



# IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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IOWA GENEALOGY SOCIETY

April, 2007

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the last newsletter, I wrote about resolutions and I hope that you've all managed to follow through on some of yours. Now that April is here, I am wandering through my house, making some attempt at spring cleaning and putting aside items to bring to the IGS garage sale at the end of the month. Of course, I always find a few things at the sale to buy and bring home. I hope I see you dropping things off and then joining the crowd on sale day.

This month several of the board members are traveling to Chariton to participate in a meeting of the chapters in Region 9. Last Fall, I was able to join members of chapters in Region 7 for a wonderful meeting in Iowa Falls. We hope to be able to do this with all the regions during the year.

Of course, the challenge for this is that we have five regions which do not have representatives on the board. These are vital positions for IGS—they are in contact with genealogists throughout the state and keep us informed about their activities and concerns. The representatives also serve as our ambassadors to the chapters, keeping them informed about what IGS is doing. If you live in one of the following counties and would be willing to be the representative for that region, please contact me. It requires a trip to Des Moines four times a year for a board meeting and contacting the chapters in your region, in person or by phone or email.

Region 2-Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Poweshiek, Washington

Region 5-Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, Winneshiek

Region 6-Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Hancock, Mitchell, Winnebago, Worth

Region 13-Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Sioux

Region 16-Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie

Finally a comment about our finances. We are still struggling to find alternative sources of funds to pay down our mortgage. Last Fall, Polk County had held out the hope of an interest free loan but those hopes were dashed when there was adverse publicity and the offer was withdrawn. We haven't given up hope but this is a long term process. We are currently paying all of our bills, with the exception of what we owe to the chapters for their share of the publication sales. (This is something we want to remedy and we appreciate their patience.) The Board takes our financial problems very seriously and wants to keep all our members informed of our progress and setbacks. People have been very generous in showing their support for IGS and we always want to acknowledge that without them, we would not have been able to survive these past two years. Thanks you.

Theresa Liewer

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## **APRIL BOARD MEETING**

**This is a reminder that the April Executive Board Meeting has been changed  
to**

**April 21, 2007**

**At**

**9:30 a.m**

## **LEARN TO USE THE INTERNET FOR RESEARCH**

**Basic Internet Genealogy Research Class**

**April 12, 2007**

**IGS Conference Room**

**7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Bring your questions and be prepared to learn a few tips and tricks.**

## **MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE**

**I have heard several different stories about the remodeling of the genealogy section of the library so I wrote to them and here is what they said.**

**The Genealogy and Local History Branch will be housed in a brand new 52,000 square foot, two story facility in 2008. Tentatively, we are scheduled to be in that facility by May 2008.**

**We do not anticipate any major changes in the services that we presently offer.**

**In addition to the collection housed in our present location, we will expand our holdings with the circulating collection of local history books and other books of a genealogical nature that are presently housed in the North Independence Branch.**

**This portion of our collection will be available for check out and interlibrary loan, as they presently are.**

**The new facility will be approximately 4 miles from our present location and will be located near 35th Street and Lee's Summit Road.**





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# IDENTITY THEFT AND VITAL RECORDS

We are presently trying to protect the records of our ancestors and enable ourselves to maintain access to these documents to continue learning about who we are. Government is worried that these records are giving too much information to individuals that will use this information to obtain illegal entry in the United States or to steal the identity of others. The following is found on the Federal Trade Commission's website, at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/consumers/about-identity-theft.html>.

*How do thieves steal an identity?*

*Identity theft starts with the misuse of your personally identifying information such as your name and Social Security number, credit card numbers, or other financial account information. For identity thieves, this information is as good as gold.*

*Skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to get hold of your information, including:*

- 1. Dumpster Diving. They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.*
- 2. Skimming. They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.*
- 3. Phishing. They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.*
- 4. Changing Your Address. They divert your billing statements to another location by completing a change of address form.*
- 5. Old-Fashioned Stealing. They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records for their employers or bribe employees who have access.*

Not once in these 5 areas do they mention by falsely obtaining vital record information. Yes, they say this is only some of the ways identity is stolen, I would have to assume these ways are probably the 5 ways most used. If you continue to read down you will see the following:

*Government documents fraud:*

*They may get a driver's license or official ID card issued in your name but with their picture.*

*They may file a fraudulent tax return using your information.*

*Other fraud: They may get a job using your Social Security number.*

Here they state DL or ID, Tax Returns, and SSN. None of these are vital record information, closest here would be a SSN. If this information is found on a death record, this information should be tagged as a dead number. Identities must be protected, but the Federal Government is already acknowledging vitals records is not the problem. Government Officials need to truly be educated on what is needed for family history and what is needed to protect identities. Please sign and have others sign stating we wish for a panel of genealogist to educate our lawmakers on vital records. As stated please sign the petition and have friends and family members sign the petition if they agree. Please explain to them the problem at hand and the effect of closing these records to family members. Please copy this petition if you think there will be more than 15 signatures acquired by you. All those who sign must be of voting age.





