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President's Letter

It was hot. It was sticky. It was noisy. Everyone was tired. But in spite of the problems we had a great time at the county fair. Look for more information about the entries inside this newsletter. I want to especially thank all the wonderful people who took time to paint our display cases and take a turn sitting at the table during fair time. And a big special thanks to the men who helped move tables and cases at the end of the day on Sunday. And another big thanks to all of you for your fair entries. We had a lot more entries than last year.

We had two new cemetery books ready for sale this year – Wallace (Wick) and Calvary (Churchville). Palmyra is the next big one we'll be working on, along with some smaller ones. We still need people to walk the cemeteries for corrections and additions and people to do typing.

Most of you have heard the sad news that we lost one of our members recently. Carol Croat Kubik passed away. She was very active in the St. Marys Church and kept complete records for the cemetery. She had an important role in the production of the St. Marys Cemetery book. We will all miss her.

Many of the genealogy and Iowa history books from the public library have been moved to the historical library at the fairgrounds. This is a good place to start and continue your family research. The hours are 9:00 – 4:00 on Thursdays and 9:00 – 12:00 on Saturdays.

Remember to put our September 19th meeting on the calendar!

Juanita Ott, President

Newsletter Change

We are changing the months we will be doing the newsletter. Since December is such a busy month for everyone to get articles done and the newsletter out the first of January, we decided to move this newsletter through October, with the next one through January.

Judy Richards

Attention those of you who are MidContinent Library members. They will not notify you when your membership comes due! You must renew it to retain it. Contact them to renew.

REMINDER!
It will soon be time to pay the 2012 membership dues. The year begins in January and ends December 2012. If you would like to pay at this time, please remit $10.00 with check payable to the Warren County Genealogical Society (or WCGS) and send it to PO Box 151, Indianola, IA, 50125, Attention: Carla Anders, Treasurer.

ELECTIONS for officers are in November. Are you interested? Talk to Juanita Ott.

Calendar:

Tues, Sept 13	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Mon, Sept 19	7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING Non-Population Schedules by Denise Gripp.
Tues, Oct. 11	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Mon, Oct. 17	7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING Family History Fair
Tues, Nov. 8	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Mon, Nov. 21	7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING Election of Officers. Program is: Class 34 & Class 35 At the Warren County Fair by Marieta Grissom.

WCGS regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (September through June, except no meeting in December and January) at the Warren County Museum unless the weather is bad. Board meetings are held at the Indianola Public Library.

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2011 WARREN COUNTY FAIR

Wow! What a turnout we had this year. We had 150 projects. There were 17 people including 4 Juniors under the age of 12 who entered items. The 4 Juniors and 3 adults were first time entrants.

Photo by Virginia Wheeldon.

Our judge again this year was Teresa Liewer from Iowa Genealogical Society. Every year we have a "Well-Rounded" Genealogist Sweepstakes Award. To be eligible, there must be at least 12 entries with a specific number of entries in each category. Each colored ribbon is assigned a number of points which are then added together. The person with the largest number of points receives a certificate and their name goes on a little brass plate which is mounted on a nice wood plaque. The winner this year was Donna Crow who had not exhibited since 1999. Congratulations Donna.

If you didn't get to the fair to see our booth, you missed our new look. On a hot Sunday a week before the fair opened, several of us, including a 10 year old girl, painted our display cases. They are a light green and it looks so nice to see everything one color. A great big thank you to all who helped. That was one of those days when it was hot with a high heat index and normally I would not have gone outside. We still have a little more sprucing up to do, so maybe next year will be a little cooler for us to get more work done. Again, THANK YOU.

