

SPECIAL 2012 FALL CONFERENCE EDITION

# IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## SEPTEMBER DAYS ARE HERE

By all these lovely tokens September days are here, With summer's best of weather,  
And autumn's best of cheer. -- Helen Hunt Jackson, *September*

September days are here! Bringing cooler weather and fresh new prospects for Iowa genealogists. In this issue you'll find a variety of learning and networking opportunities designed to get your autumn research activities underway with the "best of cheer."

Read news of the many statewide activities of IGS Chapters and updates of activities in Des Moines, including completion of the 1940 Iowa census index and new resources at the IGS Library. IGS member Cathy Eddy's account of rediscovering family connections through the Wedding Memories Exhibit will inspire you with the possibilities of enhancing your own family story through IGS programs and events.

Mark your calendar to take advantage of a full roster of classes at the IGS Library. Plan to enter your heirloom quilt and attend this year's Heritage Quilt Show, and reserve your place at the Annual Conference in October.

September days are here-- come celebrate with IGS!



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Nicoe Hart, IGS President*



Greetings IGS Members & Friends,

This fall is shaping up to be a happening time. We are in the planning and preparation stage for adding indexes to the website to enable researchers to search for and order copies of documents and obituaries. More hands, talents and time are needed to effect these upgrades, not just to the website, but to our membership database and a non-member database. If you have IT experience in programming or database management please volunteer your talents and time to an IGS IT group.

1983 microfilms of obituaries are deteriorating and if they are scanned from the microfilm to a digital database and indexed, those obituaries will become more accessible, not only in the library, but by researchers anywhere in the world. Undertaking this project also provides revenue for the Society via the Internet. Manpower is needed to complete the project and volunteers needed to process the orders. Records indexed will include material where the original documents to be copied (and scanned into a database at IGS) are in the archives at the Iowa Historical Library.

One of the goals identified by the strategy group is marketing our Society to members, potential members and other stakeholders. In other words getting ourselves known as having a "brand" and being a good place for genealogy research. We want to share what works with county chapters and provide links to their websites for Internet researchers. Iowa has been a crossroad historically and we want to advertise the opportunities for genealogy research in Iowa including cooperating with the county pages on the USGENWEB. The need for a marketing group or committee has been identified as a goal by the strategy meetings. If marketing is your talent or passion please volunteer to become part of this project.

If you are willing to become a volunteer in moving IGS into modern methods and times, please contact me: 515-778-3521; email: [nicoehart@gmail.com](mailto:nicoehart@gmail.com), with a copy to [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org); or call IGS: 515- 276-0287. Sign up sheets will also be at the IGS library.

--Regards, Nicoe

## *IGS Chapters and Regional Representatives-send us your news!*

The bimonthly IGS newsletter is pleased to publish Chapter news, profiles, upcoming programs, and more.

Email your submissions to the IGS newsletter editor, Alice Hoyt Veen: [ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ahoytveen@iowatelecom.net), or to the IGS office: [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org); or see the last page of this newsletter for postal mail addresses.



## IGS NEWS

### Fundraising Activities: Garage Sale

IGS will hold a **Garage Sale Fundraiser** on Thursday and Friday, September 20 – 21, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily, in the West Wing of the IGS building. This is a simple, fun and effective way to show your support for IGS. Bring your donated items anytime to the IGS office (no clothing, please). Then plan to shop the bargains and raise funds for IGS!

### Volunteers Needed for Fall Conference

Volunteers are at the heart of a successful conference. Can you lend some assistance to IGS? Help is needed at the fall conference to set up tables and chairs at the Johnston Lions Club on **Thursday, October 11 from 1-3 p.m.**, provide treats for breaks, serve the catered box lunch on Friday and Saturday, clean up and straighten up the Lions Club at the end of the sessions on Friday and Saturday, and transport supplies back to IGS on Saturday at the close of the conference.

There are plenty of other opportunities as well! Sign up sheets are available at IGS. Or contact the IGS office: 515-276-0287; [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org).

### More Volunteer Opportunities

Changes are coming to IGS! A new board begins its term in November 2012. Volunteers are needed in all areas of IGS to keep the society moving towards better service to our members and to the genealogical community. If you've benefited from the many programs and activities of IGS, consider stepping up to help. Your talents are needed and appreciated!

To become an IGS volunteer, please contact the IGS office: 515-276-0287; [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org); or IGS President Nicoe Hart: 515-778-3521, [nicoehart@gmail.com](mailto:nicoehart@gmail.com). You'll also find sign-up sheets at the IGS library.



