

SEPTEMBER 2017

# Iowa Genealogical Society

IGS is participating in the Sherman Hill Doors to the Past Tour this year, and we're still looking for volunteers to talk about IGS!

We will be sitting at a table at the Mickle Center at 1620 Pleasant Street in Des Moines, and will be talking to people about IGS - what we do, our collection, where we're located, etc.



We need volunteers to be present 1:15-4:00 p.m. on the following days: Saturday 9/16, Sunday 9/17, Saturday 9/23, and Sunday 9/24.

If you're available and would like to help with this, please contact our 2nd Vice President, Tasha Jackson, at [RedheadGenealogy@aol.com](mailto:RedheadGenealogy@aol.com) to coordinate a day & time!

If you're not able to help at Doors to the Past but would be willing to help out in the future please let us know. IGS often need volunteers for health fairs, cultural events, open houses as well as promoting IGS to groups around the state.



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

Tuesday & Thursday  
10 a.m.— 9 p.m.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Kevin Spire, IGS President*

### Preserving the Past, Enriching the Future

Have you looked at our logo for the Iowa Genealogical Society lately? Did you know we had a logo? If you need a reminder, I encourage you to take a closer look at the image and the inscription that surrounds it, which reads: “*Preserving The Past, Enriching The Future*”. What does that mean to you?

Each one of us is *Preserving the Past* as we research and record the events of our ancestor's lives using various records, maps, letters, photos, etc. These artifacts are all pieces of a larger puzzle to explain the story of our ancestor's experience. In my mind, I see a movie that unfolds before me. How do you experience the story you discover?

In your present life, each of us has experienced many hopes, dreams, joys and tragedies; it's something we all share as a part of the human experience. So, why wouldn't your ancestor's experience be the same? Your abilities as a genealogist allow you to research different artifacts and put those puzzle pieces together in a manner that creates the story of their life experience. This is a unique skill like no other that allows you to Preserve the Past.

Now take a look at the second part of the phrase: *Enriching the Future*. What does this mean to you? Well, I have another question for you, what are you doing with all the information you are collecting about your ancestors? We all spend countless hours on this activity. If you were being paid by an employer for your research time, how much money would they have paid you so far? And add on top of that the cost of software, books, website memberships, trips to a cemetery, etc. It all adds up to a big investment. So, why wouldn't you want to ensure your work lives on beyond you, by sharing it with others? This is one way to ensure it lives on for the future.

I heard a great phrase the other day made to a group of genealogists, “remember to spend some time with the living”. Share what you've learned with others. Start with family members, since you all share a common ancestor line. Put it in words and terms THEY understand and stay away from research details about columns on census records or details about DNA matching. People want something they can connect to, so talk with them at their level of interest. With younger generations, talk about the adventures and struggles an ancestor may have experienced with crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, or what it must have been like for an earlier settler in Iowa, struggling with the necessities of life. For adult generations, you might talk about some of the political or economic events that pushed an ancestor to travel to the USA.

The point here is to find a way to share the work you've done. Get others excited and encourage their involvement. After all, it's all about family and how each of us came to the place that we are today. This is how I see genealogy being a part of the past, the present and the future.

Cheers!

Kevin

## THINGS TO DO

### Northeast Iowa Civil War Presentation

Carl Ingwalson Jr.  
of San Diego, California  
Monday, October 9, 2017  
1:00 – 3:00 pm  
FreedomBank Meeting Room  
210 S Main Street, Elkader

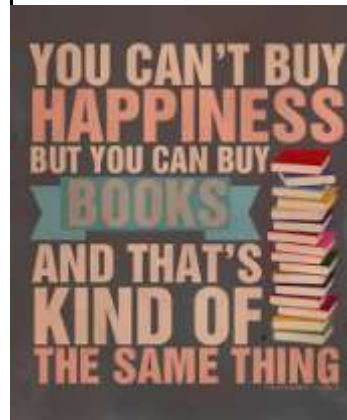
35 years of original research based on military and pension records of hundreds of area soldiers, unpublished original letters, soldiers' diaries, area newspapers, and related resources, with emphasis on Clayton County 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment.