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**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GERMAN GENEALOGICAL  
CONFERENCE**

The German Interest Group (GIG) has been a part of IGS for many years and meets on the first Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. to share experiences and learn more about the special challenges of German Genealogical research. There are no dues but a donation can be passed around at the meetings. We also sponsor a German Genealogical Conference each year with a well known speaker. Any profit from the conference and the sale of books goes toward new additions for the German section of the IGS Library which already has an outstanding selection of German resources. Their latest addition to the library is a subscription to Ancestry.com. Ancestry can be accessed through the library computers.

Their Fifteenth Annual German Genealogical Conference will be held June 30, 2007 at the Des Moines Botanical Center, 309 East River Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. We are pleased to have Ernest Thode with us this year. He is best known for his German-English Genealogical Dictionary. He is the manager of the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Washington County Public Library in Marietta, Ohio. Other books he has authored are; Address Book for Germanic Genealogy and Genealogical Gazetteer of Alsace-Lorraine, and co-author, with Chris Anderson, of A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Germanic Ancestors. His award-winning genealogy column "Family Tree" appears in The Marietta Times, Marietta, Ohio, and "Ask Ernie" appears as a regular feature in The Palatine Immigrant.

On June 29th the Friday evening before the conference there will be a special session from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the IGS Library. The topic will be "Coping with German Border Changes and The Importance of Dates". Did your ancestor seem to move around? Perhaps it was the border that did the moving. There is no charge for this session and anyone may attend. We would like for the people in Des Moines to see what a wonderful resource there is available to them in their own city.

Topics for Saturday are:

**1. Getting started in German Research for Newbies**

We always ask our speakers to include a session for beginners. By putting it first it will help the novice to better understand the more advanced topics. It doesn't hurt the more experienced researcher to brush up on the basics either





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**2. How to Figure Out What The Name Really Was:**

**It may come as a surprise to new researchers but one cannot research in Germany without a place name. Church records were for a long time the only records that were kept and though most records are now in an Archive they are listed by the town name. Since standardized spelling is a pretty modern concept names may be found spelled in many different ways and with that and old handwriting you may not recognize an ancestor's name when you see it.**

**3. Genealogy Websites in Germany:**

**The Internet is a great tool and we know there is good "stuff" out there if only we knew how to get to it. Mr. Thode is not going to teach you German which would be very useful but does plan to take us step by step through some of the best German genealogical web sites.**

**4. Responding to Research Issues:**

**Our speaker will endeavor to help with specific research problems. Write your research problem on a file card, you can do this at home, and turn it in before the sessions get started. He will not be able to handle all problems due to time restrictions. Since there are other people wanting to learn from this experience he will pick the questions that will be of interest to the most people.**

**There will be books for sale that you can browse through before and between sessions and Mr. Thode will be happy to autograph copies of his books upon request. Sorry, we cannot take credit cards.**

**By special arrangement the IGS Library will be open Sunday July 1 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for those attending the conference that wish to stay over and do more researching. There will be volunteers there to help you locate books, maps, etc. and assist individuals that need extra help.**

**Just being in a group of people that share your interests is a great experience. A woman once told me that it was great meeting someone as nutty as she was about German research.**

**In this newsletter is the registration form for the German Conference. Please fill it out and get it turned in by the due date.**





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### VETERANS GROUP FORMING

**A new group of genealogists is forming at the Iowa Genealogical Society Library in Des Moines, Iowa. The purposes and goals of this new group will be decided at the organizing meeting, scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Anyone who has ever served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, male or female, is invited and encouraged to attend and assist in answering the many questions facing this new group in it's formation. Such questions as, the name of the group; how often they will meet; what purposes and goals will be met; will eventually be answered by the forming members.**

**Notices regarding the formation of this group are being sent to the many Veterans Organizations such as Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts in Des Moines and the surrounding area, inviting their members to attend this meeting.**

**Preserving the records of those who have served our country, beginning with the Revolutionary War, down to present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, will be just one of the goals of this new group.**

**They may be a Chapter of the Iowa Genealogical Society or simply another interest group, but in either case, they will provide a means of recognizing and honoring our many Veterans.**

**If you have questions regarding this meeting you can contact Duane Pierce at (515)-266-5329 or by email at [webbp@dwx.com](mailto:webbp@dwx.com)**