Virginia Wheeldon

Following are the ribbon winners at the Warren County Fair for 2011:

Senior Division 58
Photographs
Ancestral Portrait - 1) Donna Crow; 2) Juanita Ott; 3) Donna Anderson
Family Group Photograph - 1) Mary Mitchell; 2) Donna Crow; 3) Donna Anderson
Ancestral Home, Barn or Homestead Photographs - 1) Melissa O'Brian; 2) Megan Staude; 3) Brenda King
Pictorial Family History Poster or Display Board - No entries.
Family Photo Album - 1) Melissa O'Brian; 2) Donna Crow
Ancestral Church, School or Organization Photo - 1) Donna Anderson; 2) Donna Crow; 3) Brenda King
Misc. Photograph - 1) Donna Anderson; 2) Donna Crow; 3) Brenda King

Division 59
Books and Legal Documents
Diary, Ledger or Letter - 1) Donna Crow; 2) Donna Anderson; 3) Brenda King
Vital Statistic, Certificate or Record - 1) Charlene Craig; 2) Cathy Miller; 3) Brenda King
Land Document - 1) Donna Crow; 2) Brenda King; 3) Cathy Miller
Military or Military Pension Record - 1) Cathy Miller; 2) Mary Mitchell; 3) Donna Crow
Will or Probate Record - 1) Brenda King; 2) Megan Staude
School, Church or Organization Records - 1) Donna Crow; 2) Donna Anderson; 3) Melissa O'Brian
Best Collection of Documents - 1) Donna Crow; 2) Melissa O'Brian
Poster - 1) Megan Staude
Miscellaneous Document - 1) Melissa O'Brian; 2) Cathy Miller; 3) Megan Staude

Division 60
Genealogical Research
Pedigree or Family Tree Chart - 1) Brenda King; 2) Donna Anderson; 3) Cathy Miller
Best Collection of Research Material - 1) Melissa O'Brian; 2) Cathy Miller
Research Notebook - 1) Donna Crow; 2) Virginia Wheeldon; 3) Melissa O'Brian
Genealogical Record Book - 1) Mary Mitchell; 2) Donna Crow
Lineage Chart - 1) Cathy Miller; 2) Donna Crow; 3) Brenda King
Time Line - 1) Virginia Wheeldon; 2) Megan Staude
Genealogical Map - 1) Donna Crow; 2) Cathy Miller
Family Census - 1) Brenda King; 2) Donna Crow; 3) Melissa O'Brian
True Story Biography or Autobiography - 1) Dawn Ackerson; 2) Brenda King; 3) Brenda Morgan
Misc. Research Item - 1) Virginia Wheeldon; 2) Melissa O'Brian; 3) Donna Anderson

Division 61
Heirlooms and Artifacts
Book - 1) Virginia Wheeldon; 2) Brenda King; 3) Donna Anderson
Piece of China or Glassware - 1) Donna Anderson; 2) Virginia Wheeldon
Small Household Item or Tool - 1) Melissa O'Brian; 2) Cathy Miller
Needle Work Item - 1) Donna Anderson; 2) Cathy Miller; 3) Megan Staude
Personal Item - 1) Melissa O'Brian; 2) Megan Staude; 3) Cathy Miller
Bible or Other Religious Item - 1) Juanita Ott; 2) Brenda King
Small Toy - 1) Donna Anderson
Artifacts with Central Theme - 1) Juanita Ott; 2) Megan Staude
Simple Display with Genealogical Theme - No entries.
Misc. Item - 1) Carolyn Hoover; 2) Brenda King; 3) Donna Anderson

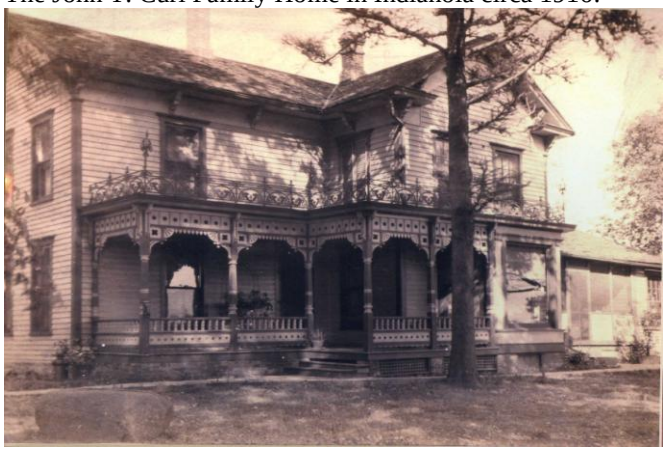
Division 62 Iowa Heritage
Historical Poster History
Township - 1) Donna Anderson
Historical Poster of Lost Art - 1) Cathy Miller
Photograph Depiction Life Early Iowa - 1) Megan Staude; 2) Virginia Wheeldon; 3) Donna Anderson

