

MAY 2019

Iowa Genealogical Society

I'm able to breath a big sigh of relief. The FamilySearch open house is over and I think it was a big success. A total of 49

people signed in and I know there were others that would have liked to attend but were unable due to illness or other obligations.



I hope everyone that attended walked away with a little more information about what is available at FamilySearch.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that made the event possible. It takes a lot of man hours to hold an all day event. I'd like to think Annette and Jim Anderegg, Virginia Horvath, Theresa Liewer, Catherine Bennett, Tom Boelling, Dennis Davies, Jan Myers and Karon Velau for all they did to make the open house a success.

If you enjoyed the cookies make sure to thank Karon if you see her. She had asked if she could bring some cookies for the volunteers but ended up bringing enough for everyone. I made sure the chocolate chip cookies passed muster before I let everyone else try them. It's ok, I'm a giver. I've been told the other cookies were really good too.

If you attended the open house please give us some feedback. What you liked or didn't like, as well as anything you wished we had covered. Your feedback will help us do better next time. Send an email or letter or give us a call.



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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 Tasha Jackson, IGS President

Hello everyone!

Spring has sprung, and with it allergy season, and a whole lot of thunderstorms! I have been hard at work with cataloging, class scheduling, and fundraising, and would like to start off by thanking everyone for making our Spring Conference a fabulous time – the volunteers, the attendees, our staff, and our speaker, Tina Beaird. Tina provided us with a lot of great information about locating and utilizing records in the Midwest, and we gave away some great door prizes too! I also want to thank all of you who have donated funds to help our efforts to educate and assist people interested in their genealogy—we would not be where we are today without your support, and the massive efforts of our volunteers!

We have so many exciting things in the works this year – our Fall Conference with speaker David Allen Lambert in October, a Technology Day, more slumber parties, and many more classes! Our next class in our *IGS Colonial Resources* series, *IGS Colonial Resources in Massachusetts*, is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd, from 7:00-9:00pm. **This summer, we'll also be offering *Colonial Resources* classes on Maryland, Rhode Island and Delaware (together as one class), New York, Pennsylvania, and the Southern States (specifically North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia). We're planning another Open House event for the Fall, adding new books to our shelves, and adding new books to our book sale catalog. Volunteer Coordinator Mo Wilkins recently advised us that she is nearly finished with our Camp Dodge records project, so hopefully we can make the final results available to you in the coming months.**

As always, if you have suggestions, ideas, or extra time you may be able to use to volunteer, please let us know! We're always looking for input from our patrons, and we're in the process of launching several new outreach efforts to help carry us into the future.

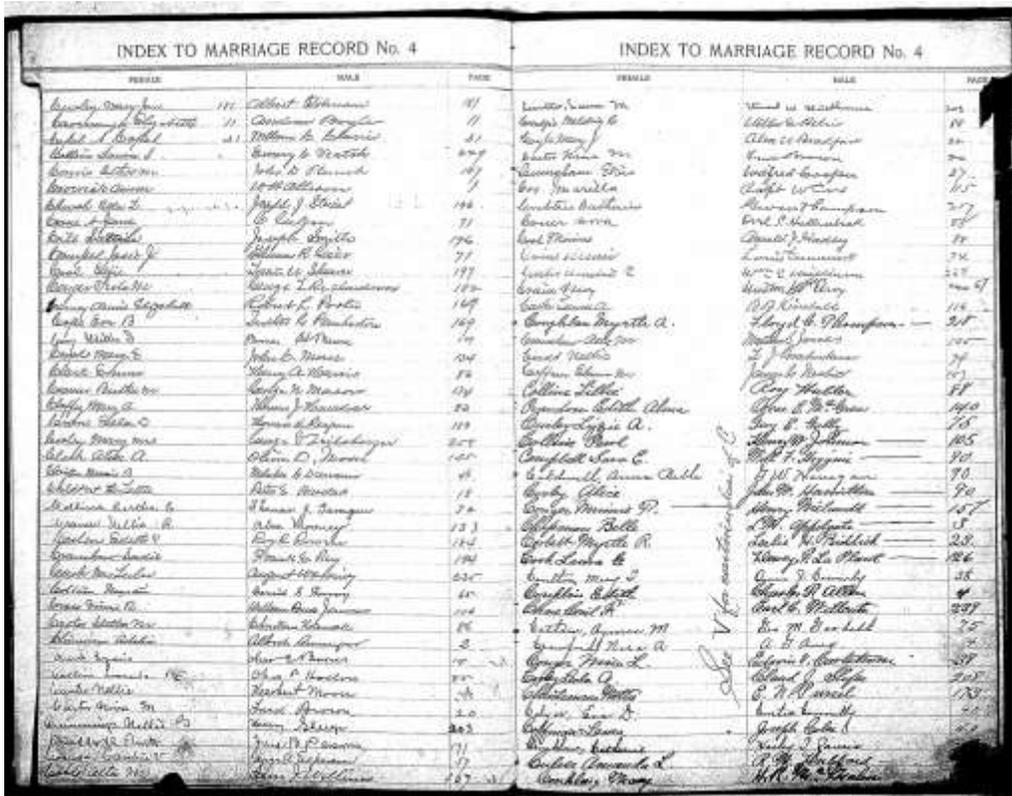
Hope you see you all in the library soon!

