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The Warren County Fair time is approaching very fast. Please let Donna Anderson, Carla Anders, or Larry Burt know if you can help clean the booth area on Tuesday or by sitting in the Fair booth during the Fair. Please volunteer as much as possible so they will not be the ones in the booth all week. An e-mail should be sent out before long so you can sign up to help clean the booth area and sit in the booth.

I WANT TO RESEARCH MY ANCESTORS, BUT I DON'T READ THE LANGUAGE!

By Donna Anderson

Since almost everyone's ancestors came from another country, this is a problem most of us face. What can you do to be successful? First – Don't Panic! And don't give up.

There are resources that you can use like word lists and information about the information that is available and where to find that information.

1. Do you know other researchers who have a similar background? In my own situation, Marita Grissom gave me some very valuable leads.
2. Check the Iowa Genealogical Society Library for reference books and the event schedules for classes or special interest groups related to the country you want to research.
3. Check book sellers online or brick and mortar stores if you want to purchase specific research books.
4. Family Search (www.familysearch.org) has a wealth of information in their WiKi research. Go to www.familysearch.org. Sign in or create a free account. Click on "Search" on the menu bar. Click on "research WiKi".

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Calendar:

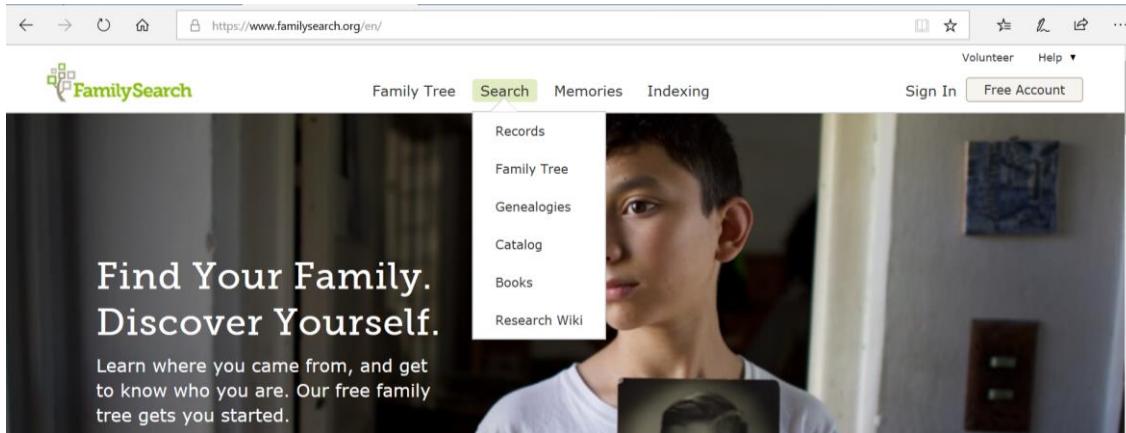
July	Warren County Fair July 24-29 Volunteers will be needed to clean the booth area on Tuesday (23 rd) & sit in our booth during the fair.
August	No Meeting
September	Picnic in a Cemetery (date and location to be announced later)

WCGS regular meetings are held as noted in this calendar (except no meetings in December, January and February) weather permitting at the Warren County Museum. All meetings are open to the public. Guests are welcome.

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5. A new screen comes up. Type in the name of the country or specific resource you need. Click "Go"
6. You will get a list of resources. Click on the resource you want.
7. If the item is helpful, Click the box on the right to "Download"

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The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Research Wiki homepage at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page. The page features a sidebar with links for Online Genealogy Records, Research Resources, and various Family History Library and Center options. The main content area has a search bar with the placeholder "Search by place or topic (or click on the map)" and a text input field containing "german". Below the search bar are "Search Tips" and examples. To the right is a world map with regions labeled: North America, Central America, South America, Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Pacific. A blue button labeled "All Countries" is located at the bottom right of the map area.

9. You may find several PDF document and video lessons that are downloadable with a course handout.

It may take some time, frustration and “head scratching”, but you can research in a language you don’t read and use resources that are not exactly the same as in the United States. If fact, you may be in for a wonderful surprise and learn a great deal about your ancestors.