### Please join us for a Celebration of Hazel Demirjean

**September 15<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**At the Iowa Genealogical Society Library**

Help us give Hazel a big thank you for all her years of service!

Hazel is moving and will no longer be able to volunteer every week as she has for many years. Her number will be on speed dial, however, and she will continue to work as a consultant to the IGS cataloging department.

Hazel was a charter member of the Iowa Genealogical Society when it was founded in 1965.

When the *Hawkeye Heritage* began publication in 1966, Hazel was one of the members who helped design the first logo used through the first fourteen years. Hazel and Barbara Snedden printed the first issue in the Snedden's basement on a mimeograph machine.

Hazel served as IGS Vice President in 1966 & 1967, and as President in 1968 & 1969. In 1969, Hazel organized volunteers for indexing of the 1850 census of Iowa by counties. In 1982 Hazel became a member-at-large on the IGS board.

Throughout the years Hazel has worked as IGS ambassador, helped organize many trips to Salt Lake City for society members, and worked as cataloger for IGS.

"The Iowa Genealogical Society library is very special to me, having watched it grow from the very beginning." – *Hazel Demirjean, Library Board Meeting, August, 1984.*

Thank you, Hazel, for your many years of dedication to IGS. You will be missed!



*Marie Culver presented the Governor's 2009 Volunteer Award to Hazel Demirjean*

## IGS NEWS

### IGS Announces Completion of 1940 Census Index

By Theresa Liever

The indexing of the 1940 census of Iowa has been completed; the index and corresponding images are available online for free to the public. Members of the Iowa Genealogical Society headed the all-volunteer indexing project for the state as part of a small army of indexers organized by [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). In just over two months, the entire population of 1.5 million Iowans was in effect indexed twice, with every name being viewed and entered by two separate volunteers to insure accuracy.

The Iowa Genealogical Society ranks fifth in the nation among large groups involved in this project, and its sixty-three volunteers had a ninety-eight percent accuracy rate, the highest of all the participating societies. Barbara Hammer, group administrator for the society's indexing efforts, points out that "the four leaders are from more densely populated areas like California and Michigan which makes me feel proud of IGS for keeping up with the 'big boys'."

For the first time, images of an entire national census will be available online without charge to the public at several websites, including [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). When we teach beginning genealogy classes at our library, we tell people that they need to find their ancestors in every census record that existed during their lifetime. Censuses are among the basic building blocks in family history research – they reveal amazing pieces of information, from places of birth, citizenship status, income or in the case of 1940, whether a family member worked for the CCC or WPA earlier in the year.

The effort was not without its challenges. Volunteers indexed a total of 451,046 records and logged nearly 5500 hours, struggling with indecipherable handwriting and unfamiliar ethnic names. One indexer laughed and vowed that after her experience of trying to read a census enumerator's handwriting, she "would never, ever complain about someone else's indexing."

### Virginia Public Claims Volumes Donated to IGS Library

By Marcia Guffey

The Daughters of the American Revolution has presented the Iowa Genealogical Society Library with a three-volume set of the Virginia Revolutionary "Publick" Claims.

The Public Claims are the records of supplies given and services rendered, for the purpose of carrying on the Revolutionary War. Before there was a government, the citizens had to supply all the needs of the troops with food, clothing, logistics, etc.

The Virginia Legislature in May 1780 passed "An act for procuring a supply of provisions and other necessaries for the use of the Army." The Act, for procuring a supply of provisions and other necessaries for the use of the Army," provided, "with utmost expedition, large stores of provisions, either to supply our own militia, Continental troops, or for supplying the troops sent by our good allies to the assistance of the United States."

In return for supplies requisitioned on behalf of the militia, the civilian population was issued certificates, or warrants, to be redeemed in either continental or state funds. A warrant is an order, or promissory note, for the money value of supplies given, or services rendered, as recorded in the Public Claims.

Warrants for the Revolutionary period may be compared to the Liberty Bonds of the World War; for without the services and supplies represented by these Public Claims, victory for the Continentals would have been impossible. Indexes of Revolutionary Public Claims are valuable because they contain names of patriots whose services to their country are recorded in no other place save in these manuscripts in the archives of the Virginia State Library.



## CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

The **Davis County Genealogical Society** has moved to 200 West Locust in Bloomfield, Iowa. This location is just north of the Bloomfield Public Library. Find us on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/DavisCountyGenealogicalSociety>

-- Submitted by Deb Barker



2012 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the **North Central Iowa Genealogical Society**.

NCIGS has planned several events to commemorate the founding of the society including compiling a notebook highlighting the achievements, events and persons who have contributed to its success.

