

OCTOBER 2010

# IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## IOWA HOMECOMING

Autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering close to family and friends and reflecting on the waning days of another season. Come home to Iowa this fall: come home for Family History Month with the Iowa Genealogical Society.

From the Second Annual Quilt Show, "Tales These Quilts Can Tell," to this year's Fall Conference, "Resources Close to Home," you'll find a full schedule of programs, classes and special events that celebrate the history of Iowa and her people.

Learn about Iowa's diversity by attending this month's "Lives & Times: The Japanese-American Experience in WWII." Explore your Italian heritage with an introductory class that includes a tour of the Italian-American Cultural Center. Meet the author of a thought-provoking new book, *So Grows the Tree*, and discover the meaning of "ethical genealogy."

These and many additional opportunities are showcased in this month's newsletter. It's an exciting month at IGS, filled with possibilities. We hope you'll share it with us.



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Friday & Saturday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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## NOTES FROM DEBI'S DESK

*Debi Chase, IGS Administrative Assistant*

### SAVE A TREE!

Did you know that you can download a color copy of this newsletter from the IGS website? Same great articles and news, in full color! Read it on your computer and save a tree, or download and print a few extra copies to give to friends. What better way to share your love of genealogy with others?

### ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

If you spend part of the winter season away from home, your IGS newsletter may not be following you. Each newsletter returned to IGS costs \$.50 Please help us save this expense by letting us know your new address, or let us know to stop mailings until you notify us. Also, if you have moved please let us know your new address as soon as possible.

## IGS FLASHBACK

IGS moved to the current library location at 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, in 2003.

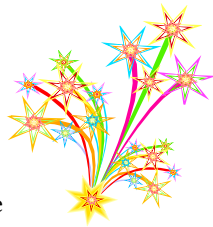


Just as every person and every family has a unique past, so do buildings! Today's IGS Library has a snazzy, modern look, but underneath, this building possesses a surprising history. Watch for the December newsletter and learn what stories this structure has to tell.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### RAISE THE ROOF!

**DONE!!!!** IGS has **MET** the “Raise the Roof” fundraising goal of \$49,000. IGS is deeply grateful to our many generous donors—thanks to you we have been able to completely reroof our building and repair the interior water damage.



Funds raised between now and the end of the year are dedicated to additional building repairs. The IGS Library was originally three separate buildings, portions of which predate 1947. Due to age, there are ongoing needs to upgrade and repair selected portions of the building. Leakage unrelated to the roof remains an issue. Past remodeling of the building enclosed overhead doors and windows; these are causing additional damage and must be repaired.

This is also the time of year when IGS is especially mindful of cash flow limitations that affect the day-to-day operation of the library. IGS spends between \$10,000 and \$12,000 per month to meet the most basic expenses, and receives no taxpayer funding. Your continued support helps keep the doors open.

Please address your tax-deductible gift to:

**Iowa Genealogical Society**  
**628 East Grand Avenue**  
**Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1924**

Donations may be directed to the Building Fund or General Expenses. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining this exceptional family research facility.

### EASY WAYS TO HELP IGS

Use **GoodSearch.com** to search the Internet. Every time you do, money goes to Iowa Genealogical Society. The site is powered by Yahoo!, so you'll get the same quality search results that you're used to. They have developed a way to direct money to IGS with every click. Give it a try and support IGS by selecting Iowa Genealogical Society in the second dropdown box.

### GARAGE SALE

IGS will hold a Garage Sale Fundraiser, Friday and Saturday, **October 8 & 9**, open daily during our Fall Conference. Donations of sale items are needed (no clothing, please). Help IGS raise funds by contributing your saleable items, then plan to come shop the bargains!

Contact Margaret Foster for more information: [fosterm@mchsi.com](mailto:fosterm@mchsi.com).

### FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Win this beautiful Ethan Allen cherry wood desk chair or lovely handmade afghan. Raffle tickets are available for each item; buy chances on one or both!



Raffle tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10 and are available at the IGS office, or may be purchased by mail:

**Iowa Genealogical Society Raffle**  
**628 East Grand Avenue**  
**Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1924**

Please designate for which item you wish to purchase tickets: chair or afghan. The winner of the chair must claim the chair at the IGS library; we will ship the afghan anywhere in the United States. Winners will be drawn at the Fall Conference, October 8—9, 2010. You need not be present to win.

