

SEPTEMBER 2013

Iowa Genealogical Society

*Families are like quilts,
stitched together one piece at a time.*

You have the chance to win this beautiful quilt that was created especially for IGS by Linda Greethurst, Marlys Ruth and Jennifer Ewing. It's even more beautiful in person. We will be drawing the winning ticket on October 26th at the end of the Fall Conference.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nicoe Hart, IGS President



It hardly seems possible that the fall season is upon us. The ballots are in your mailbox by now. Do remember to send only the ballot back in the marked envelope, as it is not opened until the annual meeting on October 25th. That meeting will be at the Lion's Club on Merle Hay in Johnston, Iowa. Please pass the word to the members of your local chapter that there is a \$5 discount for county chapter members on their initial IGS membership. They should just note the county chapter to which they belong and take the discount when submitting the IGS form and payment.

I hope each of you are regularly checking the IGS website for events, classes and new record indexes. There are always changes each time I check it out. Planning a trip to Des Moines for whatever reason, check our calendar for educational classes, special interest group meetings and events while you are in the metro area. The RootsMagic special interest group is our newest and meets on the 4th Saturday at 10 AM at IGS--Dennis Allen usually leads this group.

IGS is volunteers and we have been blessed with Ken Booth and Ardith Ortgies. Ken has faithfully done the cleaning and maintenance of our facility for several years. Unfortunately Ken has had an injury this summer and has had to "retire". Ardith has blessed IGS with her gardening skills for the past 10 years and is "retiring" too. We will be posting a list of cleaning chores (breaking down Ken's tasks in smaller time increments) for potential volunteers. Most cleaning tasks can be done during normal hours; only vacuuming needs to be done after closing time. We will do the same for gardening tasks and lawn mowing. I would like to thank all the people who volunteered at the IGS booth at the Iowa State Fair and Bob & Betty Arndt who headed the project.

I attended my 1st FGS Conference in August and was impressed with the 4 days especially the 1st day with its emphasis on Societies. The 2014 Conference is in September in San Antonio, TX. The 2015 Conference will be in Salt Lake City. It also pointed out to me that IGS puts together a good fall conference for its members at a very fair price. Two days of learning in one place with lunch and snacks included (lunch sessions were \$25 and believe me the food at ours is better). One way to support IGS and broaden your research skills and knowledge is by coming to the IGS Conferences.

--Regards, Nicoe

LIBRARY NEWS: Cataloging Corner

By Diane Densmore, Library Acquisitions



157 books were added to our shelves in June, July, and August.

The new Iowa books are:

General: *Iowans Called to Valor*;

The WPA Guide to 1930s Iowa;

True Tales from Iowa's Past

Franklin: *Alexander, Iowa, 1978, Remembering Our Heritage*;

Coulter, Iowa, Centennial History Book, 1901-2001

Hancock: *Genealogical Index to Newspapers, Vol. 1*

Polk: *Gone But Not Forgotten, Part VI: Farrar Cemetery, Washington Twp.*;

Images of America: Des Moines, 1845-1920;

Caldwell Funeral Home, Master Index, 1921-1985 (except 1931 & 1937);

Polk County, Iowa Deaths, Lilly Funeral Home, 1941;

1917 Des Moines City Directory

Ringgold: *Ellston, Iowa, 1881-1981, A Century of Memories*

Warren: *Looking Back, Memories and Images of St. Marys, Iowa*

Webster: *Webster County, Iowa Newspapers, Gowrie News, 1930-1939 Index*

Some names in the new family history books are:

Bidwell, Flick, Hagan, Hickman, Howell,

Oakwood, O'Brien, Schieflebusch, Spalding,

Stanley, Wethington, and Whiting.

Books from other states by the county:

Illinois: Fulton, Vermilion

Kentucky: Union, Washington

Maryland: Calvert, Charles,

Prince George, Queen Anne, St. Mary's

Ohio: Delaware, Hamilton, Hardin, Morrow

Tennessee: Overton

Other titles to look for: *Black women of the Old West; Atlas for the American Civil War; Images of America: Wyoming's Outlaw Trail; Family Diseases, Are You at Risk?; Your Guide to Cemetery Research; Producing a Quality Family History.*

Also 32 laminated county maps of Ireland can be found in the map cabinet.

POLK COUNTY FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

We are pleased to announce that the indexing for the Caldwell Funeral Home and Lilly Funeral Home records has been completed. A big THANK YOU to Joyce Brown for working on these for the last 15 years!

