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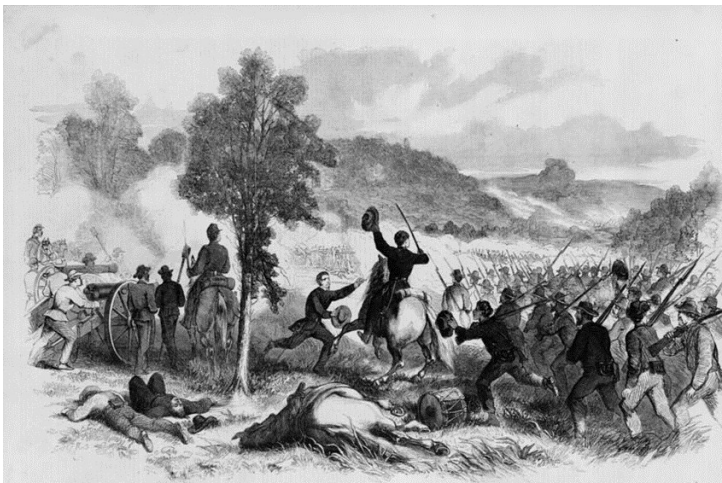
IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

THE PEOPLE'S CONTEST

"This is essentially a people's contest...whose leading object is to elevate the condition of men—to lift artificial weights from all shoulders—to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all—to afford all, an unfettered start and a fair chance, in the race of life."

—Abraham Lincoln, *Message to Congress, July 4, 1861*

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, we also commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. In July of 1861, North and South fought the first of many great battles to decide the fate of a nation. In the sobering days that followed the first Battle at Bull Run, Americans on both sides realized the war would be a long and painful experience. Few families remained untouched. This month, take time to study and appreciate the sacrifices our ancestors made to "afford all..a fair chance in the race of life."



The charge of the First Iowa Regiment, with General Lyon at its head, at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, near Springfield, Missouri, August 10, 1861. *Library of Congress.*



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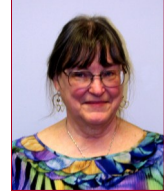
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nicoe Hart, IGS President



Greetings IGS Members & Friends,

While the financial challenges facing IGS are foremost in my mind this month, I want to focus on the volunteers that make the Society such a unique place.

Starting in April, **Gerald Graves** began building and installing a new and better domain server at IGS. He has donated hundreds of hours on the project in addition to the equipment he donated to make it possible. Loading the new server took hours and Gerald used that time to strip, mop and rinse the vinyl floor in Production Two. A twenty-four-port Ethernet switch enables IGS to add more devices to our network.

Our accounting software *Quickbooks* has been updated. Other equipment donated include ten Pentium Four workstations, and an HP lazerjet 6MP printer. I am writing this in May and Gerald is still devoting numerous hours to tweaking the system and working with **Dennis Davies** who is our “jack of all trades” volunteer.

Graves Consulting is a business friend on our website and a real person who donates hundreds of hours to insure that the IGS computer system keeps up with technical advances. He’s the quiet fellow who slips in and out of the production room in the back hallway. If you see him at the Scots-Irish lectures, please say thank you.

Ken Booth is another volunteer who stepped forward after listening to my concern about cleaning the facility on an ongoing basis. He vacuums, cleans restrooms and mops the floors. His wife, **Mary Booth**, is a Thursday library assistant. They are the Region Eight representatives on the Board of Directors and periodically travel to attend chapter meetings in their region. Since the Booths will be doing some personal traveling this summer, the volunteer job of “janitor” is available.

Hazel Demirjean is a charter member and our volunteer cataloguer. **Diane Densmore** is Hazel’s assistant; she also raises funds by acting as our parking attendant during downtown parades and other events. It is Diane who did all the work of pricing and organizing our June book sale. Diane records and summarizes volunteer hours, and compiles and forwards to the *Hawkeye Heritage* editor the queries IGS receives. Periodically at the end of her volunteer day Diane takes the recycle material to the recycle center.

