

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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HAWKEYE IS A PROUD NAME

written by Lida L. Greene, reprinted from the first issue of Hawkeye Heritage, 1966

The term 'Hawkeye' as applied to Iowa or Iowans originated early in the history of the territory. In the Fort Madison *Patriot*, a newspaper dated March 24, 1838, James G. Edwards suggested the cognomen. The name was used in a series of letters published in Iowa newspapers the following year and seems to have been adopted by common consent.

The reason for the choice of the nickname is not quite clear. It may have been a reminder of the self-reliance, the watchfulness, the courage of the hawk, so much a part of the Iowa scene.

"Hawkeye" is a proud name. Iowans attach it to the titles of their business firms and shorten it to "Hawks" for the University of Iowa football stalwarts. It has an adventurous, pioneering sound. That's why the Iowa Genealogical Society chose *Hawkeye Heritage* for the name of the society's genealogical publication. We like it. We hope you like it, too!



IGS Past Presidents ca. 1979

Left to right: Charlott Blevin, Dr. George McCracken, Sherry Foresman, Dr. Newell Daily, Dorothy Goldizen, Al Englehorn, Hazel Demirjean

IGS is proud to continue the tradition of *Hawkeye Heritage* excellence into the 21st Century. Today, readers can download the latest edition with the click of a computer mouse.

For those who prefer a printed version, IGS is pleased to again provide this option. See details on page 15.

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- Serve on the Board of Directors
- Recruit a committee to assist in planning and carrying out various events of IGS, including fundraising and social events.

To volunteer, contact:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barb Hug, IGS President

Dear IGS Members,

What a winter this has been for IGS. As you know, we had a major collapse of the ceiling in the library, office and storage areas due to a leaky roof. Volunteers scrambled to cover our collection and equipment to keep them dry. The weather delayed the installation of the roof by about six weeks, but the work was finally completed Tuesday, February 23rd; now begins the interior work.

Even better news is that our insurance coverage paid for some of the interior repair costs. This money plus the donations of labor and materials has allowed us to drop the "Raise the Roof Campaign" to \$49,000.

I am so pleased at the number of people, members and non-members, who have donated to our "Raising the Roof Campaign", raising a total of \$38,078.40 as of March 1st. We still have a little ways to go, so if you haven't donated, please consider doing so.

I'd like to thank Nicoe Hart for taking on the responsibility of coordinating the roof and interior repair work. I can't begin to tell you what all this has entailed, but it has been a huge undertaking.

We have an excellent spring conference planned for April 17th; be sure to look elsewhere in the newsletter for a description and registration form.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Barbara Hug, President

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MAKING CONNECTIONS: INTRODUCING



Roof & Interior Renovations Committee Chairperson Nicoe Hart

Nicoe retired from Massey Ferguson in the 1990s and has been pursuing her family roots ever since. She has volunteered countless hours at the library, and has been instrumental in organizing and coordinating the difficult job of roofing the building and arranging for interior library repairs.



Library Committee Chairperson Margaret Foster

Margaret credits her mother, who kept great family records, with getting her started in genealogy. A professional researcher for twenty years, Margaret joined IGS In 1974 and was co-librarian with Mable Klobnak in the second and third locations of the library at 6000 Douglas. She's been the Volunteer Coordinator since then, mostly for library attendants, is the IGS Historian, and put together the history of 1985-2005 for the 40th anniversary. In addition to chairing the Library Committee, Margaret is serving on the Nominating Committee this year.

MAKING CONNECTIONS MEET THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Barb Hug



Barbara has been doing genealogy since the early 1980s, writing a book on her Benskin family history at the urging of family members. She is active in the Jasper County Genealogical Society as well as the IAGenWeb project. Most recently she was accepted into the Daughters of the American Revolution.

1st Vice President Carla Anders



Carla has two degrees in Business Administration and is a Project Leader/Manager. She is VP and Educational Director of the Warren County Genealogical Society and Educational Director for the Missouri State Genealogical Society, in addition to her role as IGS 1st VP and Educational Director.

2nd Vice President Kathy Gourley



Kathy has been interested in genealogy for many years. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in anthropology at ISU. Kathy works for the State Historical Society in historic preservation and outreach, and manages Iowa's cultural district program.

Secretary Diane Densmore



Diane, born & raised in Lohrville, Calhoun County, Iowa, retired in 2005 after working 32 years in the microbiology lab at the VA Medical Center in Des Moines, and has been an IGS member for eleven years. Diane has lent her time and talents to a variety of volunteer tasks, including serving as IGS secretary since 2007. Her current project is cataloging new books.

