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IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

45 years

WINTER IN IOWA

“Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.” -- John Boswell

Iowa days are growing short and crisp. As the countryside prepares for another winter’s sleep, Iowans prepare to celebrate the holidays with loved ones and friends. Gather those golden moments this season and make them a part of your family’s traditions. Take a sentimental journey with elderly parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and discover their special stories. Linger a bit with your children and grandchildren and share your own life story with them. Make the most of this winter’s idle hours to preserve your family’s unique heritage.

The Iowa Genealogical Society wishes all members, friends and supporters a season of golden moments, sentimental journeys, and even a few idle hours. Enjoy this holiday issue; we’ll see you in the New Year.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m.—9 p.m.

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December 24, 2010 through
January 2, 2011.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nicoe Hart, IGS President



What an awesome responsibility it is to lead an organization that others have created and expanded over the past forty-five years. A forty-four year member related to me that the first time he helped move the collection it filled two boxes. Now, end-to-end the collection would stretch the length of a football field five times. Our charter members have entrusted us with an incredible organization and resource. As I begin my term as your president, I'd like to share with you some of my goals, concerns and dreams for our society.

Building and Library Facilities

While we may endure another harsh winter, it should not see us again draped in miles of plastic to protect the library. We have a solid, paid-for roof over the three buildings that make up our facility, thanks to the contractor and all those who donated money to make it happen. I may have been in charge of repairing the building this past year, but what I really did was pray and dream big for it to happen. It happened in small increments of blessings. Thanks to the donors who contributed monies, the businesses who contributed materials and the fine contractors who performed the work, it happened. The result was big. So I'll keep praying and dreaming big while I roll up my sleeves and tackle this job of President.

What's ahead for 2011? Our facility was built in 1946, remodeled in 1976 and again in 2003. Of immediate concern is the north wall of the library which includes five openings in the block/brick exterior wall. Four of these were originally windows and the fifth an overhead door. We have water dampening the carpet in the last aisle and under the rear bookshelves. With a collection to protect, we need to tear off and replace the siding that covers those openings in the exterior wall at a cost of \$3,925. The blessing is that Toye Construction has again helped us by including all materials, paint and painting in that bid! Another problem is the north wall of the West Wing where the siding needs to be replaced, probably next year, to prevent interior damage.

By dribs and drabs, we will accomplish smaller goals and improvements. We will replace our overhead fluorescent light tubes with daylight fluorescent light tubes as the old burn out. One item on the "wish" list is an additional line of overhead fluorescent lights along the rear wall of the library to better illuminate that last aisle of bookshelves.



The IGS Library: an invaluable resource linking past, present and future generations.

The coin operated copy machine in the library is no longer useable. The short term solution is to move the older printer/copier machine out into the library and continue the current honor system of paying for copies. We will research models and costs for a coin operated machine and purchase a replacement when funds are available. *--continued next page*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

We are in the early stages of developing a new look and design for our web site, thanks to a \$2500 grant. The credit for tackling this project goes to our past president, Barbara Hug. If you have a passion and talent for web development, we would welcome your joining the group currently working on it.

We continue to increase awareness of IGS and our services for novice and professional researchers. On the dream sheet is a new solid ink color printer for flyers and tri-fold brochures to help us get our message out.

Volunteers and Staff are the strength of IGS

We are blessed with awesome volunteers and one hard-working employee that keep IGS operating and serving members and visitors. Debi Chase keeps the IGS office humming. Thanks to her I can now set up and send group emails.

Denny Davies is the real force and manpower behind the scenes that keeps the web site updated, computers and printers working, sets up and tears down for functions among a host of tasks. And he does it with a smile!

I would also like to highlight our hardworking catalog team. Hazel Demirjean and Diane Densmore have the newest version of our cataloging program churning out the backlog of cards for the catalog. And I do mean hundreds of cards that they separate, proof read and turn over to other volunteers to alphabetize and file.

"The Ten Most Wanted Books" is once again in place and for ten dollars you can place a book on the list or donate for the purchase of a listed book. Are you or do you know someone who is downsizing? IGS happily accepts donated genealogy books, periodicals, and publications. Hazel and Diane have been working so hard that we no longer have a backlog of estate donations. Help keep them busy with our growing collection that impressed visitors all summer.