DNA CORNER

By Carla Anders

If you had your DNA tested at Ancestry, you probably noticed your ethnicity estimates changed recently. I thought I would revisit the comparison between the various testing companies to see how close Ancestry’s new estimates are now.

Comparing Ancestry’s old estimates to the new estimates, and my paper record, it appears the new estimates more closely match my paper trail and the nationalities my ancestors claimed. In addition, the ‘noise’ from all of those trace regions has disappeared; goodbye Russia, eastern and southern Europe, the Iberian Peninsula, and the Middle East; hello Norway!

Ancestry (old)	Ancestry (revised)	Genealogy			
European	99%	European	100%	European	100%
Europe West	57%	England / Wales / NW Europe	84%	English	51.6%
Great Britain	5%			Welsh	3.1%
Ireland / Scotland / Wales	30%	Ireland / Scotland	13%	German	20.3%
				Total	75%
Scandinavia	5%	Norway	3%	Irish	17.2%
Finland / Northwest Russia	< 1%			Scottish	7.8%
Europe East	< 1%			Total	25%
Iberian Peninsula	< 1%				
Europe South	< 1%				
Middle Eastern	< 1%				
Middle East	< 1%				

Now let's revisit the comparison between the various companies.

FtDNA	Ancestry (revised)	23&Me	Genealogy
European 96%	European 100%	European 99.7%	European 100%
British Isles 61%	England / Wales / NW Europe 84% Ireland / Scotland 13%	French & German 14.0% British & Irish 60.0%	German 20.3% Irish 17.2% Scottish 7.8% Welsh 3.1% English 51.6%
Scandinavia 8%	Norway 3%	Scandinavian 4.7%	
Finland < 1%			
East Europe 23%			
Southeast Europe 4%			
		Broadly Northwestern European 20.1%	
		Broadly European 0.9%	
Middle Eastern < 2%			
West Middle East < 2%			
		Western Asian & North African 0.1%	
		North African & Arabian 0.1%	
		East Asian & Native American 0.1%	
		Siberian 0.1%	
		Sub-Saharan African 0.1%	
		West African 0.1%	

Each of the companies agrees that the tester is predominately European, but the estimates below that high-level are completely different.

- All three show some Scandinavian, even though the Genealogical trail has no indication of that. Yet! Ancestry is oddly specific in stating Norway as the Scandinavian country.
- FtDNA shows traces of Middle East and Finland, while 23&Me shows traces of Africa and Siberia. Nothing in the Genealogical trail about any of those regions.
- FtDNA shows 23% East Europe and 4% Southeast Europe. Nothing in the Genealogical trail about either of those regions.
- 23&Me labels 21% as “Broadly European” and “Broadly Northwestern European” which means they cannot determine whether that is German, French, British, Irish, Italian, Spanish, etc.

- FtDNA indicates British Isles (England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland) separately from German. 23&Me indicates British & Irish separately from French & German. Ancestry is now lumping England and Wales with parts of France and German and separating out Ireland and Scotland. Therefore, it is a little hard to compare the companies to each other. So instead I will simply compare it to them to the Genealogical trail:
 - FtDNA indicates 61% British Isles (England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland) with no trace of German. This misses the 20.3% that the Genealogical trail indicates as German; and it understates the 79.7% that the Genealogical trail indicates is British Isles.
 - 23&Me indicates 60% British & Irish with 14% French / German. Both are understating what the Genealogical trail indicates, but they are not too far off at 79.7% versus 60% (19.7% difference) and 20.3% versus 14% (6.3% difference).
 - Ancestry indicates 13% Ireland and Scotland with 84% from England, Wales, France and German. Again, these are not too far off what the Genealogical trail indicates at 75% versus 84% (9% difference) and 25% versus 13% (8% difference).

Based on the new Ancestry estimates, I would say it is much closer to the Genealogical trail now than either FtDNA or 23&Me. However, as I noted before, the sub-region estimates are based upon the reference sample databases of each of the testing companies. As these reference sample databases continue to grow, the estimates will become more refined and, therefore, will get better.

