



From the President, Kevin Spire

Time, is on my side....yes it is.

Remember the old 1960's Rolling Stones song with this lyric? And even though the lyrics are focused on waiting for a love that will someday return, it didn't make sense to me. That could be because I was only 7 or 8 years old when I first became aware of the song. And a long, lost love was not of any interest to me at that age. Yet the song lyric pops in my head when I look at the calendar and realize we're quickly approaching the end of another year. Where did it all go? And how is time on my side?

As I kid, I remember time moving SO slowly. I could hardly wait for my birthday or for Christmas to get here. Time just seemed to drag at a glacial pace to me, almost mocking me. It was pure agony. Once I entered adulthood, everything seemed to change. Now the passage of time seems to be accelerating more and more, and the birthday's race past me. So fast that sometimes I have to perform actual math to recall my age! While I was in my 30's, I asked my Grandmother how she experienced the passage of time. She responded with a heavy sigh, looking towards the ceiling and shaking her head from side to side. "Oh, Kevin, you have no idea how fast everything goes, I can barely keep up", I clearly recall the exasperation in her voice. Images of a spaceship whizzing past blurry stars came to my mind, and I felt her sensation of being overwhelmed.

For many of us, time is our most valuable asset, yet it has no monetary value. It's what turns our life events into memories and our memories make up the stuff of our life. And it makes me wonder, how did my ancestors experienced time? Maybe this current sensation of mine is just a product of our modern, fast-paced lifestyle. Or is it a sensation that all my ancestors experienced, regardless of their time period?

What about you? How are you spending your time? And if time is your most valuable asset, then are you getting a good return on how you're investing your time? (cont. pg. 2)

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From the President (cont.)

For me, family comes first. I want to spend time with my loved ones, friends and the people I care most about. After that comes my involvement with outside organizations that I share an interest with. I have a couple of communities where I spend my time and each has a focus on something they want to achieve by working together. One organization that I choose to spend my time is the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS). I have a number of reasons for spending my time here. Some reasons are selfish, some are professional and some are idealistic. But for whatever reason, I have found one thing to be true: the time and energy I invest with a place like IGS seems to be returned back to me almost 10 fold! Who knew I could receive when I give!

If IGS is a place that you'd like to invest yourself and your time, we'd love to have you. There are so many ways to get involved. It could be by volunteering in the library, teaching or attending a class, providing financial support, helping someone with their research, talking about genealogy with a friend or at your church group, sharing memories with a younger generation to encourage their interest in family history. Some of these may seem big, others may seem small. All are important and help to keep history alive.

I challenge each one of you to take just 15 minutes and reflect on how to make the best use of the time in your life. Your choices may be very different or we might share some similarities. And then consider if the way you manage your time really matches your desires. I know it was a valuable lesson for me, and one way to find how time is on my side.....yes, it is.

Cheers!
Kevin

DNA Interest Groups

Due to popular demand, we have started TWO DNA Interest Groups. Both groups will meet on the first Tuesday of the month. One group meets at 1:30 p.m. and the second group meets at 6:30 p.m. You do not need to have had your DNA done to attend these groups, but continued attendance will require current IGS membership.

DNA can be used to verify your family history research, connect with distant cousins and break through brick walls.

The DNA Interest Group will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Tuesday February 7, 2017

Maps: Putting the Past in Place *by Alice Hoyt Veen, CGSM*

I love maps—they are an integral part of every family project I undertake. Maps help us visualize the spaces our ancestors inhabited and offer clues to their movements, property ownership and lifestyles. All genealogists benefit from including maps as part of their research project. Here are a few of the many types available.

Modern political maps such as atlases and road maps are often the first map resource we consult. They are great for locating cities, towns, counties, major roads and major waterways.

Geographic Information System (GIS) maps are created using sophisticated computer software. Maps display multiple layers of information, enabling researchers to visually analyze patterns and relationships. This technology is making its way into all types of commercial, academic, and government applications. A great example is the Mahaska County GIS office: <http://www.mahaskacounty.org/gis/>. They offer a range of online GIS county maps, some interactive, locating rural roads, cemeteries, and historical features such as schools, railroads, and abandoned towns. What a wonderful resource for your genealogy road trip!

Topographical maps, created by the U.S. Geological Survey, illustrate natural features such as terrain, usually by use of contour lines, and may include historic man-made features such as houses and roads.

Survey maps, commissioned by government or privately, show original and later land divisions. They were drawn by surveyors who also created written tract descriptions. They may or may not identify land owners. These are available through the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Archives, state archives, and the Family History Library.

Plat maps illustrate landownership at specific points in time. Most are created at a county or township level and may include the number of acres owned, dwelling locations, towns, churches, schools and cemeteries.

Historical atlases & gazetteers include maps of states, counties, townships, and communities in book form. They identify the political names of locations at the time of printing and may include lists of landowners or businesses. These help determine locations and boundaries that may have changed or disappeared over time.

