



IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Iowa Genealogical Society

FEBRUARY 1, 2007

REMINDER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we're a month into 2007 which means a month of working on your New Year's resolutions. If you haven't made any genealogical ones, it's not too late. Resolve to take time to organize your work space and get those piles of papers into folders and binders. Write that letter to the court house or church, asking for a record that might take you to the next level. Plan a trip to explore a new library or visit a museum in your ancestor's home area. Join a local society or volunteer with one that you are already a member of. Take a class in a new area of research and teach one in a familiar one. Enjoy an ethnic festival. Make 2007 a banner year for your genealogical work!

I have also been thinking about all of the accomplishments of 2006. IGS has a marvelous group of volunteers and financial supporters. There isn't a day that goes by that someone doesn't step forward to make something special happen. Thank you one and all.

This is a short note to make space for all of the important things we need to fit in these pages. Hopefully, they will help you with those resolutions you just made.

Theresa Liewer-President

A SPECIAL THANK TO THE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you very much to all of the many volunteers who have helped out this past year. You know who you are and we are grateful for all the hours you have donated to the Society. Working as a library attendant, typing indexes, scanning materials, helping at the Open Houses and garage sale or copying records-you have helped so much.

If any of you out there would like to join in the fun contact us at the library.

Happy New Year to all of you.

Margaret Foster-Volunteer Coordinator

IGS BOARD
MEETING

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10,
2007

10:00 A.M.

IN THE
IGS
CONFERENCE
ROOM



PENISON PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

If you are 70 ½ years or older and have an IRA, you may be able to make a wonderful gift to the Iowa Genealogical Society to help strengthen the organization and help make its services available to generations of folks interested in collecting, preserving, and sharing family histories.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows up to \$100,000 of *tax-free distributions from IRAs for charitable purposes*. The provision expires in December of 2007, but offers new flexibility for giving right now. You can have money from your IRA sent directly to a charitable organization tax-free.

The rollover option may be particularly appealing to taxpayers who must take required minimum distributions but don't need the money for day-to-day expenses. In these cases, they won't have to pay taxes on the IRA distributions that are directly donated.

If this giving technique works for you, and you're old enough to use it, make plans now. This provision is only in effect until the end of 2007.

Below are several frequently asked questions about the Ira Rollover that may help you determine if you can help IGS in this way. It's important that you contact your tax and financial advisors to find out if this opportunity is right for you.

Frequently Asked Questions about the IRA Rollover – Pension Protection Act of 2006

1. What is the Pension Protection Act of 2006?

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 is a new law signed by President Bush in August 2006, which allows up to \$100,000 of tax-free distributions per year from IRAs for charitable purposes. If a spouse qualifies as well, the maximum can be \$200,000 for a couple.

2. Can I make a charitable donation with any of my retirement plans?

No. Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, you may only make a charitable distribution from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA. Distributions from simple IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, as well as other retirement plans do not qualify. However, some of the non-eligible plans may allow you the opportunity to rollover those plans into an IRA qualified plan. You should consult with your plan administrator to determine if this option is available to you.

3. Can anyone make a charitable donation from their IRA qualified plan?

No. You must be at least 70½ years old by the date of the contribution to charity. This should not be confused with the rule that requires plan participants to begin receiving the required minimum distribution in the same year that they reach age 70½.

4. When does the Pension Protection Act of 2006 take effect?

The provision will be in effective from 2006 until December 2007 when it is set to expire. Charitable organizations across the country are hoping to get the law extended by Congress beyond the December 31, 2007 expiration date.





Frequently Asked Questions About the IRA Rollover – Pension Protection Act of 2006 (cont.)

5. How do I make a charitable donation from my IRA qualified plan?

You must ask your IRA plan administrator to transfer funds directly to the charity of your choice. Check with your administrator or tax advisor for more information.

6. Can I direct my IRA donation to a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust?

No. Neither of these charitable gift arrangements qualifies under this new law.

7. Can I direct my IRA donation to a donor advised fund?

No. A donor advised fund does not qualify under this new law.

8. Will I qualify for a charitable deduction by making an IRA donation from my qualified plan to the charity of my choice?

No. You do not receive a tax deduction for making a charitable distribution from your IRA qualified plan, but those funds are transferred to the charity of your choice free from taxes.

9. What are the advantages of making an IRA donation from my qualified plan to the charity of my choice?

The advantages will vary by donor. In general, this new law allows individuals who are 70 1/2 years or older to make tax-free gifts to the charities of their choice using funds that would otherwise be subject to tax under mandatory withdrawal rules. As always, we strongly recommend that you consult your own financial or tax advisor to determine what is best for your personal situation.