Send in your questions and I will see if I can answer them in a way that makes sense and helps you understand your DNA results a little bit better!

CHANGE OF NAMES

By Karon Velau

Now a days in Iowa, if you want to change your name (and it isn't part of a marriage or divorce), you must file a Petition of Change of Name through the district court (Iowa Code, chapter 674). A few Change of Name listings were found at the Warren County Courthouse. If you're tracking your family tree and your ancestors changed their names..... well, good luck in making the connections.

(1). NEW NAME – Jesse O. Eno, OLD NAME – Jesse O. Kendall

Address, Indianola, 1900-1905, born in Indianola, legal name, Jesse E. Kendall, usually known as Jesse O. Eno, father's name – J. L. Kendall, mother's name – A. J. Kendall now Battels, height 5 ft, 8 ½ inches, brown hair, gray eyes, adopted by John H. Eno and my name was incorrectly Jesse E. Kendall, Feb. 28, 1905

(2). NEW NAME – William Alexander Larimer, OLD NAME – William Alexander Pracher

Residence, Block 6, Homedale place addition, Indianola, born Omaha, Nebraska, 6 May 1886, legal name, William Alexander Pracher, father – William C. Pracher, mother – Susan Pracher, height 5 ft, 10 inches, hair – brown, eyes – gray, new name William Alexander Larimer, Reason – I have made my home in the family of Mary R. Larimer and husband since 1893, witness – Sarah E. Lewis, 12 August 1918

(3). NEW NAME – John W. VanClark, OLD NAME – John W. Clark

Former address, Milo, Otter Township, place of business, now Britt, Iowa, born Belmont Township, Warren County, 6 Sept. 1871, legal name, John W. Clark, father – Henry C. Clark, mother – Mary E. Clark, height, 5 ft, 9 ½ inches, hair, dark, eyes, brown, adopt new name – John W. VanClark, reason, confusion of mail, 17 Sept. 1913

CHANGE OF NAMES (cont.)

(4). NEW NAME – Marie Zarley, OLD NAME – Marie Frush

Marie Frush, resident of Indianola, born at Indianola, 12 July 1895, father's name – C. W. Zarley, mother's name – Lida Zarley now Millen, height, 5 ft, 7 inches, hair brown, eyes gray, new name – Marie Zarley, was married to Loren Frush and divorced Jan 4, 1916, since Loren Frush has been sentenced to life imprisonment, 1 child, Darlene Genevieve Frush, and wish child to be Darlene Genevieve Zarley, 11 April 1917

(5). NEW NAME – Eva Lena Bales, OLD NAME – Eva Lena Gibson

Lived in Warren County 1 year, present residence, Section 26, Township 75 North, Range 23 West in Otter Township and have resided there for more than 5 years passed having resided there all my life, born 23 May 1887, that present legal name is Eva Lena Gibson, but I am usually known by name Eva Bales and wish to adopt name Eva Bales, father's name – Nathan D. Bales, mother's name – Elizabeth Bales, height, 5 ft, 5 ½ inches, hair light brown, eyes blue, married Evan Gibson, since divorced wish to resume maiden name, presently unmarried, May 4, 1907

(6). NEW NAME – Kate Lynn New, OLD NAME – Kate L. Simmerman

Residence, Indianola, Lot 1, Block 1, Cheshire Addition = 515 N. E. Street, in Warren County all the time, born in Squaw Township, 7 May 1885, legal name, Kate L. Simmerman, usually known as Kate L. Simmerman, father's name – W. E. New, mother's name – Lucy New, height 5 feet, hair dark brown, eyes grey, adopt the name of Kate Lynn New, was married to Alfred Simmerman and have been divorced and desire to resume maiden name, witness, Naomi Hypes, April 24, 1915

TWO BOOK REVIEWS

by Marieta Grissom

The Year Without a Summer: 1816 and the Volcano That Darkened the World and Changed History, by William K. Klingaman and Nicholas P. Klingaman, New York: St. Martin's Press, 2013.

