

JULY 2013

Iowa Genealogical Society

"Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families." --
Benjamin Rush, 1773

THE GERMANS ARE HERE

The German special interest group has put a beautiful display in our library display cases. The display will run through July so make sure to check it out when you visit. I hope you didn't miss earlier displays by the Norwegian, Irish and African American interest groups.

The Des Moines Historical Society will be putting a new display in August. Make sure you come check it out too. If you have an idea of something that might make an interesting display, phone or e-mail the library and let us know. The IGS display cases are here to stay and we don't want them to remain empty.



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On the cover:
IGS Display Case. Photography
by Karen Hanley.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nicoe Hart, IGS President



Summer is upon us with its increase in library patrons from near and far. Our librarians and their volunteer assistants are the Society's greatest treasure and advocates to visiting researchers and members. We always need library assistants and are willing to train new volunteers. It can be very rewarding to help someone else with their search for ancestors--it makes up for not breaking through that brick wall in your own research. And you always learn something new that just might further your own research.

The Historic East Village just half a block away has a plentitude of restaurants and shopping for the lunch hour or evenings when the libraries are closed. Check out other resources such as the Iowa Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge in nearby Johnston.

I hope all our members with the internet have checked out the IGS website which has been redesigned and upgraded to include indexes of records available from IGS. The militia enlistment form index is now available on line A-K among other records. Spanish American War Taps index is also on our website and those documents are in the IGS library.

If you cannot come to Des Moines, documents from the online indexes can be ordered for a fee--the easiest way is to email us with your request and let our volunteers check out your request (some names in the indexes cover multiple forms such as multiple militia enlistments for an individual) or if you are not sure that that is your ancestor's obituary, etc.

IGS is committed to establishing better relationship with our county chapters. IGS was blessed with some monies from an estate trust fund and as our county chapters are aware, the first money spent was to pay all revenue sharing due them. Is IGS flush with funds--I wish! Just paying the regular bills and mortgage takes \$10,000 a month minimum and membership fees don't come close to covering that. IGS can offer chapters technical assistance, classes, speakers, and their members a \$5.00 discount on an initial IGS membership.

This is the time of year when IGS is seeking candidates for officers and regional representatives. The Regional Representative is your representative on our Board of Directors and your input on potential candidates would be most welcome. 2014 is the year when we gear up for our 50th Anniversary in 2015. How many county chapters will be celebrating their 50th in the near future? We would be pleased to include those dates in our newsletters this fall with a listing of chapters and dates, and closer to those anniversaries submit an article to be included in an IGS newsletter.

--Regards, Nicoe

LIBRARY NEWS: Cataloging Corner

By Diane Densmore, Library Acquisitions



This newsletter will contain only Iowa books that have been added to our shelves – only a few of the 260 total that have been cataloged since January 1st.

The new Iowa books are:

Buena Vista: Minister's Book for Danish Lutheran Church, Newell, Iowa, 1888;

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Ljunghed Church, Albert City, Iowa

Clayton: History of Clayton County, Iowa Schools (Sperry Twp. & Volga)

Dallas: The History of the Valley

Harrison: Illustrated Atlas of Harrison County, Iowa, 1884

Ida: Atlas of Ida County, 1920

Jasper: Lynville 1875-2000; Kilduff Centennial 1883-1983

Lyon: Doon, Iowa 1868-1992

Marion: Marriage Records of Marion County, Iowa, 1845-1944: Groom Index and Bride Index

O'Brien: History of O'Brien County, Iowa, 1979;

Hartley, Iowa, 100 Year History, 1879-1979; and

Hartley, Iowa, 125 Year History, 1879-2004

Osceola: Index for Osceola County History

Polk: Caldwell Funeral Home, 1945, 1946, 1957; 1958 and 1959

History of the Farrar United Methodist Church, 1889-1989;

Iowa, Famous People (with an Iowa connection);

Polk County, Iowa, Landmarks

Underground Coal Mines of Des Moines & Vicinity (laminated map)

Van Buren: Bentonsport Scrapbook

Warren: Warren County, Iowa Obituaries (a very large collection 1945-2008)

Webster: A History of Palm Lodge, Lehigh, Iowa, 1900-1956

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.



OUR NEW DRAWERS

by Diane Densmore

Thanks to the dedication and work of volunteers Helen Phillips and Shirley Munier, the IGS library now has two file cabinet drawers for "Iowa County Maps".

You will find hanging folders containing plat books, soil maps, farm directory books and other miscellaneous county maps.

As time goes on, this project will also involve moving those types of map books from the county book shelves and putting them in this file cabinet.

Yes We Have Periodicals

IGS has a large collection of periodicals. Unfortunately most of them are put on the shelves and are never used again. This is a waste of space for IGS and a loss of valuable information for you.

IGS exchanges periodicals from many state societies as well as county societies. Many have indexes and those that don't can be accessed through PERSI. IGS also has some excellent German publications.