MARCH MADNESS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Sponsor new members in IGS during the month of March and win the following fabulous prizes. First place goes to whoever brings in the most new members, second place goes to the next highest and so on down the line.

The prizes are:

First Place: The name of your choice on the Ancestry wall (Value \$175.00)

Second Place: A free one year membership to IGS (\$30.00 Value)

Third Place: Two \$5.00 copy cards

Fourth and Fifth Places: One \$5.00 copy card

RULES: A new member is defined as anyone who has never been a member or a previous member whose membership has been expired for over a year.

New members need to give the name of their “sponsoring” member when they sign up.

In case of a tie, winners will be determined by a random drawing.

Make a list of friends, neighbors, family members and co-workers who have expressed an interest in genealogy and get them signed up. Good luck!





OBITUARY: KEITH STREET

Memorial Services: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec 17, Bloomington-Muscatine Friends Church, 2698 180th Street Muscatine, Iowa

WAPELLO, Iowa—Keith Merlin Street, 79, Wapello, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006 at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A gathering of friends and relatives will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at the church. Special prayers will be offered during Sunday Worship services at Iowa Friends churches including Hesper, Bloomington-Muscatine, Salem and Center near Newton. Burial will be at Hesper Public Cemetery, Hesper, Winneshiek County at a later date.

The recipient of memorial donations will be William Penn University. Online condolences may be left for the Street family at www.gayandciha.com. Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Services, Iowa City, is handling the arrangements.

Mr. Street was born June 16, 1927, at the home of his maternal grandparents, Otis and Mary Morgan Quaintance Street, in Oskaloosa, the son of Guilford and Iva Quaintance Street. He married Elizabeth Gerst on June 2, 1956, in Oakville. She preceded him in death in 1986. He married Connie Alexander Dobert on June 20, 1989 at Salem Friends Church.

He attended rural township schools in Marshall, Jasper and Muscatine counties and graduated from Muscatine High School in 1944. He graduated from William Penn College, Oskaloosa, in 1949 with a bachelor of arts degree and from Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois with a master of science in education. He also attended Iowa State University, University of Iowa, Monmouth College, Denver University, University of Colorado, Utah State University, Southeastern Iowa Community College and Muscatine Community College.

He entered the U. S. Army in August 1945 and was discharged in November 1946 after having served in Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; Camp Hood, Texas; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Ord, California; and Fort Lawton Washington.

He was a teacher and coach in several Iowa high schools: Oakville High School from 1949-51; Clemons Independent High School from 1952-53, Deep River Independence High School from 1953-56 and Wapello High School from 1956-84. He was active in both local and state education associations.

He worked for shorter periods of time as a farm hand, conservation aide for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service; painting and repairing city water towers for the National Tank Maintenance Company; making farm surveys for the U.S. Department of Agriculture; repairing refrigeration devices with his own repair service. He also operated his own income tax preparation service; served as a courthouse researcher for several businesses; was a professional genealogical researcher for others; prepared and published several genealogical books and diaries.

After retiring from teaching in 1984, he was elected a Louisa County Supervisor in 1986, and served a four-year term.

He had many interests. As a volunteer with the Louisa County Democratic Party, he and wife Elizabeth joined President Jimmy Carter for dinner at the White House when the U.S. Department of Education was established.





OBITUARY: KEITH STREET (CONT.)

He was instrumental in organizing the Louisa County Genealogical Society and served as a state officer and state board member of both the Iowa Genealogical Society and the Iowa Refrigeration Engineers Society. He was also instrumental in organizing the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries and served as one of the first members of the Louisa County Cemetery Commission.

He was a lifelong member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Iowa, and was an active member of the Bloomington-Muscatine Friends Meeting, where he had been the assistant clerk of the Monthly Meeting for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Connie; four daughters, Laura Chaplin and husband Mark of Sugar Grove, Illinois, Julie Minder and husband Robert, Shelia Woods and husband Jon, all of Muscatine, and Alisa Brown of Wapello; a stepson, Alan Dobert and wife Kitty of Muscatine; a stepdaughter, Beth Rippenkroeger and special friend Marc Zorzi of Charles City; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and a brother, Claire Street.