Treasurer LaWanda Nepstad



LaWanda has been Treasurer since March 2009. She works as project accountant at Baker Group in Des Moines and is a part-time student at AIB College of Business, finishing her degree in accounting. LaWanda has been doing genealogy for about thirty years and has taught beginning genealogy as well as a census class at the LDS Church. She is committee chair for the Woodland Historical Cemetery Walk planned for this fall.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The nominating committee is beginning the work of creating a slate of candidates for election this fall. The offices of **President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary** will be filled. The terms are for two years.

In addition, the representatives from the even-numbered regions within the state will be elected. The terms are also for two years.

Region representatives are asked to serve as liaisons with the chapters within their regions and to represent IGS within their region. They attend four IGS board meetings each year. Representatives must live within the region they represent or be a member of a chapter within that region.

The counties within the regions whose representatives are being elected are:

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

Region 4 – Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Linn, Tama

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

Region 8 – Jasper, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Story, Warren

Region 10 – Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Ringgold, Taylor, Union

Region 12 – Calhoun, Emmet, Humboldt, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Webster

Region 14 – Buena Vista, Cherokee, Ida, Plymouth, Sac, Woodbury

Region 16 – Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawatomie

If you are interested in serving or know of someone whom you think would be a good candidate, please contact Margaret Foster at fosterm@mchsi.com.

Your IGS team has worked hard to move the society forward through challenging times. Consider how you can help keep the teamwork going!

RAISE THE ROOF! IGS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Progress Report: Good News!

- ◆ As of this writing, the “Raise the Roof” Campaign has received donations totaling **\$\$38,078.40**. To all who have so generously donated, *thank you!* Your support helps secure the future of IGS.
- ◆ Despite weather delays, workers have completed reroofing the entire IGS building.
- ◆ IGS has received the following donations of supplies:
 - Paint from the Clive Sherwin Williams store.
 - A professional painter who will donate his time.
 - Hard surfaced flooring for storage area.
 - Insulation, wall board and everything needed for drywall installation.
- ◆ Interior work is progressing on insulation, dry wall and painting.
- ◆ An unexpected insurance settlement has been received for interior damages. While it does not cover any expenses associated with the roof replacement, this settlement will help defray costs for the interior work.
- ◆ The additional funds have allowed IGS to repay the bank loan used to initiate this project.
- ◆ While the fundraising campaign must continue until all bills have been paid, the Finance Committee is pleased to **lower the “Raise the Roof” donations goal to \$49,000**. *Please help us reach our new goal!*
- ◆ **Thanks** to the volunteers who helped transfer the Family Histories volumes to the west wing of the building. Volunteers have also been busy cleaning walls and preparing the library for painting and repairs.
- ◆ The library, including Family Histories, remains open for patrons. Staff and volunteers are available for assistance in locating resources.
- ◆ **An Open House, Celebration and Donor Recognition** will be held Friday, **April 16, 2010** from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a donor recognition ceremony held at 6:00 p.m. The library will be open to members and non-members to do research and view the ceiling and walls without all the stains and mold. We’ll also have a slide show of the work being done.
- ◆ *Special thanks to Nicoe Hart*. She has been tireless in her work to organize and implement this project.



CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

The **Jefferson County Genealogical Society**, founded in 1972, holds its quarterly meetings at the **Fairfield Public Library**. Verda Baird, retiring after thirty-three years as corresponding secretary, has collected over 10,000 family sheets and 293 family books on behalf of the society.



Fairfield Public Library
104 West Adams, Fairfield

This remarkable collection is available to the public at the Fairfield Public Library. Bound volumes are color coded for easy reference: red for courthouse records, blue for cemetery inscriptions, orange for bound obituaries, and tan for historical research.

Online resources include burials, dating from 1839 through 2009, for seventy-seven of seventy-eight cemeteries, with maiden names added where possible. Cemetery entrance pictures and township maps illustrate locations.

Every-name households for the 1856, 1885, 1895 and 1925 state censuses are online, as well as alphabetized county marriages from 1839 through 1880.

Whether you visit in person or on the web, you'll enjoy your journey through Jefferson County's past.