### SPECIAL BOOK SIGNING EVENT

IGS joins author Jo Kline Cebuhar for the launch of *SO GROWS THE TREE—Creating an Ethical Will* on Saturday, October 23, 2010, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sheraton West Des Moines. For each book sold that day, Jo will donate \$5.00 to IGS. Barnes & Noble, the bookseller at the launch, will also be donating a portion of their revenue to IGS. See details about this thought-provoking new book on page 4. Plan to join us and raise funds for IGS.

# SO GROWS THE TREE – CREATING AN ETHICAL GENEALOGY

By Jo Kline Cebuhar

You did it. You spent days, months and years collecting information about your ancestors. You read endless musty pages of public records, went down seemingly infinite dead ends and dug through countless boxes of photos and memorabilia. It all started because you wanted to fill in a few missing branches on your family tree, and you wanted your descendants to know who and where they came from, what they are made of.

Now step back and view that family tree as more than simply a way to organize your genealogy. A family tree symbolizes the propagation of a belief system, a way of approaching life, a means of measuring one's contribution to society and appreciating how the remote journeys of others have influenced our own. So you see, your job is only half-done. It's time to create an Ethical Genealogy, just one of many ways to express an Ethical Will.

An Ethical Will is the message of one's beliefs and values, life lessons and hopes for the future. The story of Ethical Wills began over 3,500 years ago with Jacob's blessing to his twelve sons, recorded in the Book of Genesis. Since then, examples have come from the Middle Ages, the Civil War, the Holocaust and even a 2008 best-seller called *The Last Lecture*. An Ethical Will can be a simple handwritten letter, an elaborate PowerPoint slideshow or a three-dimensional story such as an Ethical Genealogy.

A family tree is just a database of birth and death statistics for your ancestors and descendants until you add stories, quotations and remembrances of each person's essence and what made him or her a unique, unforgettable member of your family. For generations to come, a family history that includes what ancestors believed, knew to be true and hoped for is a rare opportunity to witness the values woven through our families and our familial ideals, both fulfilled and aspired to.

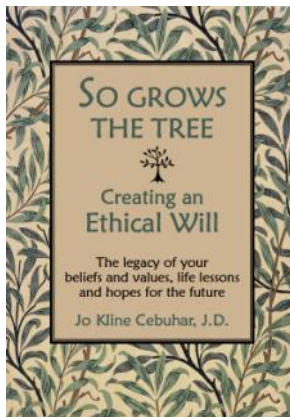


Before you say: "But I'm no writer," creating an Ethical Will only requires a passion to record the stories that have been passed down and to talk about the qualities that have been demonstrated by the lives of your ancestors. Using a simple outline or prompting questions will keep you focused on what their relationships, their professions, their faith, even their reputations say about how they lived the message of their core values and made the way for you to follow.

*SO GROWS THE TREE – Creating an Ethical Will* is the amazing story of this tradition and a how-to guide for creating your own message of beliefs, life lessons and hopes. On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the Iowa Genealogical Society will join author Jo Kline Cebuhar for the launch of *SO GROWS THE TREE*. For each book sold that day, Jo will donate \$5.00 to IGS. Barnes & Noble, the bookseller at the launch, will also be donating a portion of their revenue to IGS.

Please join in the celebration of the most valuable legacy we can each pass on: what we stand for. Remember, when your ancestors thought about their hopes for the future, it was *you* they were thinking about. "*As the twig is bent, so grows the tree.*"

*The book signing and reception will be held October 23rd at the Sheraton West Des Moines, 50th St. & University Avenue, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a brief program at 2:30 p.m.*



## CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

**Keo-Mah Genealogical Society** has received two microfilm readers/printers thanks to the generosity of a society member. They also have added *The Currier Family Records of the U.S.A. and Canada*, a ten-volume set.



Keo-Mah Research Library  
209 A Ave. East, Oskaloosa

The Keo-Mah society research library is located at 209 A Avenue East, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577. The library collection specializes in Mahaska and Keokuk county resources. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed on Sundays. For more information, contact Keo-Mah: 641-673-9373.

