

JANUARY 2014

Iowa Genealogical Society

IGS IS ON THE MOVE.....

No not really. But many of the books in our stacks have moved.

Even though IGS was closed during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, the library was still humming with activity. It is traditional to do a large project of some sort during that week that otherwise would disturb researchers.

This year we did "The Book Shuffle". It had long been noted that we had empty shelf space where it wasn't needed and no extra space for more books where there was none. For four days, volunteers moved books, starting in the Connecticut area, and continuing until we reached Hawaii. In other words, we have more space to add more books in the Iowa counties. Books aren't as tight on the shelf, and hopefully, most books are now in the correct Dewey order, at least for the time being, especially in the Kentucky and Missouri areas.

A big thank you to Myrtle Van Dyke, Helen Phillips, Theresa Liewer, Dennis Davies, and Diane Densmore for working on this project. And thank you to Herb Phillips for vacuuming the entire library!



General Iowa
section



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Theresa Liewer, IGS President

It's the start of a New Year and it will be an exciting one for IGS. And here is why.

In 2013 IGS was fortunate enough to receive two major bequests - \$94,000 from the estate of Mildred Heiden and \$24,632 from the estate of Don Southwood, past president of IGS. The board had serious discussions about how the funds should be used. The first decision was to pay the moneys that we owed to the chapters for their share of publication sales, just over \$10,500. The board then considered using the balance to pay down the mortgage. The drawback to this scenario was that we would still have a mortgage of over \$400,000 and would continue to have large monthly payments to make **with no assurance that within a year or two, we wouldn't face another financial crisis similar to the ones in the past.** The board also did not want to use these funds to make up the annual shortfall in the budget and have them gradually depleted with no permanent benefit to IGS.

When the work was done on the Strategic Plan for IGS in 2012, several problems were highlighted that IGS needed to resolve to insure its financial viability. Most importantly, IGS needs to increase its membership numbers and to do that, we need to offer the best resources possible to members and to increase the awareness of what IGS has to offer. The challenge is that we lack capacity to handle the day-to-day operations and ongoing planning. As President, I want to do what I can but I still work and the amount of time that I can devote to IGS is **limited.** Even board members who are not employed can't be asked to spend what are major amounts of time on tasks to keep the society functioning. This is one reason that IGS has had difficulty recruiting officers over the past several years. We are faced with either hiring someone to provide continuity and management or shrinking IGS to a level where volunteers can handle its needs.

The bequests have given IGS the opportunity to fund a part-time executive director at a salary level of \$20,000 to \$25,000. This person will work with board members and current staff to implement the Strategic Plan developed in 2012. The plan is a good one, outlining committees and goals which would bring in more members and increase our other sources of revenues. But volunteers need to be recruited to fill those committees and direction needs to be given to the volunteers as they work to fundraise, do publicity, plan classes and programs, design our website, work in the library, maintain the building, etc. This will be the role of the executive director. We have publicized the position via email to our members and we want to have the hiring process completed by March.

Throughout 2014, you will hear more from me about our progress. I look forward to being able to introduce our new director and I also hope that you will be willing to answer the call as we ask for volunteers to do all the things needed to strengthen IGS and prepare it for its next 50 years.

Theresa Liewer



LIBRARY NEWS: Cataloging Corner

By Diane Densmore, Library Acquisitions



We added 549 books to our shelves in 2013! That compares well to the numbers of 398, 410, 530, 544 books added in each of the previous four years. Thanks to all of you who have donated!

The new Iowa books are:

Jackson: *Portrait and Biographical Album of Jackson County, Iowa, 1889* (2 volumes)

(We previously had only the index to this.)

Webster: *Webster County, Iowa, Newspapers, Ft. Dodge Messenger, 1923 Index*

Some names in the new family history books are: Beaven, Blanford, Boarman, Clarkson, Craycroft, Donnelly, Elder, Hamilton, Hill, Livers, Miles, Mitchell

Books from other states by the county:

Illinois: Sangamon

Maryland: Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Harford, St. Mary's, Wicomico

A longer list of specific book titles can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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.

THE 10 MOST WANTED BOOKS

In November, we reactivated the "10 Most Wanted Books" list. This effort helps IGS obtain books that may be otherwise cost prohibitive. You may add a book to the list, without a donation. Just notify us in person, by phone, by email or snail-mail. Once a list of 10 books is established, no more books may be added to the list, until one is purchased. Donations of any amount are welcomed. Donations will be added to book #1, unless otherwise indicated by the donor.

Since the last newsletter, this list remains the same.

1. *The Pension Roll of 1835* by U.S. Govt. (4 volumes) \$120.00

2. *18th Century White Slaves* by Meaders \$120.00

History of Jackson County, Iowa, 1910 (2 volumes) \$70.00

The first two books were referenced by Beth Foulk in her lectures at the 2013 Fall Conference. The third is an Iowa county history book for which we have the index, but not the books.