### IRISH INTEREST GROUP

**The Irish Interest Group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the IGS Library. There are presentations on Irish resources, both in print and on-line. The group also spends time talking about American sources since they are the key to identifying the Irish County of origin of their ancestor. Members are encouraged to bring their research problems for group discussion and to share their successes. The group has had presentations by Irish natives now living in Iowa as well as by members who have traveled to Ireland. And of course, there is always a celebration of St. Patrick's Day in March. We look forward to having new members join us. Céad míle fáilte-A hundred thousand welcomes.**





## **EXCLUSIVE HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE ON LINE**

**Exclusive historical newspaper archive now online for genealogists  
Partnership places a million newspaper pages online**

**Seattle, WA – February 16, 2007 - Under a partnership between Small Town Papers, Inc. and World Vital Records, Inc., one million exclusive newspaper pages from small towns across America are now available on the World Vital Records website. The newspapers, part of the Small Town Papers collection, represent unique historical content which has never before been available on the Internet and is not available from any other source.**

**“While it’s easy to find old articles from larger, daily newspapers which are readily available online, it’s a challenge when you trace family roots to a small town because those newspapers weren’t necessarily microfilmed or placed in the local library,” said Adam Deason, a genealogy buff in Murray, Utah with family roots in a small Alabama town. “Having the newspapers easily accessible and searchable on the World Vital Records website will dramatically enhance my ability to document family history.”**

**Today, one million pages from small market, weekly newspapers across the country dating back as far as the mid-1800s are accessible through World Vital Records with that number growing weekly. Just as Google, Microsoft and others are beginning to scan books; Small Town Papers is digitizing the complete archive of more than 300 newspapers from small towns across America, including the current printed weekly editions.**

**“We selected World Vital Records to distribute our collection of small-town newspapers because of their commitment to the millions of people who want to research their family history,” said Paul Jeffko, president and founder of Small Town Papers, Inc. “World Vital Records is delivering on their mission to help people discover their ancestors with an incredible collection of exclusive materials, including Small Town Papers.”**

**America has seen a surge in the demand for online genealogy resources. Market Strategies, Inc. found in 2005 that 73% of Americans are interested in discovering their family history. Last year, Pew Internet and American Life Project found that over 35 million Americans are interested in online genealogy research.**

**“Small Town Papers is filling family historians’ needs for historical as well as vital record data from newspapers**





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that otherwise might never be accessed,” said Leland K. Meitzler, genealogist and Managing Editor of Everton’s Genealogical Helper. “I did search my own name and was amazed to discover an item from an early 1970s Eatonville (Washington) Dispatch, complete with a picture, about a nursery business I operated when I was a kid. I had no idea the article was ever run. All of us have family members in small towns of America. This resource is amazing and shouldn’t be overlooked when searching your family history.”

Small Town Papers works with hundreds of small market newspaper publishers to create this unique, searchable database rich in historical information needed by genealogists including births, marriages, obituaries and articles about family members. To date, the company has scanned more than two million of its more than 20 million page archive, which will be available online as the digital images are created. For more information visit [www.smalltownpapers.com](http://www.smalltownpapers.com).

### Contact:

Karen Tarica – 206-369-0855 – [karent@smalltownpapers.com](mailto:karent@smalltownpapers.com)

### ABOUT SMALL TOWN PAPERS

Small Town Papers is an online gateway to newspapers from small-town America — past and present. Working with publishers from across the country, the company digitally scans current and archived newspapers and then provides online access. Through the Small Town Papers website, the newspaper archives can be searched by keyword or phrase and viewed as originally printed. Small Town Papers, Inc. is based in Seattle, WA. For more information visit [www.smalltownpapers.com](http://www.smalltownpapers.com).

### ABOUT WORLDVITALRECORDS.COM

Finding your ancestors can be overwhelming and expensive. At WorldVitalRecords.com, we’ve made it easy and affordable for individuals to connect to their families and find answers to their genealogical questions. Led by Paul Allen, who after founding Ancestry.com, which became the largest genealogy company in the world, now aims to be the number two player in the genealogy industry with WorldVitalRecords.com. WorldVitalRecords.com will offer users international record databases, references to top genealogical resources, a blog planet, podcasts, videocasts, webinars, expert advice, training, and user-generated content.