City ward maps show ward boundaries in a given city in a given year. Along with census maps, these can identify neighborhoods for study, and are often included with city directories.

Migration and transportation maps will help you understand your ancestors' movements and the limitations on his travels. Look for migration trails maps, railroad maps, water routes and canals.

Fire Insurance maps are primarily created for towns and cities. They offer details of dwellings, house numbers, street names, churches, schools, & businesses. They demonstrate how an area grows and changes over time. Look for Sanborn Insurance Co., Bennett Co., or the Iowa Insurance Bureau.

Military maps display theaters of war, specific battles and battlefields. These help visualize your soldier's military experience and retrace his steps. (cont. pg 4)

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Demographic maps demonstrated ethnic and cultural patterns, population densities and other types of statistical information. Study may suggest new avenues for research, especially in European records.

Maps, maps, maps! A world of map resources will help you “put the past in place!”

Explore Maps!

Dollarhide, William and W.Thorndale. Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census, 1790 – 1920. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub., 1987.

Cartography Associates. David Rumsey Map Collection. <http://www.davidrumsey.com>.

Library of Congress. “Maps.” American Memory. <https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections/>. Repository to over 5.5 million maps, atlases, and globes. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. Geography & Map Reading Room. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/sanborn/>

Newberry Library, Chicago. Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. <http://www.newberry.org/atlas-historical-county-boundaries>.

University of Alabama. Historical Map Archive. <http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps/>.

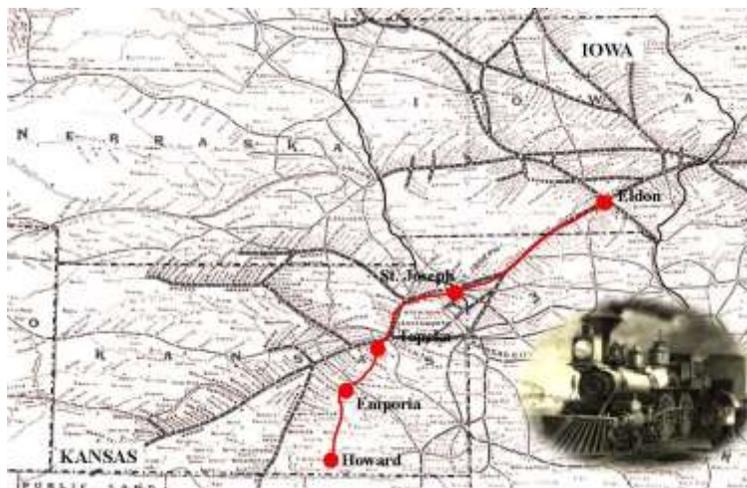
University of Texas. Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection. <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/histus.html>.

U.S. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Land Management. General Land Office Records. <http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov/default.aspx>.

U.S. Department of the Interior. U.S. Geological Survey. <https://www.usgs.gov>.

United States Board on Geographic Names. <http://geonames.usgs.gov>

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European-specific

British Library. *Ordnance survey mapping*. <http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/ordnance-survey-mapping> :2016. See also collection guides: <http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides?subject=maps>. Great Britain. *Ordnance Survey*. <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk> : 2016. The national mapping agency of Great Britain; one of the world's largest producers of maps. "Our History": <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/about/overview/history.html> .

Northern Ireland. *Ordnance Survey*. <https://mapshop.nidirect.gov.uk/Catalogue/Digital-products/Historical-products>.

Michelin. *ViaMichelin Maps*. <http://www.viamichelin.com/web/Maps> .

Iowa-specific

Iowa Department of Transportation. <http://www.iowadot.gov/maps/msp/state.html> :2016.

"Iowa Counties Historic Atlases." University of Iowa. *Iowa Digital Library*. <http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/atlasses/> .

State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines and Iowa City. <https://iowaculture.gov/history>. Collections feature thousands of published and unpublished printed and hand drawn maps — including fire insurance maps and pre-1940 Iowa county plat maps on microfilm.

State Library of Iowa. *Digital Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*. <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/online-resources/resources/sanborn-login> .

"Maps and Geographic Codes." State Library of Iowa. *State Data Center*. <http://www.iowadatacenter.org/maps>.

"Maps, Atlases, Surveys." State Library of Iowa. *Iowa Heritage Digital Collection*. <http://www.iowaheritage.org/exhibits/show/browse-all/maps>.

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Holiday Closings

IGS will be closed Thursday, November 24, 2016 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will also be closed Saturday, December 24, and remain closed until January 3, when we will reopen at 10 a.m.

From Jennifer Ewing, Executive Director

As most of you know, last year about this time, we published the obituary of Heating Unit #1, who had faithfully served IGS for many years. Unfortunately, his twin, Heating Unit #2 is ill and needs surgery to survive the winter. Heating Unit #2 serves the microfilm reader room, the back offices and the restrooms. If you had the opportunity to visit IGS last winter, I can guarantee that you did not dawdle in the restrooms. Now, I am of hearty stock and can wear multiple layers to keep warm in the winter, but the real concern is that if Heating Unit #2 fails, the water pipes may freeze which would be a financial disaster for IGS. The estimate for repair of Heating Unit #2 is \$2,300.