Margaret Foster is our head of volunteers and chair of the library committee. For years Margaret has overseen the semi-annual garage sales and organized the sale items in the West Wing. If you volunteer, you know Margaret. She volunteers in the library on Mondays and washes dishes and cleans up from the weekend. If you attend the Scots-Irish lectures, chances are she is the volunteer at the sign-in table.

These are just a few of the many faces of IGS. Volunteer hours far exceed paid manpower hours and are just as vital to IGS and its mission and goals. Whether you volunteer a Saturday a month or many hours a week, thank you!

-- Regards, Nicoe

IGS NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IGS needs your financial support at this time. Our cash reserves are low and we face a substantial expenditure to replace the deteriorated south face of the building. We have a bid of \$77,500 for the removal, reconditioning and replacement of the glass wall; that does not include the cost of replacing the deteriorated plywood behind it.

Winter and spring revenues have only been sufficient to cover normal expenditures and not the mortgage payment of almost \$4900. We have had to dip into reserves to make that payment to the bank. Monies in the reserve account will allow IGS to make the June mortgage payment, but not July or later months. This does not put us in a very good position to ask the bank for a line of credit for a major building repair.



Because of deterioration in the plywood substructure and the manner in which the aluminum frame of the glass structure was installed, the wall will continue to shift and become unstable. An alternative to restoring the glass wall (which is attractive and adds to the market value of the facility) is to replace the plywood substructure and cover it with vertical hardi-plank siding like that used on the west wall. An external glass wall could be added in the future, when funds are available. The preferable choice is to replace both the plywood wall and the glass wall. The Board of Directors must make some hard decisions in the near future. As members, each of you has a vested interest in the Society; your assistance and input is welcome.

IGS NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS 2011 WORK

The Nominating Committee has started its work to prepare the slate of candidates for this fall. Since this is an odd-numbered year, the offices of regional representative from the odd-numbered regions are on the ballot.

Regional Representative is a very important office: it allows IGS to know what is happening in the counties and it allows genealogists throughout the state to have a voice in the decisions of IGS. A regional representative is asked to attend four board meetings in Des Moines during the year and to be in contact with the genealogical societies in his or her region. Some representatives have coordinated regional meetings which allow the local societies to share ideas and to present educational offerings.

The regions and the counties within them are listed below. If you live in one of the counties or are a member of a society from one of the counties, please consider serving.

Region 1: *Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, Van Buren*

Region 3: *Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Jones, Muscatine, Scott*

Region 5: *Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, Winneshiek*

Region 7: *Butler, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Wright*

Region 9: *Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe, Wapello, Wayne*

Region 11: *Adair, Boone, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, Madison*

Region 13: *Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Sioux*

Did you know..you can download and print this newsletter and past newsletters in full color? Visit the IGS website:

<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/library/collections/publications-2/#newsletters>

Print off a few copies to share with friends!

CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

The **Greene County Genealogical Society** met at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 2011, in the Jefferson Public Library meeting room. The meeting was called to order by president, Arlene Johnson.



Library volunteers reported a couple from the Des Moines area in the library researching the family of A. O. Clark from Scranton.

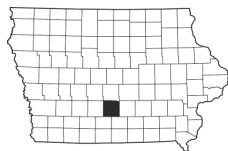
An update on the Greene County Heritage book: There are a total of over 1,000 stories – over half of those are families. All stories are to be shipped to the publisher May 16th. There will be several opportunities for members to help during the summer when the entire book (with original manuscripts) will be shipped to proofread.

Arlene Johnson presented the program “Have You Ever???” It was taken from a “Cogitations of an Old Codger” column by Fred Morain a number of years ago – with questions concerning memories of growing up.

Don't forget to start preparing entries for the genealogy exhibit at the Greene County Fair. Information can be picked up at the Extension Office or contact Arlene Johnson 515-386-5431; araejohnson@netins.net.