If you are an IGS member, remember it's your society and your opportunity to continue the gift that the charter members began for us. Let's work together to improve the library and grow the Iowa Genealogical Society for future generations.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

IGS needs your help in 2011. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- **2011 Hawkeye Heritage Editor.**
Publication formatting & editing.
- **Life and Times Committee for 2011.**
Program planning & organization.
- **Website Committee.**
Knowledge of WordPress helpful.
- **Building & Maintenance Committee.**
Volunteers willing to help with cleaning and upkeep on the facility - contact Pres. Nicoe Hart: nicoehart@gmail.com; 515-778-3521.
- **Publicity Committee.**
Write & distribute press releases, post flyers; post IGS events to online website calendars. Contact Alice Hoyt Veen: ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net, 515-676-2301.
- **Library Volunteers.**
Contact Margaret Foster: foster@mchsi.com.
- **Education Committee.**
Plan programs & outreach. Share your knowledge with others by teaching classes.

To volunteer for any of these IGS opportunities, contact the person noted, or contact IGS: 515-276-0287; igs@iowagenealogy.org.

IN MEMORIAM

We have received word that Connie Street, past president of the Iowa Genealogical Society, died October 25th at the University of Iowa Hospitals.



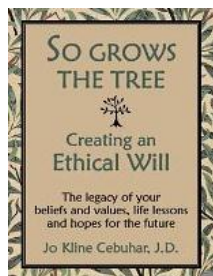
Connie served on the IGS board for six terms and was president in 1995 and 1996. She and her late husband Keith were very active in the genealogical communities of Iowa.

You can read more about Connie's work at http://iagenweb.org/louisa/about_connie.htm.

We extend our sympathy to her family and gratefully remember her work on behalf of IGS.

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Congratulations to Jo Kline Cebuhar on the successful launch of her new book, *So Grows the Tree—Creating an Ethical Genealogy*.



Over one hundred and thirty books were sold at the special book signing held October 23rd. Each book sold netted a five dollar donation from Jo for IGS, plus an additional amount donated by Barnes & Noble for a total of almost \$1100. IGS is very grateful for these donations. Thank you, Jo, and thank you to all who attended and purchased books!

The **Garage Sale** was a success again this fall with at least \$1,000 profit. Thanks to all who brought goods in for us and to Betty Standley for helping lay it all out and price it. It takes a lot of time as you can well imagine. Thank you!

-- Margaret Foster, Library Chairperson

HELP NEEDED FOR IOWA RECORDS INDEXING

The Genealogical Society of Utah and the State Historical Society are currently working on projects that involve Iowa records. Volunteers are needed to index these records. The record images will be available in the next few months from the State Historical Society, IGS, or the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. As a society, we can work as a group to index these records.

Go to <http://www.familysearch.org> and click on "Help Create free public access to U.S. Census indexes" to register. The information we create will be used to create searchable indexes that will assist us in finding our ancestors and in some cases viewing and obtaining the original document.

For assistance, go to the Des Moines Family History Center at 3301 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265. Or contact Shirley Woodruff at 987-8299 for an appointment. You can help make Iowa records more accessible to researchers everywhere.

MARION COUNTY QUILT LOOKING FOR ITS HOME

IGS member and volunteer, Joyce Brown, brought a special quilt for display at the annual Quilt Show this past October. Joyce purchased it at an auction in Des Moines several years ago and it came with no reference as to the owner or its origins. Each block of this Friendship quilt is of the same material and style but twenty-four women added their names to the blocks.

Using her research skills, Joyce went looking for the story behind the quilt. She turned to one of the basic resources for genealogists—the census—and found most of the women were living in Marion County in 1920.

At the time, they ranged in age from twenty-three to sixty-eight. Most were married, some widowed and a few were still living in their parents' homes. Lola C. Crouch placed the year 1922 on her block as did Elsie Fast. Another woman put only her initials – M.B.B. The quilt has obviously been used.