The NCIGS meets on the second Saturday of each month in the Mason City Room of the Mason City Public Library, 225 2nd St. SE, Mason City. Learn more about the NCIGS at their website: <http://ncigs.org/new/>.

--Submitted by Sandra Turner, NCIGS Librarian

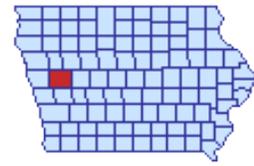
The **Hamilton Heritage Hunters** built and displayed a float in five town parades and the Hamilton County Fair parade. A lot of fun was had making the float and it generated a lot of interest as it went by.

--Submitted by Jackie Frederick, Vice President of the Hamilton Heritage Hunters



*Hamilton Heritage Hunters Parade Float, Summer 2012*

About a year ago the **Crawford County Genealogical Society** was asked by the Oakland Cemetery Association at Denison, Iowa, to assist them in building a gazebo at the cemetery. The gazebo would display the names and locations of all the burials in the cemetery.



The cemetery has about 4000 burials from the early days of the community to the present and is considered a Pioneer Cemetery. One special site at the cemetery is the mausoleum of Leslie Shaw. The seventeenth governor of Iowa between 1898 and 1902, Leslie Shaw also served as United States Secretary of the Treasury from 1902 to 1907.

Two members of our society volunteered to assist them. The cemetery records were on a card file and record books, some over a hundred years old. First all the records were computerized; this combined all the information in one easy-to-read file that could be readily updated for future burials. The cemetery was walked to verify the written records, then an alphabetized list of burials and their locations were put in display panels in the gazebo. The volunteers spent many hours on the project. It was a very rewarding project and was completed by Memorial Day this year. Now visitors can locate a specific grave without having to search the entire cemetery.

Learn more about the CCGS at their website: <http://iagenweb.org/crawford/xcrsocs.html>

-- Submitted by Lowell Kleckner

The **Clayton County Genealogical Society** has completed and printed two new Country Schools Township History books. We have four townships with histories on all the country schools to go; and one town school. Learn more about CCGS publications and activities on their website:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~iaccgs/>

--Submitted by Myra Voss

## CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

### Library Grant Preserves Muscatine History *By Mike Ferguson, Muscatine Journal Reporter*

Lynn McCleary and other members of the **Muscatine County Genealogical Society** aren't about to permit a brittle celluloid connection to Muscatine's past to snap.

Hence the group's \$2,200 grant to the Musser Public Library — a gift that paid for replacing the library's forty-four oldest spools of Muscatine Journal microfilm, which dates back to the newspaper's founding in 1840.

"People have a passion for learning about family history," McCleary said Tuesday during a visit to the library, "and we're passionate about preserving Muscatine history."

Microfilm, which is stored on spools that contain page after page of historical documents, is more prone to tear as it ages, said Bobby Fiedler, the library's assistant director.

"The microfilm is used a lot, and that's when it starts to tear," McCleary said. "Our concern is one day it will no longer be usable. It is a precious thing to have preserved."

That won't be a problem moving forward. Since 2010, the Journal has provided the library with a digital version of every page of each month's newspaper — searchable by keyword.

In theory, those compact discs will last forever. But for history before 2010, the library owns two machines that can scan microfilm, find the needed article or photograph, then snap a digital image of what's needed, sending the image to a printer or a flash drive.

According to McCleary, the Society raises most of its money by selling copies of old Muscatine County Court probate records, which court officials don't have storage capacity to keep.

Members of the Genealogical Society sorted and indexed the records — some 150 years old — and were given permission to sell the documents to interested family members.



Lynn McCleary, president of the Muscatine County Genealogical Society, uses microfilm to peer at an 1863 edition of the Muscatine Journal. The society recently purchased new copies of the forty-four oldest reels for the Musser Public Library. The microfilm dates back to 1840, the year the newspaper was founded. *Photos courtesy of the Muscatine Journal.*

Members have also volunteered to index the Journal's birth, marriage and death records. The volunteers are particularly helpful to library patrons, Fiedler said, when they employ their research skills to find answers to people's local history questions when library staff doesn't have time — or are themselves stumped.

"They're really good," Fiedler said of the volunteers. "They have the time and the know-how to get it done. They're a partner, and a really valuable one."

"People are passionate about [having access to] genealogical services," Fiedler added. "Of all the services we provide, those people are the most vocal proponents, and they're really good at providing feedback. I have never heard a negative comment."

McCleary cited this recent example of how her group works with library staff: she received an email forwarded to her by a staffer from a Frenchman who wanted to contact the surviving family members of a military man from Muscatine killed during World War II while fighting to liberate the man's village.