If you would like a copy of the newspaper obituary you can go to the following link and print it. <http://www.muscatinejournal.com/articles/2006/12/15/obituaries/doc4582c1fbb1323661730440.txt>

MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri hopes to begin construction on a new building in May 2007. The current building now is only 12,000 square feet. The new building will be a two story building covering a total of 52,000 square feet. They will be adding several new rooms to the building. There will be a lunchroom for use by researchers along with a new classroom for genealogy classes. They are hopeful that this project will be completed by the Spring of 2008.

ANCESTRY.COM

IGS now has Ancestry up and running at the library. There is a small charge for using this service. The rate is \$1.00 for 60 minutes of usage. This fee is to help pay for the renewal of Ancestry next year. Currently there are four computers with access to Ancestry on them. The library is planning on adding in the future.

MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVES

The Missouri State archive website now has the Death Certificate images for 1950-1955 on line. They are currently working on the 1930-1949 images. They have been releasing the images usually at the end of the month so you might wish to keep checking the website for updates.





GERMAN INTEREST GROUP

On January 8, 2007 Diane Green did a presentation on how she was able to find a couple of her German ancestors. She also shared with the group information about her trip to Germany last Fall.

The German Interest Group will have its February 5th meeting on the regular meeting night, the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the IGS Library. All persons with an interest in learning how to do German research are invited to attend the meetings of this group. We have no dues (although we do take free-will donations toward our speaker's fund) and no officers. We do have lots of willing volunteers for our various annual projects. If you are interested please contact the IGS Library at 515-276-0287 for more information.

15 Annual German Research Conference Weekend June 29-July 1, 2007

The IGS German Interest Group announces the 15th Annual German Research Conference to be held Saturday, June 30, 2007 at the Des Moines Botanical Center. This year's speaker will be Ernest Thode, German genealogy expert and author. Mr. Thode's "German English Genealogical Dictionary" is an extremely useful research publication (on the shelves at the IGS Library).

As in the past years, a pre-conference session open to conference registrants and to the general public will be held on Friday evening at the IGS Library, and the library will be open on Sunday for use by registered conference participants.

The members of the German Interest Group always look forward with great anticipation to this day as we renew acquaintances with past attendees not only from our state of Iowa, but those states with surrounding borders. We celebrate each other's successes and gain enthusiasm as we learn new searching techniques from each other and from our notable speakers. Save the dates and come join us this June for this great opportunity to connect with others interested in German research.

Watch for further details and a registration form in the IGS April newsletter and on the website.

At our February 5th meeting we will be teaching a class on how to use Ancestry.com So please make plans to attend.

NORWEGIAN INTEREST GROUP

The Norwegian Interest Group is designed to instruct and assist the individual researcher with using the online resources available, bygdebok, immigration records, translation programs, dictionaries and maps. These are basic tools and the topics or processes are repeated frequently throughout the year. We answer individual's questions regarding their research processes. Other topics such as naming patterns, the influence of the church, education, and family life are also covered in the meetings. We discuss genealogy programs, using cameras, how to put together our research findings (THE book), trips and viewed slides of Norway, exchange addresses and websites of stores which sell Norwegian items. There may be a "show and tell" as individuals share a family heirloom, new pictures they have received, books they have found, etc. We are a loosely organized, open, and fun group—with no dues. We welcome all who are interested in researching their Norwegian ancestry—from beginners to well-experienced. The meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m., are on the 4th Tuesday of every month, except December.

If you are interested please contact the IGS Library at 515-276-0287 for more information.



MEMBERS MAILING ADDRESSES

Notice to all members please make sure that we have your current email and current mailing address. When we mailed out the last newsletter we received some of them back because of a wrong address.

YOUNKER'S COMMUNITY DAY EVENT

IGS is once again participating in "Younker's Community Day Event" which will be held March 3, 2007. We are selling coupon booklets for \$5.00, which IGS gets to keep. You will get a booklet which contains a \$10.00 coupon good on almost any merchandise item priced at \$10.00 or more, plus eight 20% off coupons and offers for three great bonus items, available on Community Day only.

The math is pretty astounding-IGS gets \$5.00 and you get \$10.00 off something that you know you wanted to buy anyway. The coupon is good at all Younkens, Bon-Ton, Elder-Beerman, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson's, Herberger's, and Parisian stores. You can stop by the library to pick up your booklets or you can order then by mail.

In addition to the money from the sale of coupon booklets, we have also received additional funds because of our volunteers have worked at the events in the past. The checks have averaged around \$250.00, so we would like to say a very special thank you to Younkens for their generosity.