~ *Verda Baird, retired corresponding secretary*

The **Humboldt County Genealogical Society** has printed a Humboldt Community High School Alumni Album which contains the names and photos of all HHS graduates from the class of 1888 to the class of 2007. To order an Album, send a check for \$48 which covers price and boxed postage to:

Humboldt County Genealogy Society
Humboldt Public Library
30 Sixth Street North
Humboldt, Iowa 50548

~ *Grace Hertz, Region 12 Representative*

Bremer County Genealogical Society continues to microfilm the *Tripoli Leader* newspapers. To date, the years filmed are 1905 through 1976, and September 1987 through June 1999. Additional years from 1976 through September of 1987 will be filmed as funds become available. Upon receiving the reels of film, they are presented to the Waverly Public Library where they are available to the public for research. The society continues to apply for grants to complete the filming project.

Several members are updating the Bremer County Cemetery Records, walking each cemetery to verify written information and to add any burials not previously recorded.

~ *Bernice Kimball, VP Bremer Co. Gen. Society*

The Lucas County Genealogical Society now has their complete newspaper index for all four Chariton and one Russell paper available on line: <http://lucascountygenealogy.blogspot.com/>

~ *Betty Cross, Region 9 Representative*

Founded in 1982, the **Laurens Genies** was the first genealogical society formed in Pocahontas County in northwest Iowa. Now



officially named the **Pocahontas County, Iowa-Laurens Genealogical Society**, the group currently has sixteen members. Membership is open to all with an interest in genealogical, biographical and historical research. Meetings are held on the last Friday of each month and dues are \$7.00 per year. The society is dedicated to furthering genealogical research for its members as well as others with an interest in Pocahontas County.

Direct genealogical inquiries to:
Pocahontas County/Laurens Genealogical Society
Laurens Public Library
273 N. Third St. Laurens, Iowa 50554

HIDDEN TREASURES

Have you ever perused the general Iowa section? You can find these shelves just before the Iowa counties start alphabetically.

One of the treasures in this area is *Biographical Index to the County Histories of Iowa* by Charles Morford found at Dewey number 977.7/MOR.

This is a great index of over 44,000 pioneers and settlers taken from 120 county history books.

One of our newer books is *Ellis Island Interviews* by Peter Morton Coor (325.1/COA).

It contains 100 immigrant stories as well as employees.

SHARE YOUR IGS MEMORIES

IGS Historian Margaret Foster is collecting material for the IGS archives. Any member who has spoken to any group in 2009, please contact Margaret: 515-285-8031 or foster@mchsi.com and she will add the information to the official archives.

CATALOGING CORNER

by Diane Densmore, IGS Secretary

We added eighty-five books to our shelves from November through January. No books were added in December due to a computer virus.

Our new Iowa books, by county, include:

- ◆ **Boone:** *Glenwood Cemetery in Ogden, Iowa*
- ◆ **Calhoun:** *Lake City Cemetery*
- ◆ **Carroll:** *Breda Centennial, St. Bernard Parish in Breda, Iowa*
- ◆ **Clay:** *Riverside & Northlawn Cemeteries in Spencer, Iowa*
- ◆ **Des Moines (County, not the city):** *Early Marriages 1835-1853*
- ◆ **Floyd:** *Historical Souvenir of Nora Springs, Iowa*
- ◆ **Ida:** *Silver Spring Methodist Church*
- ◆ **Marshall:** *Laurel, Iowa Centennial 1881-1981*
- ◆ **Poweshiek:** *Deep River, Iowa Celebrating 125 Years*

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

- ◆ **Kentucky:** Nelson
- ◆ **Maryland:** Calvert
- ◆ **Missouri:** Livingston, Sullivan
- ◆ **Ohio:** Highland
- ◆ **Pennsylvania:** Crawford
- ◆ **Virginia:** Middlesex

Some family history book surnames: Fitzgerald, Palmer, Peckham, Wadle

Reference Books:

Census Substitutes and State Census Records

Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era - both by William Dollarhide.

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.



TINY TIP:

Searching for a marriage record in Iowa & can't find it in the county where they lived? Try checking Chickasaw County where the "Little Brown Church" is located. The church was completed in 1864, but the song didn't become well-known until about 1910. The construction of roads after World War I brought many to be married there. They now perform about 400 marriages per year. IGS has microfilm for Chickasaw County marriages covering from 1853 through 1938.



TIPS & TECHNIQUES

BOTTOM OF THE PILE NO MORE: IRISH ANCESTRY

by *Theresa Liewer, Moderator of the Irish Interest Group*

I once heard someone refer to Irish genealogy as “bottom of the pile” research – if you had anything else to do, you moved the Irish work to the bottom of the pile because it was going to be frustrating and maybe even impossible. Two things since then have made a remarkable difference and Irish research can move to the top of the pile.