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## LIBRARY NEWS: Cataloging Corner

By Diane Densmore, Library Acquisitions



Forty-six books were added to our shelves in May and June.

New titles for Iowa, by county, include:

**Crawford:** *Manilla, Iowa and Community Service Record Book of Men and Women, World War II*

**Decatur:** *Family Maps of Decatur County, Iowa*

**Dubuque:** *Iowa Township, Dubuque County, Iowa, Research of the Towns and Their Residents*

**Humboldt:** *History of Ullensvang Lutheran Church, Thor, Iowa, 1872-1972*

**Madison:** *Family Maps of Madison County, Iowa*

**Marshall:** *St. John United Church of Christ, Melbourne, Iowa, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; St. John United Church of Christ, Melbourne, Iowa, 1992*

**Polk:** *The Ankeny Centennial Celebration, 1875-1975; Ankeny: The First One Hundred Years; The Tattler, 1916, West High School, Des Moines, Iowa*

**Ringgold:** *Images of America*

**Scott:** *Bettendorf History and History of Pleasant Valley Township*

**Webster:** *Webster County, Iowa Newspapers, Ft. Dodge Messenger, 1921, Index*

Some of the states and their counties with books added to our shelves:

**Illinois:** Lake

**Massachusetts:** Essex

**New York:** Niagara

**Pennsylvania:** Cambria, Mifflin

**West Virginia:** Harrison

Surnames for new family history books include:

**Andrews, Brogotti, Brubaker, Grovum, Ouverson, Halvorson, Hemann, Hofer, Luthi, Reames, Stromme, Wintermeier.**

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

### Hidden Treasures

Only one treasure is being highlighted this month, and that is the entire periodical section of the library. Recently, the entire area was rearranged to make better use of the space. The area starts in the southeast corner with general magazines, such as *Ancestry*, *Family Chronicle*, *Family Tree* followed by national society publications like *Mayflower Quarterly* and *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. The next small area is for regional societies of the Midwest, Illiana and Ark-La-Tex. The U.S. states follow alphabetically. Finally, you will find the international publications of the British Isles through Sweden.

Within each U.S. state, the arrangement is as follows: state societies, regional (i.e. central, eastern), and then the counties in alphabetical order. Signs have been put up to aid your search. Re-labeling of boxes will be an on-going project.

We hope this will be helpful to our patrons.

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### Library Grant Preserves Muscatine History *continued from page 6*

McCleary was able to find a surviving niece and nephew — one in Oregon, the other in Illinois — but neither wished to be contacted by the man from France, who is working to build a small World War II museum and wished to use information on the Muscatine liberator.

"He was crushed," McCleary said, "but we had to respect their wishes."

She said she's not sure what the Genealogical Society will do for an encore following its most recent gift.

"It took us quite a long time to raise the \$2,200," she said. "But we'll think of something."

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## STATE & NATIONAL NEWS

### News From the Family History Library *By Shirley Woodruff*

#### Fresh From the Vault

New collections are added each week to FamilySearch. Collections that are marked with a camera indicate collections for which digitized images are available. Collections marked with the term "Browse Images" refer to the fact that the collection has not been indexed yet but is available for browsing.

These collections have "helps" added to assist you in narrowing your search down to specific times, places, and record types: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list>. When you get to this page, click on the Last Updated link above the collection dates.

Family History Center in West Des Moines has the following websites available to use free of charge. Many new records are added to these sites weekly.

- \* *19th Century British Library Newspapers*
- \* *Access Newspaper Archives*
- \* *ArkivDigital Online*
- \* *Ancestry.com*
- \* *Fold3 (Footnote.com)*
- \* *Godfrey Memorial Library*
- \* *Heritage Quest Online*
- \* *Paper Trail*
- \* *World Vital Records.com*



Our hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Iowa Genealogical Society is home to a variety of special interest groups. All groups meet at the IGS Library, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines:

**German Interest Group** meets on the **first Monday** of each month at 7 p.m.

**African American Interest Group** meets the **first Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m.

**Italian American Interest Group** meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Irish Interest Group** meets on the **third Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m.

**Norwegian Interest Group** meets on the **fourth Tuesday** of the month (except December) at 7 p.m.

**Scots/Scots-Irish Interest Group** meets the **second Thursday** of the month at 7 p.m.

**English-Welsh Interest Group** meets on the **fourth Thursday** of the month at 7 p.m.

**Legacy User Group** meets the **third Thursday** of the month, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



### *Find IGS publications online*

The Iowa Genealogical Society newsletter arrives in member mailboxes every two months, but did you know it is also available online?

