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IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

45 years

A LOOK AT LAND RECORDS

Did you know that land and property records have impacted more Americans than any other type of written record? Ninety percent of adult white males owned land in the United States by the mid-1800s. Even today, it is estimated that as much as fifty percent of the population owns property.

Whether our ancestors received their land from the government or through private sales, land records can be a gold mine of genealogical information. Why then, in light of these statistics, do so many genealogists avoid land and property research? In this issue, IGS addresses the topic of land records and their relevance to family historians. Learn the basics and find some tips on how to enhance your research with these indispensable records.

Ready to learn more? Plan to attend the IGS Fall Conference, scheduled for October 8th and 9th. Topics include a closer look at land records research; see page eleven for conference details. From upcoming educational programs to new books on the shelf, you'll find plenty of opportunities to enrich your family history experience in this month's IGS newsletter.



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To volunteer, contact:

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Newsletter Mailing Committee

Volunteers are needed to help print, fold, tape and label the newsletter. It's easy, fun, and you get to be first to read the latest issue! Contact the IGS office if you can help.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barb Hug, IGS President



Dear IGS Members,

What a great spring this has been for IGS; the open house and the spring technology conference were both big hits.

Special thanks to Nicoe Hart, Region 8 Representative, for supervising the renovation of the building and Carla Anders, 1st Vice President, for planning the conference. Both women will tell you they had lots of help to get these jobs done successfully. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone!

Also special thanks to all of you who have donated money to the *Raising the Roof* campaign. As of May 3rd, we have received donations from 261 individuals, three businesses, twenty-two county chapters and one state society. If you have donated and did not receive a thank you letter, please let me know right away.

Summer will bring even more events to IGS as volunteers once again lead the way, and in the autumn we have another wonderful conference planned.

We are looking at new technologies to be able to provide our educational programs to those of you out of the immediate area and we have received a small grant to redesign our website; we are thinking of every member's needs as we continue to plan for the future.

Have a great summer traveling to cemeteries and other places to do research.

Barbara Hug, President

Iowa Genealogical Society



IGS WANTS YOU!

The Nominating Committee has begun the search for members to fill the positions of President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Search your heart and see if this is the time for you to join the list of members who have served over the past 45 years. Your work can help IGS continue to be an outstanding resource for family historians in Iowa.

If you have an interest or think that you know someone who would be a good candidate, contact Margaret Foster at fosterm@mchsi.com or call the IGS library at 515-276-0287 and leave a message.

The nominating committee will be contacting members to talk about serving. If you get a call, please seriously consider saying yes. IGS relies on the support of all its members to succeed.

RAISE THE ROOF! IGS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Donations to date: **\$44,972**. To all who have so generously donated, thank you! Your support helps secure the future of IGS!

The new roof is complete for a total cost of **\$48,650**, and interior repairs have been made.

We need to raise an additional \$4,000 to meet our goal of \$49,000. Any costs not covered by donations must come out of our operating budget.

Donations may be made online: www.iowagenealogy.org or mailed to:

**Iowa Genealogical Society
Capital Campaign
628 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309**

We are so close to meeting our goal—*please help IGS Raise the Roof!*

\$49,000
\$45,000
\$40,000
\$35,000
\$30,000
\$25,000
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000



THANK YOU

Olympic Companies donated all the identified needed dry wall, insulation, poly vapor barrier, drywall compound and dry wall tape. Vicky Malin works for Olympic and was instrumental in arranging the donation.



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Duerson Company donated new gutters for the rear of the East Wing.

Sherwin Williams of Clive donated paint.

Bill Toye of **Toye Construction** volunteered to do the needed painting without charge.

Baker Group came out and did a free inspection of our six heating units.

Beisser Lumber of Grimes provided free delivery of the exterior siding and sold IGS hardiplank siding at cost.