Warren County

RootsMagic User Group dates upcoming: June 11, July 9, August 13. Meetings are at the Warren County Museum, at the Fairgrounds west on Hwy 92, from 10 a.m. till noon. Bring laptops, family info and any questions or problems you have.



Warren County genealogists need to sign up for fair projects June 18, 20-24. If anyone has questions contact Virginia Wheeldon, 515-669-6775; v.wheeldon@mchsi.com.

CHAPTER PROFILE: Genealogy Society Earns Spirit Award

Members of the **Humboldt County Genealogical Society** work hard to preserve the history and records of Humboldt County. Their



enthusiasm and cooperation recently earned them the 2011 Cooperation Spirit Award from the Humboldt County Community Foundation.

Founded in 1987, HCGS assists local family researchers with their questions and works to preserve the history of Humboldt County. Corresponding Secretary Martha Schmidt receives an average of twenty to twenty-five queries a year from all over the country.

The group publishes a newsletter, *The Humboldt Genealogist*, three times each year. One of the society's current projects is the *Alumni Book*, which documents graduates of Humboldt High School. The book is available from Humboldt bands and society members.

Members provide programs for various clubs and organizations, and hold work days to update collections, which are housed at the Humboldt Public Library. Resources include cemetery records, obituaries, local church histories, early school records, immigration records, family histories and much more. A microreader/printer is available for viewing microfilm records of the *Humboldt Independent* and *Humboldt Republican* newspapers that are on file in the library.

The Humboldt Public Library is located at 30 6th Street North in Humboldt, approximately one block north of the Humboldt Post Office. Phone: 515-332-1925. Hours: Monday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed on Sunday.

For more information, contact: Humboldt County Genealogical Society, c/o Humboldt Public Library, 30 6th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548. humbcogeniesoc@yahoo.com.

--Submitted by Martha Schmidt,
HCGS Corresponding Secretary

STATE AND REGIONAL NEWS

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

A Message to IGS Members from Delpha Musgrave, Preservation Specialist State Historical Society of Iowa

Over the years I have worked with many of you on various projects—document preparation, purging confidential information from filmed records, newspaper co-op projects, HRDP projects, and film orders from our newspaper, census, and County Records collections. I've enjoyed our partnerships working to save Iowa's fragile treasures.



I would like to share this update regarding the State Historical Society's microfilm vendor and newspaper microfilming budget.

- The Society is continuing to collect newspapers on a weekly basis.
- Our master film collection will not be going to Mexico with other collections from Heritage Microfilm, but instead has been safely moved to Advantage Information Management Solutions in Cedar Rapids. Currently, Advantage handles all the duplication, scanning, and preservation microfilming needs of the Society.
- The State Historical Society of Iowa previously underwrote the cost of microfilming Iowa's weekly newspapers. In 2009 we lost our funding for this activity. Each week we receive issues from 272 publishers. The result is a backlog of 1,200 newspaper bundles, stored on shelves and pallets throughout the Historical Building, waiting to be microfilmed.

The State Historical Society hopes to work with local genealogical societies, libraries, and foundations to preserve the weekly newspapers. To support this effort, Advantage has offered to microfilm these papers at a reduced cost. The \$180-per-bundle fee pays for one camera master and one duplicating master (both retained, stored, and monitored by the Society), and one copy for your library.

We all share the same concern and interest in preserving the local newspapers. The downturn in the economic environment finds all of us struggling to meet our goals. However, over the past three months, I have worked with many libraries and gene societies who have participated in a co-op project to support filming their newspaper, and to date I have shipped eighty-five bundles to Advantage for filming. As more organizations are able, additional shipments will be prepared. Many libraries/gene societies are ultimately interested in having their papers digitized. This "next step" can be easily accomplished once papers have been microfilmed because the digital files will be created from the microfilm duplicating master.

I hope to visit with you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns. The State Historical Society of Iowa has the largest collection of your historic newspapers preserved on film. Our continuing mission is to collect, preserve and make accessible Iowa's historic resources.

