

JULY 2017

# Iowa Genealogical Society

Because of the 4th of July Holiday I started thinking about the Liberty Bell. I've never seen it in person but have seen dozens of pictures. I looked up some articles about the bell. One of the things that surprised me because I had forgotten, was that it used to travel for special events.

How fun would it have been to see it in person as it traveled around the country. I actually have an ancestor that was one of the guards that accompanied it on one of it's travels.

John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest.



**Donald Pickett Tells About  
the Liberty Bell, Which  
He Saw in Des Moines**

Dear Juniors:  
During my visit in Des Moines this summer I saw the Liberty Bell. When the people heard the bell was coming through Des Moines many people went to view it.

It was in Des Moines three hours and thirty-five minutes. We could see the crack in the bell very plainly. A little Jewish girl made a wreath and brought it down to decorate the bell. Doing this she was allowed to sit by the bell all evening.

It was estimated that seventy-five thousand people viewed the bell while it was in Des Moines. Many people handed the guard coins and rings and many other trinkets to touch the bell so that they could say they had something that had touched the famous Liberty Bell.

The Liberty Bell was in England in 1751 and was brought to America in 1752. In being taken from the ship it met with an accident which spoiled its tone and it was recast in Philadelphia in 1753. Soon after defects were discovered. It had lost its tone. The second recast has lasted up to this day.

The Liberty bell rang for the declaration of Independence in Philadelphia July 4, 1776.

The Liberty Bell has traveled to New Orleans, world's fair in Chicago, then to Atlanta, then to Charleston, then to St. Louis and is now at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, Calif. The bell has an incurable disease that can not be cured. The bell is supported by jacks.

It was one hundred and twenty-three years old before it was called the Liberty Bell.

Donald Pickett, age 11,  
118 South Ash St., Ottumwa, Ia.

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10 a.m.— 9 p.m.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Kevin Spire, IGS President*

### A Wave of Change

We have passed the 6 month point of the year and there is a lot of activity going on at the Iowa Genealogical Society these days. And with it, comes a lot of change.

**For quite a while, you've been hearing that IGS is facing a dire financial situation. Expenses are high and incomes are not high enough. In order for the organization to survive, some hard choices have to be made. And being that we're at the 1/2 way point on the calendar, we're overdue for action to be taken.**

**If you haven't already heard, the role of Executive Director will be suspended as of June 30. Jennifer Ewing has been filling that role for approximately 3 years with us. She's done a wonderful job in supporting us with her skills, talents, energy and enthusiasm. Please join me in wishing her the best of luck in her next adventure.**

Regular direct mail campaigns will begin this year asking for support of the organization. Plans are to send out the first one in July and another in the fall of this year. Your support in these campaigns will help to keep membership **prices under control and provide the many services we've all come to enjoy at IGS.**

**We will be reaching out to foundations asking for their support. And we'll continue to request for grant money. Success rates for acquiring money from these paths is very challenging and often discouraging. Nonetheless, we'll keep pressing forward.**

While trying to think of all possible options, we have to consider the possibility of selling the building and moving the library to a more affordable location. **I really don't want to see this happen, but it is something that must be considered. No decisions have been made at this time as we're just gathering information.** We currently have an incredible location that serves us very well, but a potential buyer could be thinking the same things as the east village is growing in desirability.

A number of strategic committees have been organized to help support these needs. **We're always looking for expertise from anyone that can help. Please reach out to myself or a member of the Executive Committee if you have experience or interest in supporting a committee working on: Fundraising, Membership, Technology, Education, Marketing.** Your input and support is a **valued resource and critical to our survival. In this day and age, don't let distance keep you from participating.** We can use Skype, phone and email to shorten the physical distance between us.

I know that change is difficult for everyone, myself included. But I think that IGS is worth the effort. Each one of you will have your own view and **opinion with what needs to be done. But the only way we'll survive is by working together; hand in hand, and supporting one another.**

Join me. We can do it. Together.

Cheers!

Kevin

# KEO-MAH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Keo-Mah Genealogical Society is located at 609 A Ave East (Hwy 92), Oskaloosa, IA

Open 6 days a week,

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10-4

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10-1

Don De Boef and Alan Neve are the volunteers available to assist you with your research

The library has a large collection of books and articles that deal with Mahaska and Keokuk counties. The collection also includes obituaries, birth, marriage and anniversaries. Family histories are in the collection as well as information on some other Iowa counties. Microfilms of Iowa census and some local newspapers are also in the collection.