Sincerely,

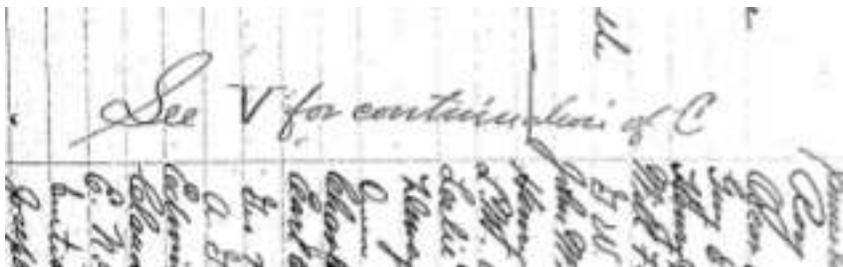
Tasha Jackson

Research Hints

It pays to read the whole page. Recently while helping a patron I came across this.



It looks just like an ordinary marriage index. Which it is. But wait there's more. I noticed this little note.



It says See V for continuation of C. They ran out of space because so many names start with C. So they had all that space on the V page just going to waste. So they finished up the C's on that page. Wouldn't you hate missing out just because you didn't pay attention to a note?

Another thing I learned the hard way. The letter I and the letter J get mixed up. Sometimes the I's end up on the J page and vice versa. Or sometimes they mix them up on the same page. I think they just do that to mess with me. Two hundred years ago there was probably a clerk that said "I bet they won't find this record." If you are not careful he might be right.

WHERE DID I LEAVE MY FLASHDRIVE?

Most everyone uses a flash drive today. Whether at home, work, the library, a friend's home, a family member's home; or, when using a lap top. Flash drives are a great tool for saving new information, for storing reference material we need or have found; and, for sharing files and data with others.

Patrons visiting the Riverton FamilySearch Library scan photos and slides. They also discover documents they want to copy. The scanned items and documents are safely stored on their flash drive. Time flies by quickly, and now it's time for the library to close. In a rush, the patron forgets to eject their flash drive and take it with them. Or, maybe they did take it, but stopped to get gas, and it dropped from their pocket when they went to pay. Oops!

Losing a flash drive has happened to most of us. If it hasn't happened to you, it very likely will! Hopefully, you will quickly remember where it was and it is still there.

It is wise to provide a way to identify the flash drive as yours so the finder may contact you. Abandoned flash drives are often left at the library. We try our best to identify and contact the owner. Sadly, however, for some this is an impossibility.

There are a number of ways to provide ownership information for your flash drive:

1. Using File Explorer (Windows 10), right click on the drive and select "Rename" from the dropdown menu. It can be up to 11 characters (enough for a phone number or name but that's all).
2. Attach a label or sticker to the protective portion of the drive.
3. Use a permanent marker to label it.
4. Consider engraving your information on the drive.
5. Attach a tag or label using a split ring if your drive provides a way to do that.
6. Create an "Owner Info" or "If Found" file and store it on the drive.
 - Open File Explorer and click on your drive. On the right side of the display, right click and select "New" then "Text Document."
 - Name the file "Owner Info" or "If Found" or "Open for Owner's Contact Info."
 - Open the file and enter your name and as much contact information as you would like. Save the file.