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**33rd ANNUAL QUAD CITIES GENEALOGICAL  
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**Saturday April 21, 2007**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**At**

**Viking Club of Moline**

**1450 41st Street**

**Moline, Illinois**

**Featured Speaker**

**Paula Stewart-Warren**

**Scheduled program topics are “A Baker’s Dozen of Simple Ways to Write Your Family History”, “Twentieth & Twenty-First Century Research”, “The U.S. National Archives: The Nations Attic” and “Railroad Records & Railroad History: Method for Tracking”**

**The registration fee is \$25.00 per person and includes conference hand-outs, coffee and buffet luncheon. Any registration after April 16th will not include the luncheon. Cancellations will not be honored after April 17th. A waiting list will be kept in case of cancellations. The registration is limited to 240 people.**

**For more information please contact:**

**Sandy Luse.....563-386-1367**

**Len Stevens.....563-359-9672**

**Email: scigscorsec@yahoo.com**

**IGS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**The next newsletter deadline is May 15th.**

**Please email your information to Cris Nagla at**

**[lily4evr@yahoo.com](mailto:lily4evr@yahoo.com)**





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**IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CHAPTER NEWS**

**NOTE TO ALL IGS CHAPTERS**

Recently I have received emails concerning the last newsletter where we featured all the contact information for the chapters. The information that was put in the newsletter was taken from the IGS website. I do not maintain the IGS website so if the chapter information is not current then please contact Denny Davies at the IGS Library and get it updated.

**ANKENY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**ANKENY GENEALOGY CHAPTER MEETING**

**“It’s in Your Blood: What Your Family Health History Can Tell You About Your Own Health”**

**by Kimberly Piper of the Iowa Department of Public Health.**

**Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**

**At The Kirkendall Public Library In The Large Meeting Room.**

**Due to a scheduling conflict, our March program was changed to April. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please call Marcia Guffey at (515) 964-7680.**

**Monday May 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. we will meet at the IGS Library for our annual “Research Meeting”. Remember, we stop for pie and coffee afterwards! For more information call Carlita Beltz at (515) 963-5004**

**KOSSUTH COUNTY**

**We would like to welcome the future Kossuth County Genealogy Society. As of the writing of this newsletter plans for a genealogy group in Kossuth County are in the making. If you are interested in learning more about this please watch future newsletters for more information or email Grace Hertz at [gradon@ncn.net](mailto:gradon@ncn.net)**





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**SCOTT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**We meet on the first Monday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
2136 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa.**

**May 7th-DNA & Genealogy**

**June 4-Cemetery Photography & Display**

**July-No Meeting**

**Aug 6-Research in Springfield & Lincoln Libraries**

**Sept 10-R. I. Arsenal Prison Barracks & Cemeteries**

**Oct 1-Family History "Stuff" in Davenport Libraries  
(at Davenport Library)**

**For additional information please contact Len Stevens at 563-359\*-9672**

**JASPER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Jasper County Genealogical Society**

**Program April 26, 2007, 7 p.m. at the Jasper County Historical Society Museum, located  
just off the 164 exit of I-80 in Newton.**

**Topic and speaker**

**Coal and Coal Mining in Iowa**

***Dr. Raymond Anderson***

***Iowa Geological Survey***

**Iowa's earliest settlers were the state's first coal miners. They used the coal primarily to heat their homes and cook their food. By the 1870s, as Iowa's railroads reached the Missouri River, the state's coal mining began industry to grow. The railroads leased land in coal producing areas and operated some of the state's largest and most productive mines to produced coal for their use. Iowa coal mining grew rapidly from 1870 to 1917, when Iowa produced 9 million tons of coal, more than any other state. After 1917, as the western U.S. coal fields began open and produce coal more economically, the Iowa industry began to decline rapidly. Iowa's last coal mine, in Marion County, closed in 1993. Jasper was one of Iowa's counties with a rich coal mining tradition. Coal was produced in hundreds of small mines in the southwest half of the county. Only a fraction of counties mines are known, principally due to poor record keeping and the destruction of historic maps. In this presentation I will discuss the geology of Iowa coal and the state's coal mining history, especially what we know about coal mining in Jasper County.**

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**KEO-MAH GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

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**Members have completed the indexing for the 1925 Mahaska County, Iowa Census(5 Vol). Members are currently working on updating Mahaska County, Iowa WPA Burials for additions and corrections. They are also indexing the i880 Mahaska County, Iowa Census.**

**Keo-Mah Genealogy Society is working on a Fall Genealogy Workshop for September 8, 2007. More obituaries from the Oskaloosa Herald have been added to their shelves. The years range from 1975, 1976 and 1977. They have also added weddings and anniversaries. They have also added obituaries for 2006 from the Oskaloosa Herald and Ottumwa Courier and Eddyville paper.**





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**LOUISA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**The correct mailing address for Louisa County Chapter is now:**

**Louisa County Genealogical Committee  
722 N. Chestnut  
Wapello, Iowa 52653**

**The former Louisa County Chapter merged with the Louisa County  
Historical Society**

**BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

**The Butler County Genealogy Society has changed their meeting date to the second Saturday of each month.**

**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**The Warren County Genealogical Society June Meeting will be held in the Hartford Cemetery.**