Contact

1-614-673-9373 or

[keomahgenealogy@mahaska.org](mailto:keomahgenealogy@mahaska.org)

Website: [www.keo-mah.com](http://www.keo-mah.com)



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Yearly Membership \$20.00, outside USA \$30.00  
Family (Husband & Wife) at same address \$25.00

Other membership options are available on the website. Your membership dollars and donations allow us to remain open.

THE GREATER SIOUX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is up for getting one final newspaper digitized and put on line at <http://siouxcounty.advantage-preservation.com/>

It is the Orange City 'de Volksvriend' newspaper which is Dutch but when put on line with searching capabilities can be very helpful historically and can be translated on the internet. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the county and has a lot of pioneer history in it. All the other newspapers of the county have been digitized and put on line.

In order to complete this project we need more funds (about \$3000) than can be raised at present by the sponsoring groups. Please consider a donation for this worth-while project to preserve our county's newspaper history.

Send donations to GSCGS c/o Sioux Center Public Library, 102 S Main Ave., Sioux Center, IA, 51250.

Contact [query@mtcnet.net](mailto:query@mtcnet.net) with any questions. Mark your contribution Volksvriend.



# FamilySearch to Discontinue Microfilm Distribution

By Debi Iseminger Chase

On September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. This change is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. Online access to digital images allows FamilySearch and its affiliates to reach more patrons faster and more efficiently. Affiliates may continue to provide access to their microfilm holdings already on loan from FamilySearch, while offering access to online copies as they become available.

FamilySearch is a global leader in historic records preservation and access, with billions of the world's genealogical records in its collections. It began the transition to digital preservation years ago, not only in converting its microfilm, but also in replacing its microfilm cameras with specialized digital equipment.

FamilySearch has now digitally reproduced the bulk of its microfilm collection—over 1.5 billion images so far—including the most requested collections based on microfilm loan records worldwide. The remaining microfilms should be digitized by 2020, and all new records from its ongoing global efforts are already using digital camera equipment.

Digital images of historical records can be accessed today in three places on FamilySearch.org under Search. Records includes historical records indexed by name or organized with an image browse. Books includes digital copies of books from the Family History Library and other libraries. The Catalog includes a description of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, etc.) in the FamilySearch collection, including millions of online images not yet available in Records or Books. For navigation help, see Finding Digital Images on FamilySearch.org.

Transitioning from microfilm to digital will enable more library patrons to access FamilySearch's growing digital content and enjoy a simplified experience. FamilySearch will continue to offer access to records through affiliate libraries, including new digital access to many of the records that are currently restricted from viewing at home. More information about this upcoming access opportunity for affiliate libraries will be communicated to you in the coming months.

The last day for ordering microfilm will be August 31, 2017. Due to limited supplies, large quantity orders to

increase library collections cannot be accommodated. Please limit orders to microfilms requested by patrons.

After microfilm ordering ends, affiliate libraries may continue to maintain microfilm collections already on loan from FamilySearch, with the option to return microfilm that is available online or otherwise not being used by patrons, or to retain it for now. Libraries may also retain microfilms that are not yet available digitally.

Sincerely,

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Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826--the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. For more information about the 4th of July visit <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>

The newspaper article on the front page is from *Ottumwa tri-weekly courier*. (Ottumwa, Iowa), 25 Sept. 1915. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress. <<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86061215/1915-09-25/ed-1/seq-6/>>

# 2017 IGS FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

## IGS 2017 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference fees includes lunch on both days.

I prefer a vegetarian lunch. \_\_\_\_\_

Full 2-day Early Registration (Before Oct 1)

IGS Member x \$95= \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member x \$130= \_\_\_\_\_

Full 2-day Late Registration (After Sep 30)

IGS Member x \$105= \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member x \$140= \_\_\_\_\_

Single Day Registration

Circle one: Friday    Saturday

IGS Member 1-day early registration x \$55= \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member 1-day early registration x \$65= \_\_\_\_\_

IGS Member 1-day late registration x \$65= \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member 1-day late registration x \$75= \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Hotel:** Comfort Inn  
2101 Adventureland Dr  
Altoona IA 50009  
515-967-7888

A block of rooms has been reserved under IGS for \$112 per night. **You must call the hotel directly to reserve a room at this price.**

**Toad Valley Country Club is located at:**

237 NE 80th St  
Pleasant Hill IA 50327

They recommend not to use Google or MapQuest. They are located approximately 5 miles east of the State Fairgrounds on University Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. Toad Valley is 1/2 mile south of Southeast Polk High School.