Look for the list and donation progress when **you're at IGS.**

NEW CITY DIRECTORIES

We recently acquired 17 Des Moines city directories: 1871, 1873, 1874-75, 1877-78, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1899, 1900, 1910-11, 1911, 1915, 1920, 1922, 1926, and 1929.

We have also received Marshalltown city directories for 1972 and 1974.

Tracing Your Irish & Scots-Irish Ancestors

Special Conference Monday, March 10, 2014

Monday, March 10, 2014 9 am to 5 pm

Cost \$55 includes lunch

Location – Iowa Genealogical Society
West Wing

A special presentation by the Iowa Genealogical Society and the Ulster Historical Foundation

What better way to celebrate your Irish heritage in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day? Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Northern Ireland will present a seminar on Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy for beginners and active family historians. Mullan is Executive Director of the Foundation, an educational nonprofit organization which specializes in historical research and publications. Hunt is Research Officer with the Foundation.

The sessions for the day will be:

1) Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research Part 1

An overview of the subject, where to begin your research, the destruction of records in 1922, and the importance of place and administrative divisions in Ireland, the importance of doing your homework before starting your Irish research.

2) Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research Part 2

A broad overview of Scots-Irish and Irish research. This is for beginners and seasoned genealogists alike; it is practical, wide-ranging and informative using visual aids and exploring the major collections of records and how to access them. This primer sets the program up for the day.

3) Researching the Farming Community in the 18th and 19th Centuries

Leases, rentals, maps and the significance of landed estates in Ulster, a province of landed estates in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The documents generated by the management of

landed estates are among the most valuable of records for the local and family historian. Some other eighteenth and nineteenth century sources will also be discussed.

4) The Ulster Plantation: Sources for 17th Century Families

This presentation will look at those sources which can throw light on Ulster families in the seventeenth century. It identifies documents relating to the Ulster Plantation (1610-41) which can be used to construct profiles of settler families. It also considers sources from the second half of the seventeenth century, such as hearth money rolls, the Civil Survey and poll books, which are of use to genealogists working in this period. This presentation will also present information on a range of new resources and materials recently published which can help researchers explore this early period.

5) Records Relating to the Different Churches in Ireland

Detail about the church records available for the main Christian denominations in Ireland: Church of Ireland (Anglican), Presbyterian and Roman Catholic. We provide an understanding of the differences between the many Protestant denominations and look at the value of annotations found in Catholic Church records which can be of great benefit to the family historian.

6) Emigration from the North of Ireland to North America in the Eighteenth Century (the story of the Scots-Irish)

The story of the Scots-Irish and their experiences in Ireland and the New World. Using a range of documentary evidence, this presentation touches on the causes for migration, push-and pull factors, the patterns of migration, the estimated size of the exodus and its implications for the development of American colonial society.

7) Solving Your 'Brick-Walls'- Practical Internet Tutorial and Resolving Research Queries

This extended question and answer session in the form of an in-depth tutorial. The speakers use online resources and their local knowledge to offer participants practical tips about Irish and Scots-Irish research. This session is helpful for beginners and the seasoned genealogists alike, and has proven popular during recent tours.

NEW BOOKS PURCHASED

At the November meeting, the IGS Board of Directors voted that 75% of book sale proceeds will go toward purchasing new books for our library. Every effort is made to stretch that money as far as possible, such as taking advantage of a recent “50% off this week only” sale and ordering through a Goodshop company, so that a small percentage comes back to IGS. We started with books that had been recommended by Beth Foulk at the Fall Conference and are trying to complete sets of books that were known to be missing volumes.

Since then, the following books have been purchased:

Colonial Delaware Records, 1681-1713

Delaware Bible Records, 6 volumes

Every Name Index for 2 volumes of History of Frederick County, Maryland

Genealogical Abstracts from Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware

Genealogical Proof Standard

Gleanings from Maryland Newspapers, 1786-1790

Hamilton County, Ohio, Church Death Records, 1811-1849

Marriages & Deaths from Newspapers of Allegany & Washington Counties, Maryland, 1820-1830

Maryland Eastern Shore Newspaper Abstracts, Volumes 3-8

Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records, Volumes 2, 3, and 5

National Society Sons & Daughters of Pilgrims, Lineage Book IX

New Hampshire Name Changes, 1768-1947 (2 volumes)

Newspaper Abstracts of Allegany & Washington Counties, Maryland, 1811-1815

Pennsylvania Land Records

Record of Indentures Bound Out from Philadelphia

The American Census Handbook

The English Ancestry & Homes of Pilgrim Fathers Who Came to Plymouth

The King's Passengers to Maryland and Virginia

The Poor and Pitied, 18th and 19th Century Selectman's Records of Town Welfare Cases, Windham County, Connecticut