VITAL RECORD UPDATE

IGS President Theresa Liewer received an update on the federal regulations for Vital Records. This email comes from Tom Newton who is the Division Director of Environmental Health Iowa Department of Health.

December 26, 2006

Theresa,

Just to keep you updated, the National Center for Health Statistics recently informed states that draft federal regulations implementing the Intelligence Reform Act will not be available until at least August of 2007. The dates just keep getting pushed farther and farther into the future. Iowa Department of Health will notify IGS once the draft regulations are published.

Tom Newton

We will keep you informed as to what is going with Vital Records as soon as we get another update. If you have any questions or concerns about this subject please contact either Theresa Liewer at: Tliewer@aol.com or Dennis Allen at: dmfd305@mchsi.com





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REGION 1-VACANT

This region contains the following counties: Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa and Van Buren Counties. There is currently no region representative for them. If you are needing information please contact the following societies located within the region.

- DES MOINES COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 493, BURLINGTON, IA 52601-0493 DMCGS@YAHOO.COM
- JEFFERSON COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 2791 240TH ST, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556-8518 GENIEVB@HOTMAIL.COM
- LEE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY OF IOWA, PO BOX 303, KEOKUK, IA 52632-0303 DASPRUNGER@INTERL.NET
- OLD FORT/LEE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 1, FORT MADISON, IA 52627-0001 OFGENSOC@INTERL.NET
- LOUISA COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 202, WAPELLO, IA 52653-0202
- VAN BUREN COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 158, KEOSAUQUA, IA 52565-0158 daldrich@netins.net

REGION 2-VACANT

This region contains the following counties: Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Poweshiek and Washington Counties. There is currently no region representative for them. If you are needing information please contact the following societies locate within the region.

- IOWA COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 372, MARENGO, IA 52301-0372 IACOGEN@NETINS.NET
- IOWA CITY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 822, IOWA CITY, IA 522440822
- KEO-MAH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 616, OSKALOOSA, IA 52577-0616 MABGENANK@LISCO.NET
- POWESHIEK COUNTY HIST & GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 280, MONTEZUMA, IA 50171
- WASHINGTON COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 446, WASHINGTON, IA 52353-0446 WASHLIB@LISCO.NET

REGION 3-Pat Border, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Jones, Muscatine and Scott Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Pat or the following societies that are within the region.

Pat Border, 1 Chestnut Drive, Blue Grass, Iowa 52726 Email: Pat_Border@hotmail.com

- CEDAR COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 52, TIPTON, IA 52772-0052
- CLINTON COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, %NORMA A. LINDSEY, 717 S. 2ND ST., APT. 307, CLINTON, IOWA 52732
INDSYNOR@YAHOO.COM
- JACKSON COUNTY GEN CHAPTER, PO BOX 1065, MAQUOKETA, IA 52060-1065 MAYBERRY@CAVES.NET
- JONES COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 174, ANAMOSA, IA 52205-0174
- MUSCATINE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 323 MAIN ST, MUSCATINE, IA 52761-2867 GMITTMAN@MUSCANET.COM
- SCOTT COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 3132, DAVENPORT, IA 52808-3132



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REGION 4-Al Miller, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Benton, Blackhawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Linn and Tama Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Al or the following societies that are within the region.

Al Miller, 2719 Jackson Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 Email: dubuquecoguy2001@yahoo.com

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 1808 9TH AVE, BELLE PLAINE, IA 52208-1215

NORTH EAST IOWA GEN SOCIETY, 503 SOUTH ST, WATERLOO, IA 50701-1517

BUCHANAN COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 4, INDEPENDENCE, IA 50644-0004 MARETTA@N-CONNECT.NET

DELAWARE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 304 N FRANKLIN, MANCHESTER, IA 52057-1520

DUBUQUE COUNTY / KEY CITY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 13, DUBUQUE, IA 52004-0013

GEN SOCIETY OF LINN COUNTY, PO BOX 175, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52406-0175

TAMA COUNTY TRACERS, 200 N BROADWAY, TOLEDO, IA 52342-1308

REGION 5-VACANT

This region contains the following counties: Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek Counties. There is currently no region representative for them. If you are needing information please contact the following societies located within the region.