**Warren County Genealogical Society recently joined The Federation of Genealogist Societies**

**LUCAS COUNTY**

**REGION 9 CHAPTER MEETING**

**Saturday, April 14, 2007**

**Chariton Public Library**

**Chariton, Iowa**

**10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**A meeting of all the chapters and IGS members in Region 9, featuring a Photo Restoration Class, a short presentation by the IGS Board Members and a round table discussion of chapter projects and programs.**

**For more information please contact the Lucas County Genealogical Society at:**

**LUCASGENE@HOTMAIL.COM**





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**BREMER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Bremer County Genealogical Society to Celebrate “30th Anniversary”**

**On May 9, 1977, an organizational meeting was held by some people interested in genealogy, and the Bremer County Genealogical Society began. Officers were elected and the small group began to meet monthly. Since that time, the society has grown to the current 76 members.**

**Many projects have been completed by the members. Among these are the Bremer County Cemetery Records published in 1983 and an addition from 1983 to 1996. An alphabetical index to the 1983 publication was also printed. As part of the 30th Anniversary activities, the members will again walk the cemeteries of Bremer County and publish an updated book.**

**In June of 2001, a new computer and genealogy file of founding families of Bremer County was dedicated and presented to the Waverly Public Library to enhance genealogical research and preserve Bremer County history. The Founding Families Index can be used by library patrons to search by name of Bremer County ancestors using Family Tree Maker software.**

**Two society members transcribed the 1925 Census of Bremer County, State of Iowa and these five volumes are now being offered for sale by the IGS Revenue Sharing Program. Other indexes and censuses have been compiled by various members and all are available at the Waverly Public Library which houses the holdings of the society.**

**Obituaries have been clipped from newspapers and placed into 3-ring binders as well as births, marriages and anniversaries.**

**An on going project of the society is to microfilm all the newspapers in the county in an effort to preserve the historical content of the papers. Many of the editions are old, brittle, yellowing and in deteriorated condition. The goal of the society is to preserve as many items as possible which may be of help to those who are searching for information concerning their ancestors.**





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**Mac Dermot Clan Gathering 2007**

**Boyle, Co. Roscommon, Ireland  
31st July-03rd August, 2007**

**Mac Dermot Clan Association is delighted to announce the dates and programme of the 4th MacDermot Clan Gathering and the first in Ireland since 1999. The 2007 gathering promises to be the finest yet, incorporating the most successful elements of the previous three events. Whilst we can't guarantee the weather we hope that the programme outlined below will ensure four days of fun, discovery and good company!**

**If you are interested in learning more about this event the details are available at :**

**<http://www.macdermot.com/java/gathering07.html>**

**IGS OBITUARY FILES**

**The Iowa Genealogical Society would like to increase their Iowa obituary file. We are looking for obits older than 1960 for people who lived in Iowa. Please send us a copy of your ancestors obit so that we can abstract them onto form cards and put them in our obituary file cabinet.**

**The files are in alphabetical and cover a wide range of time periods. Check for yourself the next time you are in the library. Don't forget the 3 other such alphabetical sets of film done years before also available for your use. Many go back to the 1800's.**

**THE 2006 CHALLENGE GIFT UPDATE**

**The Matching Funds**

**February..... \$500.00.....\$500.00**

**As of the writing of this newsletter the Matching Funds for the month of March might fall a little short of making the match.  
Let's try and make April a better month!!!!**





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**IGS SLUMBER PARTY  
SEARCH UNTIL YOU DROP!!!!**

**Saturday April 28, 2007-Sunday April 29, 2007**

**Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 a.m. Sunday**

**Cost: \$10.00 Per Person**

**Pizza and pop provided. Bring snacks to share. You can bring a cot or sleeping bags to catch forty winks. Our lunchroom has a refrigerator and microwave for your convenience. Call (515) 276-0287 to reserve your spot by Wednesday April 25, 2007.**

**Please park in the free parking ramp directly to the east of the library, since we will be having the garage sale from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on the same Saturday and we will need the parking in front of the building for the sale. Thank you!**

**IGS GARAGE SALE  
“SPRING GARAGE SALE”**

**Friday April 27, 2007-Saturday April 28, 2007**

**In The West Wing of the IGS Library**

**Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Both Days**

**Please have donated items at IGS by Saturday April 21st so that we will have to price and organize items before the sale.**

**We are needing more tables so if you can loan us a table or if you have questions please call Margaret Foster at (515) 285-8031. Please be sure to put your name and telephone number on the bottom of the table .**

**We are requesting that you DO NOT bring clothing.**

**CEMETERY CONFERENCE**

**Cemetery Conference**

**April 21, 2007**

**At The Stoney Creek Inn**

**Des Moines, Iowa**

**9:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

**The Cemetery Conference is sponsored by SAPIC. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person. Lunch is included in the registration fee. If you are interested in attending this conference please send your fee to: Valerie Ogren**