Driving directions:

[http://iowagenealogy.org/?page\\_id=7701](http://iowagenealogy.org/?page_id=7701)



# Find Your Military Ancestor: Colonial Militia

by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

The American colonies defended themselves through service of local militias. Frontier life was dangerous, with the primary threat in the earliest years from native tribes. Militia service was required of every able-bodied man, usually between the ages of sixteen and sixty, organized at county levels and controlled by colonial legislatures. Exceptions might be made for professional men such as doctors, the clergy, and local officials, but for the most part the male population maintained a constant level of vigilance.

European conflicts often spilled onto the North American continent, and colonial militias found themselves drawn in by necessity or royal command. Here is a timeline of the major conflicts in which your colonist may have participated.

1675 – 1676. **King Phillip’s War.** New England: English colonists vs. Native Americans

1676. **Bacon’s Rebellion.** Colony of Virginia frontiersmen, led by Nathaniel Bacon, rose up against royal Governor William Berkeley, whom they felt did not address concerns for frontier trade, settlement, and safety. Your ancestor may have been among the rebels or a British loyalist who helped quell the rebellion; the uprising was ultimately put down by English force.

1689 – 1697. **King William’s War.** France vs. England. European: War of the League of Augsburg

1702-1713. **Queen Anne’s War.** France and Spain vs. England. European: War of the Spanish Succession

1744 – 1748. **King George’s War.** France vs. England. European: War of the Austrian Succession

1754 – 1763. **French and Indian War.** This was the ultimate conflict between England and France, and determined English dominance of the North American Continent. European: Seven Years War

1774. **Lord Dunmore’s War.** Colony of Virginia vs. Native American tribes, particularly the Shawnee and Mingo

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.**

**ROLLS OF THE MEN WHO WERE ENGAGED IN THE FRENCH AND REVOLUTIONARY WARS.**

[The following were copied from manuscript volumes in the office of the adjutant-general, the largest portion of which are Revolutionary War Rolls. A large part of the rolls of the various Indian and French wars was published in the adjutant-general's report in 1866; a few, which have come to light since that volume issued, are inserted in this. The figures in brackets at the beginning of each document refer to the manuscript volume and page where the originals may be found.]

14 **FRENCH WAR ROLLS.**

MENS NAMES.	Time of Service.		MENS NAMES.	Time of Service.	
	Mo.	Da.		Mo.	Da.
Tho: Ayres	2	12	Jabez Bradbury	2	12 10
Sam <sup>s</sup> Swan	3	12	Jethrow Parsons	2	12 10
John Thompson	12	3 14	Aaron Rawlins	2	12 10
Jacob Basford	15	4 10	Abraham Morgan	2	12 10
Tho: Davis	14	3 4 5 8	Sam <sup>s</sup> Elkins	1	12 10
Time: Meris	11	3 8 6	Tho: Powell	2	12 10
<i>Cap<sup>t</sup> Westbrook</i>	25	9 9	Rich <sup>d</sup> Preson	2	12 10
George Huntriss	1	5 10 2	Jon <sup>s</sup> Norris	2	12 10
Christo: Noble	1	4 9 4	Est <sup>e</sup> Beane	1	5 10 2
Benja: Richards	1	4 9 4	Jeremiah Beane	1	5 10 2
Joseph Hodsden	1	4 9 4	John Roberts	1	5 10 2
Tho: Roe	1	4 9 4	W <sup>m</sup> Scammon	1	5 10 2
Henry Shearborne	1	1 6 10	John Clark	1	5 10 2
Israel Hoyt	4	6 1 9	Daniel Smith	2	6 17
John Rackliff	2	6 17	Sam <sup>s</sup> Magoon	2	12 10
Abram Jones Ring	1	5 10 4	Joseph Rawlins	1	5 12 3
Joseph Farin	1	4 9 4	<i>From Cap<sup>t</sup> Tablets</i>	17	6
John Walinford	1	4 16 6	Joseph Roberts	2	12
Rob <sup>t</sup> Triggs	2	5 16 2	Sam <sup>s</sup> Tebbeta	2	12
John Quint	1	3 8 6	Rich <sup>d</sup> Kasey	2	12 10
Allex: Hodsden	1	3 8 6	Ben <sup>t</sup> Varney	2	12 10
Philemon Door	6	1 16	Jer: Rawlins	1	2 7 8
Sam <sup>s</sup> Pisman	2	5 10 2	Nath: Young	1	2 7 8
Tho: Roe Jun <sup>r</sup>	1	4 9 4	Phillip Yeaton	1	4 9 4
Ed <sup>w</sup> Wells	2	12	Job Huscy	1	4 9 4
Sam <sup>s</sup> Manson	2	12	John Roberts	1	3 8 6
W <sup>m</sup> Hoyt	5	6 1 15	John Buscy	1	3 8 6
Moris Davis Jun <sup>r</sup>	12	3 3 13 8	Benedic: Tarr	1	3 8 6
Benjamin Lewis	1	3 8 6	Ben <sup>t</sup> Mason	1	3 8 6
Benjamin Balch	1	5 4 2	John Hancock	2	12
Timothy Moris	1	3 8 6	John Randall	2	12
			Tho: Bickford	2	12 10