AmeriFloor of Grimes donated vinyl floor and baseboards and gave us reduced pricing on carpet and installation of both floors. They also came out and re-laid our carpeting on the entry ramp and ramp to the kitchen and Production One area (It had bubbled up in places and was a hazard.). Tim Wells, manager of AmeriFloor in Grimes, and the company owners donated the items.



16 April 2010:
President Barb Hug
with Vicky Malin



16 April 2010: President
Barb Hug with Bill Toye



“Before and After”

CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

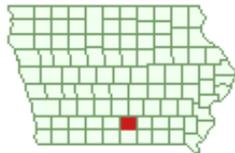
Story County Genealogical Society: As persons researching our family history, we've learned to make the most of all tools available, using a mix of Internet-based as well as traditional sources, including court house records, library records and newspapers. The key words might be "efficient and effective," for which of us has unlimited time and money to pursue leads aimlessly?

In order to find what might be useful on the Internet, the Story County Genealogical Society, will co-sponsor a session at the Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Avenue in Ames, on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Ross Petra, Information Services Librarian, will give a presentation on searching Google effectively.

Members of the Story County Genealogical Society will provide support in assisting attendees with some hands-on computer searching.
~ Mary J. Lohr, SCGS President

From the **Lucas County Genealogical Society:**

The Chariton and Russell newspaper items from 1868 to present are now available through the Chariton library website, <http://www.chariton.lib.ia.us/use-the-library/genealogy2>.



Items about births, deaths, marriages anniversaries and others of interest are indexed.

Go down below the third paragraph and click on "newspaper index." Go to the surname letter and click on it. You will see if there are items in our large collection of newspapers on microfilm. The next item on the page is the new BLOG page. Interesting articles are being added each week.

Now that the weather is better, our project of photography of gravestones will be continued. Check out the Iowa Gravestones site for photos from many Lucas County cemeteries.

~ Betty Cross, Region 9 Representative

The **Laurens Genies** in conjunction with the Laurens Federated Women's Club and other local organizations will sponsor the Third Annual Cemetery Walk on Sunday, June 27th, from 4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

The walk will be held at the Laurens Cemetery. It will feature presentations by local Laurens citizens who will dress in period costumes and portray nine early residents of Laurens. Included will be the portrayal of a woman who lived from 1840 - 1942 (she met Abraham Lincoln), one of the first Laurens railroad depot agents, and a local meat market owner who displayed his wares as they had been done in his native England.

We have our youngest participant this year. One of our high school students will be dressed in a 1920s basketball outfit and will portray a basketball player of that era. She is absolutely thrilled to be a part of our cemetery walk. It's wonderful to get young people interested in this project—a painless way to learn about the history of their community as well as the United States. No tests to take afterwards, either!

Tickets will be sold for five dollars each with the profits being used to straighten and repair grave markers in the cemetery. For more information, please contact Grace Hertz, 13737 410th Street, Laurens, IA 50554-8669; gradon@ncn.net.



IGS FLASHBACK 1987: Governor's Volunteer Award presented by Governor Terry Branstad to IGS Volunteer Helen McCracken. Helen served as IGS President in 1987 and contributed many volunteer hours to the successful growth of IGS.

TIPS & TECHNIQUES

LAND RECORDS: TURNING OVER THE ROCKS

By Edith Munro, Contributing Editor

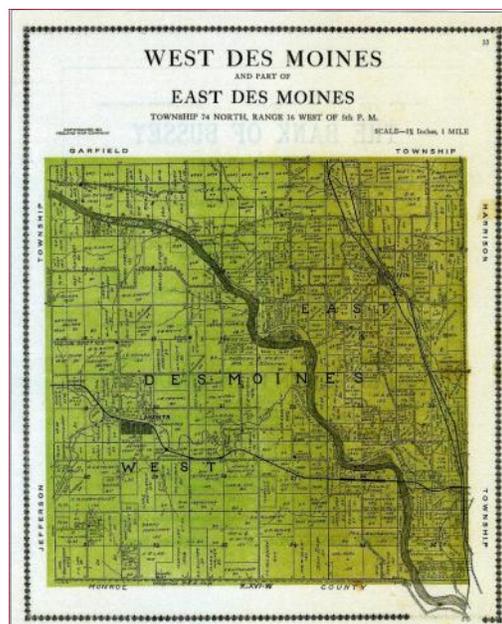
IGS Education Director Carla Anders' recent IGS workshop on land records provided a useful introduction on how to begin looking for genealogical nuggets in state and federal land records.