BREMER COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, %B KIMBALL 824 N CHERRY ST, SHELL ROCK, IA 50670
BOBBER3@NETINS.NET

CHICKASAW COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, BOX 434, NEW HAMPTON, IA 50659-0434 NETTIEH@ATTBI.COM

CLAYTON COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 846, ELKADER, IA 52043-0846 VOSSRLTY@ALPINECOM.NET

DECORAH GENEALOGY ASSOCIATION, 202 WINNEBAGO, DECORAH, IA 52101 DDGERS@DECORAH.LIB.IA.US

FAYETTE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 100 N WALNUT ST, WEST UNION, IA 52175-1347

HOWARD-WINNESHIEK COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 362, CRESCO, IA DJSOWERS@POWERBANK.NET

REGION 6-VACANT

This region contains the following counties: Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Hancock, Mitchell and Winnebago Counties. There is currently no region representative for them. If you are needing information please contact the following societies located within the region.

NORTH CENTRAL IOWA GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 237, MASON CITY, IA 50402-0237 contact@ncigs.org

LIME CREEK/WINNEBAGO COUNTY, 115 E "L" ST, FOREST CITY, IA 50436-1401

HANCOCK COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 81, KLEMME, IA 50449-0081 GPSNOW@NETINS.NET



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REGION 7-Pat Bernard, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Butler, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, and Wright Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Pat or the following societies that are within the region.

Pat Bernard, 1030 Webster Street, Webster City, Iowa 50595 Email: pab@wmtel.net

BUTLER COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 534, ALLISON, IA 50602-0534 HFREESE@NETINS.NET

FRANKLIN COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 4 S FEDERAL ST % HAMPTON LIBRARY, HAMPTON, IA 50441-1934

HAMILTON HERITAGE HUNTERS GEN SOCIETY, 943 1ST ST, WEBSTER CITY, IA 50595-2001

WRIGHT COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 225, CLARION, IA 50525-0225 RMGRAM@KALNET.COM

REGION 8-Ted Lussem, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Jasper, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Story and Warren Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Ted or the following societies that are within the region.

Ted Lussum, 2919 John Patterson Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50317 Email: stlussem@mchsi.com

JASPER COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 163, NEWTON, IA 50208-0163

MARION COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 385, KNOXVILLE, IA 50138-0385

CENTRAL IOWA/MARSHALL CO GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 945, MARSHALLTOWN, IA 501580945

ANKENY GEN SOCIETY, 1110 NW 2ND ST, ANKENY, IA 50021-2320

POLK CO / PIONEER SONS & DAUGHTERS, 2919 JOHN PATTERSON ROAD, DES MOINES, IA 50317-3136

POLK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 3221 VILLA VISTA DR, DES MOINES, IA 50316 webbp@dwx.com

STORY COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 692, AMES, IA 50010-0692

WARREN COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 151, INDIANOLA, IA 50125-0151 MARIETA51@AOL.COM

POLK COUNTY GENEALOCIAL SOCIETY:

Currently the Polk County Chapter is in the process of transcribing the Masonic Cemetery. IGS should be receiving a copy of all four book sometime late Spring or early Summer. Polk County Genealogical Society which is a chapter of both IGS and Charter-Pierce have put an index to Books 3 and 4 on the Charter-Pierce website at <http://www.charter-pierce.org>. Books 1 and 2 will be posted to the website in the future.





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REGION 8-Ted Lussem, Region Representative-cont.

WARREN COUNTY UPCOMING DATES:

April 14, 2007 (Saturday), Burlington Library Annual Genealogy Workshop. Maureen Taylor will be the featured speaker. Last year this cost \$8.00 and included lunch.

April 21, 2007 (Saturday) Rock Island-Quad Cities Annual Genealogy Conference Paula Stewart Warren is the scheduled speaker. Last year this cost \$25.00 and included lunch.

August 15-18, 2007 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Several members of the Warren County Genealogical Society are in the process of updating their cemetery records. They are planning on publishing each cemetery or a group of small cemeteries in each book.

ANKENY GENEALOGY CHAPTER:

ANKENY GENEALOGY CHAPTER MEETING;

Monday, February 26, 2007 (4th Monday of the month), at 7:00 p.m. at the Kirkendell Public Library in Ankeny. The meeting will be held in the large meeting room. The program is : “Irish Genealogy” and will be presented by Theresa Liewer President of the Iowa Genealogical Society.

Monday, March 26, 2007 (4th Monday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. at the Kirkendell Public Library in Ankeny. The meeting will be held in the large meeting room. The program will be: “It’s in Your Blood: What Your Family Health History Can Tell You About Your Own Health” by Kimberly Piper of Iowa Department of Public Health.

They would like to encourage anyone who would like to attend to please do so.