The women whose names appear on the quilt are:

Mary Bailey	Mattie
Anna Bucklow	Hollingshead
Carrie Bunting	Nettie Lognadorf
Mae Clark	Iva McClain
Lola C. Crouch	Jennie Greenaway
Mattie Crouch	Gertie Hegwood
Hallie Crozier	Maggie Holmes
Maude Crozier	Carrie McClain
Elsie Fast	Minnie McClain
Hattie Fee	Ella Melton
Ruth Fost	M.B.B
Roxie Grootveld	Etta Penland
	Harriet Phillips

If there is a descendent of one of these women who would like to have the quilt, Joyce would be pleased to let them have it.

If you or someone you know recognize an ancestress's name, contact Debi Chase at the IGS office: 515-276-0287 or via e-mail, igs@iowagenealogy.org.

CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

Cass County Genealogical Society filled the showcase in the lobby of the Atlantic Library with old pictures and portraits of Atlantic & Cass County for October Family History Month.

Deb Herbert, one of the Society's members, has contributed funeral home receipts from 1885-1948 belonging to her grandfather, C. B. Osborne. CCGS is in the process of reviewing the receipts, finding the obituaries and indexing them on their file card index.

-- James Carey, Cass Co. Genealogical Society

The **Jasper County Genealogical Society** needs to raise approximately \$6,500 to replace their microfilm reader/printer. They have more than 50 rolls of microfilm that cannot be viewed because the old microfilm reader is beyond repair.

An anonymous donor has generously offered to help. Between now and December 31st, this benefactor will match the first \$100 donated each month to the reader/printer fund. If you would be willing to help them reach their goal, please send a check for any amount to: Jasper County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 163, Newton, Iowa 50208, with the notation "for reader/printer fund."

JCGS is still in the running for a \$5,000 Pepsi grant, but they need votes. You can help by going online to <http://www.refresheverything.com>. Search for "JCGS", register, and vote daily.

--Rita Reinheimer, Jasper Co. Gen. Society

TINY TIPS

Can't find a will or probate for your ancestor? If there were minor children, you may be more successful searching for court guardianship records.



NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Save the Dates!

Mark your 2011 calendar for exciting British Isles events April 29 and 30 featuring David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS. These events are co-sponsored by the Minnesota Genealogical Society and the Irish Genealogical Society International and will take place in the Minneapolis metro area.



On Friday evening, attend a presentation by David Rencher and enjoy coffee and dessert.

On Saturday, enjoy an entire day of British Isles presentations, featuring three more David Rencher talks, breakout sessions by Upper Midwest-based presenters on English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh genealogy, and offerings from area genealogy vendors and exhibitors.

David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch, is one of North America's leading experts on English and Irish genealogy.

Registration opens after February 1, 2011. Watch www.mnsgs.org or www.irishgenealogical.org for details in December.

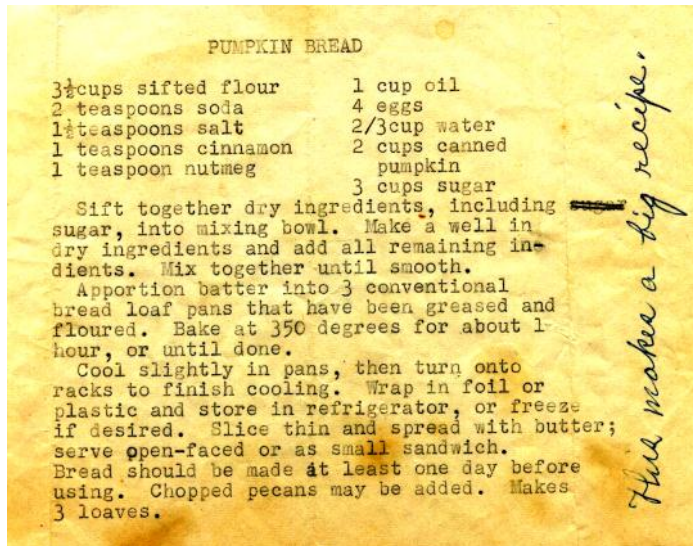
UPCOMING STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY "HISTORICAL DISCOVERY DISCUSSIONS"

- **Stories from the Iowa Legislators Project**
January 15, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
Historical Library South Alcove
- **Civil War Riches: Personal & Military Records**
February 19, 2011 at 1:30 pm.
Historical Library North Alcove
- **Voices from Iowa's Past: Story, Memory & Song** March 19, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
Historical Library North Alcove

Each discussion features materials from the State Historical Library, Archives, and Special Collections. Watch for more information in SHIS's monthly online newsletter, *The Historian*. Programs are free and open to the public.