Carla provided extensive background on key terms to know, on understanding how property is identified, and on the different systems used in different states.

Participants came away understanding how to read land descriptions in the Township and Range System used throughout the Midwest (see "Ask the Experts," page 6) and with an overview of the different forms of homesteading in American history.

Carla also discussed county-level sources for secondary land sales, county sources of mortgage records, tax records, the grantee/grantor indexes in county courthouses, and sources for city directories.

For historical Iowa plat maps (which show the names of landowners), check out the University of Iowa library website at www.digital.lib.uiowa.edu. Plat maps for Missouri are available online at "Missouri Digital Heritage."



Records of U.S. government land sales, dating as far back as Revolutionary War military bounty grants, are available from the Bureau of Land Management at www.glorerecords.blm.gov.

If you find records granting land to your ancestor, be sure to submit the homestead certificate number (usually in the top left corner) to BLM and request the case file of paperwork that supported the land grant. Federal lands were also given to states and railroads, which were then responsible for selling the land to homesteaders.

If your family homesteaded in Illinois, check out www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/landsrch.html to search for their purchase. For Missouri, go to <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/land/>

Railroad records, if they survive, are held by whichever railroad bought out the railroad that originally granted the property. For example, Canadian National Railway bought out the Illinois Central Railroad, which sold large tracts in Illinois during the 1850s.

IOWA NOTES

The **Iowa Gravestone Photo Project** <http://iowagravestones.org> reached a major milestone the week of April 11th, topping the 1/2 million mark in gravestone photo records online.

Originating as an IAGenWeb Special Project in January 2003, the "Gravestone Photo Project" soon included all ninety-nine Iowa counties. Thanks to thousands of volunteer contributors as well as key county level IAGenWeb coordinators, it has grown to be a significant resource for genealogical research while at the same time honoring our ancestors, many of whom were early pioneers of the state of Iowa.

~ Rich Lowe, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project Coordinator, <http://iowagravestones.org>

ASK THE EXPERTS ...WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

By Edith Munro



Question: I'm trying to figure out exactly where my great grandfather homesteaded in Illinois. I've got a number - NW¼NW¼ S8 T20N R9W 3rd Principal Meridian. But what does it mean?

In public domain states (Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming) land grants are typically described based on a grid of imaginary lines drawn on the map.

These descriptions actually read from right to left. Your land description begins on the right with the 3rd Principal Meridian (which runs down the center of Illinois). R9W refers to the range (counting west from the 3rd Meridian).

Moving left, T20N refers to Township 20 North, counting 20 townships up from the baseline in southern Illinois. In Iowa, almost all land numbers from the 5th Meridian and from the baseline in Arkansas. A map of the Principal Meridians and baselines is available on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/cadastral/meridians/meridians.htm>.

Combining the Range and Township numbers identifies the township within Bureau County, Illinois, where your family's claim was located. Next, S8 refers to Section 8 within that township.

The final two numbers show that your ancestor claimed only a portion of Section 8. A section is normally one mile by one mile in size, totaling 640 acres. The right-hand NW¼ puts your family in the northwest quarter of the section (160 acres) and the second NW¼ shows that they owned only the northwest quarter of that quarter section, or 40 acres.