Visit the IGS website publications page: [www.iowagenealogy.org/library/collections/publications-2/](http://www.iowagenealogy.org/library/collections/publications-2/) to access the current issue of this newsletter in full color. You'll also find current and past issues of the *Hawkeye Heritage* and information about many other fine IGS publications.



## MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH IGS: Somewhere In Time

*By Cathy Eddy, IGS member*

I recently joined the Iowa Genealogical Society and was anxiously anticipating my first newsletter. It arrived! As I read an article describing the “Somewhere In Time” wedding dress display, I knew I’d found something that could honor my parents’ (Delmar and Margaret Beye Tigges) approaching sixty-fifth June wedding anniversary. I didn’t once consider it might be an opportunity to connect with other relatives.

I asked my mother if it would be acceptable to use her wedding suit in the display. She agreed and mentioned she had her mother’s wedding dress and her father’s wedding shirt if I wanted to include those, too. I interviewed her and my father about the particulars of their courtship and marriage and learned enough to complete the application form for the display.

While I was waiting to see if I would be approved, my parents and I spent time looking through their scrapbooks, photo albums, and bridal book. I discovered new things about this time in their life: my father proposed in his car after a basketball game, the engagement ring was purchased with money from furs he sold trapping on the farm, they helped each other select their wedding attire, and a thunderstorm knocked out electricity in the church just before the service began.

My mother didn’t know any details about the courtship, engagement, or wedding of her parents, Russell and Merle Groff Beye, who were married 29 October 1912, nearly one hundred years ago. I began searching through boxes of items from an aunt. I was thrilled to discover two original newspaper articles about a wedding shower and the wedding itself. I was amazed to find the handwritten shower invitation and hand-written rhymes from the kitchenware shower. They were much more creative and personalized than the cards typically purchased today. I also located several photos of my grandparents in their early years that I didn’t know existed.



Left: Russell & Merle Groff Beye, 29 October 1912  
Right: Delmar & Margaret Beye Tigges, 4 June 1947  
*Photos courtesy of Cathy Eddy*

Because many items were fragile, I scanned invitations, photos and rhymes and began to assemble items for the display. It was great fun to prepare, and even greater fun to see what others had brought. I would strongly encourage others to get involved in any IGS special projects.

When the event ended and I arrived to take down my display, one of the volunteers told me that a person who had attended said her husband was my relative. Since my family originated in Marshall County, I couldn’t imagine who it might be. A few days later I received a phone call from Rees Jones, a second cousin on my father’s side. His wife had visited the display and recognized the Tigges family name. Looking through my mother’s bridal book, she saw Rees had signed a guest page in his best ten-year-old handwriting! In the past our families had been in touch with each other, but that connection had gradually been lost.

We had a lovely conversation about our families and the Tigges history. He shared his work on the family genealogy and we compared notes. I brought him up-to-date on the whereabouts of my parents and siblings; and I let him know that the red hair his mother had was being passed on through my sister to her daughter who just graduated from high school. It’s a small world after all!

## 2012 IGS HERITAGE QUILT SHOW UPDATE: Dating Quilts With Names

*By IGS Heritage Quilt Show Coordinators Helen Phillips & Shirley Munier*

Everyone is invited to attend the 2012 IGS Heritage Quilt Show: **“What’s In a Name and Other Quilt Tales,”** October 12 - 13, 19 - 20. The exhibit will be open daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the West Wing of the IGS Library. **Special group tours are available.** Contact IGS for details.

This year’s focus is quilts that have had names incorporated into them. The earliest quilts with names were done in a fine cross stitch, followed by names either penned in ink or stenciled in ink. Next were quilts where the name was embroidered and were often referred to as signature quilts, friendship quilts, and/or memory quilts. In the 21st century we find computerized sewing machines that do this for the quilter.

The styles used when names are incorporated can help you determine the era in which your quilt may have been made. This information is often lost when quilts are passed down to the next generation. From a genealogical perspective, there are often many family members included in a single quilt; these can help solve family mysteries.



*Civil War Commemorative Quilt  
Photos courtesy of Helen Phillips and Shirley Munier.*



*Computerized quilt squares courtesy of  
Helen Phillips.*

There are other items where names are included: such as clothing, linens, samplers, or personal items, i.e., letter pockets, needle/sewing kits, and other “tokens of affection.”

The other emphasis of this year’s exhibit will be Civil War Quilts, either from that era or current quilts made with reproduction fabric in traditional Civil War era patterns. Examples of these types of quilts will be on display. We will work to display Civil War related quilts collectively.

We look forward to ANY and ALL quilts for this year’s show, but will try and group those with names on them as a collection. We will have books on display at the show to help date and identify your quilt.

