many records used by genealogists. These databases include:

- Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database
- Database of Illinois Servitude and Emancipation Records
- Databases of Illinois Veterans (11 databases covering various wars)
- Statewide Marriage & Death Databases
- Databases of records at Universities in the State (35 databases covering 7 Universities)

The link listed above will take you to the Global Database Search for the Illinois State Archives. At the bottom of the page, you will find a place to enter in the name you wish to search for. The search help tells you to be sure and put in a comma after the surname. It also tells you that searching for the surname only will be faster than searching for the surname and given name. Searches are NOT case sensitive so you can use any combination of upper and lower case letters. Examples: smith, John D. or Smith.

The benefit of the Global Search is that you can enter the name one time and it will return a list of all databases that contain the name you entered. This will eliminate all of the databases that do not mention the name you are researching. Using the list returned, select one of the databases listed to search for the records containing the name you entered.

Each database has a "help" section that will give you tips on how to use that database. They also provide information on where the data came from and how you may get a copy of the record mentioned in the database index.

Carla Anders

Do You Know Any Slonaker

Nancy Renaud, a member from Marshalltown, is trying to help a friend find some of his family. The name, Slonaker, appears on our old surname index connected to a Dickey couple in Wichita. We cannot find a contact for the Dickey's now. The name is so unusual that the researcher feels they must be a relative. Does anyone know of the Dickey's or anything about the Slonaker name?

Restoring A Treasure

When we took on the task of reorganizing the Warren County Historical Library, little did we know where this would take us. Hiding under a shelf carefully rolled up in white plastic was the Wallace Cemetery map dated 1872. We all were very excited at this find. Carefully we uncovered the rolled up map, only to find that it was extremely dry and brittle, not to mention that it was in pieces. We carefully rolled it back up and placed it into a cardboard tube. We all were very disappointed that we could not see what was on the map.

Dennis and I went to the State Historical Library and talked to several people there about the best way to restore the map. They told us that it needed to have moisture introduced back into the document. We went home and I started to do some research on how to introduce the moisture back into items. We started out practicing with a tightly rolled up photograph and were pleased when the technique worked.

Dennis said that we needed to try and do the map. So we took the map home and with the aide of a HUGE Ziploc bag and the grandson's elephant cool mist vaporizer, we started slowly introducing the moisture back into the map. We carefully put the map into the bag and zipped it closed except for a small opening in the corner. We then put the opening in the bag over the "trunk" of the elephant and let the mist flow for about 2-3 minutes and then zipped the bag shut. We did this task about every four hours for three days. When we finally got the map to unroll and taking great care not to loose any of the small pieces, we laid it out flat and placed heavy books on top of it over night. The map is the addition to the Wallace Cemetery and it is the owner's map. The next day we turned the map over and from the backside, we mended the torn edges using archival tape. Since this project was all about preserving the map, we covered it with acid free Mylar and placed it behind glass in a picture frame. This was truly a labor of love. We are already looking for our next project.

Here is a list of the names that are on the plat map. There are some names that we are not sure of the exact spelling, so if you know the name, will you please let us know.

Bert Smith	A. B. Main	J. Longabaugh
J. W. Campbell	(?)erger	O. S(?)ger
T. F. Hedrick	John Small	O. T(?)ncher
Walker	J. T. Wallace	Jas. Lawson
M. Woods	R. (?)ewart	W. W. Campbell
H. Kams	J. S. Walker	Hyde
J. S. McKimney	T. A. Walker	M. Canard
John W. Strahan	A. (?)ley	Me(?)ke
Lebo	F. Rhode	John Siedell
G.W. Dunn	H. Ryan	C.T. Parish
A. Badley	William A. Wallace	
Joshua S. Wallace	Sarah Bryan	T. E. Swarts
Jno. S. Wallace	John Williamson	W. F. Todd
William Wallace	J. S. Headrick	T. J. Wakefield

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(?) Headrick
J. P. Carlton

Elizabeth Stiles
John Way

This map is on display in the meeting room at the Historical Library.

Cris Nagla

June Meeting Will Be the Annual Picnic in the Cemetery - Hewitt & Randolph

This year we will feature two cemeteries in White Oak Township, although the meeting will be in just one. We will meet at Hewitt Cemetery on the shaded, level hilltop just inside the gate where there is a beautiful view. There will be a light supper available for a small donation and there will be a program about the cemetery. Many of our members have families buried there, and we hope they will tell us something about those people also. See the end of this article for time, location, and other information.

The second cemetery is Randolph (Adamson), which also has a beautiful view but is on the side of a hill. This was essentially an abandoned cemetery until the summer of 2008 when there was a burial there. We will talk a little bit about that burial while we are at Hewitt and how it is an example of changes that are taking place in the use of Warren County cemeteries. We invite everyone to drive by Randolph Cemetery and, if it has been mowed recently, to walk about a bit. There is really only a single parking place in the driveway area.