If your ancestor was homesteading on federal government land, you may be able to get a lot more information. First, go to the Bureau of Land Management website (www.glorerecords.blm.gov) and click on "Search Land Patents" to search BLM's on-line database for a copy of the deed to this property.

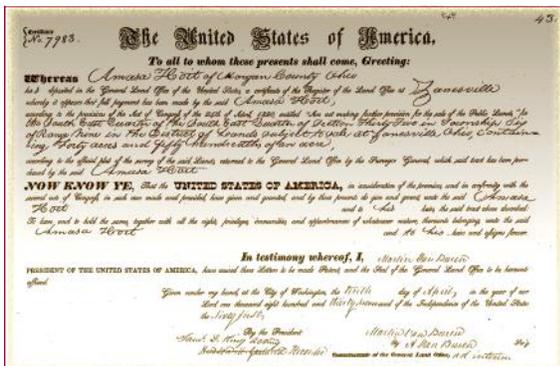
Once you find the deed, check in the upper left corner for a case file number, then contact BLM to request additional information. Before 1840, the data is limited (names, location, acreage, price) but after 1840 the files often include the application homesteaders filed to support their claims and the documents submitted by friends or neighbors as proof of the claim.

Provided with thanks to Carla Anders

Thank you—To the IGS members who have contacted me to offer expertise on specific areas of research. For example, if you're researching a family in the Dakotas, I now know who can help you with Dakota questions.

Expert = Experience

There are IGS members who would never claim to be experts, but they've done a lot of work in certain areas and have a lot of experience. Does this sound like you? In fact, the terms "experience" and "expert" come from the same source. You may not think of yourself as an expert, but your experience can almost certainly help other members. Give me a buzz or drop me an e-mail if you're willing to share what you've learned. Contact: Edith Munro, 2015 68th St., Windsor Heights, IA 50324 emm42ia@gmail.com

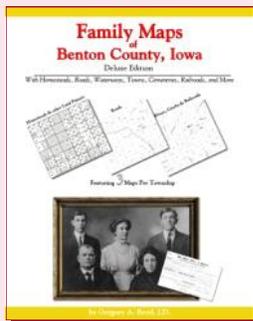
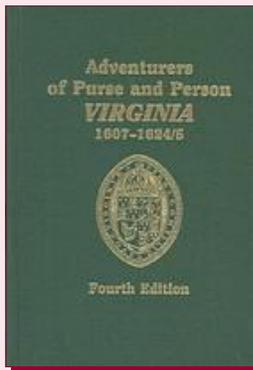


HIDDEN TREASURES

The book *Farmers of Iowa, 1892* can be found at Dewey Decimal number 977.7/FAR in the Iowa general section. It is an alphabetical list of farmers of each county by post office. A great census substitution!

The other treasure is a recent find. We now have twenty rolls of microfilm of the *New York Times*, 1851-1865. This collection does not contain all months of those years, but might mention your ancestor's ship arrival during that time, as well as other news of the day.

You can find these films in the drawer below the other "newspaper" films.



CATALOGING CORNER

by Diane Densmore



We added eighty-eight books to our shelves in February and March. Our new Iowa books, by county, include:

- **Cedar:** several back issues of "The Cedar County Historical Review"; *Update of Stones and Sites* (1984-2001)
- **Des Moines** (County, not the city): *Catfish Bend, River Town & County Seat*
- **Iowa:** *1874 Atlas, 1900 Atlas*
- **Jasper:** *Barney's Fiddle* (History of Oswalt, Iowa)
- **Polk:** *Locations of Gravesites, Once Lost, But Recently Found*; Caldwell Funeral Home, 1983, 1984 and 1985 Records

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

- **Illinois:** Maps of Illinois Counties, 1876
- **Kentucky:** Mason
- **Missouri:** Perry
- **New York:** Ulster
- **South Dakota:** Sully
- **West Virginia:** Berkeley



Some family history book surnames: **Hawbaker, Melvin, Turner, and Wolfe.**

In addition to all of these wonderful donated books, we also received a check to purchase books. After much deliberation, the cataloging volunteers decided to buy the following:

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607/1624/5 is a three volume set establishing descents, through the sixth generation, of the 150 individuals who can be identified as (1) Adventurers of Purse (i.e. stockholders in the Virginia Company of London) who either came to Virginia in that time period and had descendants or who did not come to Virginia during that time period but whose grandchildren were residents there; or (2) Adventurers of Person (i.e. ordinary immigrants to Virginia) who left descendants.