-- Delpha Musgrave, *Local Records, Newspapers,*
& *HRDP Technical Assistance*

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600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Phone: 515/281-5655.

Email: Delpha.musgrave@iowa.gov

**Thank you to the thirty-eight public libraries
and genealogical societies who have
partnered with us since July 2009 to film one
hundred sixty-seven bundles of papers.**

Your assistance is appreciated:

Adel	Greenfield	Orange City
Anita	Guttenburg	Postville
Bedford	Hampton	Red Oak
Belle Plaine	Indianola	Riceville
Clarinda	Kingsley	Sheffield
Columbus Junction	Lamoni	Shenandoah
Cresco	Laurens	Sibley
Decorah	Lenox	Sioux Center
Dyersville	Mapleton	Spirit Lake
Eldora	Marcus	State Center
Essex	Mt. Vernon	Storm Lake
Fredericksburg	Nashua	Winterset
Glenwood	Ogden	

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Historical Discovery Discussion Programs

Each discussion is held on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. in the State Historical Library Reading Room, 600 East Locust, Des Moines. Contact Susan Jellinger: 515-281-6897; Susan.Jellinger@iowa.gov for complete details.

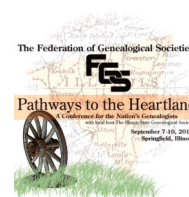
July 16: "Summer Shenanigans & Activities: Events of the Past." Summertime in Iowa is brimming with activities and events. Historical Society Librarian Susan Jellinger delves into the past to highlight some Iowa "Summer Shenanigans" that entertained and awed families, small groups and large group activities, too. Posters, photographs, and materials related to the Iowa Chautauqua movement will be one of the activities highlighted in the supplemental display at the Historical Library.

August 20: "Fair Weather," presented by State Climatologist Harry Hillaker and National Weather Service Meteorologist Craig Cogil. The Iowa State Fair is one of the largest open venues in the state of Iowa where people gather to celebrate on a yearly basis. Ample outdoor activities expose people to the variations of weather that Iowa receives and with fair attendance now around 1 million on an annual basis, weather plays a major role in the visitor's experience during the fair.

Each event enables Iowans to connect to the relevance and importance of Iowa history while highlighting resources available in the SHSI libraries and special collections.

FGS/ISG 2011 CONFERENCE

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Illinois State Genealogical Society invite you to their 2011 Conference, September 7-10, 2011, in Springfield, Illinois. Check the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference Website www.fgs.org/2011conference/ for program details and registration.



Want to be up-to-date on the news, special events, lectures, exhibit hall, and people connected to the 2011 FGS/ISGS Conference? FGS is continually posting breaking news, with additional details on the lectures, speakers, vendors, special offers, conference events, places to research, shopping, getting to hotels and the convention center, and information about the beautiful area around the conference location. This conference will have some special elements never seen before at a FGS conference. Bookmark www.fgsconferenceblog.org and visit often to view the updates.

IGS Chapters and Regional Representatives—send us your news!

The IGS newsletter is pleased to publish Chapter news, profiles, upcoming programs, and more; and now IGS is also able to post your submissions on the IGS website. Email submissions to the IGS editor, Alice Hoyt Veen: ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net, or to the IGS office: igs@iowagenealogy.org; or see page thirteen for postal mail addresses.

OLD QUILTS, NEW QUILTS

IGS will be holding its third quilt show this fall; now is the time to consider which of your treasures you can share for display at this year.

The beginning of the Civil War 150 years ago, April 1861, is the inspiration for a portion of this year's show. We are hoping for some actual quilts of this vintage. Plus, some of us, who had civil war soldier ancestors, have been making quilts using museum reproduction fabrics and patterns which would have been popular at that time.

There is no charge to IGS members wishing to exhibit quilts at this show. Only IGS members' quilts are shown as we honor our ancestors who made these beautiful textiles. There is a small fee for people who come to view this show, all of which goes to the building fund reduction "Stitch Down the Debt" project.