TIPS & TECHNIQUES: ADDING FLAVOR TO YOUR FAMILY'S STORY

Every family has its traditions. This holiday season, add a little flavor to your family's story-- think about creating a family cookbook with favorites from the past. Those recipes will add another dimension of understanding of your ancestors' lives and times.



Elizabeth (Hardie) Jones

Author **Jo Kline Cebuhar** contributed this favorite family recipe of her grandmother, **Elizabeth (Hardie) Jones**. An added bonus is Elizabeth's handwritten note at the side.



Adrianus Cornelius Verbeek, wife Willemina (Van Der Zante,) daughters Gertrui and Maria. Son Adrianus "Andy" in front.

Alice Hoyt Veen's grandfather, **Adrianus "Andy" Verbeek**, emigrated from the Netherlands in 1910. A year later, his father, step-mother, a sister and three brothers made the trip. Bakers by trade, the family brought their best Dutch cookie recipe with them.

Every Christmas, Grandpa Andy rolled up his sleeves and prepared this special treat in the traditional way: mixing the dough with his hands then pressing out Dutch shapes using a wooden cookie board. Each grandchild received a coffee can full of Grandpa Andy's special cookies.

Grandpa Andy's St. Nicholas Cookies

- 4 cups flour
- 3 sticks butter
- 1 2/3 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. cloves
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Cream butter & sugar. Add eggs & mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients. Refrigerate overnight. Dust cookie board with corn starch, press dough into shapes then slice off.



These can also be made by rolling out the dough and cutting into shapes or by rolling the dough into a log and slicing. Bake 350 - 375° for 8 - 10 minutes.

TIPS & TECHNIQUES, *continued*

Edith Munro contributed the following family recipes.

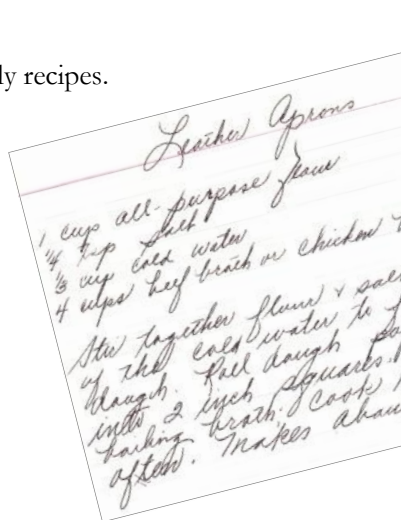
Leather aprons are a very simple farm recipe – an alternative to noodles. This is **Aunt Esther Munro's** recipe.

Leather Aprons

1 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup cold water
4 cups beef or chicken broth

Stir together the flour and salt. Add enough of the cold water to form a stiff dough. Roll dough out paper thin. Cut into 2-inch squares. Drop into boiling broth. Cook fifteen minutes, stirring often. Makes about thirty.

Aunt Esther stewed the chicken to make the broth, removed the chicken (keeping it warm), cooked the leather aprons and added the chunks of chicken meat back in to produce a wonderful stew.



Edith Munro's aunt, Esther Munro, on "washing day."

Grandfather John Burka made this every Christmas.



John Burka

Springerle

2 cups sugar
4 large eggs
3 to 3 1/2 cups flour (sifted before measuring)
1/2 tsp. baking powder
3 Tbsp. anise seed

Sift the sugar to make sure there are no lumps. Beat the eggs until very light and creamy. Add the sugar gradually to the eggs, combining well. Sift the flour and baking powder together, then add gradually to the egg mixture. Turn dough out on a pastry cloth and knead in a bit more flour – about a half cup – to make a stiff dough that is sticky when you cut into it.