The first breakthrough came in the late 1980s when local Heritage Centres in almost every county in Ireland began indexing the church records for their areas. The work was funded through the National Training and Employment Authority to provide vocational training in computer work and genealogists world-wide were the beneficiaries of the databases that were created. They’ve gone on to add other records such as the tax records known as Griffith’s Valuation and civil registration records of births, marriages and deaths.

This means that if all you know is the county of origin of your Irish ancestors, you now have a source that can help you find more information. I’ve used them with varying results. When the church records don’t start until a decade or two after your family left Ireland, which is the case of my Barretts from County Mayo, there is nothing the local centre can do for you. The cost can seem somewhat daunting; the centres must pay for themselves and provide a living wage for the researchers. Their preference is to do a full-blown family history for you for something in the range of \$300.

However, since many of us want to do our own research after some initial help, they will do a single record search, e.g. a baptismal record for your great-grandfather, or a family group search, e.g., the marriage record of a couple and baptismal records of their children. The fees for that sort of research will range from \$45 to \$90.



Irish countryside photo courtesy of Edith Munro

It’s cheaper than a trip to Ireland although not as much fun, and with that information you can go on to access other records on your own. As an example, for \$60 the County Clare Heritage Centre recently sent me the marriage record of Peter Mooney and Bridget Crehan from February 7, 1842 in the parish of Mullagh/Quilty as well as the baptismal record of their son, Thomas, from December 10, 1848.

The family lived in a rural area called Tromra and I can now find other resources. Among other things, the parish records are available on microfilm from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and I can use them to build an extended family story.

The second breakthrough is the one that all genealogists rejoice over – the Internet. You now can go directly to those Heritage Centres through www.irish-roots.ie and conduct business without waiting for the international mail service. You can access images of Griffiths Primary Valuation through www.askaboutireland.ie and see the 6” to a mile contemporary map that identifies the acres that your family occupied. The National Library of Ireland www.nli.ie and National Archives of Ireland www.nationalarchives.ie are wonderful resources; and the list goes on and on.

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BOTTOM PILE NO MORE ~ *continued from p. 7*

Irish research still has its challenges which is why I suggest that someone who is starting to explore his or her Irish roots purchase a copy of John Grenham's *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*. The third edition was published in 2006 and is a wonderful resource. It's available through Amazon in paperback so go to the IGS website and click on the Amazon logo to order. There is a copy for use at the IGS library. You are also encouraged to attend the Irish Interest Group meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the library; and if local societies would like a short presentation on Irish research, I'm available to come to a meeting for no charge. IGS wants to share its resources with the state-wide community; I enjoy the opportunity to meet other genealogists.

MEET THERESA LIEWER

Theresa has been a member of IGS since 1977 and has served on the board three times in varying capacities, the most recent as president. She moderates the Irish Interest Group and teaches a range of classes at IGS and at local societies. Theresa is an accountant and her husband Jim, like all long-suffering spouses of genealogists, has learned to tolerate jaunts to far-flung cemeteries.



ASK THE EXPERTS ... TO HELP YOU CONNECT THE DOTS *by Edith Munro*

One of the thrills in genealogy comes when somebody else gives you a tip to solve a research problem. The genealogists I've met are endlessly helpful and always willing to share a handy source or answer a question.

With this new "Ask the Experts" feature, you no longer have to be standing next to the right person to get those handy tips. Send us the puzzle that's bothering you, and we'll try to find a member who can provide an answer.

Or send us a handy source or solution that you've uncovered, and we'll share it with the IGS membership. It could be a website, a contact, even advice on what sources *not* to try.

Remember, experts come in all shapes and sizes. You don't have to be a 20-year IGS member to have a detail that could help someone else.

Send your questions and suggestions to:

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and please include your phone number in case I need to call you for more details.

MEET THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Publicity Chairperson Alice Hoyt Veen



Alice has been a family historian for nearly thirty years. She became IGS Publicity Chair in June 2009 and initiated eNews to improve communications with IGS members and the public. She became the newsletter editor in

October 2009. Alice invites individual members, member chapters, regional representatives and the public to submit articles, reviews, chapter news & program information for publication.