IRISH RESEARCH BEGINNING CLASS

The Iowa Genealogical Society will be holding a “Beginning Irish Research Class” on Saturday March 10, 2007. The class time is from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the IGS Library. Please call the library to pre-register at 276-0287 ext 0.





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REGION 9-Betty Cross, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe, Wapello, and Wayne Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Betty or the following societies that are within the region.

APPANOOSE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 691, CENTERVILLE, IA 52544-0691 acgs2005@hotmail.com

WAYNE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, LECOMPTE MEM LIB, 110 S FRANKLIN ST, CORYDON, IA 50060
LECOMPTE@NETINS>NET

DAVIS COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 94, BLOOMFIELD, IA 52537-0094

LUCAS COUNTY GEN SOCIETY % PUBLIC LIB, 803 BRADEN AVE, CHARITON, IA 50049
LUCASGENE@HOTMAIL.COM

MONROE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 203 BENTON AVE E, ALBIA, IA 52531-2036

WAPELLO COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 163, OTTUMWA, IA 52501-0163 RONSHIRLEYM-

REGION 10-Sandra Luninger, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Adams, Clark, Decatur, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Sandra or the following societies that are within the region.

Sandra Luninger, 2352 Kentucky Ave., Corning, Iowa 50841 Email: windyhil@ll.net

ADAMS COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 809 BENTON ST, CORNING, IA 50841-1417

CLARKE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 300 S FILLMORE ST, OSCEOLA, IA 50213-1414 DSHOUGH@PIONET.NET

RINGGOLD COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, %BETTY JO RUBY, 202 ADAMS ST, DIAGONAL, IA 50845-1001

TAYLOR COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 8, GRAVITY, IA 50848-0008

UNION COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, %GIBSON MEM LIB 200 W HOWARD ST, CRESTON, IA 50801
IMM@MDD.COM





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REGION 11-Judy McClure, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Adair, Boone, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, and Madison Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Judy or the following societies that are within the region.

Judy McClure, P. O. Box 265, Saint Charles, Iowa 50240 Email: jmclure@netins.net

ADAIR COUNTY ANQUESTORS, % GREENFIELD LIBRARY, BOX 328, GREENFIELD, IA 50849
MCLAYTON@MDDC.COM

BOONE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 453, BOONE, IA 50036-0453

DALLAS COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 264, DALLAS CENTER, IA 50063-0264 IADCGS@YAHOO.COM

GREENE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 133, JEFFERSON, IA 50129-0133 DARLYNE@NETINS.NET

GUTHRIE COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 96, JAMAICA, IA 50128-0096

MADISON COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 26, WINTERSET, IA 50273-0026

REGION 12-Grace Hertz, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Calhoun, Emmet, Humboldt, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas and Webster Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Grace or the following societies that are within the region.

Grace Hertz, 13737 410th Street, Laurens, Iowa 50554 Email: gradon@ncn.net

CARROLL CO GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 21, CARROLL, IA 51401-0021

HUMBOLDT COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 30 6TH ST N, HUMBOLDT, IA 50548-1736 MSCHMIDT@TRVNET.NET

EMMET CO GENE SOCIETY C/O PUB LIBRARY, 613 CENTRAL AVE, ESTHERVILLE, IA 51334-2294

PALO ALTO COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, C/O PUB LIBRARY 707 N SUPERIOR ST, EMMETSBURG, IOWA 50536
KESLERKV@NCN.NET

POCAHONTAS GENIES, 14 2ND AVE NW, POCAHONTAS, IA 50574-1611 POKYPL@NCN.NET

LAURENS GENIES/POCAHONTAS COUNTY, 273 N 3RD ST, LAURENS, IA 50554-1215 GRADON@NCN.NET

WEBSTER COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 1584, FORT DODGE, IA 50501-1584





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REGION 12-Grace Hertz, Region Representative-cont.

Upcoming activities in my region on NW Iowa include a number of communities making plans for their sesquicentennial and quasiquicentennial observances. Bradgate (Humboldt County) will have a 150th celebration this coming summer. Laurens (Pocahontas County) will observe the 125th year of it's founding the weekend of July 20-22, 2007. Mallard (Palo Alto County) will celebrate being incorporated as a town for 125 years on August 4, 2007. Plover (Pocahontas County) will celebrate its 125th birthday in August.