Divide into batches, dust each batch with a bit more flour and roll out to about 1/3 inch thick. If you have carved anise cookie molds, press them into the top of the dough, then cut the dough apart into individual bars. If you don't have molds, you can just cut the dough in squares. Separate the squares and lay them out on a board in a cool dry place for twelve hours uncovered.

After the twelve hour rest, heat oven to 300° F, grease cookie sheets, and sprinkle each sheet with about two tsp. anise seed. Place the Springerle on top of the anise seed and bake about 15 minutes or until the bottoms are light yellow. Cool on racks and store in a tightly covered container to mellow for about a week. The drying process results in a puffed, fairly crisp top and a soft interior. Great for dipping in milk.

Historical note: This recipe has evolved. My grandfather didn't use any leavening – instead he beat the eggs by hand for an hour. Later recipes used baking ammonia, which left an unpleasant chemical aftertaste, before we moved to baking powder.

These cookies probably go back to pre-Christian times when the Germanic tribes baked cakes shaped like animals as offerings to their gods. When Christianity arrived, the tradition was changed, and many of the hand-carved Springerle plaques now have Christian images.



DISASTER AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

Museum and library collections are held in public trust. Good stewardship means that each institution should do their best to provide safe and appropriate collections storage, and develop an emergency plan to protect the collection in the event of water, wind, pests, and other hazards.

Plan to attend one of twelve FREE Disaster Awareness Workshops to be held around the state in March-April 2011, sponsored by the Iowa Conservation & Preservation Consortium, State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa Museum Association, and State Library of Iowa.

The workshops are designed for archivists, county recorders, genealogists, library staff, museum workers, and anyone who cares about preserving our material heritage. Learn how to respond to daily and emergency hazards to safeguard your collection and take a first step toward emergency response preparedness.

Topics to be included:

- ⇒ What could happen?
- ⇒ How to prepare for any emergency.
- ⇒ Who might be involved in planning.
- ⇒ What are the first steps toward recovery?
- ⇒ What resources are available in Iowa?
- ⇒ How to identify priorities.
- ⇒ What supplies are needed?
- ⇒ Volunteer assistance issues.
- ⇒ Continuity of Operations.
- ⇒ Insurance-- how to pay for recovery.

For more information, visit the Iowa Museum Association website:

<http://www.iowamuseums.org>.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS FROM IGS

Here are some great gift ideas from IGS for your favorite genealogist:

* **New membership or renewal in IGS.**

Treat your family historian to a year of free access to the IGS Library, admission discounts on classes and events, and our bimonthly newsletter packed with information, research helps, and more. Individual: \$35/Family \$45. Join online: www.iowagenealogy.org or use the membership form in this newsletter.

* ***For My Family... With Love.***

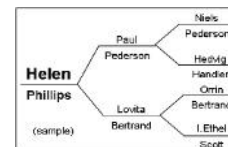
The Iowa Genealogical Society's 40th anniversary compilation of 400+ delicious recipes that have been passed from one great family cook to the next. With photos and stories, you have the opportunity to learn more about the cook and what makes the recipe special. \$17.50. Order online or at the IGS office.



* **Family Name Badge.**

2 1/4" x 3 1/2"

Show your family pride with this durable name badge. \$10.00 + shipping & handling. Contact IGS office to order.



* **Pioneer, Century, or Statehood Certificate.**

Honor your Iowa ancestors with a commemorative certificate. Applicants must prove direct descent and prove that their ancestor settled in Iowa by 1846 (Statehood), by 1856 (Pioneer) or more than 100 years prior to the date of application (Century). \$10 per certificate. Applications available at the IGS website or at the IGS Library.



Find more gift ideas at the IGS website: www.iowagenealogy.org. Or contact IGS: 515-276-0287, igs@iowagenealogy.org.

CATALOGING CORNER

by *Diane Denmore*



We added ninety-three books to our shelves in August and September, bringing our total to 439 for the year so far. A BIG “Thank You” to all of the donors!

