

JANUARY 2015

Iowa Genealogical Society

President's Message

Just a short note to start off our 50th anniversary year. As I helped with the inventory of the library collection, two things stayed with me. First, it became something of a walk down memory lane since so many of our books had the donor's name written in them. I read Warren Nixon, Dorothy Wright, Larry Allen, Howard & Barb Snedden just to name a few. We owe a debt of enormous gratitude to those who over five decades worked to create the institution that we now benefit from. Second, I was again reminded that we have an amazing collection of non-Iowa books. I found myself wishing I had family from Vermont and North Carolina as I inventoried those shelves. Make this your year to truly explore the resources that your society has to offer.

Theresa Liewer

Executive Director's Message

If space in the Newsletter is any indication of how busy we are, then we are busy! We are offering so many great educational opportunities in 2015 and our facility is clean and organized thanks to many volunteers who worked over the holidays. I found a 2 volume family history pertaining to my sixth great grandmother while working on inventory. IGS has so many great treasures on our shelves that are waiting to be discovered. If you hit brick walls some time ago and gave up, maybe 2015 is a time to start again.

We are always adding new resources to help you break down those walls or if you need some inspiration, join us in a class. It is a great way to kick off 2015! *Jennifer Ewing*



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

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News from IGS



Members Only Sessions are a new focus for IGS. They are a round-table sharing format and are open only to members of IGS. There is no fee for these classes other than being a member of the Society. The classes are held on Monday evenings. Join us for an informative, fun evening.

January 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m. "Create Family Web Pages"

February 9, 2015 6:30 p.m. "What Will Happen to Your Stuff"

March 9, 2015 "Making and Using GEDCOMS"

Watch the website and upcoming newsletters for more Members Only Opportunities.



IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

All groups meet at the IGS Library, 628 E Grand Ave, 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.

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.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan IGS's 50th Anniversary Celebration. We want a planning committee and then smaller groups of volunteers to "manage" one event of many through 2015. If you are interested, please contact

Jennifer Ewing (execdir@iowagenealogy.org)

Did you know that IGS is now a LDS Affiliated Library? You can order a microfilm from familysearch.org and have it delivered to IGS to view! We are open six days a week with extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday. That means just one trip to IGS to research and view microfilm.

IGS LIBRARY INSIGHTS

Ancestry.com Library Edition is now available at IGS thanks to a generous donation. If you know of something that you would like to make happen, let Jennifer know so that we may work together to keep moving forward.

Everywhere an Intern!

A special thanks to our Fall 2014 Interns. Malinda Jorgenson, a Drake student, worked on the microfilm inventory. Caleb Johnston, a UNI student, worked on the periodical inventory and Derick VanZuuk, from Grandview, helped with marketing projects. For Spring 2015, we will have three interns and a MLS practicum student! The three interns (Emilie, Emily and Brooksany) are from Iowa State and the MLS Practicum student although she lives and works here, attends UNO. Not only are internships a resource for IGS, interns gain valuable work experience and it is a way to interest them in family history. They talk, they text, and they tweet to their friends about their experience at IGS.

Did you know? If you are an AARP member, you can get a discount on Ancestry World. You will need to call them and have your AARP number ready.

Benefits of Membership

For your \$35 annual membership in IGS, you receive the following:

- Help, support and friendship of like-minded folk
- Discounts on educational opportunities, classes and conferences and on research fees
- Members Only Classes
- Networking opportunities (which means you get answers)
- Email notification of upcoming events and classes
- Access to genealogical interest groups
- Help tearing down “brick walls”
- Opportunity to participate in special projects
- Access to the exceptional, free resources at the IGS Library

You can also receive a discount on “Find My Past” for being a member of IGS. Just call us to get the code.

Rarely a day goes by that a volunteer is not helping someone on a one to one basis. It is rare in society to get that kind of service from an organization.