The other purchase was seven *Family Map Books* by Gregory A. Boyd, published by Arphax Publishing for the following Iowa counties: Benton, Dubuque, Fayette, Henry, Jasper, Johnson and Linn. These are land patent books for original settlers whose purchases are indexed in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management database. Twenty-five of Iowa's ninety-nine counties have been done. IGS now has eight of these on our shelves (we already had Clayton county).

We thank this couple so very much for this most generous gift.

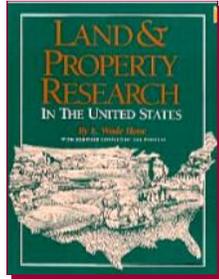
Don't forget to check the "Recent Library Book Acquisitions" binder on top of the card catalog files when you're at IGS. A listing of our new books is printed at the beginning of each month.

RESOURCE REVIEWS

WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS

By Alice Hoyt Veen, Newsletter Editor

Land & Property Research in the United States. By E. Wade Hone. Published by Ancestry Inc., P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1997. 517 pp. Foreword, index, illustrations, maps. Published in paperback 2008. \$32.97.



After more than ten years, E. Wade Hone's *Land & Property Research in the United States* remains the definitive volume for researchers seeking to gain a thorough understanding of these sometimes complicated and confusing records.

The book is divided into five sections, each dealing with specific land record types generated by various governmental agencies: "Pre-U.S. Possession," "State-Land States," "Federal-Land States," "Individual Lands," and "Special Interest" (Native American Land Records).

Each section provides historical background, a description of the records themselves, identification of the states and regions where the records were used, the repositories where the records are housed today, and a bibliography of additional reference works.

Hone provides guided instructions for understanding and platting metes and bounds and the rectangular survey system. He demonstrates techniques for using these plats to successfully identify family relationships.

Appendices include a "Tract Book and Township Plat Map Guide to Federal Land States," and "Land Office Boundary Maps for All Federal Land States."

Writing with precision and attention to detail, Hone has created an indispensable and comprehensive textbook for anyone interested in exploring land records research.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

From Heather Murphy, Asstant Director of Advancement for Publications & Public Affairs, University of Illinois

Digital Farm Newspapers Online from the University of Illinois

The University of Illinois Library houses one of the world's premier collections of agricultural newspapers and now provides digital access to this historically significant material. Farm, Field and Fireside, a repository of digitized farm newspapers, offers digital facsimiles of farm newspapers published in the U.S., mainly within the Midwest.

There is no charge to use the repository located at <http://www.library.illinois.edu/dnc/fff/>. Anyone with access to the Internet can browse the newspapers by date or search by keyword across articles, advertisements, and photo captions. In addition, individual articles can be printed, downloaded, or e-mailed.

Together with the introduction of rural mail delivery, the telephone, and the automobile, farm newspapers have played a key role in the modernization of rural America. Distinct from the general small-town or rural press, farm weeklies were aimed at a local, regional, or national audience of farmers and their families, with the goal of disseminating information and dispensing advice.

Farm newspapers were instrumental in the formation of rural public opinion and in connecting farmers to broader social and economic currents in American life. More than 75 percent of Midwestern farmers subscribed to one or more agricultural papers in 1913. Yet until now, this rich source material remained largely hidden from scholars.

The Farm, Field and Fireside repository is accessible at:

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/dnc/fff/>.
The History, Philosophy & Newspaper Library is located at: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/hpnl/>.