Website: <http://www.keo-mah.com>.

In **Iowa County**, a group of veterans is putting together a book about World War II and Korean War veterans. Anyone interested in contributing information, or in learning more about the project should contact Dr. Ken Fettkether, 319-642-5449; Mel Ahlberg, 319-668-1591; or Stanley Kovar, 319-647-3539. Work is also underway on a book about Iowa County's rural schools. Contact the **Iowa County Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 207, 121 Main Street, North English, Iowa 52316. Phone: 319-664-3194 for more information about Iowa County activities.

The **Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society** has taken possession of the 1915 Poweshiek County Jail in Montezuma and is renovating the building. Used as the sheriff's residence between 1915 and 1977, then converted to offices, the society is returning the building to its 1915 character. They have received a large train set collection that will be housed in the museum.



~ Alan Neve Region 2 Representative

The **Lucas County Genealogical Society** participated in this year's Lucas County Fair. Their display featured local family history resources and projects, including a new category of youth entries. The society's new newspaper index has generated interest and a number of queries. Learn more about LCGS at: <http://lucascountygenealogy.blogspot.com/>.

~ Betty Cross, Region 9 Representative

### NEWS FROM THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### State Historical Library Announces

#### "Historical Discovery Discussions"

#### 2010-2011 Schedule

The State Historical Society's Historical Discovery Discussions series



will begin its fourth season on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16, 2010, in the State Historical Library & Archives Reading Room at 600 E. Locust, Des Moines.

Historical Librarian Susan Jellinger will facilitate the discussions; some months will also include guest speakers. Each Saturday discussion is free and open to the public, although freewill donations are always accepted. Call 515-281-6200 for additional information.

Historical Discovery Discussions schedule for the following Saturdays:

- **Oct. 16:** "Tinkering with History: 1960's Students, Schools, and Protest," 1:30 p.m. featuring past and current student activists.
- **Nov. 20:** "Discoveries in County Records," 10 a.m.
- **Jan. 15, 2011:** "Stories from the Historical Society's Iowa Legislator Project," 1:30 p.m., featuring Helen Whannel.
- **Feb. 19, 2011:** "Civil War Riches: Records and Diaries," 10 a.m.
- **March 19, 2011:** "Voices From Iowa's Past: Stories, Memories, Songs," 1:30 p.m., featuring an area historian, a singer, and a storyteller.
- **April 16, 2011:** "Making the Most of Your Visit: Pre-Planning Tips," 10 a.m.

# TIPS & TECHNIQUES

## TRACING YOUR EUROPEAN ANCESTOR'S MIGRATION

by Edith Munro, Contributing Editor



For the new researcher digging into first-hand immigration data, the U.S. ship passenger lists can be a real thrill – but what about also looking into European ship passenger records? The majority of emigrants from Central and Eastern Europe came to North America via the two great German ports of Hamburg and Bremen.

About 30 percent of all European emigrants between 1859 and 1891 traveled through Hamburg – some 144,239 people in 1891 alone. Germans, who dominated the passenger lists in the earlier decades were eventually outnumbered by thousands of Eastern Europeans and Russians who made their way to Hamburg.

Beginning in 1848, Hamburg required shipping companies to keep passenger lists, which ultimately included five million people who left between 1850 and 1940.

Images of the existing Hamburg lists from 1850 to 1934 are available through Ancestry.com, but so far an on-line index only covers 1890 to 1913 (though the original 1855-1913 indexes have been posted on-line). The complete lists and indexes are also on microfilm in the Latter-day Saints Family History Library (FHL).

The lists typically provide each passenger's name, age, birth date, birthplace, occupation, residence, nationality, date of departure, date of arrival, ship's name, captain's name and sometimes more.

Bremen also maintained such records, but tragically, they were destroyed when the building was bombed and burned in 1944. Only a partial index and abstracts of emigrant lists for 1907 and 1913-1914 are available on microfilm from the FHL.



*It may not count as a technique*, but for anyone researching a Czech or Slovak ancestor – or even German ancestors from areas like the Sudetenland – a great source to tap is the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, both for its specialized library and for its really substantive quarterly newsletter.

