

JULY 2018

Iowa Genealogical Society



I was playing on the internet the other day and decided to put my gggrandfathers name in Google to see what I could find. I just put the name in quotes and there they were.

It took me to a blog aguthriecountyretrospect.com and their story about their 50 wedding anniversary party and pictures showed up. I contacted the blogger and she sent me scanned pictures. This one as well as a picture of them with their children. She also had a picture of all the people that attended the party in front of their house. Yes, I did the happy, happy dance.

Yes there a lot of genealogy sites out there but sometime just put some names out there and see what pops up. You might be surprised at the wonderful things that you find..

Picture of *Thomas Andrew Shroyer and Mary Eleanor Anderson, Guthrie Center, IA*



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SOCIETY

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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Spire, IGS President

Are you getting what you want from IGS?

The Iowa Genealogical Society is YOUR organization where we all share a common interest and desire that is stated in our moto: "Preserving the Past, Enriching the Future". Is IGS meeting your expectations?

If you feel that IGS is falling short, then you have a responsibility to share your thoughts, provide your support, do something about it. Things like complaints, gossip and accusations do nothing to make things better. In my experience, it only breeds more of the same and is not productive. But if you have constructive input to share, you owe it to yourself and others in the organization to share it.

Did you know we have a suggestion box in the library? If you have an idea or recommendation, let us know! Maybe there is a class you'd like to see offered. Or a certain speaker you'd like to see at one of our conferences. What about an organized trip to a historical location, activity or genealogical library? Tell us. We want to know.

Do you want to know more about how IGS operates? Or how we're organized? Maybe you'd like to teach a class? Or just share a trick/tip that you've learned and we could add to the newsletter. Want to get involved? We're always looking for members to get more involved. Let us know! This is your organization and you have an obligation to provide input. But unless you speak up, your input will not be heard.

There are a number of ways to connect or get involved. I already mentioned the suggestion box in the library. You can drop us a note in the mail, if you'd like to remain anonymous. Or send an email. Whatever method you choose, I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Cheers!

Kevin

Guthrie County Veterans Memorial Wall



Members of the Veterans Memorial along with Johnson's Monument Company are proud to present the new Veteran's Memorial Wall, which will be placed on the Guthrie County Courthouse Lawn, honoring our area veterans. The wall(s) will be placed next to the current veteran's memorial. We are now heading up efforts to erect eight black granite slabs/walls, which will contain the veteran's names who served our country and community in any war or peacetime. This can be all veterans past or present, of any branch, and members of the National Guard and or the Reserves.

Those eligible to be placed on the Veteran's Memorial Wall are current or past residences or any affiliation of Guthrie County, Iowa. Friends or family members may request any veteran's name(s) to be placed onto the new Memorial Wall. The Memorial Wall will contain the veteran's names only and if they are listed as KIA or MIA this will be noted.

Our deadline for names to be placed on the memorial at the time the walls are erected will be August 1, 2018. All names received after this cutoff date will be placed on twice a year. Once before Memorial Day, which will have a cutoff of April 1 and once before Veterans Day, which will have a cut off of October 1. Names will still be placed on the memorial wall after the cutoff date, but will cost \$60.00.

VETERAN'S NAME: _____ KIA or MIA
(Please Print Clearly) (Please use one form per veteran) (Please circle one if this is relevant)

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PLACING ORDER: Name: _____
(Please Print Clearly) Address: _____
City: _____ ZIP: _____ STATE: _____
Telephone #: _____

Cost of Placement of name is \$30.00 made payable to Veterans Memorial Wall

Please send to application, discharge paper (DD-214) & check/money order **(no cash please)** back to: 2692 Wagon Road, Stuart, Iowa 50250

With any questions please contact Johnson Family Funeral Home at (515) 523-1200, Trudi Tam at (641) 757-0709 or Ila Buker (641) 755-2632

IGS Welcomes our New Regional Representatives

Region 13 - Marjorie (Marje) Brunsting from Sioux Center, Iowa

Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Sioux Counties

Region 15 - Mary Ealy from Glidden, Iowa

Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Harrison, Monona, Shelby Counties

Country School Preservation Conference

A Vanishing Heritage

September 28-29, 2018

Winterset, Madison County, Iowa



You are invited to the 19th annual conference focused on the preservation of Iowa country schools. In Madison County there were nearly 150 rural schools. Today only a handful remain in their original locations or have been preserved. We hope you come to share your passion for and experience with Iowa country schools.

On Friday, September 28, you will participate in a full day of lectures, panels, and discussions covering various aspects associated with country schools: research, location, preservation, promotion, etc. You will have many opportunities to share your experiences and to learn from others throughout Iowa who have the same interests and

concerns. You can continue your discussion with a Dutch treat (pay for your own) supper at the Winterset Pizza Ranch.