Junior Division 63
Pedigree or Lineage - 1) Mariska Burgess
A Family Picture - 1) Malachi Burgess
A Family Record Book - No entries
Genealogical Poster - 1) Cameron Press
Map Showing Where Ancestors Lived - 1) Sienna Burgess
Photographs Showing Present Home - No entries

Following are some of the interesting stories with entries. The articles are typed as presented to me. - Judy

Div 58 - Ancestral Home, Barn or Homestead Photograph - Blue Ribbon to Melissa O'Brian

The John T. Curl Family Home in Indianola circa 1916.



John Thomas "JT" Curl (1854-1918) was born in Brimfield, Peoria, ILL, one of eleven children of Remembrance Hughes Curl sr (1822-1900) and Emeline ANDERSON (1820-1916). JT married Sarah Jane "Jennie S" WOOD (1855-1938), daughter of Mary LONGLAND Wood Elliott, (1825-1920) and Henry Wood (1825-1861) of Brimfield. And they were the parents of my grandma, Maud Elizabeth CURL Kiphart (1884-1967), and the grandparents of my mother Margaret Marie KIPHART Johnson (1923-2008). Both Maud, born in White Oak township, and Margaret were Warren co. Iowa farm born and raised girls.

This Victorian home is found in various photographs from the 4 or 5 photo albums that grandma K always had in the front room at 701 N D Street. They were kept in the glass curio-secretary that sat on the north side of the walnut library table. The big table took center place in a large window facing east to D street. She also kept her largest photographs, like this one in a drawer of the library table.

When my mother passed, it was several years before I could face a serious perusal of what was left of the family's photograph collection. Grandpa K always warned grandma and mother to put the names, places, and dates on the photos-but neither of them did much of that. But this home appears in other photos, from ones with great-great grandma Mary LONGLAND Wood Elliott in her 90's. One shows her in her rocker on the porch, and her in the yard near the home next to a bush and vine. And yet another of my grandma and grandpa K standing at the screened porch at the rear of the home. And the Hughes-Hickman pre-family reunion photo was also taken around the rock in April of 1916.

I sat as a child listening to grandma and grandpa K, sitting in the dining room on D street, talking about their families, and the wonderful antiques that great grandma Curl had in her home. I know my mother spoke of the 5" wide hand-carved wooden picture frames that held the matching wedding portraits of JT and Jennie S, and the one of her grandma as a matron lady. And I did see some of the marvelous old china and decorative pieces that survived the family's advancing poverty after JT's death in 1918.

It seemed JT didn't teach great-grandma Jennie S to handle the property he had amassed in his years in Warren co. since their arrival here between the 1880 census in Washington co., and grandma's birth here in 1884. The young couple had followed his parents and siblings from Brimfield to 76, and then struck out on their own for the greener pastures of Warren co. Year by year they lost what he had, and were downsized-all that is left-is this photograph *of the beautiful Victorian home "on the highway" in Indianola*.

