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Iowa Genealogical Society

Time and time again I hear the same old refrain. No one is interested in my family history. I don't have anyone to leave it to. So all those years of work are wasted. While IGS and other groups like us can take some of your research, we can't take it all. We lack space and more importantly, we lack manpower to process it to make it available to our patrons.

What is the answer? Don't do family history? Tell our children to have a large bonfire after we're gone? They both sound like bad answers to me.

Get family members interested the way you became interested. Bring a sibling, cousin, child or grandchild to the library and help them find something about their ancestor. Even if it's something you already know. Give them the joy of discovery. It might be a census page or a picture or story in a county history. Something to bring their ancestor to life.

Go with them to a cemetery and tell them stories about the people that are buried there. Show them pictures if you have them. Once they become real people to them they will be hooked.

Have them help you upload pictures and stories to the memories section on FamilySearch. It's a great way to preserve your family for future generations and a great way to get other family members interested.



Make a little effort now and when the time comes they will be fighting over who gets to keep your family history. Or do nothing and they'll be fighting over who gets to light the match.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tasha Jackson, IGS President

Hello everyone!

Fall is almost here, which brings us closer to the end of another year. At our house, school has started again and we have returned to familiar routine. Curt, Ivy, and I are in the thick of planning for the Christkindlmarket Des Moines event that happens the first weekend of December. As always, we look forward to this with as much enthusiasm as our Fall Conference at IGS. It's fun to be part of so many exciting things, but it definitely doesn't leave you with a lot of free time! I would say that maybe we'll have more free time when we're able to retire, but those of you who have already done so could tell me that's probably more of a dream than a reality.

Here at IGS, we're getting ready for our Trivia Event on September 15th, and we've finished getting our fundraising page together to help us reach out outside of our member pool. We set up our fundraising page with crowdrise, the non-profit specific arm of GoFundMe. We're hoping that having it will allow us to continue to move forward with more concentration on events and education opportunities in the future, with less time spent on fundraising, but we'll see what transpires. Unlike GoFundMe, funds are sent to us regularly as they're received, rather than being set up as an all-or-nothing fundraiser—this means that we can keep the campaign going for as long as we want. If you would like to help us by contributing, or would like to help share our link with others, you can find it on our Facebook page, or you can visit the website with this address:

<http://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/keeping-history-alive-campaign>

We continue to see donations come in periodically from our fundraising letter in April, and we have now raised over \$16,000 in the past five months. We understand that not all of you have funds to donate—if that's the case, please consider donating some of your time, or some supplies instead. We have an ongoing need for three-ring binders, printer paper, and general office supplies. If you have some of these items in your house, we can give them new life at our library! We welcome help with cleaning and dusting, in addition to assistance with our volunteer projects around the library. Consider helping us with a class event, or a conference. Is there something you enjoy talking about that you'd like to share with others? Consider volunteering to teach a class! You don't have to be a teacher or have a teaching degree to do so. We're also looking for help in the library itself—let us know if you'd consider becoming a fill-in librarian when someone else is sick or has a scheduling conflict – we will train you! Maybe your area of expertise is in grant writing, or long-term planning—reach out to us via email—you don't have to be close enough to meet in person to be a great help! Advice and suggestions are always welcome!

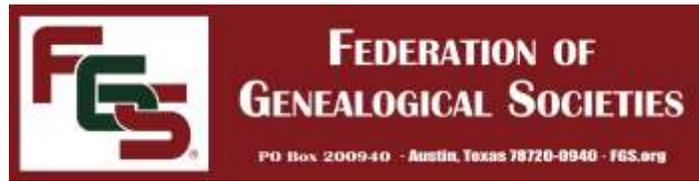
Fall Conference is just around the corner! We're excited to welcome Fall Conference speaker David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist for the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), to our event at the old Franklin Junior High building in Des Moines on October 11th and 12th. Visit our website or our Facebook or Twitter pages for more details and to sign up!

Hope you see you all in the library soon!

Sincerely,

Tasha Jackson

FGS TO MERGE WITH NGS



Today is a landmark day in the history of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. We are excited to tell you that this morning, at our national conference in Washington D. C., we announced our intent to merge with the National Genealogical Society.