Sponsored by  
Clayton County Genealogical Society  
563-245-1065

### German Interest Group

September 11 (date is a week later because our normal meeting would be Labor Day)

Topic: Some of us have recently been to interesting conferences. If you learned a new top tip or take-aways via conference, webcast or other technological events this summer, please come and share your knowledge.



In addition, we will hold our first garage sale. Bring your priced genealogy books, software, maps, historical books, etc., and change.

Time will be provided at the end of the evening to sell and shop.

## Waterloo Public Library in Waterloo, IA

Each October, the Waterloo Public Library offers extensive genealogy programming at the library. Everyone welcome.

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| September 27 through October 9 | German Iowa & the Global Midwest Travelling Exhibit  |
| October 3                      | Liberty bonds, Yellow Paint & English Only: Anti-German Sentiment During World War I in Iowa |
| October 5 or October 28        | Introduction to Newspaper Archives   |
| October 10 or October 12       | Ancestry.com for Beginners   |
| October 12                     | Genealogy Lock-In  |
| October 14                     | 3-D Family Tree  |
| October 17                     | Preserving the Past for a Better Tomorrow  |
| October 24                     | Untangle the Web of Germanic Websites  |
| October 29                     | Introduction to Germanic Research  |

To register or to find out more information visit [waterloopubliclibrary.org](http://waterloopubliclibrary.org) and click on events or call 319 291-4476

# Library News: Cataloging Corner

By Tasha Jackson

Since I took over the responsibility of cataloging our books in 2015, I've noticed that we haven't published a list of recent library acquisitions since the May 2014 bimonthly newsletter. In an effort to bring everyone up to date with some of the resources we've added in our library since then, I have been highlighting some of our acquisitions with a few Hawkeye Heritage articles to catch up, and have begun providing a list for the regular bimonthly newsletter again beginning with January-May 2017 in this issue.

We added 111 books to our shelves between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> this year.

New Iowa books (977.7, then alphabetical by county) include:

Bremer: *The Janesvillians, Volume II: 1974-1999*

Dallas: *Adel Quasquicentennial, 1847-1972*

Fremont: *History of Walnut Township*

Hancock: *Magor Township Cemetery Restoration 2016: Section 15, Magor Township, Hancock County, Iowa*

Johnson: *History of Johnson County, Iowa (1883): The Deer Creek Story*

Jones: *History of Jones County, Iowa (1879)*

Marion: *Naturalization Book II: Marion County, Iowa*

Marshall: *The History of Marshall County, Iowa (1878)*

Monroe: *Buxton: A Black Utopia in the Heartland*

Polk: *St. Pius X Catholic Church 2014*

Poweshiek: *Poweshiek County [Iowa] Heritage*

Warren: *Ackworth History, 1847-2011: Memories, Reflections, and Accounts;*

*Rural Schools in Warren County, Iowa, 1847-1959;*

General Iowa books include: *From Hazelbrush to Cornfields: The First One Hundred Years of the Amish-Mennonites in Johnson, Washington and Iowa Counties of Iowa 1846-1946;*

*A Bibliography of Iowa Newspapers, 1836-1976;*

*The Negro in Iowa*

Other states and their counties or areas:

Alabama (976.1): *Pioneers and Residents of West Central Alabama Prior to the Civil War*

California (979.4): Orange

Connecticut (974.6): New Haven, New London; *Early Connecticut Houses: An Historical and Architectural Study*

Illinois (977.3): *Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois: Publication Five (369); Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Volume 4: The Governor's Letter Books*

Indiana (977.2): Orange

Massachusetts (974.4): Hampden; *Mayflower Passengers: 1620 (369); Mayflower Families in Progress: William Brewster (4 generations - revised 3<sup>rd</sup> edition) (369); Mayflower Families in Progress: William Brewster (5 generations, son Love) (369); List of Freemen of Massachusetts, 1630-1691*

Mississippi (976.2): *Mississippi Index of Wills, 1800-1900: Marriages and Deaths from Mississippi Newspapers, Volume 3: 1813-1850: Spreading the Word: Mississippi Newspaper Abstracts of Genealogical Interest, 1825-1935;*