**108 N. Oak**

**Jefferson, Iowa 50129**

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### ANCESTOR WALL PROJECT

**There is more than just having the name on the wall. We are also collecting information about the individual or individuals which IGS will store and maintain for research. We are beginning that process now. It is with your help that we will be able to preserve this information for future generations. Letters have been sent to those who have placed names on the wall explaining the procedure for submitting the information. In addition to the letters that have been sent and this article in the newsletter, the IGS web site will have forms that can be downloaded by those who wish to participate in the project but have not yet donated the \$175 for a place on the wall. At this time IGS will be placing the information in an individual folder in a file cabinet. At a later time, this information may be placed on a CD or DVD, in a book, on line or in whatever new technology may develop. We wish to stress that material submitted becomes the property of IGS, it will not be returned and will be made available for public use now and in the future. Some of the items that could be submitted are:**

**Sample of handwriting**

**Copy of writing or art work that the person or persons have created**

**Copy of birth or death certificate, military discharge or diploma**

**CD of the person or persons in action and/or talking (no video or cassette tapes)**

**Copies of newspaper clippings (should be dated and source named)**

**An essay and/or timeline describing the noted person's life**

**Photographs (copies of originals)**

**(All copyrighted material should include the date it was published and the source should be cited)**

**This is only a partial list of things that may be included. You may have other items that you would like placed in a folder. We reserve the right to exclude items that we think are inappropriate for this purpose. These items will not be returned. We will store the material in a letter sized, one inch deep expanding file folder. You can send a few pages or as many as will fit into one file folder. Remember, all items placed in the file will not be returned and will become the property of IGS to be used by future family history researchers. This is a wonderful way for future generation researchers to know us and our loved ones as people, not just a name on a wall or chart. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Iowa Genealogical Society at:**

**Address: Iowa Genealogical Society**

**628 E. Grand Avenue**

**Des Moines, IA 50309-1924**

**Telephone: (515) 276-0287 Email: [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org)**

**Your questions and comments will be passed on to the committee in charge of this project. Thank you,**

**Elizabeth Williams and Ruth Hall**

**Ancestor Wall Committee**





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### A BETTER WAY TO SEARCH FOR PEOPLE?

**Peter Wood wrote this week and offered a suggestion that I have not seen before. He described a better method of searching for people on RootsWeb, Ancestry.com, or even on Google and other search engines. Peter finds that adding one more letter onto the end of the name improves the number of correct "hits" and reduces the number of "false hits."**

**Peter writes:**

**Searching for people that cannot be found in the "usual" locations such as Roots or Ancestry?**

**Often users are not aware of, or know about the "Advanced Search" option in many search engines such as Google. The work-around for that is to use quotations in the search box, as an example "John doe". Of course, it is NOT case sensitive, so a poor typist like me does not have to worry about capitalization. What this does show, of course, are "hits" for every John Doe, whether living or dead, including articles on or about said person.**

**What I found from bitter experience - and I took the "Graduate Course" at the "School of Hard Knocks" after scrolling through sometimes thousands of articles to look for a genealogy site - was to add a space and a "b" in the search box. Please notice there is NO period after the b, as in "John doe b".**

**Now I get a much greater response of just genealogy sites where people have decided to post their genealogies on their own web sites. I have found that using just the "b" gave the best result as it is both an abbreviation for birth or born and also finds all three versions. I have found many interesting genealogy sites this way.**

**The drawback, though - and it does warrant consideration - is that the search will not find John A. doe if only "john doe b" is used. My recommendation is to use as full a name as is known at first, such as "john Alexander doe b", then gradually reduce the middle name down to a more common format such as "john alex doe b", to "john a. doe b". The period is important to its basic format "john doe b" and as a last resort, "j. a. doe b". If you are still having difficulty, it also is wise where a middle name is known to reverse the first two names and repeat this process. If one is really desperate, use the very basic "doe b".**





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**NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE**

IGS very much appreciates the forgiving of the Chapter commissions for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 by the Ankeny Genealogical Society, Old Fort Genealogical Society, Chickasaw County Genealogical Society, Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society, Dallas County Genealogical Society and the Pioneer Sons and Daughters Genealogical Society.

Each Chapter in the revenue sharing program should have received their commission reports for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 as have the officers and Regional Representatives of IGS. Any Chapter may forgive their commissions with a letter stating the same to the IGS office. These forgiven commissions have been applied to the IGS Building Fund.

We have eight new publications that are for sale. You will find them listed below. If you are interested please contact the IGS Library at (515) 276-0287 and we will be glad to help you.