Both authors have PhD degrees, one in American History and one in meteorology, which helps to explain the depth of the research and the detail in writing. Then, once I figured out how the book was organized, reading became easier.

Mount Tambora exploded in April 1915 and the weather patterns around the world dramatically changed for nearly two years, but no one could figure out that the two events were related. Many theories for the extreme weather conditions

were proposed, while crops failed and people were starving.

This is a part of history that I would have never learned about except that, as a genealogist, I had ancestors living in New England who migrated to Ohio during this timeframe, and I'm always looking for the push/pull factors for migration. Previously I had no idea about the drought suffered in the United States during 1816--the year without a summer. I had assumed that the only reason for crop failure was the freezing temperatures during every month of the growing season. I also had no idea that Europe experienced the opposite precipitation extremes, rain and floods along with the cold temperatures, causing worse famine than in the United States.

After the describing the initial eruption, the authors used a timeline approach, following the United States and several European countries during specific time periods, then introduced several prominent people within those countries for whom information is available to tie the story together and better understand the local impact of the weather patterns. Or, as was sometimes the case, reveal the lack of both government and local understanding of the problems.

I appreciate the story and am glad I read the book, but it took a little longer to read and sometimes I felt like I was having to plough through a lot of detail.

Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets of my DNA, by Richard Hill, USA: Familius, LLC, 2017.

When Richard was visiting his doctor prior to leaving for college, his doctor asked him, "How do you feel about being adopted?" This came as a complete surprise; Richard had no idea that he was adopted.

Over the course of the next thirty-one years, in between "life" commitments, he worked to identify his biological identity. He was not a genealogist, but before his discovery journey was over, he learned many of the strategies used by genealogists. However, his biggest breakthroughs came through the advancements in DNA testing. Throughout the process, he was fortunate to connect with some volunteers who specialized in assisting adoptees. *Finding Family* is a good mystery, as well as a story of family and love; it contains many unexpected twists and turns. Even though this book covers more than three decades, it is a page turner; a must read for adoptees and for anyone interested in genetic genealogy.

HOWARD I. MCCLINTIC

**First Warren County Boy to Die in Service in Present War
[World War II]**
**Article from the Indianola Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, Nov
26, 1941, p.1 & 6**

Was Aboard U.S.S. Altaire and Was Drowned Says

Telegram

Navy Department Wires Patents Body Will be Accompanied Here By Naval Escort

Howard Isador McClintic, 19, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McClintic, 306 South E. Street, Indianola, was the first Warren County boy to die in the service of his country in this undeclared war. A telegram received from the Navy Department by his sorrowing parents revealed only bare details of his death. It stated that he was drowned while serving aboard the U.S.S. Altaire, a ship tender assigned to duty to do repair work for four other United States vessels. A second telegram was received Saturday.



Death in Bermuda Port

Where the fatality occurred was not stated in the telegram but it is presumed that it was somewhere near the Bermuda Isles located about 800 miles east of Charleston, S. C. It is believed that he fell overboard while cruising in those seas. The last letter received by his parents was written from Bermuda. Mr. and Mrs. McClintic Tuesday received a clipping from Mrs. Sam Weeks' son in Chicago, published in a Chicago daily, stating that Howard was drowned in Mt. Port Royal, Bermuda, but no such information had been received from the Navy Department.

Send Boyd to Charleston

The body will probably arrive at Charleston, S. C. Wednesday, Nov. 26, according to a third wire received by Mr. and Mrs. McClintic Tuesday morning. The message stated that the body was consigned to the naval hospital at Charleston. From there it will be sent to Indianola accompanied by a naval escort. The telegram said that if there were any changes in these plans the parents would be notified. The second telegram stated that a letter, presumably explaining Howard's death, would follow. All messages were

from the Bureau of Surgery and Medicine of the Navy Department. Arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until further word is received from the Navy Department.

Proud of Son's Record

While the death of their son was a severe and unexpected blow to Mr. and Mrs. McClintic, they expressed the most patriotic sentiments in discussing the tragedy. "It is natural that we should feel sad over the death of our son" they said, "but at the same time, we are proud that he died in the service of his country. When you stop to think of the casualties in Great Britain from bombings, aboard their ships and the heavy losses the British army has sustained in North Africa, our sympathy goes out to them and we recognize that they are making an even greater sacrifice than we are. It is a consolation to us that our son was sharing in the effort, along with the British, to make a happier world."