Div 58 – Ancestral Church, School Building or Organization Photo – Blue Ribbon to Donna Anderson

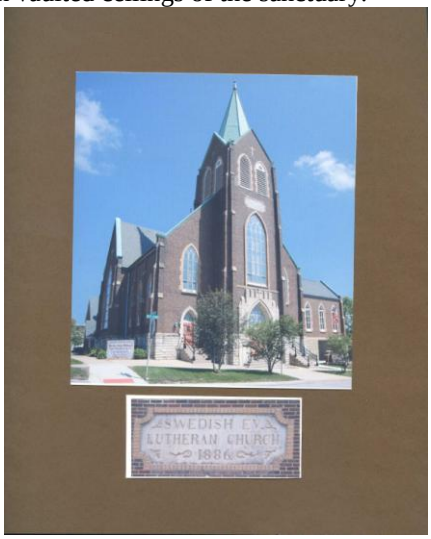
My Father's family church was First Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The children were christened and confirmed in the church. My grandmother, Emma P. Benson came to America in 1903 from Sweden. She lived with her Uncle Ben Holtman at 611 East 2nd Street. This was not far from the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Est. 1886) that conducted services in Swedish. Grandma eventually learned American English, but spoke with a heavy accent.

I'm not sure when the name changed to First Lutheran, this is the only name I knew for the church. The church name changed again in 2000 to Capitol Hill Lutheran.

Church Building History.

The land at E. Fifth and Des Moines streets was purchased by First Lutheran Swedish congregation in 1885 for $5,000. The plans specified that the building was to be built in traditional Gothic style, was to seat 1,000 people, and was to be 90 feet long with an extension of 18 feet at the east end for the organ and choir.

Mr. J. A. Carlson was elected superintendent of construction. Carlson had been a shipbuilder in Sweden before immigrating to the U.S., and he felt he could design an arched roof that would give all the necessary strength by reversing the principle used in laying the keel of a ship. This accounts for the high vaulted ceilings of the sanctuary.



The cornerstone was laid July 4, 1886. Many members volunteered their time and professional skills to cut stone for the building. Artist Olaf Selindh, who was responsible for many of the windows in the Iowa State Capitol, designed the church's stained glass windows. The total cost of the church when completed was $35,000.

The building was used for the first time on August 21, 1887.

Div 59 – Land Document – Red Ribbon to Brenda King

This is a warranty deed dated March 27, 1905. In this deed it lists my paternal great, great grandfather and mother, Fielden and Mary Clark, selling land to my great grandfather, Charles Clark. This was a year before both of their deaths (Fielden and Mary) and I think that Fielden wanted to make sure that Charles had ownership of it. It was listed as being sold for $1 for 14 ¾ acres. There has been letters between Charles and his siblings, after their parents death, proposing that Charles had gotten everything before and after their deaths. I think that the parents had been in poor health and wanted to take care of some of this before anything happened. There has been arguments between siblings over this matter. I have found other land documents that shows dealings between father and son, but some were for more money than this one. What I like also about this document is that it has signatures from my great, great grandfather and has my great, great grandmother's mark.

Div 59 - School, Church or Organization Records – Blue Ribbon to Donna Crow

The Truro Christian Church was founded in the winter of 1856 by a small group that had mostly come to Iowa from Tuscawaras County, Ohio. This church congregation is still going & in 2006 had a sesquicentennial celebration. I had been "appointed" church historian by the former minister. As such, I was "nominated" to write a small history that we could copy for a handout. I asked every Sunday for people to share photos, memories, etc. I got very little response at first & started scouring through what was left of church records (the oldest were from the 1950's & marked "transferred" from original). I went to the conference office & there found a mimeographed copy of the church history that had been written in 1956 to celebrate 100 years. I started writing & used other resources (see book bibliography). Eventually, word got around & memorabilia came to me. One Sunday afternoon, a man called up & said he had stuff I could copy. He came to the house, I scanned the items, took a few notes & he was gone. Others were more trusting & left items with me to be returned at a later date. We also took all the book photos plus others and made a slide show for the special day of celebration. I feel that I learned a lot in writing this book. One of the good ideas were the dates in bold type. In the future, I will let someone else proofread and edit. All in all, I was very happy with the results. And was very proud when other members of the community commented on the professionalism of the Truro Congregational UCC Church history booklet.