**An application to display is available on page 16.**

## IGS CALENDAR

*All programs & activities take place at the IGS Library, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, unless otherwise noted.*

### SEPTEMBER 2012

#### Thursday - Friday, September 20 - 21

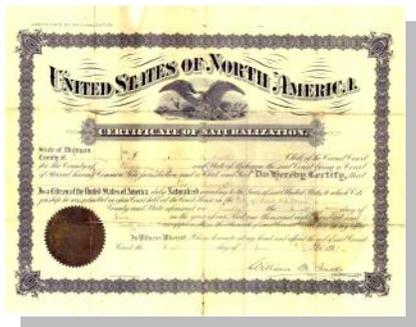
**Garage Sale Fundraiser.** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Bring your donated items anytime to the IGS office (no clothing, please). Then plan to shop the bargains and raise funds for IGS!

#### Saturday, September 22

**Beginning Genealogy.** 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Preregistration suggested. Free.

#### Saturday, September 22

**Naturalization Records.** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Theresa Liewer, instructor. How did you ancestor become a “naturalized” citizen? What genealogy clues can be found in these records? How did this process affect women and children? Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.



#### Saturday - Sunday, September 22 - 23

**Research Slumber Party.** 4 p.m. Saturday through 6 a.m. Sunday. Preregistration required. Cost: \$25 includes a light supper.

#### Saturday, September 29

**Publishing with Lulu.** 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Byron Strom, instructor. If you've considered publishing your family history but didn't know how to start, this class is for you. Learn how easy it is to publish and share your research with others. Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

### OCTOBER 2012

#### Monday, October 8

**Making Sense of the Census.** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Linda Greethurst, instructor. Mine the gold of the census. Explore the differences and discover relationships. Decipher the fact from the fiction. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

#### Friday - Saturday, October 12 - 13

**Fall Conference: Soldiers, Sailors & Federal Employees-- Discovering Your Ancestor in Military and Federal Records.**

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Johnston Lions Club, 6401 Merle Hay Road, Johnston.

*Details on page 13. Registration form on page 17.*

#### Friday - Saturday

#### October 12 - 13, 19 - 20

**IGS Annual Heritage Quilt Show: What's in a Name and Other Quilt Tales.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. \$5 donation requested at the door. *Details on page 10. Application to display on page 15.*



#### Wednesday, October 17

#### Lunch and Learn

#### Introduction to the 1940 Census

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Jan Myers, instructor. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

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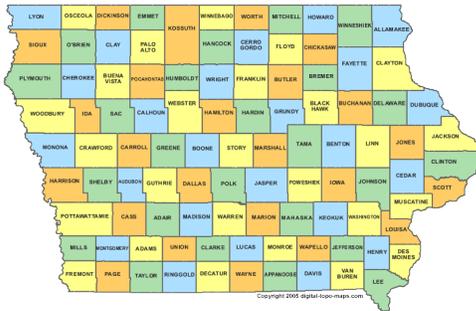
## IGS CALENDAR

All programs & activities take place at the IGS Library, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, unless otherwise noted.

### OCTOBER 2012

#### Wednesday, October 24

**Iowa Research: Part 1.** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Theresa Liewer, instructor.  
Preregistration required.  
Cost: \$5 IGS members/ \$10 non-members.



#### Monday, October 29

**Lunch and Learn**  
**The Jewels in PERSI.** 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
Linda Greethurst, instructor.  
One of the most valuable genealogical databases in use today, PERSI helps researchers quickly locate information about people and places in over 1.9 million genealogy and local history articles. Preregistration required.  
Cost: \$5 IGS members/ \$10 non-members.

#### Tuesday, October 30

**Beginning Genealogy.** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Preregistration suggested. Free.

### NOVEMBER 2012

#### Wednesday, November 7

**Iowa Research: Part 2.** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Theresa Liewer, instructor. Preregistration required.  
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

#### Monday, November 12

**Hidden Gems of the IGS Library.** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Debi Chase, instructor. Preregistration required.  
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

### NOVEMBER 2012

#### Thursday, November 15

**Lives & Times**  
**Life in the 1920s: The New Woman.** 7 p.m.  
They painted their lips scarlet, bobbed their hair, smoked in public and exposed their legs. Called "Flappers" and the "Lost Generation," the behavior of young women in the 1920s scandalized their mothers. In quieter ways they voted, gained degrees, worked jobs outside of the home and were the original "super moms."



Join historian Phil Parks as he explores the era of the Roaring '20s. No registration is required for this free program. Donations appreciated.

#### Saturday, November 17

**Using FamilySearch Successfully**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Debi Chase, instructor.  
Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/ \$10 non-members.