Material may be emailed to the newsletter editor: ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net or mailed:

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Newsletter Volunteer Edith Munro



IGS is pleased to introduce Edith Munro to our newsletter readers. Edith has volunteered to help research and edit the IGS newsletter, bringing forty years of writing experience from her career in agriculture and a life-long interest in family history. Born in Indiana, she worked in Washington, D.C., for twenty-five years before moving to Iowa in 2000. She now works as a freelance writer and editor and is especially interested in Bohemian genealogy (as a result of the mysterious Burka branch of her family) and is coordinating a collection of family photos and letters from her Munro ancestors.

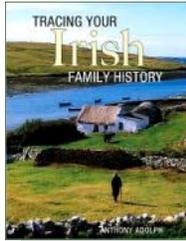
RESOURCE REVIEWS

WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS

by Alice Hoyt Veen

Tracing Your Irish Family History.

By Anthony Adolph. Published by Firefly Books (U.S.) Inc.; P.O. Box 1338; Ellicott Station; Buffalo, NY; 2009. 224 pp. Preface, index, photographs. Paperback. \$29.95.



Author Anthony Adolph, a professional genealogist in the UK, is a well-known figure in Britain and the author of several books, including a guide to Scottish genealogy. He brings an international perspective to his writing as he examines Irish heritage in his latest book, *Tracing Your Irish Family History*.

In his preface, Adolph states, “This book is designed to help you trace your Irish roots back as far as they can go.” Adolph takes his goal to heart by opening his book with a beginner’s basic guide to identifying your Irish immigrant, then leads his readers back through time, ending with a section on tracing ancient Irish lineages.

He devotes a chapter each to the history and genealogical resources of the seven countries most identified with Irish immigration. Six of these are former British colonies or commonwealth countries, including the United States. Surprisingly, the seventh is Argentina, home today to some 800,000 Irish descendants.

The real strength of Adolph’s book lies with his treatment of Irish history. Readers unfamiliar with Ireland’s past will learn much about its intriguing and complicated heritage. Richly illustrated with photographs and sketches, Adolph provides historical perspective and context for Irish ancestors.

The only disappointment is the lack of maps. Adolph supplies numerous links for Irish maps and other resources online, but a good map would have been helpful to locate the many geographical locations referenced. Even so, this Irish research book will inspire you to learn more about your Irish heritage.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

by Edith Munro

Migrationtrails.com

<http://www.migrationtrails.com>

“They left Massachusetts and walked out to Illinois to settle.” As a child, I heard this story but never thought to ask for details. Now I’d like to know when they made that trek, how long it took them, and what route they traveled.

That’s where *migrationtrails.com* is handy. It can’t give an absolute answer, but it does provide a pretty good idea of how our ancestors traveled.

Once on the site, click on “Migration Trails” for an amazingly detailed U.S. map that shows the most common migration routes and color codes when every county was created. There’s also a list of 122 major migration trails, from Alabama’s Chickasaw Trail to Zane’s Trace.

The challenge with so much data is printing it large enough to read. One solution: Divide the map into quarters and print each quarter on an 8½ by 11 sheet (landscape format). At that scale, most of the details are clear and readable, but if you try to print the whole map on a page, you’ll need a very strong magnifying glass.

Next, go back to the website’s home page and click on “Who Traveled the Trails” for handy information organized by ethnic group and by time periods. As an example, the Welsh immigration page directs you to the thirteen original colonies, Kentucky, Michigan, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Colorado, and provides additional reference sources.

Even better, go back to the home page and hit the “Click Here” under custom migration maps. You will find a form to plug in what you know about your ancestor – in return, you will receive a custom print-out of the most likely migration routes for the time in which he or she traveled and suggestions on additional sources to consult.

For my ancestor, that produced a route down the Boston Post Road to the Philadelphia Wagon Road and the National Road. Now I can estimate the distance and travel time (several months).

2010 SPRING CONFERENCE: 17 APRIL 2010

FAMILY HISTORY MEETS 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY

The Iowa Genealogical Society will host a special one-day spring conference on Saturday, April 17, 2010, showcasing 21st Century computer technology and its benefits for the family historian.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Geoff Rasmussen holds a degree in Genealogy and Family History and was awarded the Young Family Historian of the Year Award. The father of four budding genealogists, Geoff has served as Vice-President of the Utah Genealogical Association

and is the youngest individual to ever be its director. He is the author of numerous books, articles and training videos.