From information in our cemetery book:

Moses Hewitt came to Warren County in October, 1853. Soon after his arrival, the small child of a family traveling in a covered wagon died near the Hewitt's home. Mr. Hewitt granted permission to bury the child on his land and donated two acres of ground for a cemetery. A large rock in the southwest corner of Hewitt Cemetery marks this early grave. Moses' own son, William O., died in 1857, and was buried in the cemetery. Six of the children of an Eberman family who died in a diphtheria epidemic are also buried here. The heirs of Moses Hewitt quit claimed the cemetery to White Oak Township in 1895. Information of the cemetery was compiled for the book by Pauline Baxendale, Louise Pilmer, Helen Cummings and Marjorie Kline.

Randolph Cemetery is one of the oldest in the county. According to a history in the cemetery book written by Mrs. W. W. Davis, the first burial was in 1849 and was of 33 year old John Adamson. His 10 year old son, Thomas, was buried next to him in 1851. Those are the only two stones remaining that identify a specific person. Another stone marked "infant" existed in 1968. Other graves may be marked by native stone. When Virgil Halterman fenced the cemetery in the 1940s, there were seven graves marked. There may be as many as 15 old burials there. Most are Randolphs or Adamsons. Randolph was the name of the second husband of Mrs. Adamson.

June Meeting in the Cemetery (cont)

There is more information on both cemeteries in the cemetery book. See map in next column for the location.

The 911 addresses for each:

Hewitt - 9998 Quincy Place. The Meeting Site.

Randolph - 11059 Nevada. The cemetery is located about .7 miles west of the gravel road to Lake Ahquabi or 1 mile east of R63 on the north side of Nevada. Just to the east of the entrance is a new house with a sign at the drive showing a family of bears. The cemetery is on a west slope and the stones are in the lower part underneath some oak trees.

We will meet at 6:00 p.m. Bring lawn chair, sunscreen, and insect repellent. In case of rain, we will meet at the Warren Co. Historical Society Building at the Fairgrounds.

Spring Hill will be the Honored Town at Log Cabin Days

If you have photos, memorabilia, or reminiscences you would like to share, please bring them to the Historical Society where we will be setting up a display. A notebook of county postmasters, which is in the library and appears to be in Edith Conn's handwriting, lists the postmasters for Spring Hill as:

Frank Eggleston	13 May 1872
William Ashworth	2 December 1874
Johnson Barker	11 December 1876
_____ Jones	____ July 1879
John F. Peveryly	7 July 1883
-gap-	
Thomas R. Andrew	2 February 1897
Lafayette P. Alexander	29 March 1901
D. Davis Hughes	1 November 1902
Enoch J. Yount	4 January 1909
Joseph G. Swisher	19 February 1909
Arthur P. Brand	5 March 1915
Retired	31 March 1941
William Hill	1 April 1941
William Hill	1 July 1949

Arphax Maps

In January, Nancy Kinard of Arphax Publishing sent an e-mail noting that they had added to their list of Iowa counties in publication. You can see their total collection at www.arphax.com. These are useful books showing locations of original land patents and other features of a county. They are especially helpful in finding neighbors who might have had connections to our ancestors.

Report on the Workshop in the Burlington Library on April 4

Speaker John Philip Colletta spoke during the morning sessions about "Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957" and "U.S. Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Early 20th Century." Because there was no law requiring recording of

people entering the country, there are no government records prior to 1820 but there are publications about families and lists of immigrants from various sources that are now being indexed and are available on the internet. After 1820, there are many sources including customs passenger lists, immigration passenger lists, and lists kept by ports of leaving and arriving along with many other publications. I also learned that there were over 100 minor ports of entry into the U.S., including Indianola, Texas. In the second session I learned the term "denization," which means having rights but not all the rights of citizenship. The word appears in some publications.

In the afternoon, we learned about different ways of writing a narrative family history: As an example, he referred often to his own book, "Only a Few Bones," which is a wonderful book about his research in the deep south into the supposed murder of his great grandfather. He emphasized using newspapers to background the weather and other factors at the time of a particular important family event and the economic and political circumstances in the area where the family lived. He said there are two National Endowment for the Humanities U.S. Newspaper programs in progress that are providing wonderful information: www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html and www.neh.gov/projects/ndnp.html. The first is a microfilming project and the second is a digitizing project. He gave us several pages of bibliography for each session, which I will be glad to share if anyone wants copies. Best \$10 I ever spent.

Report on the Workshop in the Burlington Library (cont)

Next years' workshop will be April 10, and George Morgan will be the speaker. Watch www.burlington.lib.ia.us for information. You can also get on their mailing list through the web site. Call 319-753-1647. Ruth

Exchange Newsletters

These newsletters contain interesting and useful information. They were kept in the Indianola Public Library until several years ago when the library needed the space and asked us to remove them. Since then we have been moving them from one officer or volunteer to another. Once in awhile someone brings them to a meeting and they are usually ignored.

We are now putting them in binders and keeping them at the historical library. Virginia Wheeldon is in charge of the project. You will also find back issues of the Warren County Historical Society and Genealogical Society newsletters in binders at the library. Library hours are 9:30-4:00 on Thursdays and 9:00-12:00 Saturdays. The telephone number is 961-8085.