2015 IGS Spring Conference April 18, 2015

Bumps, Breakthroughs, and Detours: Family History Journeys

Featuring: Paula Stuart Warren

Paula Stuart Warren works full time in the area of genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. She has been a Board-certified genealogist since 1988, passing the every-five-year renewal assessments by the national Board for Certification of Genealogists. She is a firm believer in continuing education in genealogy and strives to keep up-to-date by participating in national and local conferences and reading the publications of many genealogical and historical organizations and individuals both off and online. She completed the week-long U.S. National Institute of Genealogical Research held at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Her website is genealogybypaula.com.

Saturday, April 18, 2015

9 a.m. Opening Remarks

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **Major Midwestern Archives & Their Records**

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. **Controlling Chaos: Organizing Your Genealogical Materials**

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Lunch**

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. **Research Rewards in County Courthouses and Town Hall Records**

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Where are those Records They Told Me to Check?**

Spring Conference Registration

Conference fee includes lunch

Early Registration (Before April 6)

_____ IGS Member x \$55 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$65 = _____

Late Registration (on or after April 6)

_____ IGS Member x \$60 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$70 = _____

_____ I prefer a vegetarian lunch

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 _____

Sharing Family History for Fifty Years

50/50 for 50 More Years

The Iowa Genealogical Society has a lot to celebrate in 2015. Fifty years of preserving family history and creating an interest in genealogy through the entire state is a remarkable achievement. We continue to add items to our collection, develop our website and educate not only our members but the state-wide community as well. In fifty years, we've grown from a box of books in an orange crate to a nationally recognized research facility. For the last eleven years, we've been in a building that is large enough for our library, classes and backroom operations, is handicapped accessible, raises our public profile and is conveniently located across the street from the Iowa State Archives and Library.

IGS is planning great classes, events and celebrations for 2015. We want to continue to provide exceptional learning opportunities and continue to grow our collection. We continue to work to grow our membership base and volunteer resources. We want to insure that this wonderful institution continues to flourish and grow so we're taking the opportunity of the 50th Anniversary to do a major fundraising drive. We will be reaching out to the greater community as well as our membership.

You can be part of the celebration of 50 years by joining our 50/50 Campaign. We are asking you to consider making a donation with a "50" in it – at the beginning, in the middle or at the end, whatever suits your budget. Which means it could be \$5000, \$500, \$50, \$150 or even \$25. Fifty percent of your donation will go towards mortgage reduction and the remaining funds will go towards operating expenses. Our goal is to make a sizeable reduction in our \$500,000 mortgage and increase our funds to carry on our work of education and preservation.

Please consider making a 50/50 tax deductible donation today.

Theresa Liewer, President

Jennifer Ewing, Executive Director

Volunteer Spotlight

Jay Carollo is a 50+ year resident of Marshalltown and a native of Brewster, NY. Mr. Carollo has life experience in many years with both Avey Funeral Home and Marshall Motor Coach. Jay is a true student of history who writes for Marshalltown Times-Republican, is President of Central Iowa Genealogical Society and serves as Board of Trustees secretary for the historic Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown. Carollo has been involved with genealogy since 1999 and although his research roots are in Westchester and Putnam counties in New York, always finds time to assist and learn at Iowa Genealogical Society Library. Jay, a true survivor, will be celebrating 19+ years of kidney transplantation in February and is an advocate for organ donation.

Jay volunteers one Saturday a month and helped with inventory. He is constantly promoting IGS and his passion for genealogy!

Genealogical Proof Standard: Source Citation—by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

How often have you come home from a research trip with a fistful of photocopies, only to realize you have no recollection of the source you copied from? You can and you should record your sources, and it's not as complicated as you might think. The goal is to document your research effectively so others can retrace your steps, find the sources you used, and hopefully reach the same conclusions.

Step two of the GPS requires “complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item contributing—directly, indirectly, or negatively—to answers about that identity, relationship, event, or situation.”[1] Citing your sources is a must—but it needn't be intimidating or difficult. Here are some tips to get you started.