Geoff is known as a dynamic, humorous speaker who likes to interact with his audience. He is best known for his work with *Legacy Family Tree* software and is its best product lecturer and demonstrator. Geoff Rasmussen regularly reviews major genealogical software programs and is well-known as a major authority on technology as used by genealogists.



Carole Magnuson began her family history research in 1981, publishing books covering both her maternal and paternal lines in the late 1980s. In 2002, Carole began working as a professional genealogy researcher. She is an active member of the

DuPage County and South Suburban Genealogical and Historical societies in Illinois. In 2005, The Jefferson Project, makers of *Passage Express*, asked Carole to represent them as a vendor at genealogical conferences where she demonstrates and sells *Passage Express* software.

Martha (Brodrick) Abbas is a lifelong Des Moines resident. She has three children, seven granddaughters, one step-granddaughter and two great-granddaughters. Family interest in genealogical research has been prominent in both sides of her family tree for several generations. Her parents and grandparents were all Iowa natives. Her great-aunt was a charter member of the Iowa Genealogical Society. Her curiosity and love of family history have been enhanced by workshops, conferences, contacts with others interested in genealogy and the growth of information on the Internet.

Rob Heater is an Account Manager for WahlTek. For twenty years, WahlTek has been the premier

provider of information management solutions in the Upper Midwest. They are the developers of *Dragon NaturallySpeaking* software, a voice-recognition system that allows for hands-free computer word processing.

Steve Alexander is the owner of Alexander's Photography, a full-

service photography studio in Des Moines, Iowa. He has extensive experience with restoring and preserving historical photographs.



~ See course descriptions on page 11

TINY TIP:

Put address mailing labels on all of your research notebooks. If you leave it at a library, whoever finds it will be able to contact you.

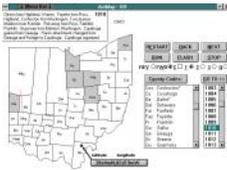


2010 SPRING CONFERENCE

FAMILY HISTORY MEETS 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Mapping Your Ancestors Electronically: Using Software and the Internet ~ *Geoff Rasmussen*



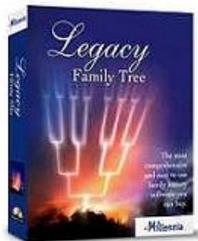
Learn about *AniMap*, *Centennia*, *Map My Family Tree*, *Parish Locator Program* and all the best mapping websites.

Organizing, Planning, and Sharing Using Legacy Family Tree ~ *Geoff Rasmussen*

See how *Legacy* helps you write sources correctly and easily, *Evidence Explained* style, and learn how to create shareable CDs, migration maps, customize wall charts, publish books, get automated research suggestions, and much more.

Timelines and Chronologies: Secrets of Genealogical Success ~ *Geoff Rasmussen*

Learn how to easily create an effective timeline using software. Learn the six elements of a good timeline and how timelines solve difficult research problems.



Insider's Guide to Legacy Family Tree: Tips & Tricks ~ *Geoff Rasmussen*

Get a more in-depth look into *Legacy*: tagging, custom reports, little-known tips, and much more.

Roundtable for Legacy Users ~ *Geoff Rasmussen*

An informal question/answer session from one of the software's developers.

Dragon NaturallySpeaking ~ *Rob Heater*

Demonstration of *Dragon NaturallySpeaking* voice recognition software. Users can turn voice into text with up to 99% accuracy and more than three times faster than most people type. *Dragon NaturallySpeaking* offers seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office, and users can dictate, edit and navigate menus in virtually any Windows-based application.

Photo Restoration, Preservation, and Archiving ~ *Steve Alexander*

~ *Steve Alexander*

Tips and techniques for preserving, restoring and archiving heirloom family photographs.



Passage Express ~ *Carole Magnuson*

After a short PowerPoint presentation, Carole Magnuson will demonstrate the powerful features of *Passage Express* software, which guides the user to easily create beautiful multimedia presentations that can be saved to either a CD or DVD and shared with their family. A short question and answer period will follow, as time permits. More detailed questions can be answered during the roundtable discussion period.

Roundtable for Passage Express Users

~ *Carole Magnuson*

Passage Express users and other interested persons are invited to participate in a roundtable discussion of the *Passage Express* software program.



Users who bring their laptop computers can showcase their project and have their questions answered. For those users who do not have a laptop computer, they can burn their project onto a CD and bring it to the discussion table. It can be loaded onto Carole Magnuson's laptop, viewed and discussed.