Newsletters give valuable information about an area you might be researching. They also have information of internet sites, books, and programs. People come from a distance to programs at our genealogical and historical society meetings. Some of their programs might be worth a trip to Chariton, Osceola, or other nearby cities. The exchange newsletters are:

Adair County Ancestors-Greenfield; Central Iowa G. S.-Marshalltown; Des Moines County G. S.-Burlington; Eastern Nebraska G. S.-Fremont; Guthrie County G. S.-Jamaica; Jasper County G. S.-Newton; Linn County G. S.-Cedar Rapids; Madison County G. S.-Winterset; Story County G. S.-Ames; Boone County G. S.-Boone; Clarke County G. S.-Osceola; KEO-MAH G. S., Inc.-Oskaloosa; Lucas County G. S.-Chariton; Marion County G. S.-Knoxville; Monroe County G. S.-Albia; Old Fort G. S.-Fort Madison; Union County G. S.-Creston; Davis County G. S.-Bloomfield; Greater Omaha G. S.-Omaha; Mills County G. S.-Glenwood; Poweshiek County G. S.-Montezuma; Wayne County G. S.-Corydon

Excerpts From the Exchanges

Lucas County Notes and Shakin' the Family Tree: Along with several shorter articles and old newspaper stories, there is a long article on coal mining in Lucas County.

KEO-MAH G. S. Family Research Center: (*couldn't resist this, Ruth*) From a long 1950 article on local musicians Frederick and Virginia Knight Logan which included information on other musicians - "The Welsh brought music to Oskaloosa in the early days and the annual Welsh music festivals, eisteddfods, compared with any in the metropolitan centers. Out of the Welsh

communities came some of America's greatest musicians. It is not surprising that this love for music finds reflection in the choirs and choruses of Oskaloosa bands and orchestras, and individual performers."

Greater Omaha G. S.: Terry Tibbets writes a lead article that is often concerned with the technical side of genealogy. In January, he wrote of thumb drives in an article called "Ancestors in Your Pocket."

Wayne County Genie News: A new publication. Researchers in early newspapers found the names of twelve hundred people who had died but were not included in the cemetery book. They are selling a booklet with the names for \$12.50. Address is c/o LeCompte Public Library, 110 S. Franklin St., Corydon, IA 50060.

Linn County G. S.: All Probate Records at the Linn County courthouse were lost in the flood and will not be restored because of the prohibitive cost. This means that other than the 1840-1924 timeframe which we have at our Genealogy Library on microfilm and other probate records in the workroom files, are gone forever. Courthouse personnel did say that they may possibly have probates from the last few years (2005 on ??).

Divorce Records before #60,000 were also lost and will not be restored. Divorce records after this number are being restored but will not be available for another 2-6 months. Please note that we do have some divorce records in our files in the workroom - many from the 1950s and 1960s, plus some others. We can check these or the divorce clipping scrapbooks in our library.

District Court Records were lost as well, except for the last few years, or those which were pending.

Our Land Records on microfilm continue to be used by personnel from Iowa Title Co., Republic Abstract and Settlement, and the Linn County Records Office. We are happy that we have these records and can help the offices in their every day work.

(Two of the newsletters are now coming to us on the internet. Several of the societies are now selling some of their publications on CDs or DVDs. Times are changing. Ruth)

Changing Times and the WCGS Newsletter

Some of you may have noticed that the information in this newsletter came from two new writers, Cris Nagla and Carla Anders. We hope to continue with regular (and irregular) contributions from our members. We have a great pool of talent and interests within our group.

Carla Anders has agreed to continue writing about internet research but would be glad to have other people contribute individually or as part of her article. We hope Virginia Wheeldon will be writing about our exchanged newsletters,

Changing Times and the WCGS Newsletter (cont)
 and Cris or I will contribute information from the Historical Library. We are a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and Brenda Morgan will be reporting excerpts from their publications and she will report on news from the Indianola Public Library. Denise Gripp has kept us informed of some events at IGS but we need someone who will act as our full-time representative to the state group.

Another change is in the discussion stage. With the rising cost of printing and postage and the ease of creating the newsletter in a PDF format, we will probably be offering members the option of receiving their newsletter by e-mail. This will also give us the opportunity to use color photos. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by e-mail, please let us know. Also, if you have any comments, please let us know. hallross@aol.com or PO Box 151. Ruth

IGS Book Sale June 13 and June 20

Denise Gripp has informed us that IGS will be having a book sale of 600+ genealogy books and supplies (hanging folders, 3 ring notebooks, etc) on Saturday, June 13 and June 20, from 9:00-5:00, at the West Wing of the Iowa Genealogical Society, 628 E. Grand, Des Moines. Proceeds go to IGS. All of the books will be put out for the first day of the sale. These books are copies of books that IGS has and many are in near new condition. Cost is less than what you pay on the internet. There are family histories, genealogy books on different states, international books.

The German Interest Group will also have a book sale of German research books.

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