New York (974.7): Chenango, Cortland, Madison

Ohio (977.1): Darke, Perry; *Ohio Guide to Genealogical Sources;*

Pennsylvania (974.5): Bedford, Lancaster; *Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research in Pennsylvania*

*Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Volume XXXIII;*

*Ancestor Biographies (from the National Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor);*

*From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History;*

*Members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in the Colonial Period 1638-1774;*

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# 2017 IGS FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

IGS 2017 FALL CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION OCTOBER 20 - 21

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 = \_\_\_\_\_

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the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(we add \$2.50 for credit card handling fee)

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**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)



# Federal Military Records 1775 – 1900: Compiled Military Service Records

by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG<sup>SM</sup>

Following the Civil War, the federal government compiled records for military volunteers and draftees, including militia troops and state soldiers federalized for national service. Using muster rolls, hospital records, and unit documents, the goal was to provide proof for veterans seeking military pensions. Compiled Military Service Records (CMSR), available for the Revolutionary War through the Philippine Insurrection, are comprised of carded abstracts and occasionally loose papers. They are bundled in envelopes and filed by the soldier's name. CMSRs document your soldier's service from the time of enlistment to the date of discharge. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) preserves these early military records.

## Find your soldier

Name indexes for the various wars are available on NARA microfilm. Online databases make searching for your soldier easier. *Ancestry.com*, *Fold3.com*, and *FamilySearch* have digitized microfilmed indexes. The National Park Service Soldiers and Sailors Database (<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>) can help identify your Civil War ancestor. If your ancestor served in more than one company or re-enlisted into another unit, he may have more than one CMSR.

Once you locate your soldier in an index, order his CMSR from the National Archives. Some carded records have been digitized, but to be certain you have the complete packet, order directly from NARA: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww-1-records>

## Limitations to CMSRs

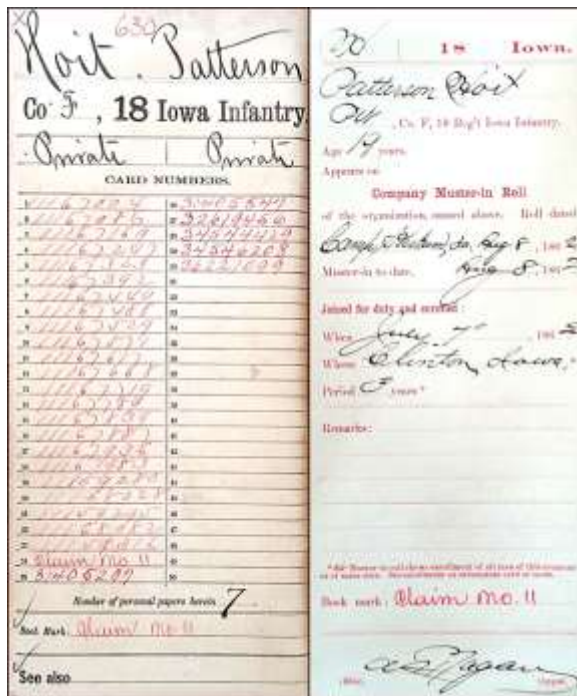
CMSRs were not compiled for "Regular Army" personnel or other enlisted service branches. See Trevor K. Plante, "An Overview of Records at the National Archives Relating to Military Service," *Prologue*, Fall 2002, vol. 34, no. 3 (<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2002/fall/military-records-overview.html>) for a discussion of enlisted military research options.

If your ancestor was part of militia that did not serve at the federal level, no CMSR was created. State archives are the place to search for colonial or state-level service.

## What might your learn?

CMSRs for the early wars often provide only basic information: rank, unit, state from which served, and in some cases, term of service. Later wars include age, birthplace, and sometimes a physical description. Although genealogical information is limited, this is a good first step in documenting your ancestor's military experience.

With careful study, you can glean clues to additional sources



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such as pension files, medical records, official correspondence, and land grants. If your soldier was captured, wounded, deserted, or court-martialed, you'll find evidence in his CMSR. Use what you learn to dig deeper.