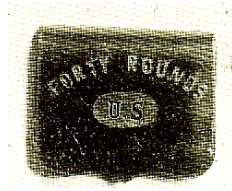


For more information, contact Helen Phillips or Shirley Munier, c/o the IGS Library.

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES: THE CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE

By Edith Munro, IGS newsletter co-editor

The American Civil War continues to fascinate, even obsess people. It's not surprising, then, that there is a wealth of detail available about what it was like for those who served. If you know the regiment your ancestor was in, here are two quick sources where you can learn much more about his experiences.



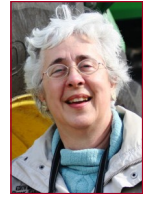
“Forty Rounds”
7th Iowa insignia

On the internet, try www.civilwararchive.com, where you can find links to regimental records, soldiers' letters and diaries, and additional sources. For starters, click on “Regimental Index” followed by the appropriate state. You'll find a listing of military units recruited in that state. Click on the unit you want for a short history of where it served – not just the specific battles, but campaigns and expeditions throughout the war.

As an example, the entry for the Iowa 7th Infantry tells that it was organized in Burlington in just 11 days (July 24 to Aug. 4, 1861), served at the battles of Belmont, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Iuka, Corinth, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Altoona, Atlanta, Jonesboro, the March to the Sea, and the battle of Bentonville. That list tells you that it served under General Ulysses Grant (who commanded at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, and Shiloh) and under General William Tecumseh Sherman (who commanded at Atlanta and on the March to the Sea).

In April, 1865, the 7th Iowa marched to Washington, DC, where it was in the Grand Review on May 24th. It mustered out of service on July 12, 1865. During the war seven officers and 134 enlisted men were killed in battle or died of wounds, and four officers and 160 enlisted men died of disease.

At least twenty-six of the sixty-four Iowa units listed also have regimental histories written by one or more regiment members after the war. The Library of Congress provides an online guide to regimental histories (and some personal accounts and diaries) at www.loc.gov/rr/main/uscivilwar. For Iowa, it lists histories for one artillery group (1st Iowa), five cavalry units (1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th), and twenty infantry regiments (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 29th, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 36th).



Either the regimental index listing or a regimental history gives you the guidance to read up on specific battles and campaigns where your ancestor was present. If he was at a major battle like Shiloh, a visit to the battle site can also be valuable. Most of the leading battle sites have been preserved, and there's often a good record of where each unit was positioned, making it possible for you to stand where your ancestor fought.

Did your ancestor serve in an Iowa regiment?

The process of recruiting soldiers and organizing regiments was a state responsibility during the Civil War, and original enlistment records are typically held at the state level.

In Iowa, the State Historical Library (across the street from IGS) has the record of enlistments on microfilm and the *Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion* in two formats – the six-volume print version and microfilm. The *Roster and Record* is also available online from Google Books.

Organized by regiment and by company, it gives each soldier's name, age, place of residence, place of birth (state or country), rank, promotions (if any), date of enlistment, date discharged or date of death.

For example, John Sayre, age nineteen, of Osceola, enlisted July 1, 1861 and was killed at the battle of Shiloh April 6, 1862. He had been born in Virginia.

RESOURCE REVIEWS: NEWS FROM FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

By Shirley Woodruff, IGS Secretary

As the United States marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, people who had ancestors involved in the conflict can access millions of historical records recently published at familysearch.org. And millions more records are coming, as Civil War volunteers enlist in an online campaign to provide access to the highly desirable historic documents.