Div 60 – Time Line – Blue Ribbon to Virginia Wheeldon

Timeline for Susan Phoebe Wheeldon Gilbert

My father-in-law always referred to his great-grandfather's sister as Aunt Phoebe. It wasn't until quite some time after I began my family tree research that I learned her name was Susan Phoebe. From information I have found, apparently she was called Phoebe most of her childhood and Susan as an adult. Aunt Phoebe was born in 1859 near Hartford, Iowa, the youngest child of my husband Leroy's great-great-grandparents Elijah Benedict Wheeldon (1812-1893) and Elizabeth Banister Norris (1812-1897). Aunt Phoebe died in 1938 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Much of Phoebe's life was spent on farms between Hartford and Des Moines and the area northwest of Avon, Iowa. In registering the births of some of her children, that area is referred to as Levy, Polk County, Iowa. She saw many changes in transportation, home comforts with electricity and household equipment, many states added to enlarge the USA, wars where she lost family members, changes in the White House, and entertainment.

I wonder if our future generations will be able to find as many changes if they ever decide to look back on our lifetime.

Div 60– Time Line – Red Ribbon to Megan Staude

Timeline of Mary Ann Lynch Hebl

This is a timeline of my grandmother Mary Ann Lynch Hebl and life here on earth from Birth to her death last year.
1934

* Mary Ann Lynch was born May 14, 1934.
* The president of the United States was Franklin D. Roosevelt.
* Film release "All of Me."
* The Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
* The United States House of Representatives elections of 1934 occurred in the middle of President Roosevelt's first term.
* Australian federal election 1934.
* Saskatchewan general election 1934.

1956

* Mary Ann Lynch married William H. Hebl. She became Mary Ann Lynch Hebl on June 21, 1936.
* The president of the United States was Dwight D. Eisenhower.
* President Eisenhower signs the federal Aid Highway Act creating the Interstate Highway System.
* Actress Marilyn Monroe married playwright Arthur Miller.
* A Venezuelan Super-constellation crashes in the Atlantic Ocean off Asbury Park New Jersey, killing 74 people.
* Vyacheslav Molotov resigns as foreign minister of the Soviet Union.
* International Criminal Police Organization was formed.
* Gamal Abdel Nasser becomes the 2nd president of Egypt.

1957

*Mary Ann and William H. Hebl have the first child, Katherine Marie Hebl.
* President Dwight D. Eisenhower was still president.
*President Eisenhower announces "Eisenhower Doctrine" pleading Defense of Miulle Eastern nations.
* Federal troops ordered to enforce integration of school in Little Rock, Arkansas.
* European Common Market created.
*Isreal withdraws from Sinai Peninsula.
* Soviet Union inaugurates the "space age" by launching Sputnik I.

1997

* The progress of Nations fund UNICEF.
* Nobel committee for the prize given to Steven Chu.

2010

*Mary Ann Lynch Hebl (my grandmother) pass away in November 9 with brain cancer. She was 76 years old.
* The president is Brack Ombama.
* Dietary Guidelines for American USDA Center for Nutrition changes.
* The Big Picture in Boston.
* Vancouver held 2010 Winter Olympics.

From Carolyn's entry, I picked several memories from her book. She had a lot more memories in her entry. - Judy

Div 61 Misc. Item – Blue Ribbon and 1st Time Exhibitor Purple to Carolyn Hoover

Childhood Memories

I am blessed with the most incredible, wonderful, best family in the world. I love you all so much. We're so fortunate to have such great memories & stories. I'm sure I forgot some important things – you can add your own reminiscences – but what my mind didn't recall, my heart will always know. – Christmas 2010