Trinity Lutheran Church Records, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Vol-

umes 2 and 3

Vermont Families in 1791, Volume 11

White Maryland Runaways, 3 volumes

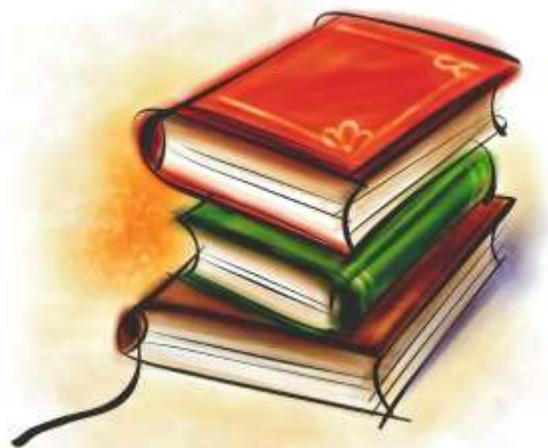
Even though we now have a few dollars to spend on new books, we still greatly appreciate all book donations!

IGS NEEDS.....

IGS is in need of a copy of the “*Tracy Centennial 1875-1975*” (Tracy, Iowa is in Marion County)

IGS had a copy at one time but it has disappeared never to be seen again. If anyone has a copy they would like to donate it would be gratefully accepted. Or if anyone would like to donate money for us to buy another copy we could do that too.

If you are able to help contact the library.



Sharing family history: 16 ideas for family activities

By Barry Ewell

For the Deseret News

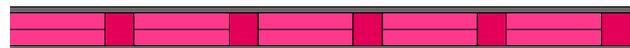
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Take the opportunity to help your family gain an interest in family history by creating a regularly scheduled activity that is fun and engaging for the whole family. The following ideas and activities will get you started with your family:

- Buy a map of the United States or the world and use stickers or pins to show where your ancestors lived and how they migrated.
- Look through photographs and have children try to find people who look like themselves, their parents, or their aunts and uncles. Try to identify some family traits.
- Play a game with old photographs. Use magnifying glasses to look for hidden details such as what flowers were growing in the yard, license plate numbers on cars, etc.
- Celebrate a deceased ancestor's birthday. Eat foods he or she might have eaten, and share stories about their life. If you gather with extended family members to celebrate on a regular basis, you could choose one ancestor to honor at each party. Display their photo, tell a story or two, and add their name to the birthday cake.
- Learn about the toys your ancestors might have played with, and make one of them for your children.
- Make placemats. Using copies of photos of family members (alive or deceased), arrange the pictures on a large piece of construction paper or poster board. Label, decorate if desired, and laminate. These could be gifts, or children could make them and keep them at grandma's house to use when visiting.
- Have a no-electricity night to understand how our early ancestors lived. Eat, clean up, play and

THANK YOU to all of you that have made the change to receiving an electronic newsletter. If any of you would like to change to the electronic version contact IGS with your e-mail address.

If you have not been getting the electronic eNews it may be because we no longer have a current e-mail address for you. All members receive the monthly eNews if we have an e-mail. This is in addition to the Newsletter that members receive every other month.



PLEASE GIVE US YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL

IGS has many member e-mails that are no longer active. Having your e-mail allows us to notify you quickly about special events or other happenings at IGS. It also ensures you get the e-news and newsletter as well as notification about the Hawkeye Heritage.

Please send an e-mail to IGS at igs@iowagenealogy.org to give us your current e-mail. Be sure and give us your name too so we know whose e-mail it is.

Postal rates will soon be going up and it takes a lot of work for our volunteers to send out a paper newsletter. If you don't have e-mail or just want a paper copy that's fine, you can still get it that way.

But if you don't really care which way you get it please send us your e-mail and a request to change to electronic newsletter.

Usually you will receive the electronic version a little earlier than the paper version, and it saves IGS a lot of money.

prepare for bed using only candlelight.

- Take your family for a carriage ride or train trip to experience older forms of transportation.

For the rest of the article with more great ideas go to

[www.deseretnews.com/article/865593498/ Sharing-family-history-16-ideas-for-family-activities.html?s_cid=Email-4](http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865593498/Sharing-family-history-16-ideas-for-family-activities.html?s_cid=Email-4)

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

GERMAN INTEREST GROUP 2014

January 5

Cancelled due to weather

February 3

NOTE!! Back to Monday nights

- Program: Review of newsletters at IGS from German genealogy associations—everyone is invited to share their favorite tip from a newsletter they subscribe to.

March 3

- Program - TBD

April 7

Marcia Martin

- tradition of Easter eggs

May 5

Shirley Munier

- Meyers-Orts: What is it, and how to read it and use it



**Some people think family
history is boring. I don't
understand that.**

SPECIAL

INTEREST GROUP CHANGE

The Scots/Scots-Irish Interest Group and the English-Welsh Interest Group have been combined into the British/Welsh and Scottish Interest Group.