FamilySearch announced the release of hundreds of millions of online records at the National Genealogical Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The collections include service records for both the Confederate and Union armies, pension records, and more. Some of these records have been available for some time but are now being added to familysearch.org/civilwar. Here is just a sampling of what is available:

- Arkansas Confederate Pensions, 1901-1929
- Civil War Pension Index
- Missouri Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers' Home Admission Applications
- South Carolina Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers (NARA M267)
- United States, 1890 Census of Union Veterans and Widows
- United States, Index to General Correspondence of the Pension Office, 1889-1904
- United States, Union Provost Marshall's File of Papers Relating to Individual Civilians, 1861-1866
- U.S. Civil War Soldiers Index 1855-1865
- U.S. Navy Widows' Certificates, 1861-1910 (NARA M1279)
- U.S., Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914
- U.S., Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933
- Vermont Enrolled Militia, 1861-1867

“These records are significant because nearly every family in the United States at that time was impacted



either directly or indirectly by the war,” explains FamilySearch project manager Ken Nelson.

Many of the records are specific to the war itself, such as enlistment or pension records. These documents can provide key family data, including age, place of birth, or the name of a spouse. Other collections, such as census records, tell the story of ordinary civilians who lived during that turbulent time. Even a local or state death record far away from the battlefield may contain death information on a soldier that was submitted by a family member back home.

About 10 million FamilySearch Civil War records are already indexed, so they can be easily searched by a specific name. Many more records need to be indexed, and that's where FamilySearch indexing volunteers come in. These volunteers view a digital record image online and enter in important information such as names, dates, and places.

This data will be used to create free searchable indexes that enable people to more easily find records about their Civil War ancestors.

More than 130,000 volunteers helped with FamilySearch indexing projects last year, but many more are needed for the multi-year Civil War era project.

For those who want to learn more about their Civil War ancestors, additional help is available on the [FamilySearch Research Wiki](http://FamilySearchResearchWiki). This includes information about each regiment that fought in the conflict and records created by each state that participated in the war. There is also information for beginners just getting started learning about their ancestors who lived during the Civil War.

CATALOGING CORNER

By Diane Densmore



We have cataloged a total of 156 books this year through April. Some of those are re-cataloging of books we already had, so this number is a little skewed.

New Iowa books, by county, include:

Butler: Hitesville Cemetery.

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

Maryland: Baltimore (city), St. Mary's County.

New Jersey: Monmouth County.

Pennsylvania: towns of Hazleton and Morrisons Cove.

We've added several family history books:

Briscoe-Kyle, Coakley, Estes, Hathaway, Hedges, Knust-Sommer, Riley, Sellards, Sharkey, Stowell, Swift.

New international books include:

Handy Guide to Austrian Genealogical Records and *The Latin Church in the Polish Commonwealth in 1772*. The German Interest Group regularly adds to the series "Map Guide to German Parish Registers," so be sure to check that out.

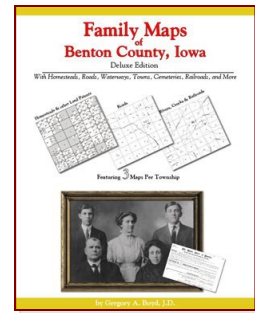
Check the "Recent Library Book Acquisitions" binder on top of the card catalog files when you're at IGS. The list of our new books is printed at the beginning of each month.

THE TEN MOST WANTED REPORT

We have not purchased any new books with this fund since February. Currently our "wanted" books are all *Family Map Books* by Gregory Boyd for Black Hawk, Iowa, Mahaska, Poweshiek, Story and Wayne Counties in Iowa.

Boyd has published twenty-six Iowa counties of which we only have sixteen. They cost about \$26.00 each.

If you haven't looked at one of these books, you're missing out on some great land records and plat maps. Boyd has also done many counties in other states. Check it out on www.arphax.com.

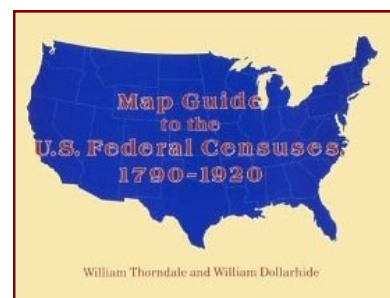


You may donate any amount to any of these books or donate to add another book of your choice to this list. If you are adding a book to the list, please include the book's title, author, publisher (if known) and your phone number or email address so that you can be notified when the book has arrived.