CAT NO.	COUNTY	GROUP	TITLE	COST	PAGES
2818	Woodbury	Cemeteries	Rock/Bethel in Rock Creek Twp, With Photos	\$ 6.10	38
2819	Woodbury	Cemeteries	Piero in Grant Twp With Photos	\$42.90	268
2820	Woodbury	Cemeteries	Rose Hill, Rockwell City, Iowa	\$27.00	169
2821	Woodbury	Cemeteries	Floyd Twp Cemetery Aka Elliott With Photos	\$17.90	112
2822	Woodbury	Cemeteries	Sioux City Journal Death Index 2006	\$22.60	141
2823	Webster	Cemeteries	Dayton Township Cemeteries Dayton, Dayton Catholic and Swedish Lutheran	\$12.50	78
2824	Webster	Cemeteries	Lehigh Valley Argus 1931-1938	\$ 7.80	49
2825	Webster	Cemeteries	1920 Fort Dodge Messenger Index	\$22.20	139





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### NARA

This article was submitted by Judy McClure.

Just got from Dick Eastman-(please circulate intact, please note that the Civil War pension as well as other military pension/bounty are not microfilmed except for Revolutionary War, only the indexes were.—David Samuelsen).

**WARNING to all U.S. genealogists! Two rules published in the Federal Register on Monday, February 26, 2007, relate to fees for reproductions of the records at the U. S. National Archives and Record Administration (NARA). In the case of Civil War pension applications, the proposal is for 338% increase!**

Page 8327 contains a proposed rule revising fees for reproductions to cover NARA's cost for providing copies. On page 8279 is an interim final rule removing fee schedule fees for the reproduction of records of other Federal agencies stored in NARA record centers.

The proposals are written in the finest governmental "legalese" language. However, it is obvious that the proposal is to "INCREASE" all fees. No surprise there right?

Here is the list:

Type of Record  
Order Form  
Proposed Fee

Passenger Arrival Lists, NATF Form #81, \$25.00

Federal Census Request, NATF Form #82, \$25.00

Eastern Cherokee Applications to the Court of Claims, NATF Form #83, \$25.00

Land Entry Records, NATF Form #84, \$40.00

Full Pension File More Than 75 Years Old (Civil War Period), NATF Form #85, \$125.00  
(This is a 338% increase from the present fee of \$37.00!)

Full Pension File More Than 75 Years Old (Non-Civil War), NATF Form # 85, \$60.00

Pension Document Packet (Selected Records), NATF Form #85, \$25.00





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**Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, NATF Form # 85, \$25.00**

**Military Service Files More Than 75 Years Old, NATF Form #86, \$25.00**

**Both rules are open for public comment until April 27, 2007. There's much more information available in the Federal Register.**

**The link to the proposed rule is :**

**<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-3160.htm>**

**The link to the final rule is:**

**<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-3162.htm>**

**IGS FALL CONFERENCE**

**TRADITION AND THE CUTTING EDGE-GENEALOGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

**October 5th & 6th, 2007**

**Marshalltown, Iowa**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**Elaine Smolenyak Smolenyak**

**Nationally recognized expert in genealogical DNA research. She is the person who discovered the real Annie Moore of Ellis Island fame. There will be break out sessions. So mark your calendar and look for more details in the next newsletter.**





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### IOWA AND ANCESTRY

**Ancestry.com has placed the Iowa State Censuses on line!!! They have both the index and the images on line. The Censuses were available for free during the month of March. If you already have a membership to Ancestry there will not be an added charge. If you do not have Ancestry then you will have to purchase a subscription or go to your local society that has a library subscription to access the database. Listed below is the years and the counties that they have.**

**The data base contains state censuses for the following years:  
1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925**

**1836  
Des Moines, Dubuque**

**1838  
Van Buren**

**1844  
Keokuk**

**1846  
Louisa, Wapello, Polk**

**1847  
Clinton, Davis, Louisa, Marion  
Scott, Van Buren, Wapello**

**1849  
Benton, Boone, Clinton, Jackson, Louisa, Madison, Poweshiek, Scott, Van Buren,  
Washington**

**1850  
Van Buren**

**1851  
Cedar, Clinton, Decatur, Guthrie, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Madison, Mahaska, Page,  
Pottawattamie, Scott, Washington**

**1852  
Appanoose, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Clarke,  
Clayton, Clinton, Davis, Des Moines, Fayette, Fremont, Guthrie, Henry, Iowa, Jackson,  
Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Mahaska, Marshall, Mills,  
Monroe, Muscatine, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Scott, Tama, Taylor, Van Buren,  
Wapello, Warren, Washington**

**1853  
Warren (Allen, Greenfield, Lynn, and Richland Townships)**





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1854

Adair, Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clayton, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Decatur, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Fremont, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Monona, Montgomery, Muscatine, Page, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Scott, Shelby, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Wapello, Washington, Wayne, Webster