#### Saturday, November 17

**Beginning Genealogy.** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Preregistration suggested. Free.

#### Saturday - Sunday, November 24 - 25

**Research Slumber Party.** 4 p.m. Saturday through 6 a.m. Sunday. Preregistration is required. Cost: \$25 per person includes a light supper.

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## FALL CONFERENCE 2012

### Soldiers, Sailors & Federal Employees Discovering Your Ancestor in Military and Federal Records

12-13 October 2012. Johnson Lions Club  
6401 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, Iowa  
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily

The Iowa Genealogical Society is pleased to welcome special guest Michael L. Strauss, AG, for two full days of genealogical education. This year's Fall Conference offers an opportunity to learn, to exchange ideas and to network with others who share your passion for family history.

**Door prizes** will be awarded at the IGS fall conference: Lisa Louise Cooke, family history author, speaker, and media producer, is donating a one year Genealogy Gems Premium Membership. But if your name isn't drawn for that, you can still be a winner by going to her website at [www.genealogygems.com](http://www.genealogygems.com). When you sign up for her free newsletter, you'll also receive a free twenty-page ebook called *5 Fabulous Google Search Strategies for the Family Historian*. Also check out her free podcast on the website.

#### Schedule of Events

##### Friday, October 12, 2012

- Free Trade and Sailors Rights: Genealogical Research in the War of 1812
- Researching your Civil War Ancestor: A Comprehensive Study-Part I
- LUNCH BREAK
- Researching your Civil War Ancestor: A Comprehensive Study-Part II
- That Splendid Little War: Genealogy Research in the Spanish-American War

##### Saturday, October 13, 2012

- Bankruptcy to Equity: Federal Court Records
- Roosevelt's Tree Army: Genealogy Resources in the Civilian Conservation Corps
- LUNCH BREAK
- World War I & II Genealogical Research
- Case Studies in Descendency Research

#### Guest Speaker: Michael L. Strauss, AG

Michael L. Strauss, AG, has been an Accredited Genealogist since 1995. A native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Virginia Beach, Virginia, he has been an avid genealogist for more than thirty-five years.



Michael holds a BA in History and is a U.S. Coast Guard veteran. He is a qualified Expert Witness in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Additionally, he is an approved genealogist for the U.S. Army to locate DNA-qualified family members of MIA's from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Michael is also the President of the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society.

#### Registration information

- ✓ A registration form is provided in this newsletter on page 17.
- ✓ Register and pay online:  
<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/events/conferences/>
- ✓ Download and print a registration form and conference brochure:  
<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/news/>
- ✓ Register at the IGS Library,  
628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines.

Stay up-to-date with the latest conference news at the IGS website special conference blog:

<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/category/fall-conference-2012/>

## 2012 FALL CONFERENCE

### Soldiers, Sailors & Federal Employees

### Discovering Your Ancestor in Military and Federal Records

#### Friday, October 12th Lecture Topics

##### **Free Trade and Sailors Rights: Genealogical Research in the War of 1812**

2012 marks the bicentennial celebration of this conflict and our second domestic conflict with England. Discovering genealogical records of the War of 1812 can be very rewarding as researchers learn little-known facts about this conflict that helped shape our nation. Records from the National Archives and many other area resources are examined in detail.

##### **Researching your Civil War Ancestor: A Comprehensive Study [2 parts]**

Discover your ancestors that served on both sides of the American Civil War as well all the various military branches. These include the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and the Revenue Cutter Service and their Confederate counterparts. Numerous records are examined to get the most out of the many genealogical resources that are available to researchers today. This presentation is done in first person period impression.

##### **That Splendid Little War: Genealogy Research in the Spanish-American War**

The Spanish-American war was a turning point in the history of the United States and transformed the United States from a developing nation into a global power. Discover your ancestors that served in this conflict and those of the Boxer Rebellion (1900) and the Philippine Insurrection (1902-1916) as many different military records are examined to aid in researching your ancestors.



#### Saturday, October 13th Lecture Topics

##### **Bankruptcy to Equity: Using Federal Court Records**

Was Grandma a bootlegger? Did Grandpa pay his taxes? Records of the Federal courts are among the National Archives' largest holdings-and yet some of the least used records. Open a new chapter of your family history and discover little known branches in your family tree as the records of the Federal Court system are discussed in detail.

##### **Roosevelt's Tree Army: Genealogy Resources in the Civilian Conservation Corps**

Tens of thousands of young men came together to serve in the vanguard of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal program. Discover some of your ancestors who may have worked and served with the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1933 to 1942. The New Deal era in American History has many great resources that have been untapped for years, and seldom used by genealogists and family historians.