I've become devoted to the newsletter, *Naše rodina*, or in English, *Our Family*. Each issue runs about 50 pages and focuses on a specific theme – for example, German Ports/Shipping Companies or Czech and Slovak Surnames.

The library and the excellent volunteers who staff it are also well worth exploring – a good excuse for a drive to the Twin Cities, since the collection does not circulate through interlibrary loan. The collection, housed within the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library, now offers more than 1,300 volumes.

Hours are Tuesdays 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For details about CGSI, or to confirm library hours and rules, check the website [www.cgsi.org](http://www.cgsi.org) or contact 651-455-9057, [info@cgsi.org](mailto:info@cgsi.org).

—Thanks to the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society for this information.

### Locating Immigrant Ship Pictures

Ancestry.com is just one avenue to follow if you're looking for pictures of a specific immigrant ship. You can also try:

- An ordinary Google search
- [www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org) if your ancestors arrived via New York between the 1890s and 1920s.
- [www.theshipslist.com](http://www.theshipslist.com)
- The Palmer List of Merchant Vessels at [www.geocities.com/mppraetorius](http://www.geocities.com/mppraetorius)
- [www.stevemorse.org/ellis/pictures.html](http://www.stevemorse.org/ellis/pictures.html)

One warning: since ship names are not necessarily unique, confirm that the ship you find was in service during the correct dates and that it was operated by the correct shipping company.

## ASK THE EXPERTS *By Edith Munro*

**My grandfather always said we were German but his immigration records say Bohemia. How do I figure out which is right?**



One of the challenges, especially in Central and Eastern European research is the way boundaries, ethnic identities, languages and place names have shifted over the centuries.

The German/Bohemian question is just one example of this – and the short answer to your question is that your family may be considered both German and Bohemian.

Late in the 1800s, many Central European immigrants to the United States show up in immigration and naturalization records as Bohemian because legally they were citizens of Bohemia (at that time, part of the Austro-Hungarian empire). At the same time, many of them spoke German as their first language, had German names, and identified themselves as ethnic Germans.

Sorting this out can be even more confusing when villages have disappeared from the map or now have a new name in a different language and sometimes even in a different alphabet.

All this makes it especially difficult when you find the name of an ancestor's birthplace but you can't find the village on modern maps.

While it's true that some places have ceased to exist, there's also the possibility that the village is still there but it's now in another country and its name is now in another language (and maybe even in a different alphabet). For example, Bolzen in the southern Tyrol, formerly part of the Austrian empire, is now Bolzano in Italy.

One avenue for sorting out such questions is to contact an ethnic-specific genealogical society – for example, the Polish Genealogical Society of America or the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society – which may have access to older maps or to researchers who know how areas' identities have changed.

Both of the following resources are apparently out-of-print, but one can be accessed through Google Books and the other may become available through the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI).

*Das Königreich Böhmen*: bd. Elbogner kreis, published in 1847, is a survey of the political districts of Germany. Go to Google Books, where it is downloadable, searchable, copy/pastable, and can be translated into English.

*Ortslexikon Sudetenland* (also known as the *Sudtendeutsche Ortslexicon*) by Helmut Preussler is a gazetteer of all the towns and villages of the former Sudetenlands. CGSI is trying to obtain a copy.

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### SPECIAL PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

IGS Publication No. 2864:  
*Woodland/St. Ambrose/Emanuel Cemetery,  
Des Moines, Polk Co. Iowa.*  
By Kay Sanchez, a long-time IGS member.  
Price: \$40.50.



Two hundred fifty-one (251) pages of people buried in the oldest and largest municipal cemetery in Des Moines. Includes a partial listing of some 85,000 graves, including generals, founders, governors, senators and common folk, and a history of the cemetery, along with biographies of dozens of people. A valuable asset on the history of Des Moines.

Order directly online, or download a printable order form: <http://www.iowagenealogy.org/pdfs/OrderFormnew.pdf>.

You may also contact the IGS Library for purchase information: 515-276-0287, [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org).