Our new Iowa books, by county, include:

- **Jasper:** Six volumes of birth records covering 1880-1917
- **Jefferson:** *Villages and Towns of Yesteryear*
- **Polk:** Caldwell Funeral Home, Des Moines – 1953; *Gone but Not Forgotten: The Hopkins Grove Cemetery (Part IIIa and IIIb)*
- **Ringgold:** 1894 and 1994 Plat Maps
- **Warren:** *My Memories of North Lincoln School* by Bessie Clary Sill

Some of the states and their counties included in our newest books:

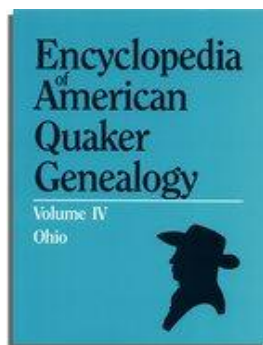
- **Illinois:** Gallatin, Ogle, Saline
- **Kentucky:** Mason
- **Maryland:** Frederick, Montgomery
- **Oklahoma:** Logan
- **Pennsylvania:** Butler
- **Tennessee:** Knox, Washington

Some family history book surnames: **Davis, Dodd, Engel, Gill, Gillingham, Grosscross, Hawkins, Schakel, Sisson, Teeter, Vogel, Webster.**

Don't forget to check the “Recent Library Book Acquisitions” binder on top of the card catalog files when you're at IGS. A listing of our new books is printed at the beginning of each month.

THE TEN MOST WANTED REPORT

We re-started this project at the beginning of August. Only one book has been purchased thus far.



We currently have four wanted books on our list including *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Ohio, Volumes IV and V*. (Cost = \$168 total.) These would complete the six-volume set on our shelf.

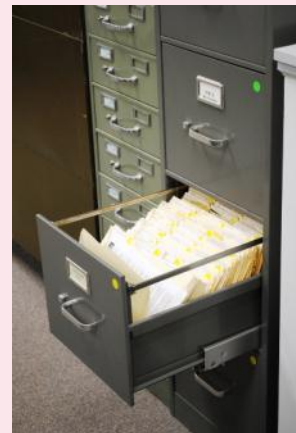
The other two wanted books are *Family Maps of Allamakee County, Iowa* and *Family Maps of Winneshiek County, Iowa*. (Cost = \$38 each) Please consider a small donation towards the purchase of these books.

It only takes \$10 seed money to add a book to the list that you would like IGS to have on its shelves. Make request in person at IGS or by snail-mail. Please include the book's title, author, publisher (if known) and your phone number or email address so that you can be notified when the book has arrived.

HIDDEN TREASURES

Have you ever looked through the file drawer labeled “Geographical Files”? It's full of miscellaneous information including African-American materials and historical state maps.

You will also find folders labeled “Illinois Revolutionary War Soldiers & Widows,” “Report by the Governor of Iowa of Pardons & Suspensions, 1902,” and “History of the Catholic Religion in Pocahontas County, Iowa,” to name a few.



There are five books located at 977.092/WHO titled *Who's Who in the Midwest*. They were published for 1949, 1952, 1954, 1956 and 1963-64. Each book is about 1000 pages of biographies. Who might you find?



RESOURCE REVIEWS

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY UNVEILS COUNTY DEATH RECORDS ONLINE INDEXES.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has uploaded the first installment of a new State Archives death records database.



Part of an ongoing indexing project, selected pre-1935 state-level death records that are not available on County Records microfilm can now be accessed at the SHSI website: <http://www.iowahistory.org/archives/holdings/index.html>.

Records are organized by county in a clickable pdf format. Each death record contains a field for the deceased's name, birth date, birth place, death date, mother's maiden name, death certificate number, and the archive box number. Current state law requires that all records of vital statistics recorded at the state level must be seventy-five years or older to be made available to the public by the State Archives. As volunteers continue this indexing, more counties will be added. Later years will be included over time.

Researchers have several options for obtaining copies of the actual death certificates. Pay the basic reference fee and contact the Historical Library and Archives Reading Room to order a photocopy of the certificate, or visit the reading room personally and pay only for the photocopy.

Complete information about Library Services and Fees are on the website, www.iowahistory.org, under the "Services to the Public" banner. Just a reminder, no retrieval staff is available on Saturdays. To view or pick up a death certificate from the Archives on the weekend, please make your request by noon on Friday.