First, a “rule of thumb.” Any statement of fact that is not “general knowledge” requires a source citation. That means anything specific that you record about your ancestor—dates, events, locations, must be tied to where you found your information. You will also document negative searches and conclusions you reach based on indirect evidence from more than one source.

Include source citations (also called source notes or reference notes) at all levels of the research process: in your research plan and log, on the photocopies or transcriptions you make, in your genealogical software and family charts, and in your final, written work, whether you publish or not.

During your research, you consult three basic types of sources. All require source citations:

Original—not derived from a prior written or visual record. Examples: federal or state records, courthouse records, unpublished manuscripts, photographs

Derivative—copied, transcribed, abstracted, summarized, duplicated or repeated from a previously existing source. Examples: indexes, databases. These should be considered finding aids to lead you to the original source, but occasionally the derivative is the only surviving copy.

Authored work—presents an author's conclusions and interpretations of multiple sources. Examples: books, magazines, websites, blogs.

Regardless of the type of source, there are basic elements to include in your source notes. It helps to think like a reporter and ask yourself the following:

Who is the creator of the source?

The creator may be an author, editor, or compiler, or an authorizing governmental agency.

What is the title of the source or how might it be described?

Titles of published works, such as books or websites, are italicized. Publication information is cited parenthetically and includes the place, publisher and date of publication. Websites include the URL and date of access. Unpublished manuscripts or articles within a larger work are set in quotation marks. If you are using government records, you may need to assign a descriptive term or label.

Where within the source did you find the information? This “internal locator” is very specific.

Necessary elements may include volume and page numbers. Unpaginated works require logical locators—entry numbers, individual names, dates.

Where did you access the source?

Published works such as books and websites are widely available—the publication information or URL is adequate for someone else to access the same material. Original records are unique and require the physical location, such as the courthouse office and county seat. If you view microfilm, include information about who filmed the records: Family History Library? National Archives? Local government? Include series and/or roll numbers.

Genealogical Proof Standard: Source Citation—by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG (cont.)

Arrange these elements in a logical sequence, from largest (creator, title), to most specific (internal locators). Access information is usually arranged from most specific to broadest location. Write it all out as one long sentence, separating elements with commas and semicolons. If you need to add a special note about the source, such as the handwriting was difficult to read, or pages were missing, include that in a separate sentence:

Creator, Title/descriptor, Publication information, Internal locators; Access information. Special notes.

Let's work through the basic steps together.

Example: I found Josiah Martin in the 1840 census on *Ancestry.com*.

Creator: the U.S. government authorized the census

Title/descriptor: 1840 U.S. census, Perry County, Ohio, population schedule

Publication information: none, this is an original record

Internal locator: , Monroe Township, page 145, line 9, Josiah Martin

Access information: digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2012). *Ancestry* has digitized microfilm originally published by the National Archives and Records Administration, series M704, roll 419.

Put it all together:

1840 U.S. census, Perry County, Ohio, population schedule, Monroe Township, page 145, line 9, Josiah Martin; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2012); citing National Archives microfilm publication M704, roll 419.

Example: I found the Jacob Moon's Will on microfilm.

Creator: Berkeley County, West Virginia

Title/descriptor: Will Book volume 3, 1796 - 1805

Publication information: none, this is an original record

Internal locator: page 622, Will of Jacob Moon, dated 2 May 1804

Access information: The original is at the Clerk of Court's Office, Martinsburg. I viewed it on Family History Library microfilm, roll 831,170.

My source note looks like this:

Berkeley County, West Virginia, Will Book, 3:622, Will of Jacob Moon (1804); Clerk of Court's Office, Martinsburg; FHL microfilm 831,170.

Example: I found Nancy Catcott in an online database.

Creator: The website states that Sharon Wolf transcribed the records

Title/descriptor: "Van Buren County Iowa Old Age Pension Tax List." This is set in quotations because it is part of a larger work. The website title is italicized: *IAGenWeb Project*.