LIVES & TIMES RETURNS TO IGS

IGS is pleased to announce the return of the popular lecture series *Lives and Times*. Beginning June 10th, programs highlighting Iowa's people and history will take place at the IGS Library on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

All programs are FREE and open to the public; no registration is required. Freewill donations are appreciated. Enjoy learning more about Iowa's unique heritage, then afterwards visit with the presenters and explore the library's superb resources.

JUNE 10: LINCOLN HIGHWAY



1929 Lincoln Highway, Tama, Iowa
Iowa DOT Historical Archives Photo

Featured guests: Joyce Ausberger and Robert Owens. The Lincoln Highway was the first major route to span the United States from coast to coast, beginning in New York City and terminating in San Francisco, a distance of 3389 miles.

Today, Iowans traveling U.S. Highway 30 are closely following the Lincoln Highway route, and almost 85 percent of the original highway in Iowa is still drivable. Learn about this trans-continental highway's history and heritage from the 1930s to the present and the role Iowans played in its development.

JULY 8: LOST IN SIBERIA--- THE REST OF THE STORY

Featured guest: John Groh. This presentation details two branches of the Groh Family that were separated for over seventy years and then reunited through the power of the Internet. One branch came to America in the early 1900s; the other branch remained in Russia and were deported to Siberia by Stalin just prior to World War II.



Siberia, early 1900s

The Groh family was among the first settlers in the village of Grimm, Russia, along the Volga River region in 1767—just four years after the invitation to settle the area by Czarina Catherine the Great. The family stayed in Grimm as farmers until six Groh siblings gathered up their families and immigrated to the U.S. between 1906 and 1912, first settling in the Maywood area (a suburb of Chicago) and later moving west to the Mason City, Iowa, area where they worked the sugar beet cycle. Over the next decades some stayed in Iowa, some returned to Chicago, but no one knew what happened to those left behind in Russia.

Please join us for John Groh's recount of his family's global journey, how the descendants reconnected, and the resulting reunion seventy years later.

John Groh is retired after a long career with Drake University. With his wife, Sue, he lives in Johnston, Iowa. They are life members of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and charter members of the Wild Rose Chapter of Iowa.

AUGUST 12: ELIJAH'S STORY

Featured guest: Aiddy Phomvisay. In 1979 Aiddy Phomvisay emigrated from Laos with his family. He grew up in Alta, Iowa, and received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Iowa State University. He is currently an Associate Principal at Valley High School in West Des Moines. Aiddy's family includes wife Mindy, a music educator, six-year-old daughter Emma and eight-year-old son Elijah.

IGS CALENDAR

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

JUNE 2010

JUNE 1: African American Interest Group 7 p.m.

JUNE 7: German Interest Group 7 p.m.

JUNE 10: LIVES & TIMES:

The Lincoln Highway 7 p.m.

See description on page 9. No reservations are required for this FREE program.

JUNE 15: Irish Interest Group 7 p.m.

JUNE 17: Legacy Users Group 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Bring your computer with Legacy and questions on its use. Contact Carla Anders:

andersc@iowatelecom.net for more details.

JUNE 19: Beginning Genealogy

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

FREE! Reservations suggested.

JUNE 19: Military Records 1:30–3:30 p.m.



Learn about pension files, service records, muster rolls and more. Find out where to find these valuable resources and how you can access them. Reservations are required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/ \$10 non-members.

JUNE 22: Norwegian Interest Group 7 p.m.

JUNE 24: Beginning Internet Genealogy 6–8 p.m.

FREE! Reservations suggested.

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

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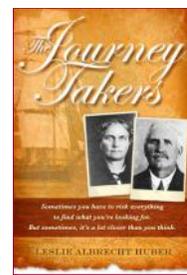
JULY 6: African-American Interest Group 7 p.m.