Home is where your stories begin

I remember…

* Pop, usually Pepsi or 7-Up, & popcorn while watching the Walt Disney movie on Sunday evenings.
* Setting up the projector & screen to watch home movies as a special treat. (We always wanted to see the clip of Dad shaking hands with a real Indian.)
* Sledding on the big snow drifts south of the house. Making snow forts & caves in ditches along the lane. Dad sledding down the hill to the flat, the sled stopped, Dad didn't. We all wanted to LAUGH, but waited to see if he thought it was funny first.
* Riding on a tractor with Dad – sitting on a fender, standing on the hitch or riding on the blade.
* Mom taking us to meet Dad on his lunch break at a park – often South, Memorial, or Moats in Indianola, or Lake Ahquabi. Mom making picnic lunches at home. Building the brown picnic table.
* The Hoover Fairs – We used to try to put on with games & contests & exhibitions. Usually Mom was our only visitor/participant.
* The Shale Pile – All the great rocks & shale pieces with hundreds of fossils in them. Several times Raffalina climbed to the top but couldn't seem to get herself back down & I'd have to go up the pile and lead her down.

Div 62 Class 38 – Historical Poster of Lost Art– Blue Ribbon to Cathy Miller

The settlement and development of Iowa and the Victorian period (roughly 1840-1910) makes grave marking symbols a beauty to enjoy and an area of study.

Non-native species of trees were planted, lagoons created, shrubs and flowers introduced, and the whole atmosphere

was much like a park as a place for graves. Parks were uncommon at the time, people used the cemeteries as a place to gather for a Sunday afternoon visiting a family plot and may include a picnic lunch or tea at the site. Fences and gates set one plot off from another, benches made for sitting, walkways for strolling, and driveways for leisurely driving in good weather to admire the botanical specimens throughout the cemetery.

Photo taken by Juanita Ott

Tombstone Symbols and Messages Carved in Stone

Grave Marker Symbolism

* An anchor signifies hope.
* A broken ring symbolizes that the family circle has been severed.
* Cherubs are angelic and signify innocence.
* Fruits signify eternal plenty as the fruit of life.
* Harps represent praise to the God.
* Hands praying are asking god for eternal life.
* A hand or finger pointing down represents God's hand pointing to you as the chosen one.
* Hands clasped together mean farewells, friendship, the bond of marriage or an earthly and heavenly bond.
* Two joined hearts on a stone mark a married couple.
* Ivy stands for friendship and also immortality.
* Laurel is a symbol of worldly accomplishment and heroism.
* Lilies are the virgins' flower and the symbol of innocence and purity.
* A morning glory signifies the beginning of eternal life.
* Oak leaves and acorns stand for power, authority or victory and are often seen on military tombs.
* Palm branches signify victory and rejoicing.
* Pine cones and pine trees signify the cedars of Lebanon and suggest immortality or everlasting life.
*Poppies represent eternal sleep.
* Roses signify completion and the brevity of earthly existence.
* A rose in full bloom means the deceased died in the prime of life.
* A rosebud indicates a life lost in youth or a young life cut short.
* A rod and staff are used to bring comfort for the bereaved.
* Rosemary and thistles stand for remembrance. Thistles can also mean the deceased is of Scottish descent.
* Stars and stripes around an eagle represent eternal vigilance and liberty and are often seen on military markers.
* A tree stands for life. A sprouting tree stands for life everlasting. A tree trunk stands for the brevity of life, life cut down too soon or in the prime of life.
* An urn with a flame symbolizes eternal life or undying remembrance.
* Weeping willow trees depict perpetual mourning or grief.
* Wheat stalks or sheaves represent the divine harvest and also the bread of eternal life.

Treestump Tombstones

* Typically, a section of "bark" appears to have been peeled back, leaving space for carving.
* Tombstones carved in the shape of a treestump appeared as early as 1840, and the tradition survived until at least mid-twentieth century. Markers may vary in height from fourteen inches to over eight feet.
* Carvers often added ornamentation to symbolize personality traits, habits, occupations, or hobbies of the deceased.
* Carvers generally chose Bedford limestone, quarried between Bloomington and Bedford, Indiana.