HIDDEN TREASURES

Having trouble finding specific county records for your ancestor? You *KNOW* what county he lived in--or do you? Maybe you need to check *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*, by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide. It shows the county line boundaries of all states through the years. You may learn that you need to look in another county for those records.

Another useful book is *Abandoned Towns, Villages and Post Offices of Iowa* by David Charles Mott. Are you trying to find Paradise, Harmony, Home, Keg Creek, Lucky Valley, New Town, Onion Grove or Muddy? This book is indexed to aid your search. You will find this book in the general Iowa section, in a magazine box. It's a blue, 5" x 8" paperback.



IGS 2011 FALL CONFERENCE

Friday and Saturday,
October 14 & 15, 2011

Faith Lutheran Church
10395 University Avenue, Clive, Iowa

Featuring Billie Stone Fogarty

A professional genealogist and former history teacher with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, Billie now devotes her time to infecting others with her love for history up close and personal – family history! She lectures regularly and teaches genealogy each semester in adult continuing education courses. She is author of *Guidebook to Researching My Family Tree*.



She serves Genealogical Speakers Guild as President, Association of Professional Genealogists as a member of the Board of Directors, Oklahoma Genealogical Society as a member of the Board of Directors, Oklahoma Historical Society as a member of the Board of Directors, Federation of Genealogical Societies as a Delegate, and is a member of National Institute on Genealogical Research Alumni Association, International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, and National Genealogical Society. She completed Advanced Military Research III at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research in 2008 and National Institute on Genealogical Research in 2001 and 2007.

Her genealogical pursuits have taken her to county court houses, local libraries and state archives in dozens of states and to most of the major genealogical repositories and archives across America. She has participated in numerous national conferences and learning opportunities. She belongs to several local genealogy societies and lineage groups and works closely with a variety of groups devoted to making genealogy and family history more accessible to others.

Lecture topics

Proving Indian Ancestry: Grandma said we were Indian so how do I prove it?

Learn how in this introduction to researching Native American ancestry.

Women in Colonial America:

Difficulty finding your female ancestors?

Discover what their lives were like in Colonial America and why you may be looking in the wrong records to find them.

Discovering a National Treasure:

The Indian Archives

Discover the Indian Archives, a National Archives Affiliate in Oklahoma City that was founded the same year as the National Archives itself.

Share Your Research Without Putting Your Relatives to Sleep

Don't bore relatives with your genealogical research! Learn ways to preserve your family history that will make you the hit of the next family reunion.

Land Runs, Lotteries, and Homesteading: Settlement American Style

Unique, rugged, romantic, and fascinating! Learn about how states were settled and how that affects their federal records.

How Do I Keep All This Stuff Straight: Organizing Your Research

You have collected a mountain of genealogical information. Now what do you do with it and how do you retrieve what you need?

Trail of Tears to Indian Territory:

There was not just one "Trail of Tears."

Learn how to discover the many different trails that brought Native Americans to Indian Territory.

Write It Or Lose It:

Preserving Your Family's History

You have spent hours, months, and even years researching your family. But what happens to your research when you are gone? How do you preserve the story of your family and pass it on to your relatives and descendants?

IGS CALENDAR

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

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JUL. 6: Scots-Irish Heritage Series: Scots-Irish vs. Native Americans; Scots-Irish vs. England. 7 p.m. Free and open to the public; donations gratefully accepted.

JUL. 13: Scots-Irish Heritage Series: The First Scots-Irish President-- Andrew Jackson. 7 p.m. Free and open to the public; donations gratefully accepted.

JUL. 14: Scots-Irish Interest Group. 7 p.m. Meets the second Thursday of each month.

JUL. 20: Scots-Irish Heritage Class: Scots-Irish Migrations into the Midwest. 7 p.m. Free and open to the public; donations gratefully accepted.