Wonderful 2007 "Humboldt County-As It Was" calendars are still available. Each month includes a photo of a location or event or group of people from past years. The current 2007 calendar sells for \$5.00. Past calendars are also available: 2000-2006 are \$5.00 each; calendars for the years 1993-1999 sell for \$3.00 each. Please contact Marilyn Hundertmark, 1409 Elmhurst Avenue, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 to order a calendar.

REGION 13-VACANT

This region contains the following counties: Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, and Sioux Counties. There is currently no region representative for them. If you are needing information please contact the following societies located within the region.

IOWA LAKES GEN SOCIETY, 600 W 11TH ST, SPENCER, IA 51301-3235 ECONNELL@PIONET.NET

GREATER SIOUX COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 102 S MAIN AVE, SIOUX CENTER, IA 51250
WJVB@NTCNET.NET

REGION 14-Janice Danielson, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Ida, Plymouth, Sac, and Woodbury Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Janice or the following societies that are within the region.

Janice Danielson, 104 N. Emerald Dr., Storm Lake, Iowa Email: granny65@mchsi.com

BUENA VISTA COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 221 W RAILROAD ST, STORM LAKE, IA 50588 FAMHISBV@NCN.NET
CHEROKEE COUNTY TREE STUMPERS, 4820 M AVENUE, MERIDEN, IA 51037-7001 MILKMAID@NETINS.NET
IDA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 1111 SOUTH MAIN ST, IDA GROVE, IA 51445-DMDOSE@PIONET.NET
NORTHWEST IOWA GEN SOCIETY, 46 1ST ST SW, LE MARS, IA 51031-3696
SAC COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 54, SAC CITY, IA 50583-0054
WOODBURY COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 624, SIOUX CITY, IA 51102-0624



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REGION 15-Adrian Brisee, Region Representative

This region contains the following counties: Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Harrison, Monona, and Shelby Counties. If you are needing more information please contact either Adrian or the following societies that are within the region.

Adrian Brisee, P. O. Box 273, Irwin, Iowa 51446 Email: abrisee@yahoo.com

AUDUBON CO GEN SOCIETY C/O B DUVALL, 505 BRAYTON ST, AUDUBON, IA 50025 EXXTIAN@NETC.NET

CARROLL CO GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 21, CARROLL, IA 51401-0021

CRAWFORD COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, % NORELIUS COM LIB 1403 1ST AVE S, DENISON, IA 51442-2014

HARRISON COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, C/O L DICKMAN, 2810 190TH TRAIL, WOODBINE, IA 51579
HCGS51579@AOL.COM

MONONA COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, PO BOX 16, ONAWA, IA 51040-0016

NISHNABOTNA GEN SOCIETY C/O M PETERSEN, PO BOX 197, IRWIN, IA 51446-0197

CRAWFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

A history book committee (5 of the 7 member were from the society) authored a 574 page hard bound book for the 2006 Denison sesquicentennial. The book included city, businesses, schools, churches, organizations and family histories. A donation of \$500 was given to IGS from some of the proceeds from the sale of the book.

Over one half of the 60 volume set of "Germans to America" has been donated by the society and placed in the genealogy section of the library in Denison. This project will continue in 2007. Other books also have been donated that pertain to Swedish, Irish and Hispanic genealogy.

The Society also maintains an obituary file at the library.

REGION 16-VACANT

This region contains the following counties: Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, and Pottawattamie Counties. There is currently no region representative for them. If you are needing information please contact the following societies located within the region.

CASS COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, C/O PUB LIBRARY 507 POPLAR ST, ATLANTIC, IA 50022 casscgs@yahoo.com

FREMONT CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY GEN DEPT, PO BOX 671, SIDNEY, IA 51652-0671

MILLS COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 109 N VINE ST, GLENWOOD, IA 51534-1516

MONTGOMERY COUNTY GEN SOCIETY, 705 WASHINGTON AVE, RED OAK, IA 51566-2439

POTTAWATTAMIE CO GENE SOCIETY, PO BOX 394, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51502-0394 PCGS@USWEST.NET

BOTNA VALLEY GEN SOCIETY (EAST POTT.), PO BOX 693, OAKLAND, IA 51560-0693





The year 1906

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1906

One hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1906:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years old.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

The average wage was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as “substandard.”

Five leading causes of death in the U. S. were:

Pneumonia and Influenza, Tuberculosis, Diarrhea, Heart Disease, Stroke

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Sugar cost four cents a pound

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound

There were about 230 reported Murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!

Just imagine what it may be like in another 100 years

It staggers the mind!!!!