## RESOURCE REVIEWS

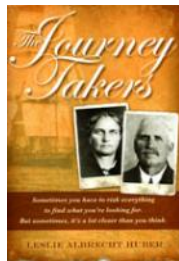
### WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS

By Marti Rasmussen

***The Journey Takers* by Leslie Albrecht Huber. Foundation Books, 2010. ISBN 9780578052144 \$19.95 paperback. 320 p.**

Available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Check website at [thejourneytakers.com](http://thejourneytakers.com) for more information on the book and other sources to purchase it.

This inspiring family history is a wish fulfilled for Leslie Albrecht Huber. She spent twelve years of hard research of her ancestors from Germany, Sweden and England. And what an accomplishment *The Journey Takers* is good writing, exciting stories and excellence in genealogy research.



The book is a combination of personal travelogue and memoir. Huber relentlessly tracks down the villages and places her immigrants lived and why they were the journey takers. *The Journey Takers* is divided into four parts to tell the stories of those ancestors from Germany, Sweden and England. Part Four covers the families that came to Utah. It is a dramatic and fascinating account of these journeys and these travelers. The author has made use of scenes she's imagined for individuals' thoughts and feelings at important decisions or events in their lives that provides readers an added dimension in understanding these immigrants.

Huber stopped in Des Moines at IGS in July and shared some of her insights with IGS members and friends: 1. Understand the places your ancestors lived by consulting maps to discover jurisdictions and boundaries. 2. Remember that original records and family stories could be wrong so verify and evaluate them carefully. 3. Learn as much as you can of social history of time and place for the particular person you are studying.

Readers will enjoy *the Journey Takers* for its interesting stories and personalities, and its insights into the minds of these courageous, intrepid immigrants — our ancestors.

### IGS HIDDEN TREASURES

By Diane Densmore

This month we feature two microfilm collections, probably well known to long-time IGS members, but not so familiar to new researchers.

If your ancestor was a Civil War Veteran and lived in Iowa after the war, be sure to check the *Department of Iowa G.A.R. Records* in our microfilm cabinet. G.A.R. stood for “Grand Army of the Republic” and was a fraternal organization founded in 1866 in Decatur, Illinois.



The first three rolls are indexed to find the location of the post to which he belonged. The actual post records may include occupation, birth date/place, death date/place, place of burial, war record, parents, spouse and children (& where they lived). You may even be lucky enough to find a copy of a newspaper obituary, a copy of his muster out document, or other correspondence with the state adjutant general's office.

*The Iowa Genealogical Society Surname Index* is a combination of index books and corresponding microfilm. Names were submitted by IGS members on file cards and later microfilmed. Volumes 1-4 were indexed in 1972, 1973, 1977 and 1983 respectively and microfilmed as one group. Volume 5 was indexed in 1990 and microfilmed as a separate collection. (The index books are located in our periodical section of the library.)

In total, this collection contains over 150,000 names. The information on the microfilm may contain more information such as specific vital statistics, parents, children and references for that information. You might find information that you won't find in our vertical files, family history books, or the internet. Also of note in these five books are the names and addresses of the IGS members who submitted the information. Of course, the addresses may have changed or the researcher may no longer be alive.

# CATALOGING CORNER

by *Diane Densmore*

We added 149 books to our shelves in June and July.

Our new Iowa books, by county, include:

- • **Cedar:** Red Oak Grove Church & Cemetery
- • **Guthrie:** 1925 Iowa Census Head of Household Index
- • **Hardin:** *Pioneer Ackley* (A Bicentennial Tribute)
- • **Iowa:** *The History of Williamsburg, Iowa 1854-2007* (2 volumes)
- • **Marshall:** Several townships' cemetery records
- • **Muscatine:** 1856 Iowa Census and 1905 Iowa Census
- • **Polk:** Caldwell Funeral Home 1932 & 1933;  
*History of Grace United Methodist Church* (Des Moines)
- • **Wayne:** Civil War Veterans Civil War Centennial

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

- • **Illinois:** Boone, Rock Island
- • **Kansas:** Jefferson
- • **Kentucky:** Adair, Allen, Bourbon, Bracken, Clark, Fleming, Franklin
- • **Mississippi:** Hinds
- • **Nebraska:** Fillmore, Gage, Lincoln, Red Willow
- • **Ohio:** Belmont, Clermont
- • **Pennsylvania:** Bedford, Greene, Northumberland, Philadelphia
- • **South Dakota:** Onida/Sully
- • **Tennessee:** Carter

Some family history book surnames: **Beckenbach, Bowers, Crum, Deeter, Happel, Jordan, Lippincott, Osborne, Sharp, Teeter, Trickett, Tullis** + more.