On Saturday, September 29, a group tour in and around Winterset will provide you an opportunity to visit three of our preserved and furnished country schools – one each made of logs, stone, and frame. You will also stop at two of Madison County's famous Covered Bridges, tour our 14-building Madison County Historical Complex, and enjoy a picnic lunch at the Winterset City Park. It will be a fun and informative day.

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION AT
<http://www.madisoncountyhistory.net/country-schools/>

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

to be held October 12th and 13th at the State historical Society

Conference fee includes lunch

Early Registration (Through September 29)

_____ IGS Member x \$95 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$115 = _____

Late Registration

_____ IGS Member x \$105 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$125 = _____

_____ 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 _____ **CVV** _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Complete this form & mail it with your credit card information or check to:

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Register online: www.iowagenealogy.org
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515 276-0287 igs@iowagenealogy.org

2018 Fall Conference

IGS West Wing, 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines

IGS Fall Conference — October 12 & 13, 2018

Friday

9:00 a.m. **How to Organize all this Genealogy Stuff**

Save yourself future frustration and disappointment by putting a solid genealogy organizational plan in place for all the types of items that will be coming your way.

11:45 a.m. **Reconstruct Your Ancestor's Life with Google**

A wide variety of rich resources are available for free through Google. In this session, we will build the story of individuals from the past using Google tools like Google Books, Google Scholar, Google Patents, YouTube, Google Earth Pro, and Google Alerts.

1:00 p.m. **How Alice the Genealogist Avoids Falling Down the Rabbit Hole**

You'll learn about free tech tools that you can put in place to give you peace of mind, take back those lost hours, and help you to be more productive.

2:15 p.m. **Probe Those Probates for Hidden Clues**

Probate records document a court's decisions regarding the distribution of an estate. However, there is more to a probate record than meets the eye. Whether or not the records name the heirs, they often contain valuable clues that help to establish likely relationships and recover information about that all-important family.

Saturday

8:45 a.m. **How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case**

You'll learn to track ancestors like a criminal cold case detective, sniffing out holes in your research and getting missing information on the record with cutting edge technology.

10:30 a.m. **Google Earth for Genealogy**

In this class you will learn how to identify old photos, plot and virtually visit your ancestor's homestead, and incorporate historic maps.

1:00 p.m. **Local presenter (to be announced)**

2:45 p.m. **Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogist in your Family**

Learn how creative displays and crafts can capture the imagination of your non-historian friends and relatives, while honoring your ancestors.

IGS CALENDAR

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

JULY 2018

Tuesday, July 10

Beginning Genealogy

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Theresa Liewer, Instructor

Preregistration required. Cost: FREE

Saturday, July 14

How to Use the Allen County Library
(Fort Wayne, IN)

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

Sue Claman instructor

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

Saturday, July 21

Iowa's Ethnic Heritage

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

Tasha Jackson, instructor

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

Naturalizations

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

Theresa Liewer, instructor

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

AUGUST 2018

Saturday, August 4

Beginning Genealogy

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

Theresa Liewer, Instructor

Preregistration required. Cost: FREE

Secret Ingredients for Genealogy Success

SHSI Website

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

Theresa Liewer, instructor

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

Saturday, August 11

Secret Ingredients for Genealogy Success

Facebook for Genealogy

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

Tasha Jackson, instructor

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

Beginning Czech Research

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

Tasha Jackson, instructor

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

Saturday, August 18

Secret Ingredients for Genealogy Success
Webinars

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

Lori Meyer, instructor

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

Secret Ingredients for Genealogy Success

Pinterest for Genealogy

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

Lori Meyer, instructor

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

SEPTEMBER 2018

Thursday, September 13

Beginning Genealogy

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Instructor

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, 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

Card No. _____ CVV _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to: Iowa Genealogical Society,
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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

July 2018

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 7:00 p.m.

Irish Interest Group meets on the
third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Norwegian Interest Group meets on the fourth
Tuesday of the month (except December) at
7:00 p.m.

Legacy User Group meets the third Thursday
of the month, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

RootsMagic Interest Group meets the fourth
Saturday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Ancestry.com Interest Group meets the
second Sunday of the month, from 1:30 p.m. -
3:30 p.m.

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

SLIDE INTO SEPTEMBER IGS SLUMBER PARTY

Saturday, September 8 & 9

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

\$20 per person

Late night pizza provided

Bring a snack to share

Contact IGS with any questions



WOODLAND CEMETERY TOURS FOR 2018

Take a tour of Des Moines's oldest cemetery

Here are the Saturday tour dates and times:

August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

September 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

These tours are becoming very popular so don't wait to sign up.

Please email Archie Cook for confirmation and directions/instructions at email address
archiecook@email.com

PRESERVING THE PAST & ENRICHING THE FUTURE