JULY 8: LIVES & TIMES: Lost in Siberia 7 p.m.

See description on page 9. No reservations are required for this FREE program.

**JULY 9: *The Journey Takers*
Book Lecture 6 p.m.**

Freelance writer and genealogist Leslie Albrecht Huber delves into the past to recreate the immigration story in her new book, *The Journey Takers*. Centered on one family, the book widens its focus to tell the story of one of the most influential groups of people in US history—nineteenth-century European immigrants.



Huber's ancestors left their homes in Germany, Sweden, and England to sail to the United States and start new lives. Huber sets out to trace these journeys and to understand her family—who they were and what mattered to them. Based on thousands of hours of research, Huber recreates the immigration experience in a way that captures both its sweeping historical breadth and its intimately personal consequences.

Huber has written over one hundred articles, mostly on family history and history topics. She has spoken to local, regional, and national audiences in New England and across the country. Visit her website at www.thejourneytakers.com for more information.

JULY 12: German Interest Group 7 p.m.

JULY 17 - 18: Research Slumber Party
Saturday, July 17th, 5:00 p.m. through
Sunday, July 18th, 6:00 a.m.

Join other die-hard researchers for eleven straight hours of family history discovery. Cost: \$25 per person, includes a light supper. Space is limited and reservations are required.

JULY 20: Irish Interest Group 7 p.m.

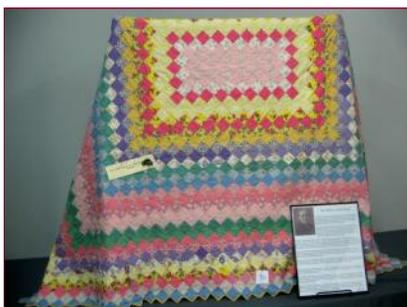
JULY 27: Norwegian Interest Group 7 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD: SAVE THE DATES!

2nd Annual IGS Quilt Show “Tales These Quilts Can Tell”

September 30, October 1 & 2.

This year’s exhibit will include a sale table for small donated quilted and/or pieced items, including pot holders, table runners, pillow tops, placemats, potato bakers, coasters, Christmas theme items and more. Members are encouraged to donate their handiwork for the sale table.



Plan to enter your family heirloom in this year’s show, then *save the date* and come enjoy this one-of-a-kind exhibit! Details and application on page 12.

For more information, contact: Shirley Munier, 277-2066 or Helen Phillips, 967-4641; or the IGS Library, 276-0287.

IGS Fall Conference: October 8–9, 2010 Place: State Historical Society of Iowa and Iowa Genealogical Society

This year’s conference will feature 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.

IGS Fall Conference topics of discussion

- **Dating and identifying your 19th Century Photographs .**

If you have a drawer or box full of old family photos, Gail will bring your ancestral images into focus. Learn how to use power combinations of image type, fashions, photographers and your family tree to reveal the stories in those intriguing faces.



- **Rich Resource for Poor Ancestors.**
- **Breaking Through with Land Records.**

Rich or poor, your family left some kind of paper trail; you just need to know where to look. Expand your research and break through those brick walls. Gail will guide you through the different kinds of land records, and help you prioritize and identify what she calls “high value targets.”



- **Keeping Up With the Jones ... and Smiths.**

Learn new techniques to zero in on your ancestor as an individual— no matter what his or her name was.