List of currently available online death records at SHSI:

Adair County (1922-1933)
Appanoose County (1928-1933)
Audubon County (1928-1933)
Boone County (1922-1933)
Buena Vista County (1919-1922)
Calhoun County (1933)
Cedar County (1924-1933)
Clarke County (1933)
Dallas County (July 1921-1933)
Delaware County (1931-1933)
Greene County (1920-June 1921)
Harrison County (1917-1920)
Howard County (1918-1923 & 1933)
Jasper County (July 1919-June 1921 & 1925-1933)
Jones County (1932-1933)
Linn County (1925-1933)
Mahaska County (1931-1933)
Marion County (1917-1933)
Marshall County (1933)
Palo Alto County (1920-1933)
Polk County (1917-1933)
Poweshiek County (1932-1933)
Ringgold County (1923-1933)
Story County (July 1921-June 1922)
Tama County (July 1919-1921)
Wapello County (1920-June 1921 & 1923-1933)
Webster County (1925-1933)
Winneshiek County (July 1919-June 1921)
Wright County (1917-June 1921)

Questions? Want to volunteer to help with this or another indexing project?

Contact:
Librarian Susan Jellinger
Phone: (515)281-6897
Email: susan.jellinger@iowa.gov

Deputy Archivist Sharon Avery
Phone (515)281-6863
Email: Sharon.avery@iowa.gov

Visit the SHSI website and check out this new resource!

2010 FAMILY HISTORY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS



2nd Annual Quilt Show

The above heritage quilt was filmed at the August Antique Road Show. It's comprised of over one hundred Women's Relief Corps badges received by the owner's great-grandmother who was an officer in the organization.



Fall Conference: "Resources Close to Home"

Above--Special guest presenter Gail Blankeneau. Below-- State Archives Supervisor Jeffrey Dawson conducts a tour of the State Archives.



Charter IGS members Hazel Demirjean and Eva Bedford enjoy a moment together at the Fall Conference.

IGS CALENDAR

All programs & activities take place at the IGS Library unless otherwise noted.

DECEMBER 2010

DEC. 4: Genetic Genealogy—DNA Testing 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Genealogists are taking their research to a new level with the cutting-edge technology of DNA testing. Learn what the excitement is all about and how you can apply this fascinating tool to your own research. Space is limited; preregistration is required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.



DEC. 4: Beginning Internet Genealogy 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basics to conduct an online search and start finding your family on the Internet. Preregistration is suggested for this FREE class.

DEC. 9: Beginning Genealogy 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Learn the basics to begin your family history project. Preregistration is suggested for this FREE class.

** The **Legacy Users Group** will NOT meet in December. Meetings resume January 20, 2011.

The **Norwegian Interest Group will NOT meet in December. Meetings resume January 25, 2011.

** The IGS Library will be **CLOSED** from December 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011. The Library will reopen at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011.

For more information about any IGS classes & activities or to make reservations, contact:

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JANUARY 2011

JAN 20: Legacy Users Group 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Get the most from your Legacy genealogical software, learn tips and techniques, and find answers to your questions. Free.

JAN. 25: Norwegian Interest Group 7 p.m. Free.

Remember, if the Des Moines schools close due to weather, the IGS will also be closed and no meeting. If bad weather is forecasted for the evening of a meeting, a decision to cancel the meeting will be made by 4:15 p.m. and a notice sent out by email to the Norwegian Interest Group members at that time.

** Check with other special interest groups for January meeting dates and times. Contact the IGS office for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!

2011 SLUMBER PARTIES

One of our signature events! Be sure to plan on attending one or more of these special overnight research opportunities. Activities begin at 4 p.m. Saturday evening and last until 6 a.m. Sunday morning.

- February 12
- April 30
- July 23
- November 12

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IGS Spring Technology Conference

Learn what's new for genealogists in the world of technology. Discover new software programs, tips and techniques to make the most of your computer's capabilities. This year's conference will feature RootsMagic genealogical software.

OCTOBER 14 -15, 2011:

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