Check them out the next time you visit.

Using FamilySearch

By Debi Iseminger Chase

I receive a lot of questions about the new FamilySearch web site. It looks totally different from the old site as well as having the Family Tree that will be new to most of you. The site is still a work in progress. FamilySearch is listening to comments from users and still doing small updates. **If you haven't used it lately give it a try.**

Why do I have to sign in to FamilySearch?

Answer: The Family Tree is designed by you. When you sign in your name will be in the first spot. Then you add your parents, grandparents, etc. Always search to see if family members have already been added to family tree first. **Why duplicate what's already there. Once they have been added if there are things that are incorrect or missing you can change them.**

Also some of the databases require you to be signed in to see the actual document.

Click on Search and you will find the following at the top of the page.

Records: If you want to search for a specific record this is the place to be.

Genealogies: These are family trees that people have submitted. They have NOT been checked for accuracy. This is also where you can search Ancestral File and Pedigree Resource File submissions.

Catalog: Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch. Currently the catalog area is a **Beta site (which means it's still being worked on)**. You are still able to go to the old version if you wish.

Books: Family History Books, currently 80,000 fully searchable and able to be read online.

Search by a surname or location. Many of these are one of a kind not available anywhere else.

FamilySearch Blog: It's at the bottom of every page. This is the place where you will find out about any changes that are being made to the site. Often you will find step by step instructions to navigate the changes.

Be sure and e-mail FamilySearch with questions and suggestions. They want to hear from you to make the site user friendly and helpful in your research.

IGS Display Ideas

By Debi Iseminger Chase

As you can tell from the cover picture the display cases are being put to good use. I appreciate all the hard work that goes into the different displays.

I get to enjoy them every day and often find myself **noticing things I didn't see the last time I looked.** Be sure and stop by and check out the displays.

Keeping the display cases filled with new fun and interesting things for everyone to enjoy is going to **take work.** So.....**put your thinking caps on** and come up with some ideas.

Here are some of mine. Chapters do a display **about your chapter or something that's in your county.**

What is It???? This might take some work but a display of different things that you look at and say **what is that used for?** Hopefully you'll be able to tell us what most of them are.

In the Kitchen - things from the past that modern cooks might not recognize or have a clue how to use.

In the Schoolroom - Things that you might have used or seen at school. You can put in your report **card but I'm not showing mine.**

Children's Books - The older the better.

Cookbooks - The ideas are endless, just like the number of cookbooks in the world.

If you would like to be in charge of a display please contact me at the library and I will put you on the schedule.

IRISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The Irish Interest Group had a chance to have a special presentation at their June meeting.

Dan and Ruth Brinkerhoff were the special speakers. Currently serving a mission for the LDS church they are working at the State Historical building, scanning probate records on behalf of FamilySearch.

Dan and Ruth spent two years in Dublin, micro-filming records for FamilySearch. After they returned home, they spent 18 months in Oregon working with records there and then their missionary work brought them to Iowa.

The Brinkerhoffs told what it was like to live that long in Dublin and what kind of projects they worked on. They shared with the group a little about the nuts and bolts of the digitizing (formerly microfilming) process. It's an amazing service that volunteers like Dan and Ruth perform and that genealogical researchers all over the world benefit from.

If you have done any indexing for FamilySearch the records you indexed were first filmed by people like the Brinkerhoffs.

Delpha Musgrave from the State Historical Society of Iowa introduced the couple and shared information about the probate project and other projects that she is currently working on.



Ruth Brinkerhoff



Dan Brinkerhoff



Delpha Musgrave

IGS Fall Conference Registration

Conference fee includes lunch

Full 2-day Early Registration (Before Oct 11)

_____ IGS Member x \$95 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$115 = _____

Full 2-day Late Registration (after Oct 11)

_____ IGS Member x \$105 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$125 = _____

Single Day Registration

Circle one: Friday Saturday

_____ IGS Member x \$65 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$85 = _____

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

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

Iowa Genealogical Society, Fall Conference

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Register online: www.iowagenealogy.org

IGS Fall Conference

Oct 25 & 26, 2013

Johnston Lions Club

6401 Merle Hay Road , Johnston, Iowa

Beth Foulk will be speaking on the following topics. An additional class each day will be announced soon.

Friday Classes

Colonial Land

This lecture explores the ways our Colonial Ancestors acquired land and the documents they created in the process. Specifically, we will discuss Company Grant Land, quit rents, military bounty land, deeded land, headrights, and indenture.

American Revolution Genealogy

The War of Independence changed history; our history; our families' history. It's a story about which we want to know more. Did my ancestor help? ...even a little? There's much to be learned about our ancestors' roles in this moment in history. In this class, we'll discover where to start, what the best resources are, and how to tackle the research. So, let's go in search of answers using the soldiers' service and pension records and unit narratives.