**Example: Patterson Hoyt, Civil War Volunteer**

Here is what I found in Civil War soldier Patterson Hoyt's CMSR:

- The jacket cover (illustration, left) lists cards and other materials bundled within the envelope. Patterson's CMSR includes seven loose papers, mostly regarding his time as a prisoner of war.
- At the bottom of the jacket cover and the sample card (illustration, right), is a "bookmark" notation—Claim 11. This is a cross-reference to another record; in this case, a clothing requisition. Bookmarks always indicate "something more" to investigate.
- Patterson was a private in Company F, 18<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry.
- He was nineteen at the time of his enlistment on 7 July 1862 in Clinton, Iowa (ages should be confirmed against non-military records). He enlisted for a term of three years.
- He's described as five feet five inches tall, light complexion, with grey eyes and red hair.
- He was in battles at Newtonia, Missouri; Springfield, Missouri; Cross Timbers, Arkansas; and Prairie De Ann, Arkansas.
- His "military character" was described as "good."
- He was taken prisoner near Poison Springs, Arkansas, on 17 April 1864 and released 25 February 1865.
- After his release, he received hospital treatment and new clothing. He signed for the clothing requisition with "his mark." Patterson was discharged from service at

Davenport, Iowa, on 30 June 1865.

Certain records misidentify Patterson as "Harrison Hoyt." This could be significant in future searches.

With this abundance of information, I can take my research to the next level—pension files, prisoner of war records, hospital files, and military correspondence. I will explore the history of the 18<sup>th</sup> Iowa and its involvement in the battles mentioned. There are plenty of resources to learn more about Patterson Hoyt's Civil War experience.

Compiled Military Service Records are the portal to your ancestor's volunteer service. The NARA website provides more information about these and other types of federal military records: <https://www.archives.gov/>

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International Books

Canada (971)

*Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada: Volume II*  
*Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853 (Vols. I and II)*

*Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada to 1863 (Vol. IV)*

Germany (943)

*Amish Mennonites in Germany: Their Congregations, The Estates Where They Lived, Their Families*

Ireland (941.5)

*The Surnames of Derry*

Italy (945)

*Italian-American Family History: A Guide to Researching and Writing About Your Heritage*

Norway (948.1)

*Of Norwegian Ways*

Switzerland

*Both Sides of the Ocean: Amish-Mennonites from Switzerland to America (289.7)*

United Kingdom

*The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales (929.6)*

Be sure to check the New Books shelf around **the back of the Librarian's desk when you visit**

## IGS CALENDAR

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

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Saturday, September 16

Beginning Swedish Genealogy

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Donna Anderson, instructor.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

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

Beginning Norwegian Genealogy

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Linda Greethurst, instructor.

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Wednesday, September 20

Researching Federal Records L & L  
noon. - 1:00 p.m.

Alice Hoyt Veen, CG<sup>SM</sup>, instructor.

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Saturday, September 30

Beginning Czech Genealogy

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tasha Jackson, instructor.

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

### OCTOBER 2017

Saturday, October 7

Beginning Genealogy

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Donna Anderson, instructor.

Cost: FREE

Saturday, October 28

Intermediate German Genealogy

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Diane Green & David Bartholmy instructors.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

### NOVEMBER 2017

Saturday, November 4

Google for Genealogy

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Kevin Spire, instructor.

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Saturday, November 18

Beginning Genealogy

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Theresa Liewer, instructor.

Preregistration required. Cost: FREE

Inspector Gadget

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Theresa Liewer, instructor.

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.



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## 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 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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## 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.**

A MEMBERSHIP TO IGS  
IS A GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

IGS OPEN SUNDAYS FOR  
MEMBERS ONLY

September 17, 2017

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October 22, 2017

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Iowa Genealogical Society is a proud recipient of the Capacity Building Grant, awarded by the Iowa Arts Council. This award will be used specifically to support salary expense of our part-time support of the library. Thank you to the Iowa Arts Council and members of the grant review board, for recognizing IGS as an important supporter and contributor with our efforts of “Preserving the Past and Enriching the Future”.

Support for The Iowa Genealogical Society provided by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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