##### **World War I & II Genealogical Research**

Discover genealogical information about your World War I & II family members or other relatives. Coupled with the losses of records in the monumental fire in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1973 and strict privacy laws in place in many states-this lecture examines and focuses on new ways to reconstruct military service for your ancestors who served their country during the war including records of morning reports, missing air crew reports, and many other related records.

##### **Case Studies in Descendency Research**

This lecture takes on a new focus of tracing the descendants of a particular ancestral couple, along with all of the research and joy associated with conducting this kind of research. Most genealogists teach the only way to search is back through the use of pedigree charts going back as far as you can, where this lecture focuses on tracing all the descendants for someone to present. The doors that will open as you talk with previously unknown cousins and other relatives will boggle your mind.

## 2012 FALL CONFERENCE Soldiers, Sailors & Federal Employees Discovering Your Ancestor in Military and Federal Records

### Conference Facility Location and Directions

The IGS Fall Conference will be held at the **Johnston Lions Club, 6401 Merle Hay Road in Johnston, Iowa.**



**Directions:** From Interstate 35/80 take the Merle Hay Road Exit (#131) north 1.7 miles. The Lions Club will be on the east side of the road, set back slightly from the street.



Download and print a map from the IGS website:

<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/category/fall-conference-2012/>

Are you planning to attend the IGS Fall Conference and looking for hotel information? The Conference venue is the Lion's Club at 6401 Merle Hay Road in Johnston, and although IGS is not offering a hotel package this year, the following nearby accommodations represent a range of prices and amenities:

#### **Hilton Garden Inn**

8600 Northpark Dr.  
Johnston, Iowa 50131  
515-270-8890

#### **AmericInn Hotel & Suites**

5050 Merle Hay Road  
Johnston, Iowa 50131  
800-634-3444

#### **Stoney Creek Inn**

5291 Stoney Creek Ct.  
Johnston, Iowa 50131  
515-334-9000

#### **Microtel Inn and Suites**

8711 Plum Drive  
Urbandale, Iowa 50322  
515-727-5424

#### **Holiday Inn Express and Suites**

8789 Plum Dr.  
Urbandale 50322  
515-278-9000

#### **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites**

4800 Merle Hay Rd  
Des Moines, Iowa 50322  
515-278-4755

#### **Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center**

5000 Merle Hay Rd.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50322  
515-278-2381

#### **Days Inn Merle Hay**

4825 Merle Hay Road  
Des Moines, Iowa 50322  
800-225-3297

Use *GoodSearch* to find more options online. Make reservations soon and plan to attend this year's IGS Fall Conference!

Application  
**Third Annual IGS Heritage Quilt Show**  
**“What’s in a Name and Other Quilt Tales”**  
Iowa Genealogical Society

Procedures:

1. Please complete this form and return to IGS or send information via email no later than September 24th 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 24th and October 6th.
5. Quilts may be picked up after the show on October 20th and no later than October 30th. IGS **will not** mail the quilt unless postage is provided by the applicant.
6. There **will** be an admission charge to see the show, but not to display any items.

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 24, 2012, please bring this form and photo to the IGS office, or send as an attachment via email to [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org); or mail application to IGS Quilt Show, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309-1924

## IGS FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

12-13 October 2012

Johnson Lions Club 6401 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, Iowa

Conference fees includes lunch on both days.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer a vegetarian lunch.

### Full 2-Day Early Registration (Before September 15)

\_\_\_\_\_ IGS Member x \$95 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member x \$115 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Full 2-day Late Registration (after September 15)

\_\_\_\_\_ IGS Member x \$105 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member x \$125 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Single Day Registration

Circle one: Friday Saturday

\_\_\_\_\_ IGS Member x \$65 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member x \$85 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount due:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **IGS MEMBERSHIP**

I want to join IGS, which entitles me to the above member registration rate:

Individual \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$45 = \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed.

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(we add \$2.50 for credit card handling fee)

Visa       MasterCard       Discover

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Complete this form and mail it with your credit card information or check payable to:**

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

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

For more information contact IGS: 515-276-0287; [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org) .



## IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September-October 2012

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

The editor invites individual members, member chapters, regional representatives and the public to submit articles, reviews, chapter news and program information for publication.

Material may be emailed to the newsletter editor:

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or mailed:

**IGS Newsletter Editor**  
c/o IGS Library  
628 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa  
50309-1924

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

The deadline for submissions to be included in the November newsletter is 31 September 2012.

**NOTE:** Please check the mailing label for your membership expiration date.



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