Other topics/Activities

- Photography Collection at the State Historical Society
- Research resources available at the State of Iowa Historical Society
- Iowa Land Records
- Land Record Search at the State of Iowa Historical Society
- Research opportunities at the Iowa Genealogical Society

Watch the IGS website for registration information, and *save the dates!*

Application
2nd Annual IGS Heritage Quilt Show
“Tales These Quilts Could Tell”
Iowa Genealogical Society

Procedure:

1. Please complete this form and return to IGS or send information via email no later than September 15th so we can begin to plan the display space.
2. The quilt or covering must have been made by an ancestor of an IGS member/family.
3. The applicant is encouraged to share the tale of the quilt and/or ancestor to accompany the quilt. For consistency of display, have the story on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper.
4. Quilts may be brought to IGS between September 20th & September 27th.
5. Quilts may be picked up after the show on October 2 and no later than October 9. IGS will not mail the quilt unless postage is provided by the applicant.
6. There will be an admission charge for the show.
7. Quilts will be judged by the visitors and \$25.00 will be awarded for the following categories: 1) Most unique quilt, 2) Best display of the quilt maker’s life story, and 3) Best of Show.

IGS member name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number, including area code: _____ Email: _____

Description of the quilt:

Size: _____ Use: _____

Name of ancestor who made the quilt: _____

Relationship to IGS member/family _____

About when was the quilt made: _____

Technique used:

_____ Quilted _____ Woven _____ Crocheted _____ Appliqué

_____ Other: please describe: _____

If possible, send a photograph of the quilt with this application to assist us in designing a set-up of the show.

No later than September 15, 2010, please bring this form and photo to the IGS office, send as an attachment via email to igs@iowagenealogy.org, or mail to:

IGS Quilt Show
628 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1924

CELEBRATE YOUR IOWA ANCESTOR

The Iowa Genealogical Society offers several ways to commemorate the lives of Iowa ancestors. If your roots are in Iowa, consider participating in the IGS Pioneer, Century or Statehood Certificates program. The information you submit remains on file at the IGS Library for the benefit of other family history researchers, and you'll receive an attractive certificate honoring the life of your Iowa ancestor.

Applicants must prove direct descent and prove that the ancestor settled in Iowa:

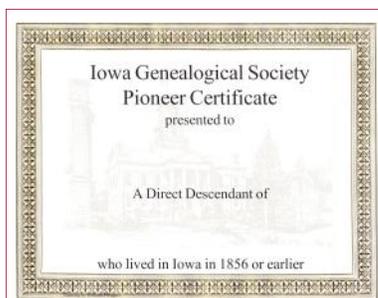
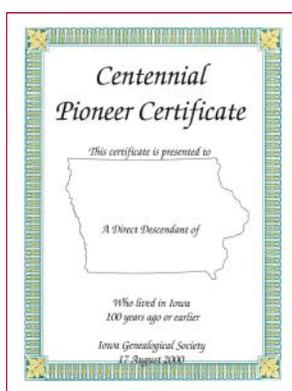
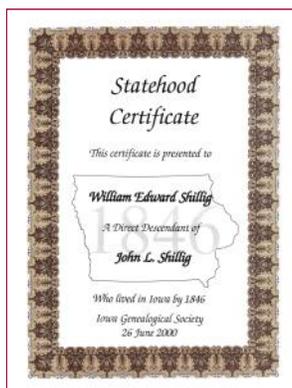
- By 1846 to receive a Statehood Certificate.
- By 1856 to receive a Pioneer Certificate.
- More than 100 years prior to the date of application for a Century Certificate.

A complete application consists of the following:

- An application form, available from the Iowa Genealogical Society or the IGS website: http://www.iowagenealogy.org/research_resources/index.htm.
- A pedigree chart showing the ancestral line(s) of the person to whom the certificate is to be issued.
- A \$10 check, payable to the Iowa Genealogical Society, for each certificate requested.
- Copies of your documentation. Because these records are used as a genealogical resource by other researchers, all proof of descent needs to be extracted from a primary source, such as an original document that was created at the time of the event (i.e., marriage, census, etc.). Submit copies or extracts from the actual documents cited. Documents that infer rather than establish the fact being claimed require additional corroborative evidence.

Send the completed application, pedigree chart, proof of descent and proper payment to:

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



IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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or mailed:

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Bouton, Iowa 50039

To have your mailed submission returned, please enclosed a postage-paid SASE.



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