The Best of Genealogy Book Websites

There are excellent free, published books online to aid your genealogy research. More than just "how to" books or lists of names, these books will add color, history, and context to your ancestor's life. This class takes a tour of whole libraries and the books you'll find online. Bring your family tree to life with online books.

Saturday Classes

"If I'd Only Known"

We all know that awful feeling of "ugh!" when we've wasted our time, messed up the tree, or found a better, faster way to the results we wanted. This class outlines - with personal examples - many mistakes that you can now avoid. *Continued on page 7*

Cool Tools at the Midwest Genealogy Center

It's a **big library with lots of materials!** Make the most of this valuable repository by attending this class. **You'll learn what's at the library, where to find it, and how to use it.** Plus pick up a few insider tips.

Imported to America - Colonists for Sale!

It may be surprising that not all Europeans came to America seeking the land of "milk & honey."

Some were "transported" as the sentence for their crime of stealing, prostitution, or other non-capital offense. Others paid for their passage with years of uncompensated labor. It's a revealing story, and an eye-opening look at a not often told side of Colonial America. In this class we break open the stories of 50,000 or more immigrants through the history and documents

they've left behind.



About Beth

Beth was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, and currently lives in Lee's Summit, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City.

She has been interested in family history since grade school. Her dad, who built a small family tree that Beth found fascinating blown "junkie-dom" occurred in 1998 when she learned that genealogy software could build a family tree database.

Beth's research and speaking focuses on research American Research East of the Mississippi and pre-1865. The lectures tend to focus on land, military, and migration-related (journals, diaries, and other manuscripts) record groups. "I enjoy most subjects that relate to a specific period in history. I like topics that lend themselves to dovetailing a narrative about a little known time in American history with the genealogy records that tell the story from an individual perspective."

Beth began teaching genealogy classes when the Midwest Genealogy Center, just ten minutes from her home, opened in June 2008. "These classes served as an invaluable incubator for me to tune my skills and refine my classes in a very compressed period of time." She currently speaks throughout the greater Kansas City metro area and regionally at Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska state events. She hopes to extend her reach geographically and to the national level over time.



IGS 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.

RootsMagic Interest Group meets the fourth Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon.

IGS CALENDAR

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

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Saturday, July 13

Land Records. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Theresa Liewer, instructor. Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

Land records are frequently overlooked in our research, but can yield valuable information. Learn how to delve into these sometimes challenging records and unlock their secrets.

Naturalizations. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Theresa Liewer, instructor. Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

How did your ancestors become a “naturalized” citizen? Where can naturalization records be found? What genealogy information can we learn from these records? How did the process apply to women and children?

Monday, July 22

Finding a Gravesite. Lunch & Learn Noon - 1 p.m. Jan Myers, instructor. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

Learn about various online sites available to locate gravesites and/or tombstone pictures.

Tuesday, July 30

Beginning Genealogy. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Theresa Liewer, instructor. Preregistration required. Free.

Find out how easy it is to get started in this popular and fascinating pursuit. Your family has a story to tell.

Saturday, August 24

Beginning Genealogy. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Judy McClain, instructor. Preregistration required. Free.

Find out how easy it is to get started in this popular and fascinating pursuit.

Digital Library –Books Online

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Linda Greethurst, Instructor
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

There are thousands of complete reference type books on line, just waiting for you to discover. This class will explain digitized books, why they are important, and how/where to access them.

Saturday, September 7

Documenting and Citing Sources
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Theresa Liewer, instructor. Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

Learn how to properly document your genealogy sources.

Monday, September 9

War of 1812 Records. Lunch & Learn Noon - 1 p.m. Jan Myers, instructor
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

Learn about what records are available for the war that was called the 2nd war for independence.

New IGS Publication

#2869 Webster county, Gowrie News 1930 - 1939 Index 182 pages \$29.10 plus postage

This publication indexes 21 types of events reported in the Gowrie News with dates of the paper, the page number, and the type of event.

This adds to the Webster County Genealogical Societies series of the Gowrie News: #2841 Gowrie News 1889 - 1908 Index: #2849, Gowrie News 1909 - 1919 Index; #2866 Gowrie News 1920-1929 Index.

Webster County publications are available by mail, phone or the IGS website page:

<http://shop.iowapioneers.com/category.sc?categoryId=85>

For more information about IGS programs and activities, or to register for classes, contact IGS: 515-276-0287; igs@iowagenealogy.org, or visit the IGS website: www.iowagenealogy.org.

Iowa Genealogical Society Membership Application

Membership Benefits:

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

Individual: \$35 Family: \$45

New membership Renewal

I would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$_____.

My company has a matching gift program. Company name:

My gift is in Memory/Honor (circle one) of

My gift may be best utilized for:

Building Fund \$_____

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Name(s): _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

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\$_____ (+ \$2.50 credit card handling fee)

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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

Individual members, member chapters, regional representatives and the public are invited to submit articles, reviews, chapter news and program information for publication.

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