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.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Does your family have a traditional Christmas cookie or other sweet treat recipe that's been handed down from one generation to the next or that reflects your ancestors' ethnic roots?

IGS would like to feature your heritage recipe in our December newsletter issue.

Please send your recipe, a description of its history, and a photograph of your ancestor who started the tradition (or other family holiday picture) to the newsletter editor:

Alice Hoyt Veen  
14998 Odessa Place  
Bouton, Iowa 50039

Or email:  
[ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net)

Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like your material returned.

We'll include as many recipes as possible.



Dutch cookie press used by Adrianus Cornelius Verbeek for traditional Dutch spice cookies.

## IGS CALENDAR

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

### OCTOBER 2010

SEPT. 30, OCT. 1—2:

**2nd Annual Quilt Show**

**“Tales These Quilts Can Tell”**

**West Wing, IGS Library**

**Open daily: Sept. 30: 10 a.m.—9 p.m.**

**Oct. 1-2: 10 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**Admission: \$5 at the door.**

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind exhibit!

**OCT. 4: German Interest Group**

First Monday of each month at 7 p.m. A gathering of experienced researchers, translators and travelers with extensive personal experience of the various regions of Germany, this group offers the opportunity to share knowledge of German research. Free.

**OCT. 5: African-American Interest Group**

First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Described by the group as a “Village Gathering,” the AAIG invites all those interested in tracing their African-American roots to attend. Free.

**OCT. 8—9: IGS FALL CONFERENCE**

**“Resources Close to Home”**

**Locations:**

**State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines and the Iowa Genealogical Society Library.**

Details on page 13.

**OCT. 8—9: Garage Sale Fundraiser**

**West Wing, IGS Library**

**Open daily during the Fall Conference**

**Come shop the bargains and raise money for IGS!**

**OCT. 14: Lives & Times ~ 7 p.m.**

**“The Japanese-American Experience in WWII”**

Guest speaker, Grace Aiko Obata Amemiya, shares her compelling story of life in the Japanese internment camps of California during World War II.



Born in 1920 at Vacaville, California, Grace is the youngest of 6 children.

Her parents came from Japan in the early 1900s. Her father was educated as a lawyer, and her mother was a middle school home economics teacher. Grace attended the University of California/Berkeley and the U.C. Medical Center School of Nursing, San Francisco.

Her education was interrupted after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when the government sent her to an internment camp along with over 120,000 Japanese aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry in 1942.

She finished nurses' training after leaving camp under the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Program at St. Mary's School of Nursing, Rochester, Minnesota, training the last 6 months as a Senior Cadet Nurse at the Army Hospital in Clinton, Iowa.

In 1947, Grace married Min Amemiya, after his return from serving in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service in Japan. After receiving his Masters and Doctorate degrees at Ohio State University in 1950, his work took them to Ames in 1960, where he later became a professor and Extension Agronomist at Iowa State University.

No reservations are required for this FREE program.

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

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## OCT. 16: Introduction to Italian Research 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at IGS Library

Learn to research your Italian ancestry using American and Italian records, and get tips on locating your family's Italian town of origin.



12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### Italian-American Cultural

Center of Iowa, 1961 Indianola Ave., Des Moines.

After the morning class at IGS, enjoy lunch and a tour of the Cultural Center Library and Museum. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Contact IGS to register. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.



## OCT. 16: Beginning Genealogy

1:30—3:30 p.m. Learn how easy it is to get started in this popular and fascinating pursuit. Reservations are suggested for this FREE class.

## OCT. 19: Irish Interest Group

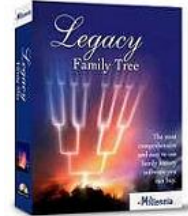
Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Members of this group range from beginners to experienced researchers who have visited their family homes in Ireland. The primary purpose of the group is to share their collective knowledge and seek out



new sources of information. Emphasis is placed on documenting the family in the United States to uncover the county of origin in Ireland. This is a free group; there are no dues or fees.