Junior Division - Pedigree or Lineage - Mariska Burgess

Junior Division - Family Picture - Malachi Burgess

2011 County Fair (cont.)

Junior Division - Map Showing Where Ancestors Lived - Sienna Burgess - Blue Ribbon

Photos of above 3 entries taken by Virginia Wheeldon

REMEMBERING CAROL

Carol Ann (Croat) Kubik passed away May 22, 2011. She was a long time member of the Iowa Genealogical Society, Warren County Genealogical Society, and Warren County Historical Society. Over the years, she worked to preserve old census, cemetery and church records. She typed all the published records for the 1895 Warren County census. She had thousands of family records on her computer and has published the Croat, Kubik and Wilgenbusch family histories. She will be lovingly remembered by all her family and friends. She was a gift and will be greatly missed. *(excerpted from Carol's published obituary)*

From IGS

IGS - Volunteers Needed

Publicity Volunteers are needed for online calendar postings and to help with email publicity distributions. Reliable Internet access required. Contact Alice Hoyt Veen: ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net .

Take the Ankeny Challenge!

The Ankeny Genealogical Society has made a generous donation of $100 to the Iowa Genealogical Society. AGS challenges other Chapters and individuals to match their donation!

The Iowa Genealogical Society needs and appreciates your support. Take the Ankeny Challenge -- send your tax-deductible contribution to: Iowa Genealogical Society, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. Together, we can continue to share and preserve the heritage of Iowa's people.

Subscription Websites for Genealogy Research

by Marieta Grissom, CG

Are you considering a subscription to another website? Genealogy websites have been springing up like weeds. How do we know whether we should buy another subscription? The following are my suggestions for evaluating whether you should consider any subscription.

1) Go to the website under consideration and poke around as much as the website will allow.
   a) Is a training video available?
   b) What is the primary website content/specialty, is it transcriptions or images of the actual records or documents?
   c) How do the search engines work, exact matches, or soundex results, does it allow for Boolean searches?
   d) Can you print AND save documents?
   e) Do you need any special programs to view documents, i.e., Flash Player, Adobe Acrobat?
   f) Does the company offer a trial period? If you use it, be sure to note whether you have to specifically cancel prior to the end of the trial period.
   g) Does the membership include any perks, i.e., newsletters, FAQ, and/or "contact us" section?
   h) Is the company continuing to add more of the records you are interested in?

2) Use a search engine to find reviews of the website under consideration. Try searches like "Evaluating subscription websites for genealogy research" and "genealogy websites", etc. Is the website you are considering in any of these lists? If so, what do the reviewers have to say about this website? If not, why do you suppose the website is not included?

3) Make a list of your current subscriptions. Note the date of renewal, the cost for renewal, and calculate the monthly cost for the subscription. Add the information about the website under consideration and determine how it fits into your budget.

4) Investigate whether your local library, a nearby Family History Library, or other research facility has a subscription that you can use onsite. Then, analyze whether the expense and convenience (or inconvenience) of going to that facility is more or less than having your own subscription for use at midnight in your pajamas.

5) Consider whether you can obtain access to the website through a different membership. For example, some state genealogy societies and some libraries have subscriptions to various databases and allow remote access to these databases through a membership or a library card. Sometimes a single membership can give you access to several databases, thus saving you money in the long run.

Carefully analyzing the website under consideration may save you much frustration and wasted money, and will make you a more knowledgeable and satisfied user.

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Now you can connect with IGS through *Facebook.* Get the latest updates and happenings at IGS! To begin, click the "Join Us on Facebook" button found at the top of the IGS webpage (http://iowagenealogy.org), or, directly at http://www.Facebook.com/IowaGenSoc .

You don't need a *Facebook* account to read the postings, although to leave a comment you do need to be signed into a *Facebook* account. Already have a Facebook account? Click the "like" button at the top of the IGS *Facebook* page, and postings will show in your Facebook newsfeed.

IGS UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

All programs take place at the IGS Library, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, unless otherwise noted.