The new combined interest Group will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the IGS conference room.



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.

British/Welsh and Scottish Interest Group meets the second 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, January 11

Beginning Genealogy
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Preregistration required. Cost: Free

This class will introduce you to the wonderful world of genealogy and help you get started researching your own family.

Preparing for a Road Trip
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Linda Greethurst instructor.
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

This class will help you to know how to prepare before you go on a research trip. Know what to do and not to do to make your trip successful.

Wednesday, January 15

Probate Records L/L noon - 1:00 p.m.
Theresa Liewer instructor. Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

Saturday, January 25

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

FEBRUARY 2014

Tuesday, February 11

Funeral Records Lunch and Learn
noon - 1:00 p.m.
Linda Greethurst instructor.
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

Saturday, February 15

Beginning Genealogy
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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DNA & Genealogy
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Bob Haskins instructor. Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

Saturday, February 22

British/Welsh Research
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Theresa Liewer instructor.
Preregistration required.

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

This class will help you get started on finding your British/Welsh ancestors.

CALLING ALL CHAPTERS



IGS recently received a two volume set of Bremer County Cemetery Records. They did a great job and it looks like it took a lot of work. My favorite part, **because I don't have anyone in Bremer county**, is the map of the county with the locations of all the cemeteries. Locating cemeteries is something I get questions about all the time.

I know other counties have done this and if you have a flyer or a copy with cemetery information for your county IGS would love to have a copy.

If none exists for your county this would be a **good project for your chapter**. While it's not too hard to find the big cemeteries in town, the smaller rural cemeteries are often hard to locate.

I've spent a little time myself trying to find Guthrie county cemeteries and was not always successful.

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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:

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My gift may be best utilized for:

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Email: _____

Check enclosed.

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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.

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USE NEWSPAPERS TO ADD TO YOUR FAMILY TREE

Patricia Ann Orton the tenth child of Lionell Orton and Vesta Elizabeth Barrett was born on September 28, 1935 near Sidney, Iowa. While searching through newspapers to find anything on my elusive Orton line I found the following article.

A birthday surprise party was held in the Mike Livingston home Saturday afternoon honoring Patricia Orton. Mrs. Orton had planned the surprise for her daughter but on account of the illness of Mr. Orton, she could not carry out her plans and they 'were taken over by her good neighbor' Betty took Patricia to town while the girl scouts gathered. They met Patricia at the door when she returned, singing the happy birthday song. Games were played and ice cream bars and gold cake were served. Those present were: the honoree, Harriett Parkinson. Doris Shearer, Gracie Gardner, Beverly Cooper, Joan Ferguson, Laura Brown, Margaret Moore, Marilyn Jones, Florence Loose, Mrs. Livingston and Betty. Patricia received a number of gifts.

Hamburg Reporter, The | Hamburg, Iowa | Thursday, October 03, 1946 | Page 6

I kept looking for more information and found another article about Patricia. This time it was her obituary, just about a month later.

Patricia Ann Orton, daughter of L. J. and Vesta Orton was born on a farm south of Sidney. September 28, 1935 and passed away at her home in Riverton on Nov. 5th, 1946 at the age of eleven years, 1 month and 7 days.

She was the youngest of a family of ten children. She lived in the Sidney community and attended school there until the family moved to Riverton in March of 1940 when she entered the Riverton public schools and the Methodist Sunday School.

Patricia Ann was of a sunny disposition, enthusiastic in the joy of her friends and school work, made high grades in all of her classes and was a favorite of her classmates.

She was regular in Sunday school attendance and was a member of the Junior Youth Fellowship and Girl Scouts. She was to have taken part in the Scout Recognition last Sunday and in the Junior Speech Contest to be held in the near future.

She leaves her father and mother; six brothers: Everett and John of Sidney; Sydney of Los Angeles; Frank of Avoca; Frederick of the U.S. Navy, and Dale at home; three sisters: Sylvia Rose of San Diego; Mae Caldewood of Los Angeles; and Louise Hull of Vilisca; seven nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends of all ages. Brief funeral services were conducted Nov. 5, in the afternoon, held in the road near the home at Rev. E. B. Stewart of Riverton and burial was made in the Sidney cemetery. Mrs. Ed Parkinson and Mrs. Louie Barnes sang "Jewels" and "Jesus Loves Me"

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How grateful I was and her family must have been that Mrs. Livingston had made the effort to hold her birthday party. I can only imagine how guilty her parents would have felt to have been forced to cancel and have her die just a month later. Years later I discovered she died of a heart attack after having diphtheria.

Don't forget to use newspapers to add more to your family history than just names and dates.

PRESERVING THE PAST & ENRICHING THE FUTURE