## OCT. 21: Legacy Users Group

Third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Learn to use Legacy genealogy software and receive support by sharing information and procedures for the software and for genealogical research in general. Free.



## OCT. 21: Beginning Internet Genealogy

6—8 p.m. Learn the basics & get started researching your family history online. Explore search engines, genealogical websites & more. Space is limited; Reservations are suggested for this FREE class.

## OCT. 23: Meet-the-Author

### Book Signing & Reception:

*So Grows The Tree* by Jo Kline Cebuhar

2 p.m.—4 p.m.,

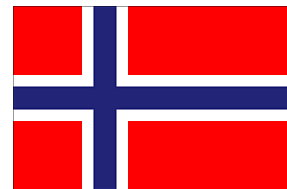
brief program at 2:30 p.m.  
Sheraton West Des Moines  
50th & University Avenue



Join in the celebration of the most valuable legacy we can each pass on: what we stand for. Remember, when your ancestors thought about their hopes for the future, it was *you* they were thinking about. “*As the twig is bent, so grows the tree.*” See details on page 4.

## OCT 26: Norwegian Interest Group

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Learn to research in Norway, share traditions, information, websites, and ideas. Newcomers are always welcome. This is a free group; there are no dues or fees.



# IGS CALENDAR

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

## NOVEMBER 2010

NOV. 6: **Beginning Genealogy**  
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. FREE.

NOV. 6: **Introduction to Quaker Research**  
1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.



Explore how the organization of Quaker meetings impacts researching in Quaker records; terms and abbreviations in transcribed Quaker Monthly Meeting records; dating conventions in original Quaker records and transcribed records. Examine the changes over time in recording birth, death & marriages. Understand the importance of minutes of Quaker Monthly Meetings and what can be gleaned from those minutes. Space is limited; preregistration is required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

NOV. 6—7: **Research Slumber Party**  
4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6  
through 6 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7

A signature IGS event! Enjoy fourteen continuous hours of family history fun with other die-hard researchers. Cost: \$25 per person, includes a light supper.

## TINY TIP

When microfilm is faded, try using a sheet of pastel colored paper (yellow, blue or green) to give a better contrast of the writing than the white background. It also relieves eyestrain.



NOV. 11: **Intermediate Internet Genealogy**  
6 p.m.—8 p.m. Take your online research to the next level with advanced search techniques, websites and more. Preregistration is required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

## 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. Space is limited; Reservations are suggested for this FREE class.

DEC. 9: **Beginning Genealogy**  
6 p.m.—8 p.m. Reservations are suggested for this FREE class.

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## THE TEN MOST WANTED REPORT

As of this writing, our “10 Most Wanted” list is only about a month old. But the first book on the list has already been purchased: *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635, Vol. VI, R-S.* (a \$71.00 value).

Our new requests are for Quaker records from Ohio. It only takes \$10 seed money to add a book to the list that you would like IGS to have on its shelves. Requests can be made in person at IGS or by post office 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.

## IGS FALL CONFERENCE: RESOURCES CLOSE TO HOME

OCT. 8—9: IGS FALL CONFERENCE  
“Resources Close to Home”

**Location:** State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust  
and the Iowa  
Genealogical Society  
Library.

This year’s conference features special guest **Gail Blankenau** of Lincoln, Nebraska. Gail is an experienced genealogist and photo historian who shares her research and advice in such well-known periodicals as the New England Historical & Genealogical Register, Everton’s Genealogical Helper, and Family Chronicle magazine.



Genealogists who crave unique perspectives and a fresh point of view will find new inspiration and ideas in her engaging and high-energy presentations.

The Iowa Genealogical Society is pleased to present the Fall 2010 Conference in partnership with the **State Historical Society of Iowa** (SHSI). The IGS Library and SHSI are located across the street from one another. Come learn how the collections of the State Historical Society can enrich your research. Experts will share their knowledge about Iowa state and local government records, newspapers, manuscripts, photographs, and printed materials available at the SHSI.