August 18: Legacy User Group 1 p.m.

August 20: Introduction to Quaker Research. 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Explore Quaker organization, records, dating conventions and research techniques. Understand the importance of minutes of Quaker Monthly Meetings and what can be gleaned from those minutes. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Cost: $5 IGS members/$10 non-members.

September 17: Newspaper Research for Family Historians. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Discover how newspapers can enrich your family history. Find out what to look for and where to access these valuable resources. Cost: $5 IGS members/ $10 non-members.

OCTOBER 14-15: IGS Fall Conference. Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Avenue, Clive, Iowa. **Featured speaker: Billie Stone Fogarty.** A professional genealogist and former history teacher with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, Billie now devotes her time to infecting others with her love for history up close and personal – family history! She lectures regularly and teaches genealogy each semester in adult continuing education courses. She is author of *Guidebook to Researching My Famly Tree*.

Lecture topics:

- Proving Indian Ancestry: Grandma said we were Indian so how do I prove it?
- Women in Colonial America: Difficulty finding your female ancestors?
- Discovering a National Treasure: The Indian Archives
- Share Your Research Without Putting Your Relatives to Sleep
- Land Runs, Lotteries, and Homesteading: Settlement American Style
- How Do I Keep All This Stuff Straight: Organizing Your Research
- Trail of Tears to Indian Territory: There was not just one —Trail of Tears.‖
- Write It Or Lose It: Preserving Your Family's History

Visit the IGS office or website: http://www.iowagenealogy.org for registration information.

Slumber Parties:

Nov. 12, 4:00 pm at the IGS library.

Class schedule:

Beginning Genealogy

Saturday, Nov. 5, 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the IGS library.
Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at the IGS library.

Getting the Most out of the Census - Federal and State

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at the IGS library. Pre-registration is required. Cost: $5 IGS members / $10 non-members.

Interest Groups:

- African-American Interest Group Meeting: First Tuesday of every month at 7 pm
- German Interest Group Meeting: First Monday of every month at 7 pm
- Irish Interest Group Meeting: Third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm
- Legacy Interest Group Meeting: Third Thursday of every month at 1 pm
- Norwegian Interest Group: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

For more information about any IGS programs, or to register for classes, contact IGS: 515-276-0287; igs@iowagenealogy.org. Website: http://www.iowagenealogy.org .

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - IGS has postponed its third quilt show planned for this fall. Parking problems associated with work on the building are the reason.

Regional and National Events

September 7-10, Springfield, IL: The Federation of Genealogical Societies and Illinois State Genealogical Society invite everyone with an interest in genealogy and history to the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference, "Pathways to the Heartland," at the Prairie Capital Convention Center. Registration and information at http://www.fgs.org/2011conference. (From the Iowa City Genealogical Society newsletter)

You can still register and attend. This is an outstanding opportunity to talk with other genealogists, learn what other societies are doing ad what we can do to be successful, and to hear great speakers. It is rare to have one so close.

Newsletter Exchange

Another newspaper research site http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov has newspapers from several states including Nebraska. The site is hard to navigate but can be helpful.

POWESHIEK COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – A note in this newsletters reminds us that the 1940 U.S. Census Records will be released on April 2, 2012.

GREATER OMAHA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – The recent issue of *Westward Into Nebraska* included information about a new online tool that uses Google maps to show historical county boundaries. Randy Majors has taken information from the *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries* and created an online tool for combining old county boundary maps and current Google maps. More information is available on Randy's blog at: http://goo.gl/PDL49.

Marieta Grissom reports to get free Iowa Sanford Maps, you can go to the State of Iowa Library in the Ola Babcock Miller Building, Des Moines (across the street to the north from the Capitol building, in the old Historical Library Building). All you need is a library card from there. (Do not confuse this with the Historical Library or City Library.)

Visitors to Warren County Museum

Connie Greirmuth is researching CUMMINGS, CLYDE, BRAMHALL, WARDRIP and GREIGG

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