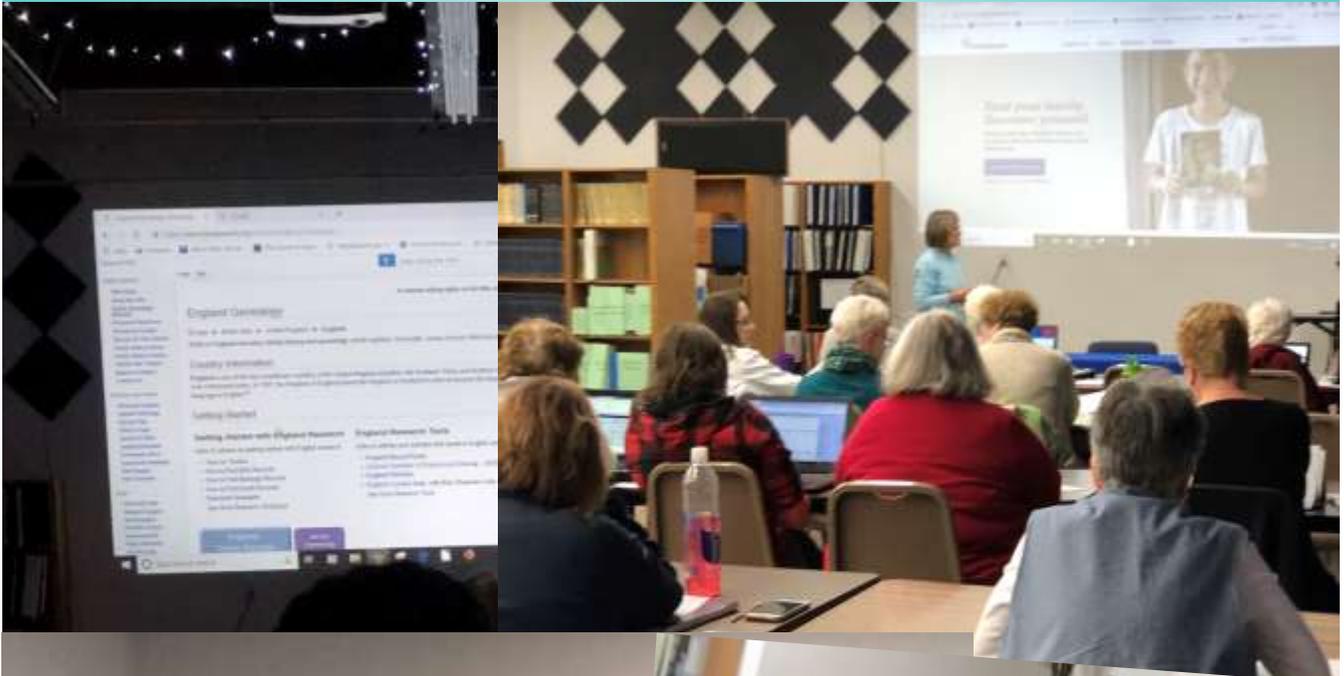
"Genealogy without sources is Mythology!"

This was borrowed from the Riverton FamilySearch Library tip of the week.

[Riverton FamilySearch Library](#), 3740 W Market Center Dr,
Riverton UT 84065-8026 – Phone: 801-240-9601



FamilySearch Open House



IGS CALENDAR

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

MAY 2019

Saturday, May 4

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

IGS Colonial Resources in New Jersey
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor - Kevin Spire
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Thursday, May 23

IGS Colonial Resources in Massachusetts
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor - Kevin Spire
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

JUNE 2019

Saturday, June 8

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

IGS Colonial Resources in Maryland
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor - Tasha Jackson
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Saturday, June 29

Buckle Up and Cite Your Sources
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Instructor - Alice Hoyt Veen
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

New England Colonial Research
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor - Alice Hoyt Veen
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

JULY 2019

Saturday, July 13

IGS Colonial Resources in Rhode Island and Delaware
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor - Tasha Jackson
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Thursday, July 25

IGS Colonial Resources in New York
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Instructor - Tasha Jackson
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Classes subject to change



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.

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

May 2019

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.

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 again at 6:30 p.m.

IGS Tech Day

Saturday, June 15, 2019

10:30 a.m. Nicole Anderson and Kelly Gruber
RootsMagic SIG leaders

How to use windows and mac computers to set up
and use files, media, transfer data and be more
efficient in your genealogical research on the
computer.

1:30 p.m. Sheri Snodgrass, Dennis Allen,
Dennis Davies

Additional aids to use your computer more
effectively.

How to capture websites, how to print from a
website, special characters, snipping tool,
whiteboard, password manager, figuring dates,
and shortcuts.

\$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members for both classes

WOODLAND CEMETERY TOURS IN DES MOINES

Few places in Des Moines hold as much history as the grounds of Woodland Cemetery. Join local historian and educator Archie Cook on a tour through the grassy knolls and stately trees of one of our city's oldest treasures. Tours (rain or shine) are recommended for those ages 10 and up, last approximately 2.5 hours and are free. A donation is suggested and will go towards the Woodland Monument Restoration Project.

Children and strollers are permitted but some sections of the tour will not be easily accessible for strollers due to rough terrain.

Registration is limited to 50.

Registration is handled on the Parks and Rec Facebook page. Tours are May 11 and June 8. To register go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/2118584968237721/>

PRESERVING THE PAST & ENRICHING THE FUTURE