### OTHER SPEAKERS

- **Sharon Avery:** Archivist, SHSI
- **Jeffrey Dawson:** Interim State Archivist, SHSI
- **Susan Jellinger:** Librarian, SHSI
- **Delpha Musgrave:** Local Records & Newspaper Preservation Specialist, SHSI
- **Becki Plunkett:** Special Collections Archivist, SHSI

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, October 8, 2010

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration & vendors

9:00 - 9:15 am - Welcome, Announcements

9:15 am - **Dating & Identifying your 19th Century Photographs** - Gail Blankenau

10:45 - 12:00 noon

**Track 1: Surfing for Special Collections** - Becki Plunkett

**Track 2: Pre-planning your Historical Library visit** - Susan Jellinger

12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch (on your own) & vendor browsing

1:30 - 2:45 pm - **Rich Resources for Poor Ancestors** - Gail Blankenau

3:00 - 4:15 pm

**Track 1: Tour of State Archives**  
Jeffrey Dawson (20 person limit)

**Track 2: Military Records Available at the State Historical Society of Iowa**  
Sharon Avery

4:30 - 5:15 pm - Iowa Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

5:15 - 8 pm - Research at Iowa Genealogical Society

Saturday, October 9, 2010

8:30 - 9:15 am - Registration & vendors

9:15 - 10:30 am - **Breaking Through with Land Records** - Gail Blankenau

10:45 am - 12:00 - **Beyond Birth, Death, & Marriage Records** - Delpha Musgrave

12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch (on your own) & vendor browsing

1:30 - 2:45 pm - **Keeping Up with the Joneses....and Smiths** - Gail Blankenau

3:00 - 4:15 pm - Research at State Historical Society and Iowa Genealogical Society

## IGS FALL CONFERENCE: RESOURCES CLOSE TO HOME

### IGS LIBRARY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

The IGS library will be open to registered conference attendees only on Friday night from 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You must pay for the conference to research on Friday night. You can register and pay at the library on Friday night.

### THINKING ABOUT COMING BUT STILL UNDECIDED?

The 2010 IGS Conference promises to be filled with insightful presentations, introductions to some fabulous research collections, and rich opportunities to network with your fellow genealogists.

This year's conference will be held in Des Moines' Historic East Village, and coincides with the World Food Festival. The World Food Festival's purpose is to celebrate Iowa's unique and diverse culinary traditions - so the East Village will be filled with a wide range of delightful food choices. Just think—you can learn about genealogical sources for researching your immigrant ancestor during a morning conference session. During lunch, you can seek out a food vendor specializing in the foods of your ancestral country! What could be better than that?



### PARKING

There is a free, public parking ramp located at the northwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and East Grand Avenue. This ramp is immediately east of the Iowa Genealogical Society and across the street from the State Historical Society Library.

### MAKE YOUR MOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW

On Fall weekends, Des Moines can be a busy place. The conference planning committee encourages you to make your hotel reservations soon.

### HOTEL & LODGING INFORMATION

Super 8 West Des Moines/Clive  
11414 Forest Avenue, Clive IA 50325  
515-226-0414; www.super8.com  
Rooms \$69.99 + tax  
"Superstart" Breakfast, all rooms non-smoking.

Please RSVP if you will be doing research Friday night. We will use this information to help staff the library.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### FULL CONFERENCE (attending both Friday and Saturday)

Members \$65

Non-Members \$90

### ONE DAY OF CONFERENCE (attending either Friday or Saturday)

Members \$45

Non-Members \$65

### BECOME A MEMBER OF IGS

Individual Membership  \$35

Family Membership  \$45

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation policy: After Sep 26 - No refund

I will research at the library Friday night. \_\_\_\_\_

I want to Tour the State Archives \_\_\_\_\_

### Make check payable to:

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Des Moines, IA 50309-1924

Or register online: [www.iowagenealogy.org](http://www.iowagenealogy.org)

## IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### Membership Benefits:

- Free access to IGS research library
- Bimonthly newsletter
- Admission discounts to IGS classes & events
- Discounted hourly research rate

Individual: \$35       Family: \$45

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL  
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October 2010

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Bouton, Iowa 50039

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