The Caldwell Funeral Home records cover 1921 through 1984, with 1931 and 1937 missing. A master index to cover all years has been completed.

The Lilly Funeral Home records cover 1912 through 1928 and 1930 through 1941. It is thought that the missing 1929 year may have been taken by someone to index at home.

Does anyone know who might have that? If so, please return it to IGS, so that Joyce can complete the indexing.

CARD CATALOG FILE

I am happy to say that the card catalog has been updated. Card drawers were reorganized to make more space and the drawers have been relabeled.

REPLACED MISSING BOOKS

Recently, we have been able to replace the following two missing books: *Murray [Iowa] Centennial book, 1868-1968* and *Clarke County Iowa Cemeteries, Volume 2, The Rural Cemeteries.*

We previously owned volumes 1-5 of *Revolutionary War Period, Bible, Family and Marriage Records, Gleaned from Pension Applications*, but a couple of those books were missing. We now own volumes 1 - 8.

Using FamilySearch

By *Debi Iseminger Chase*

Sandbox FamilyTree Training by Elder Moon

August 14, 2013 By [Nathan W. Murphy](#)

Come play with us in the [“sandbox”](#) to learn FamilyTree. FamilyTree is FamilySearch’s latest product designed to create an accurate database of the world’s families. New features are being released weekly. Elder Moon, author of the Sandbox FamilyTree Training, is an instructor for the volunteers at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He teaches waves of volunteers who are then prepared to help the general public use this powerful new tool. Through these [online lessons](#), everyone can now benefit from this highly-acclaimed training.

Why is it Called a Sandbox?

It is called a “sandbox” because you are working with live data in what looks like FamilyTree (even though it is only a simulation program and doesn’t save the changes you make to the actual FamilyTree). You don’t have to worry about crashing the program while you are learning how to use it.

Course Description

There are [11 individualized lessons](#) that anyone can do, to learn all of the basic and intermediate functions of Family Tree. There are written lessons and videos that when used together give the best experience. However, many individuals prefer just to watch the videos or just to do the written material. Some people do the whole set of lessons and then come back and review when they run into a problem and others only look at the material when they experience a problem and do not know what to do.

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/sandbox-familytree-training-elder-moon/>

These are a great way to learn how to use FamilySearch Family Tree. You’ll be impressed on how easy it is.

Quilt Raffle

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Quilt size is 94” x 110”

That will fit a full drop double size bed (depending on how high the bed is); OR a 10" tuck under queen size bed OR a regular king size bed. Or if it was me, I would be hanging it on a wall because it is so eye catching.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. You need not be present to win and if you live out of state you can send in the money and we will fill out the tickets for you. The last time we raffled a quilt someone from Arizona won.

This beautiful quilt will be on display in the library in a couple weeks. This is a fund raiser for IGS so tell your friends and family so they can get a chance at this beautiful quilt.



2013 IGS STATE FAIR BOOTH

Bob and Betty Arndt did a great job of organizing the IGS state fair booth in Pioneer Hall. Unfortunately the fair gave away our space and we only had half the space we had anticipated. We shared with the DAR booth which was great but the Arndt's weren't able to do the whole display that they had planned. We have had new people stop in and join because they saw us at the fair, so good job volunteers.

Bob and Betty wrote the following:

Joe Hansen, Bob Meyer, Mary Lohr, Jeanne Roland, Tom McGarvey, Gene Brown, George Tremmel, Carl Nollen, Sara Haskovec, Norine Vaughn, Margaret Foster, Beverly Poore, Ruth Bartels, Helen Phillips, Ann Evans, and Bob Arndt all now know that FAMILY MATTERS!

These people heard wonderful IOWA PIONEER family stories. They heard from descendants of Davey Crockett and Abraham Lincoln's uncle Morde-

cai, Washington's 2nd-in-Command and many, many more. They heard immigrant stories like a g-g-grandfather buying (railroad) land in Iowa before leaving Germany, a family coming to Iowa from Nebraska in 1936 because of the Dust Bowl, a mother bringing her son to Iowa in the 1850's, and many more. The immigrant stories' time span was as early as 1815 and as recent as 2000. The volunteers heard stories of Iowa family members fighting in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, and in Afghanistan. That is a lot of stories!