In addition, we have started the IGS Capital Campaign. Many of you have already given generously and we thank you for your donations. We are also reaching out to the greater community, beyond our membership, to procure funds to pay off our mortgage. Eliminating our mortgage will allow us to expand our programming and enable us to deal with issues (like Heating Unit #2) in a more proactive manner.

If you have read this far, you probably need some good news. The other HVAC units were inspected and in “good shape” according to the technician. We started a DNA Interest Group and because of popular demand, now have a group that meets in the afternoon and one that meets in the evening. Our Rootsmagic group has outgrown the Conference Room and has moved to the West Wing.

The State Historical Society of Iowa, located across the street from IGS in Des Moines, and also in Iowa City, will be open an additional day every week. Starting on January 4, 2017, both locations will be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Unless the next Monday is a holiday, then they will be closed on Saturday.

Be sure to save the date for the IGS Fall Conference, featuring Judy Russell. The conference will be Oct. 20 & 21, 2017!



Is there something specific that you would like to learn? If so, let Jennifer (execdir@iowagenealogy.org) know so that we can develop a program!

Class fees for **non-members** will be going up to \$15 effective January 1, 2017. Class fees for members will remain at \$5.

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Don't miss out on important communication from IGS.

Software User Groups

There has been a lot of change in genealogical software programs. IGS offers two software Interest Groups and an Ancestry.com group. Ancestry.com meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Legacy Family Tree Interest Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 1 p.m. and RootsMagic meets on the 4th Saturday of the month @ 10 a.m. If you are thinking of purchasing one of these programs, this is a great way to learn what each program offers.



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.

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.

Ancestry.com Interest Group meets the **second Sunday** of the month, from 1:30 p.m.

DNA Interest Groups meets the **first Tuesday** of the month, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Donations for 2016 must be received no later than December 30, 2016. Please keep this in mind for your tax planning.

IGS is a Family History Library Affiliate! You can order microfilm rolls from familysearch.org and have them 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 CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday November 9, 2016

FamilySearch Part 1 - Records—Lunch & Learn

noon - 1:00 pm

Instructor - Jennifer Ewing

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

Wednesday November 16, 2016

Find A Grave—Lunch & Learn

noon - 1:00 pm

Instructor - Linda Greethurst

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

Saturday November 19, 2016

Beginning Genealogy

10:30 am - 12:30 pm FREE

Instructor - Donna Anderson

Beginning Czech Research

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Instructor - Curt & Tasha Jackson

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

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

FamilySearch Part 2 - Catalog, Wiki & Books

Lunch & Learn

Noon - 1:00 pm

Instructor - Jennifer Ewing

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

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Beginning Genealogy

10:30 am - 12:30 pm FREE

Instructor - Kevin Spire

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Facebook for Genealogy

12 noon—1 p.m. Lunch & Learn

Instructor - Mary Lohr

\$5 IGS members / \$15 non-members

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Beginning Genealogy

10:30 am - 12:30 pm FREE

Instructor - Theresa Liewer

Beginning Internet Genealogy

1:30 pm—3:30 pm

Instructor - Theresa Liewer

\$5 IGS members / \$15 non-members

Wednesday February 15, 2017

Cloud Computing for Genealogy

Noon—1:00 pm

Instructor—Jennifer Ewing

\$5 IGS members / \$15 non-members

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Beginning Genealogy

10:30 am - 12:30 pm FREE

Instructor - Donna Anderson

The Immigrant Experience

1:30—3:30 pm

Instructor—Donna Anderson

\$5 IGS members / \$15 non-members

All programs are held at IGS, 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA. For more information about IGS programs and activities, or to register for classes, contact us at 515-276-0287; igs@iowagenealogy.org, or visit the IGS website: www.iowagenealogy.org.

2017 Spring Conference featuring J. H. Fonkert

“Back to Your Roots”

April 8, 2017

SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference fee includes lunch

Early Registration (Before March 31)

_____ IGS Member x \$55 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$75 = _____

Late Registration (after March 31)

_____ IGS Member x \$60 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$80 = _____

_____ I prefer a vegetarian lunch

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

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The conference will be held at IGS, 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines IA 50309

Conference Schedule

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. - Announcements

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Finding Your Ancestors' European Origins: A 3-Step Strategy

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Documenting the Immigration Trail: A Five-stage Approach

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Why Were They There?

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Use All the Sources: A Complex Case of Confounded Identity

Iowa Genealogical Society
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Membership Benefits:

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

- Individual: \$35 Family: \$45
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I would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$_____.

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

My gift may be best utilized for:

- Mortgage Fund \$_____
- General Fund \$_____

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