LILLY FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

Will the person who has photocopies of the Lilly Funeral Home Records for 1929 please contact Billie Moreno at the IGS Library-515-276-0287, EXT. 0. We would like to get that transcription on the library shelf along with the rest of the Lilly Funeral Home collection. Thanks.

MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

Will the person who transcribed the McDermott Funeral Home Records for April 13, 1927 to June 28, 1930 please contact Billie Moreno at the IGS Library-515-276-0287, EXT. 0. You left a disc but it is defective and we can only print a few pages of your work. Thanks.

IGS SLUMBER PARTY

Mark your calendars for the “IGS Slumber Party” which will be held on Saturday April 28, 2007. It starts on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and will end on Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m. There is a cost of \$10.00. There will be pizza served. You can bring “goodies” to munch on. Come prepared to research all night long.

IGS 2007 FALL CONFERENCE

The title for this year’s Fall Conference is “Tradition and the Cutting Edge-Genealogy in the 21st Century”. This will be held in Marshalltown at the Best Western Hotel on October 5-6, 2007. The scheduled guest speaker is Megan Smolenyak. Please watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

JAMESTOWN 1670-IOWA 2007 AND ALL POINTS IN BETWEEN

IGS is planning to hold an event to coincide with the Jamestown Anniversary Celebration in May of 2007. Please look for more information in future newsletters.

IGS SPRING GARAGE SALE

IGS will be having it’s “Spring Garage sale” on April 27 and April 28, 2007 in the West Wing of the IGS Library. The sale hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days.

If you have things that you would like to donate to the sale please drop them off at the IGS Library during normal library hours.

They are requesting that you do not bring clothing. All other treasures are welcome.





COMMITTEES COMBINE FORCES

The newly formed Events Committee, chaired by Marcia Guffey, and member Ken Kerr, recently met with the Publicity Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Williams, and members Karen Hanley and Duane Pierce. They are planning some upcoming events to benefit the Iowa Genealogical Society.

One of the most beneficial events in the planning stages is the Membership Drive. Details will be published as soon as the plans are completed and a date is set.

What can YOU as a member of IGS do to help make these events a success?

ANSWER #1: Volunteers and donations of cookies are needed for both evenings

ANSWER #2: Inform and invite all your friends and relatives who you know have an interest in genealogy and encourage them to become a member of The Iowa Genealogical Society.

ANSWER #3: Keep your eyes on any local publications and inform the Publicity Committee of the section and page number of any event at the Iowa Genealogical Society.

These three items will not only benefit the Iowa Genealogical Society but will help the committees mentioned above, insure they are getting the word out.

If any present members reading this report have any ideas or suggestions on these, or any other events, YOU are encouraged to join either of these committees which are presently meeting at the IGS Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2007. If you have any questions regarding the above information call the Iowa Genealogical Society at 515-276-0287 or go to: <http://iowagenealogy.org>.

THE 2006 CHALLENGE GIFT UPDATE

Last month I told you that the challenge gift would end on December 31, 2006, however I am happy to announce that the challenge will go on for the first part of 2007. The generous member who has issued this challenge has decided to continue to offer it. They will give a monthly donation of \$500.00 to IGS as long as the members can match it.

In November 2006 the total matching fund (including the gift) was \$1,150.00 and for December 2006 the total matching fund was \$1,200.00. The grand total raised was \$10,645.00 (this includes the gift).

The month of January will be over by the time that this newsletter gets to you, but we can still make the push for the rest of the months to do better than we did last year with this challenge. If you wish to make a donation, it doesn't matter how big or small it is because every dollar will help us meet the match of the challenge gift.





CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENT'S MONTH

To celebrate President's Month IGS will be holding two Open Houses during the month of February 2007.

Saturday, February 10, 2007 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 17, 2007 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Each Open House will include:

A Tour of the Library

New members, or previous members, who have not been a member for at least one year, will receive a free Lincoln, (\$5.00copy card) for joining IGS during our Open Houses.

Refreshments will be served

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear IGS Members,

Please mark your calendars for March 15, 2007 for the next deadline to get anything in the newsletter. For those of you that are putting events in the newsletter please make sure to include all the information needed (dates, time, cost, contact information, etc.). Please also make a note that if your event is going to be held the same moth that the newsletter comes out(the newsletter is bi-monthly) make sure to get it in as soon as possible so that the readers will have time to clear their calendars if they wish to attend the event.

As you have noticed we have changed the look of the newsletter once again. If you are having any problems with it please let me know and I will see what we can do to make it better in the next issue. So until next month...

Happy Hunting!!

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