1856

All counties that were organized at the except Warren (80 total)

1859

Black Hawk, Buchanan, Carroll, Montgomery, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Scott, Union, Washington

1860

Calhoun, Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Clay, Crawford, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Greene, Hancock, Humboldt, Iowa, Kossuth, Mitchell, Monona, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Sac, Shelby, Van Buren, Webster, Winnebago, Woodbury, Worth, Wright

1870

Van Buren

1881

Cerro Gordo (Mason City)

1885

All 99 counties

1888

Kossuth (Algona)

1889

Cherokee (Cherokee)  
Polk (North Des Moines)

1891

Clay (Spencer)  
Emmet (Emmetsburg)  
Montgomery (Villisca)

1892

Carroll (Carroll)  
Emmet (Emmetsburg)  
Greene (Jefferson)  
Tama (Tama)  
Wright Green (Eagle Grove)

1893

Davis (Bloomfield)  
Franklin (Hampton)  
Story (Ames and Nevada)

1895

Adams, Buchanan,  
Washington, Woodbury

1896

Fayette (Oelwein)

1897

Chickasaw  
(New Hampton)

All 99 Counties  
1905, 1915, 1925





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**JAMESTOWN 1607-IOWA 2007 AND ALL POINTS IN  
BETWEEN**

**Picnic With Your Ancestors  
Saturday May 5, 2007  
Iowa Genealogical Society West Wing  
9:00 a.m-9:00 p.m.**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**12:00 p.m. –1:00 p.m. Lunch and Town Meeting  
1:15 p.m. Guest Speaker-Ginny Stearns, Virginia Researcher**

**Come and join the informal town meeting after lunch in a relaxed atmosphere where the Board Members will be on hand to listen to your ideas for helping IGS and to answer your concerns.**

**Bring your coolers and your favorite picnic box lunch and spend a spring day doing research by utilizing our many books and periodicals, plus access to the State Historical Library located across the street.**

**If you want more than dates that they were born, married and died, then it is time to bury yourself in the stacks and do some reading.**

**My DAR patriot family surname is SHIPMAN. I have found a lot about James Shipman, grandson of my Revolutionary War patriot, by searching the stacks. James is my third great grandfather. The periodical from the Iowa Historical Library titled "Indiana Magazine of History" Vol: 44, states that James was born in New Jersey and resided in Springfield, Ohio then Jackson Township, Hancock County, Indiana, 1840's, and died Sept 11, 1856, buried in Glencove Cemetery, Knightstown, Indiana. Then it lists his children including my second great grandfather Isreal.**

**While looking at the Ohio books I discovered a book entitled " History of Clark County, Ohio 1881". It states that James was the first tailor in Springfield, Ohio and the following tale:**

**"VOLUNTEERS FOR HARRISON**

**The war spirit strongly animated the loyal people of the country and whom Gov. Meigs issued his call for volunteers to hasten to the relief of Gen. Harrison, who, in the month December, 1813, with his army, was besieged at Fort Meigs by the British army and a band of Indians under Tecumseh. The response was met by the enlistment of many volunteers. James Shipman undertook to raise a company of good citizen soldiers. He obtained a number of names of volunteers who agreed to meet him at Urbana.**

**When the day for marching came, Mr. Shipman's recruits failed to come to time. Nothing daunted, however, he went to Urbana alone, and, with one Thomas McCartney, whom he met on the way, joined Capt. McCord's cavalry company at Urbana."**





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Also in the book titled "Roster of Ohio Soldiers of 1812", I found under the roll of Capt. Samuel McCord's Company (cavalry)-Cornet, James Shipman. This story filled in what he did for a living, his patriotism and his values. These discoveries are thrilling and there for the finding.....if you take the time to look. It took a periodical and two books to put this together and it was worth every minute...priceless!!

So bring your picnic cooler and camping chairs (table and chairs will be set up in the West Wing) and dive into the stacks from Virginia to Iowa. For more information please contact Marcia Guffey at (515) 964-7680.

The family history article was supplied by Marcia Guffey

**SENIOR EXPO**

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**Merle Hay Mall**

**April 14, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.-Guest Speaker-Joyce Brown**

The Senior Expo is sponsored by 50 Plus Magazine. Joyce Brown from IGS will be speaking on "Preserving the Past and Enriching the Future". The focus will be on preserving our vital records. IGS will have an exhibit booth. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Margaret Foster At (515) 285-8031

**IOWA SENIOR OLYMPICS**

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**June 7, 2007-June 10, 2007**

**West Des Moines, Iowa**

We may be able to have a display set up at this event and possibly a booth. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event please contact Margaret Foster at (515) 285-8031. She can always use volunteers for this and other future events.



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