Publication information: <http://iavanburen.org/oldage> : 2014

Internal locator: entry for Nancy Catcott, birthplace Libertyville, 11 October 1879

Access information: database, *IAGenWeb Project* (<http://iavanburen.org/oldage/> : accessed 14 October 2014)

Genealogical Proof Standard: Source Citation—by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG (cont.)

The final reference note looks like this:

Sharon Wolf, transcriber, “Van Buren County, Iowa Old Age Pension Tax List,” database, *IAGenWeb Project* (<http://iavanburen.org/oldage/> : accessed 14 October 2014), entry for Nancy Catcott, birthplace Libertyville, 11 October 1879.

Example: I found information about John Richart in a local history.

Creator: the compiler is Luther B. Hill

Title/descriptor: *History of Benton County, Iowa, From Materials in the Public Archives, the Iowa Historical Society's Collection, the Newspapers and data of personal interview; also containing sketches of representative men*, 2 vols.

Publication information: Chicago: Lewis Publishing, no date of publication given

Internal locators: I found John on page 404 of volume 1

Access information: This is a published book and widely available. The publication information is sufficient for another researcher to locate a copy of the book.

Here's how the citation looks:

Luther B. Hill, compiler, *History of Benton County, Iowa, From Materials in the Public Archives, the Iowa Historical Society's Collection, the Newspapers and data of personal interview; also containing sketches of representative men*, 2 vols. (Chicago: Lewis Publishing, n.d.), 1:404.

Conclusion

Elizabeth Shown Mills, author of *Evidence Explained*, has stated that source citation is “an art, not a science.”[2] If you include all the basic elements for your sources and present them in a logical, consistent style, you're on your way to well-documented, genealogically sound, research results.

1. Board for Certification of Genealogists. *Genealogy Standards*, 50th Anniversary Edition (Washington, DC: Turner Publishing Co., 2014), 1.

2. Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2007), 41.

Learn More About Source Citation:

Board for Certification of Genealogists. *Genealogy Standards*, 50th Anniversary Edition. Washington, DC: Turner Publishing Co., 2014.

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Mills, Elizabeth. *QuickSheet: Citing Ancestry.com Databases & Images*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2009.

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. 8th ed. Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 2013.

IGS CALENDAR

All programs & activities take place at the IGS Library, 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday January 7, 2015

Using FindAGrave.com

Lunch & Learn Noon - 1:00 pm

Instructor - Linda Greethurst

\$5 IGS members / \$10 non-members

Saturday January 17, 2015

Beginning Genealogy

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Instructor - Theresa Liewer FREE

Land Records

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Instructor - Theresa Liewer

\$5 IGS members / \$10 non-members

Saturday January 24, 2015

Challenge Yourself to Get Certified

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Instructors - Alice Veen/Marieta Grissom,

\$5 IGS members / \$10 non-members

Saturday February 7, 2015

Beginning Genealogy 1:30 am - 3:30 pm

Instructor - Linda Greethurst FREE

Wednesday February 18, 2015

Virginia Vital Records

Lunch & Learn Noon - 1:00 pm

Instructor - Janet Myers

\$5 IGS members / \$10 non-members

Tuesday February 21, 2015

Using FamilySearch.org

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Instructor - LDS

\$5 IGS members / \$10 non-members

Saturday February 21, 2015

Using Evernote, part 1

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Instructor - Linda Greethurst

BOTH classes for just \$5.00 members/\$10 non-members

Saturday March 7, 2015

Using Evernote, part 2

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Instructor - Linda Greethurst

Members ONLY Classes

Classes are available to IGS members only and there is no fee. If you are not a member and wish to attend you can become a member of IGS before the class. All classes start at 6:30 p.m.

Monday January 12, 2015

Create Family Web Pages

Moderators - Dennis Allen & Dennis Davies

Monday February 9, 2015

What Will Happen to Your Stuff

Roundtable Discussion

Monday March 9, 2015

Making and Using GEDCOMS

Moderator - Dennis Allen

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.

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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:

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. _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

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**IOWA GENEALOGICAL
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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