Reunions - Ties to Family History and Memories ~ *Martha Abbas*

Valuable tried and true ways to further your research and experiences via reunions: how to prepare—the “nitty/gritty”, who to involve before, during and after, what to ask of participants (what to bring, to share, to do), what to expect, and specifics for success. Follow-up: the important part.

**** REMEMBER TO VISIT THE VENDORS****

2010 SPRING CONFERENCE

FAMILY HISTORY MEETS 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY

PROGRAM AGENDA ~ 17 April 2010

8:30–9:15	Registration & Vendor browsing	
	Track 1	Track 2
9:15–9:30	Opening Remarks	Opening Remarks
9:45–10:45	Mapping Your Ancestors Electronically: Using Software and the Internet ~ <i>Geoff Rasmussen</i>	Dragon NaturallySpeaking ~ <i>Rob Heater</i>
11:00-12:00	Organizing, Planning, and Sharing Using Legacy Family Tree ~ <i>Geoff Rasmussen</i>	Photo Restoration, Preservation, and Archiving ~ <i>Steve Alexander</i>
12:00–1:30	LUNCH (on your own)	
	Track 1	Track 2
1:30–2:30	Timelines and Chronologies: Secrets of Genealogical Success ~ <i>Geoff Rasmussen</i>	Passage Express ~ <i>Carole Magnuson</i>
2:45–3:45	Insider's Guide to Legacy Family Tree: Tips & Tricks ~ <i>Geoff Rasmussen</i>	Roundtable for Passage Express Users ~ <i>Carole Magnuson</i>
4:00–5:00	Roundtable for Legacy Users ~ <i>Geoff Rasmussen</i>	Reunions - Ties to Family History and Memories ~ <i>Martha Abbas</i>
	Track 1: State Historical Society, 3rd floor 600 East Locust Street Des Moines, Iowa 50319 Located across the street from the Iowa Genealogical Society Library.	Track 2: Iowa Genealogical Society 628 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309

To register for the 2010 Spring Technology Conference, use the registration form provided on page 14 of this newsletter, or visit the Iowa Genealogical Society website: www.iowagenealogy.org.

ANCESTRAL WALL UPDATE

The IGS **Ancestral Memorial Wall** commemorates Iowa's history with family names and remembrances inscribed on granite plaques at the IGS Library.

Two new plaques were recently added, bringing the total completed to three, and a fourth plaque is now available. Please note new guidelines for name additions: Names will be added to the Ancestry Wall plaque every six months when there are at least four names (2 lines of print).

Visit the IGS website, www.iowagenealogy.org for more details.



SPRING CALENDAR

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

APRIL 2010

- APR. 5:** German Interest Group 7 p.m.
- APR. 6:** African-American Interest Group 7 p.m.
- APR. 10:** Beginning Genealogy Class
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
FREE! Reservations suggested.
- APR. 10:** Beginning Internet Genealogy
1:30–3:30 p.m.
FREE! Reservations suggested.
- APR. 15:** Naturalization Records 6– 8 p.m.
Naturalization records can reveal a surprising amount of information about your family. Learn where to look for these valuable resources and how to interpret your findings. Reservations are required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non- members.
- APR. 16:** Open House, Celebration and Donor Recognition 1–7 p.m.
An open house, celebration and donor recognition will be held Friday, April 16, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a **donor recognition ceremony held at 6:00 p.m.** The library will be open to members and non-members to do research and view the ceiling and walls without all the stains and mold. We'll also have a slide show of the work being done.
- APR. 17:** Spring Technology Conference
8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
The Iowa Genealogical Society hosts a special one-day spring conference showcasing 21st Century computer technology and its benefits for the family historian. Details begin on page 10.
- APR. 20:** Irish Interest Group 7 p.m.
- APR. 27:** Norwegian Interest Group 7 p.m.



MEMBER NOTES:

IGS member Shirley Woodruff of Urbandale has posted more than 4500 gravestone photographs from Iowa, Kansas, California, Colorado and Wyoming on www.findagrave.com. Both Find-a-Grave and Interment.net are valuable free resources that continue to add new information. Check these websites periodically for your family members, and consider adding your gravestone photos for the benefit of other researchers.

MAY 2010

- MAY 3:** German Interest Group 7 p.m.
- MAY 4:** African American Interest Group 7 p.m.
- MAY 15:** Beginning Internet Genealogy
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
FREE! Reservations suggested.
- MAY 15:** Intermediate Internet Genealogy
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Take your online research to a new level with advanced search techniques, genealogical websites and more. Reservations are required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.
- MAY 18:** Irish Interest Group 7 p.m.
- MAY 20:** Beginning Genealogy 6–8 p.m.
FREE! Reservations suggested.
- MAY 25:** Norwegian Interest Group 7 p.m.