Sends Gifts to Mother

Last August Mrs. McClintic received a picture of a flag sent to her by Howard. It contained the following inscription: "We are all working toward life, liberty and happiness, the principles which made our historic forefathers the architects of a new future. Today we honor their courage and declarations, being even more conscious of our birthrights than ever before. In their spirit we march forward amidst the tumult of a war torn world that is seething in turmoil. To America belongs the heritage of bringing solace and order to weary men. This is the spirit of America and to this spirit we pledge ourselves." At the bottom of the picture Howard has written: "I hope this gives you as much pleasure as it does me."

Letter From Bermuda

Mrs. McClintic received a letter and a card from him only a short time before his death. The card was written at Bermuda. In the letter he stated that he was sending them a bedspread for their wedding anniversary which was Nov. 11. He had purchased it in Panama. He had also sent her many other gifts on his trips, including a tablecloth from Hawaii. Besides his parents, Howard is survived by an elder brother, Clayton McClintic, and four sisters, Mrs. Howard Neuman, Davenport, and Darlene, Pauline and Mildred McClintic, Indianola. He was born in Indianola July 4, 1922. He was educated in the public schools here and lacked only four months of graduating with the class of 1940.

Enlisted Last Winter

He enlisted in the Navy last December and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station for three months. He was then assigned to the U.S.S. Altaire. He had been advanced in the service and was recently made a second class seaman, and would have been made a first class seaman the last of this month. Howard entered the Navy at the

Howard I. McClintic (cont.)

same time with Fred Woodring of Des Moines and the two became inseparable friends. The first telegram informed Mr. and Mrs. McClintic that Howard's body could be buried in the national cemetery, or it could be interred by the Navy or sent home. Mr. McClintic wired requesting that it be returned to Indianola.

23ANDME'S GIANT DATABASE

(This information is from the online genealogical newsletter by Dick Eastman. His blog can be found at <https://blog.eogn.com> and contains many interesting articles with useful information. This article was published on June 6, 2019)

Since the launch of DNA testing service 23andMe, around 10 million people have spit a half-teaspoon of saliva into a 23andMe plastic tube and mailed it in to get their ancestry or health-risk results. Nearly 5 million customers did so last year alone, generating an estimated \$475 million in revenue for the company, which has yet to turn a profit. It's also made CEO Anne Wojcicki (No. 33 on this year's list of Richest Self-Made Women) worth an estimated \$690 million, almost entirely from her roughly 30% stake in 23andMe, which is valued at \$2.5 billion by investors.

While it might make interesting cocktail conversation to reveal that you are 5% Scandinavian and have a genetic disposition to sneeze in the sun, 23andMe's ambitions are much grander.

Wojcicki wants to leverage the exponentially plunging costs of genetic sequencing (down 99% in a decade) and 23andMe's massive DNA library (the world's largest genetic research database) to fuel a "biotech machine" that will not just indicate genetic predispositions to certain diseases but also help create the drugs that will treat those diseases. The brilliance is that, if all goes as planned, 23andMe gets paid on both ends. Customers pay to find out about their heritage and then the company uses that genetic data to one day profit from potential new medicines. Eighty percent of 23andMe's customers consent to allow their DNA to be used for biomedical research.

You can read the full story in an article by Biz Carson and Kathleen Chaykowski in the Forbes web site at:

<http://bit.ly/2MyHPTL> .

Submitted by Juanita Ott

USING BLOCKCHAIN TO VERIFY DIGITAL RECORDS

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<https://blog.eogn.com> and contains many interesting articles with useful information. This article was published on June 11, 2019)

A blockchain is a growing list of records, called blocks, which are linked using cryptography. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, a timestamp, and transaction data. A blockchain's contents cannot be changed by anyone, not by hackers, privacy thieves, identity thieves, governments, or even by the blockchain's owners.