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## FIND YOUR MILITARY ANCESTOR *Continued from page 6*

### Colonial Military Records

Surviving records are primarily militia rolls and service rosters. These are found in the state archives of each original colony. Colonies often offered bounty land for service— these also are state-level records.

Militia rolls, colonial bounty land grants, and other official colonial and early state documents, have been published by state governments, historical societies, and private individuals. Check the websites of your colony's state archives, state library or secretary of state for availability.

**Example:** New Hampshire native William Hoit participated in the French and Indian War. I can find records information at the New Hampshire Secretary of State's website. New Hampshire has published state papers dating from the colonial era. These are available as pdf files, including a full index. Searching the index identifies pages for William Hoit [a.k.a. Hoyt] in several volumes. Volume 14 identifies William on the "French War Rolls" in Captain Westbrook's Company. [1]

Locate your colonist's records then enhance your understanding of his military experience by studying the historical context of the conflicts in which he participated. Military histories, local histories, and memoirs written by officers and soldiers offer insights even if your soldier left no personal papers. Taken together, your research will add new dimensions to your colonial family's story.

1. Wm. Hoit, Capt. Westbrooks Co., "French War Rolls," *New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers*, 40

vols. (Concord, NH: State Printer, 1885), 14:14; pdf (<http://sos.nh.gov/Papers.aspx>) : accessed 18 June 2017); New Hampshire Secretary of State, Concord.

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### I WANT TO KNOW MORE

No matter how much you know about genealogy there is always more to learn. One place that you might not have tried is the **BYU Family History Library**.

<https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/>

This web portal gives you access to hundreds of online family history databases and online training classes without having to come to the library in Provo, Utah. Most of these online resources are free to you and are accessible without restriction from your home computer or electronic device.

A few expensive databases are only accessible from inside the BYU Library due to restrictions set by the database publishers. These few databases are clearly marked as follows: (In-library Only).

My favorite part of the web site is the YouTube videos. You can access them directly from YouTube but the web site has a great list to help you find exactly what you're looking for.

<https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/classes-and-webinars/youtube-videos/>

I'm sure you'll find something that you are interested in.



## IGS CALENDAR

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

### JULY 2017

Wednesday, July 12

DAR Website for Genealogy  
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Jennifer Ewing, instructor.  
Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/  
\$15 non-members.

Saturday, July 15

Beginning Genealogy  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Theresa Liewer, instructor.  
Cost: FREE

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

English Census, Vital Records & Church Records

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Theresa Liewer, instructor.  
Preregistration required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/  
\$15 non-members.



Due to the 4th of July holiday the German Interest Group will meet on July 10th.

They will meet at Westminster Church for their ice cream social at 6:30 p.m.

### AUGUST 2017

Saturday, August 19

Facebook for Genealogy  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Mary Lohr, instructor. Preregistration required.  
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Beginning Italian Genealogy  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Kathy Foggia, instructor.  
\$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Tuesday, August 22

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



For more information about IGS programs and activities, or to register for classes, contact IGS: 515-276-0287; [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org), or visit the IGS website: [www.iowagenealogy.org](http://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. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

July 2017

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 EVENTS



### 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.**

### DNA INTEREST GROUP

Will not meet in July due to the  
4th of July holiday.

### IGS OPEN SUNDAYS FOR MEMBERS ONLY

July 16, 2017

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August 20, 2017

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## HowManyOfMe.com

There are 325,119,258 people in the U.S.  
How many have your name?

This is just for fun. I have no idea how accurate it is. It tells me that **There are 61,197 people in the U.S. with the last name Chase. Statistically the 606th most popular last name.**

If I look up my maiden name, no first name, I get this. There are 568 people in the U.S. with the last name Iseminger. Statistically the 43232nd most popular last name.

Give it a try at <http://howmanyofme.com/>

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