Thank you to all of them. They volunteered at the IGS booth in Pioneer Hall at the Iowa State Fair--some more than once! They helped to promote IGS and to attract new members. Next year, you can join in the fun! You, too, can [Have Fun at the Fair!](#)

If we have missed your name, let us know and we will publish it next month.

Betty Arndt standing next to the IGS booth



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

Account Number _____

Expiration date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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

Iowa Genealogical Society, Fall Conference

628 E Grand Ave

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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.

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 session, 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.**

Exploring Buried Buxton-Dr. David Gradwohl

Buxton was a town owned by the Consolidated Coal Company and was unusual in that many of its residents were African-American. During the **early 1980's, the abandoned town was explored** by ISU Archeological Lab personnel using the techniques of historical archaeology. Work such as this can give insights into the daily lives of ancestors who were involved in coal mining.

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 session takes a tour of whole libraries and the books you'll find online. Bring your family tree to life with online books.**

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Saturday Classes

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.

DNA - BOB HASKENS

This session will provide an overview of the current genetic tests that are available to genealogists along with their potential use. The second half will focus on the practical application of Y-DNA testing in researching ancestors.

“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 session outlines - with personal examples - many mistakes that you can now avoid.

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 session we break open the stories of 50,000 or more immigrants through the history and documents they've left behind.

COUNTRY SCHOOL HOUSE CONFERENCE

The 13th Iowa County School House Conference will be held Oct 11 & 12, 2013

Bluffs Inn & Oaks Steak House
1101 Highway 9 West
Decorah, Iowa

For more information contact

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Join like-minded people and share your enthusiasm and valuable experience about Iowa's country schools.



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, 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.

Bring your lunch and learn about what records are available for the war that was called the 2nd war for independence.

Saturday, September 21

Beginning Genealogy. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Linda Greethurst, 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.

Church/Cemetery/Funeral Homes
1:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Linda Greethurst, instructor.
Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/
\$10 non-members.

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



FALL SLUMBER PARTY

Date: Saturday, Sep 21- Sunday, Sep 22

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Fee: \$25.00 + snacks to share

Late night pizza will be provided

Enjoy hours of uninterrupted research

Stay for just a few hours or stay all night

Enjoy good food, great conversation and hopefully the joy of discovering more ancestors

This is the last slumber party for the year. Our attendance at these events is down. We may have to stop having these if attendance doesn't pick up. It's a lot of work for the volunteers that stay up all night to assist at these events. Don't miss out!

New IGS Publication

#2870 Polk county, Lilly Funeral Home 1941
16 pages \$2.60 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 Polk County Genealogical Societies series of the Lilly Funeral Home:
#2794 1930; #2768 1931; #2792 1932; #2792 1932; #2764 1933; #2816 1934; #2769 1935; #2817 1936; #2793 1937; #2805 1938; #2826 1939; #2842 1940

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

<http://shop.iowapioneers.com/category.sc?categoryId=69>

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 \$_____

General Fund \$_____

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day phone: _____

Email: _____

Check enclosed.

Please charge my credit card in the amount of
\$_____ (+ \$2.50 credit card handling fee)

Visa MasterCard Discover

Account No. _____

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Signature: _____

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 2013

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.

Contact IGS for more information or to submit your article:

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

IGS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IGS is in need of someone willing to maintain the flowers in front of the building. Winterizing, weeding and some planting in the spring. Most of the beds have perennials. This would be a great job for a person or group that has a green thumb.

IGS is also in need of some volunteers to do some of the janitorial duties in the building.

Vacuuming, moping the kitchen and bathroom floors, and cleaning the bathrooms. In the past this job has been handled by one person but could easily be divided between multiple volunteers. We are also in need of volunteers to scan obituaries and do some data entry after they are scanned.



As always we need volunteers to work in the library, especially on Saturdays. If you or your chapter would like to assist in the library give us a call. It's fun, you get to meet new people and it's a great way to gain more knowledge. Margaret Foster will be happy to teach you all you need to know to get started. It's one of those jobs that allow you to learn as you go.

Contact IGS if you would be interested in helping with any of these volunteer opportunities or if you would like more information.



IGS GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

IGS will hold a Garage Sale Fundraiser on Thursday and Friday, September 19 - 20 from 9 to 4 daily, in the west wing of the IGS building.

This is a simple fun effective way to show your support for IGS.

Bring your donated items prior to September 15 to the IGS office (no clothing please). Then come and shop and bring your friends.

The more you buy the less I take home to my house.

PRESERVING THE PAST & ENRICHING THE FUTURE