JUL. 23-24: Research Slumber Party 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23rd through 6 a.m. Sunday, July 24th. Reservations required. Cost: \$25 per person includes supper

AUGUST 2011

AUG. 20: Introduction to Quaker Research 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Explore Quaker organization, records, dating conventions and research techniques. 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.



SEPTEMBER 2011

SEP. 17: Newspaper Research for Family Historians. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Discover how newspapers can enrich your family history. Find out what to look for and where to access these valuable resources. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.



OCTOBER 2011

OCT. 14 -15: IGS Fall Conference. Faith Lutheran Church 10395 University Avenue, Clive, Iowa. *Details on page 10.*

OCT. 20: Sailing with Captain John Strout, at Sea 1853-1884. 7 p.m. Katie Pattee, a member of the Story County Genealogical Society, will give the audience an exploration of New England family history as well as a peek into a sea captain's perspective, through the words of her husband's ancestor, Captain John W. Strout. Free and open to the public. Donations much appreciated.

NOVEMBER 2011

NOV. 5: Getting the Most from Federal and State Census Records 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Finding your ancestors on the census can be challenging. But once you have located them, are you really maximizing all the information that is available in those documents? Put on your detective hat and get ready for some sleuthing as IGS explores the census! Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

NOV. 5: Beginning Genealogy 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Find out how easy it is to get started in this popular and fascinating pursuit. Your family has a story to tell— begin your journey of discovery with IGS. Space is limited; preregistration is suggested for this FREE class!

NOV. 12 - 13: Research Slumber Party 4 p.m. Saturday, November 12th through 6 a.m. Sunday, November 13th.

Reservations required. Cost: \$25 per person includes supper.

DECEMBER 2011

DEC. 3: Beginning Genealogy Class 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Space is limited; preregistration is suggested for this FREE class!

IGS 2011 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Friday and Saturday, October 14 & 15, 2011

Early Registration Costs (before August 31, 2011)

_____ IGS Member X \$65 (Friday & Saturday, includes lunch on Friday) = _____
_____ Non-Member X \$70 (Friday & Saturday, includes lunch on Friday) = _____

_____ IGS Member X \$40 (Friday only, includes lunch) = _____
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_____ Additional lunch on Friday X \$10 = _____

Late Registration Costs (after August 31, 2011)

_____ IGS Member X \$70 (Friday & Saturday, includes lunch on Friday) = _____
_____ Non-Member X \$75 (Friday & Saturday, includes lunch on Friday) = _____

_____ IGS Member X \$45 (Friday only, includes lunch) = _____
_____ Non-Member X \$50 (Friday only, includes lunch) = _____

_____ IGS Member X \$35 (Saturday only) = _____
_____ Non-Member X \$40 (Saturday only) = _____

_____ Additional lunch on Friday X \$10 = _____

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

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IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Learn more about your ethnic heritage in an IGS special interest group. All groups are free and meet at the IGS Library unless otherwise noted:

- **German Interest Group**

Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and offers the opportunity to share knowledge of German research. You will find experienced researchers, translators and travelers with extensive personal knowledge of the various regions in Germany.

- **African-American Interest Group**

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Share techniques for exploring African-American heritage at this “Village Gathering.”

- **Italian-American Interest Group**

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The group is designed for learning how to research in Italy, helping others in their search for ancestors, sharing information, websites, and ideas for other and new resources.

- **Irish Interest Group**

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Emphasis is on documenting the family in the United States and uncovering the Irish county of origin.

- **Norwegian Interest Group**

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7 p.m. The group is designed for learning how to research in Norway, helping others in their search for ancestors, sharing information, websites, and ideas of other and new resources.

- **Scots-Irish Interest Group**

Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Explore the history and heritage of the Scots-Irish. Shares resources and information.

Learn more about your genealogy software program:

- **Legacy Interest Group**

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Explore the capabilities of Legacy genealogy software.

**For more information about IGS classes & activities,
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IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

July 2011

The Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter is a publication of the Iowa Genealogical Society. Members receive the newsletter as part of their membership.

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