JUNE 2010

- JUN. 1:** African American Interest Group 7 p.m.
- JUN. 7:** German Interest Group 7 p.m.
- JUN. 15:** Irish Interest Group 7 p.m.
- JUN. 19:** Beginning Genealogy
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
FREE! Reservations suggested.
- JUN. 19:** Military Records 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Military records can hold a wealth of information about your ancestor. 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.
- JUN. 22:** Norwegian Interest Group 7 p.m.
- JUN. 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:

Iowa Genealogical Society
628 East Grand Avenue,
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1924
515-276-0287
igs@iowagenealogy.org
www.iowagenealogy.org

2010 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Can we print in the syllabus? Y / N

Please indicate which sessions you are most interested in. This is simply to give us an idea of potential class sizes and space needed.

9:45-10:45

- _____ Mapping Your Ancestors
Electronically: Using Software and the Internet ~ *Geoff Rasmussen*
- _____ Dragon NaturallySpeaking ~ *Rob Heater*

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EARLY REGISTRATION (Before 31 March 2010)

_____ IGS Member x \$40 = _____

_____ Non-Member x \$50 = _____

LATE REGISTRATION (After 31 March 2010)

_____ IGS Member x \$50 = _____

_____ Non-Member x \$60 = _____

IGS MEMBERSHIP

I want to join IGS, which entitles me to the Member Registration rate:

Individual \$35 = _____

Family \$45 = _____

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Free access to IGS research library
- Newsletter
- Admission discounts to all IGS classes & events
- Discounted hourly research rate
- Membership is valid for one year from the date you join.
- Check enclosed.
- Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____ (+ \$2.50 card handling fee)
- Visa MasterCard Discover

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HAWKEYE HERITAGE

The editorial staff for the Hawkeye Heritage is pleased to announce there will be four issues of the IGS genealogical publication this year and hopefully thereafter. The problem has always been the cost of printing and postage and now that we are online, we can bring back the important content that so many members wanted. You can always find the latest issue and back issues of the Hawkeye Heritage at www.iowagenealogy.org/publications/index.htm.

A number of people have asked for the publication in a printed form, "even if I have to pay." Therefore, the board has decided to offer the Hawkeye Heritage as a cost publication for those who want it in print.

A copy of the order form is included below, and it can also be downloaded from the website. The cost of the one issue of the Hawkeye Heritage is \$5.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members. If mailed to you, there is an additional \$3.00 postage fee for one issue.

For the last issue of the Hawkeye Heritage, in the Volume/Issue column write VOL 43, No. 2. In the Date of Volume/Issue column write Hawkeye Heritage - Winter 2009.

For the new issue, in the Volume/Issue column write VOL 44, No. 1. In the Date of Volume/Issue column write Hawkeye Heritage - Spring 2010.

We hope our return to this great publication will assist your genealogy research.

Hawkeye Heritage Order Form

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628 East Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309-1924
515-276-0287 igs@iowagenealogy.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IGS Member: Yes (cost is \$5.00 per issue) No (cost is \$9.00 per issue)

Delivery method: will pick up at IGS (no postage added) mail (see below)

Payment: check enclosed credit card (+ \$2.50 processing fee to total)

Credit card type: (circle) Master Card Visa Discover

Credit card number: _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____

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Postage and Handling – USA only			Subtotal	
One to three issues	\$3.00	Orders are mailed via U.S. Postal Service using media mail rates. Allow 3 to 4 weeks for delivery.	Postage & Handling	
Four to six issues	\$3.50			
Seven to nine issues	\$4.50		Total Cost	



HAWKEYE HERITAGE SPRING 2010

The spring issue of *Hawkeye Heritage* includes the following topics:

Philatelic Genealogy: Using old envelopes and postcards as genealogical sources.

Transcription of Osceola County Tribune:

3 Nov 1904–30 May 1907

United Spanish War Veterans - Surnames I and J

Naturalization First Papers, District Court, Polk Co., Iowa: Surnames C

Library Acquisitions

Queries

Current and back issues are available in pdf format online:

www.iowagenealogy.org

Please send submissions of genealogy-related articles for inclusion in the *Hawkeye Heritage* to IGS at igs@iowagenealogy.org.



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