Blockchains are best known for insuring the integrity of cryptocurrency information, including Bitcoins, Ethereum, Ripple, Cardano, and others. However, blockchains also have many other uses wherever the authenticity of digital information is absolutely necessary.

According to Jory Heckman in an article published in the Federal News Network, The National Archives and Records Administration is exploring whether blockchain technology can help records management officials keep track of their vast stores of information. Eric "Kyle" Douglas, a records management policy and program support specialist for NARA's chief records officer, said the future for blockchain looks promising, and could play a role in authenticating digital copies of its images and videos.

Verifying tamper-free versions of documents could prove useful to guard against deepfake videos, which are created by machine-learning algorithms that can manipulate images and audio to make it appear as though public officials have said or did something they did not.

The full story is available in the Federal News Network at: <http://bit.ly/2XEjBZ7> .

Submitted by Juanita Ott

FAVORITE QUOTES OF INDIANOLA PEOPLE

The following people have favorite quotations from famous people in a booklet printed in 1898 that was found in the Warren County Historical Library. Some of the quotations from famous people have been printed in previous newsletters. This time we're just including the names of the people in the booklet:

James H. Peterman	Mrs. Mollie Phillips
E. Porterfield	Mrs. E. Porterfield
Mrs. M. J. Pritchard	Ada Proudfoot
A. F. Proudfoot	Elias Proudfoot
Mrs. Hannie Proudfoot	Mrs. Lou Proudfoot
Mary E. Proudfoot	T. J. Proudfoot
Mrs. Olof Redberg	C. C. Reynolds
Mrs. C. C. Reynolds	A. W. Richards

Favorite Quotes of Favorite People (cont.)

Lotta Richards	Mrs. S. B. Riggens
Mrs. Wm. Rook	J. P. and M. M. Ross
F. M. Sadler	George F. Sadler
J. F. Samson	Mrs. J. F. Samson
John F. Schee	Mrs. John F. Schee
Mrs. Pheba Schlick	R. E. Scroggs
Bessie McClure-Scroggs	Flora B. Sharkey
G. W. Shellhammer	Rebecca Shellhammer
H. P. Shepherd	Mrs. H. P. Shepherd
F. C. Sigler	Mrs. F. C. Sigler
Flora Sigler	Anna M. Silcott
Mrs. E. S. Silcott	Mrs. I. A. Slocum
Hattie E. Spray	H. F. Sturgeon
Martha Stahl	Linda Starbuck
Agnes Stearns	Mrs. E. A. Stewart
H. B. Stewart	J. A. Stewart
Mona Clayton Stewart	Hulda Stoffer
L. H. Surber	Mrs. L. H. Surber
Martha E. Surber	Anna May Swan
T. D. Swan	Mrs. T. D. Swan
Loren Talbott	S. L. Talbott
Mrs. Tansey	Zoe Tansey
Mrs. Annetta Tarleton	A. R. Taylor
Mrs. A. R. Taylor	Mrs. C. G. Taylor
Mrs. Jette E. Taylor	Homer Thompson
Mrs. Homer Thompson	Mrs. Jessie E. Thompson
Dr. J. I. Thompson	Miles A. Thompson
Mrs. Miles A. Thompson	Prof. J. L. Tilton
Mrs. J. L. Tilton	Ada Ara Todd
John W. Todd	Junia Todd
Lois M. Todd	Mrs. Mary C. Todd
Mrs. Minerva Todd	Mrs. Chas. D. Todhunter
L. Todhunter	H. H. Trimble
Mrs. H. H. Trimble	Estella Trueblood

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2018 Fair Superintendents	Carla Anders & Larry Burt

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IGS Regional Representative

Web Sites for Warren County:

www.warrencountygenes.org (WCGS)
<http://iagenweb.org/warren/>

Warren County Historical Society

www.warrencountyhistory.org/genealogy

Indianola Public Library	www.HeritageQuest.com
(Library Card Required)	

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Records/Projects	
Family Records and Surname File	(Open Position)
Nominating	(Open Position), Juanita Ott & (Open Position)
Auditing	Peggy Kruse

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