The Federation was formed in 1976 in order to provide support to genealogical and historical societies. Key objectives during the past four decades have been to:

- promote the study of genealogy,
- stimulate the activities of state and local organizations,
- provide resources that enable genealogical organizations to succeed in pursuing their missions,

advocate for the preservation of records.

The intended merger with NGS will enhance our ability to support societies and offer services that will help strengthen them and help them to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing, technology-driven, volunteer-challenged environment.

You can read the full press release of the announcement on the [FGS Voice blog](#).
[Preserve the Pensions Project](#)

You may be wondering how the merger will affect the Preserve the Pensions project. FGS launched the Preserve the Pensions project in 2010 and raised more than \$3 million to digitize and make freely available the pension files from the War of 1812. Fundraising for the project was completed in 2016.

The Preserve the Pensions project will continue under its existing arrangements. FGS has an agreement with NARA for the preservation and digitization of the records and Ancestry is coordinating the digitization process. The funds for completing this project are set aside in restricted accounts.

[Conferences](#)

We also wanted to let you know that plans are still in place to hold our annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri, in 2020. Starting in 2021, the combined organization will hold one conference with four full days of genealogical lectures and a fifth day dedicated to society management topics.

I believe this merger will serve our members and the genealogical community by improving the support of both individuals and societies in the pursuit of genealogical excellence.

Faye Stallings
FGS President

RIVERTON FAMILYSEARCH LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY TIP

Newspapers and Periodicals

Newspapers and Periodicals can supply a wealth of information to a genealogist. Society Pages and Obituaries contain vital information about many of life's happenings:

Stories.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Professions.

What people were doing.

Political and Civic activities.

Many sources are available, for example:

PERSI – Periodical Source Index – Go to: findmypast.com and Log in.

In the “Quick Links” section click the “Newspapers and periodicals” link.

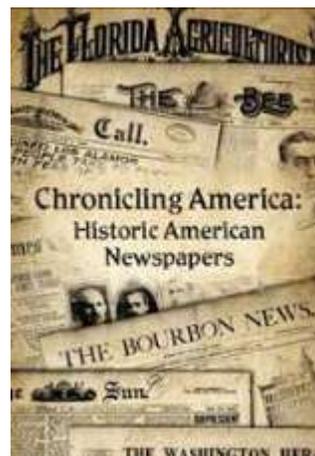
The available collections include:

British newspapers.

Irish newspapers.

PERiodical Source Index (PERSI).

US & World newspapers.



PERSI is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world. This index was created by the staff of the Allen County Public Library. Findmypast is currently adding images to the index.

Only a small portion of the indexes have images, but more are being added. If an original image is desired, a link is provided to order each indexed record from the Allen County Public Library.

Newspapers.com – Owned by Ancestry:

Is a paid subscription not included with a free Ancestry account.

Is the largest online newspaper archive.

Contains 12,200+ newspapers from the 1700's–2000's.

Millions of additional pages are added every month.

Total pages – almost 520 million currently.

The **German Interest Group**

will meet a week later on Monday, September 9th due to Labor Day.

The last eNews had an incorrect date.



CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIO

2019 Fall Conference Speaker

David Allen Lambert is the Chief Genealogist for the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Mass. (www.AmericanAncestors.org) having served on the staff since 1993. David is an internationally recognized speaker and author on genealogical, military history and New England topics.



He has also written three editions *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries* (NEHGS, 2018). He authored the NGS Research in the States Series for Massachusetts. David is the State Historian of the Mass. SAR.

His genealogical expertise includes New England and Atlantic Canadian records of the 17th through 21st century; British Isles research; military records; DNA research; and Native American and African American genealogical research in New England. Lambert has published many articles in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*; *New Hampshire Genealogical Record*; *Rhode Island Roots*; *The Mayflower Descendant*; and *American Ancestors* magazine. David is the current State Historian for the Massachusetts Sons of the American Revolution.

David is an elected Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Mass.; Registrar of the Massachusetts Sons of the Revolution; and life member of the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati. He serves as the tribal genealogist for the Massachuset-Punkapoag Indians of Massachusetts for over twenty years.

Performance Hall of Franklin Jr High, 48th & Franklin, Des Moines, IA

IGS Fall Conference October 11 & 12

David Allen Lambert

Friday October 11

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Understanding New England Town and Vital records

This lecture will cover the use of town records as well as town vital records covering the 17th through 20th century. This will assist you in building the story of your ancestor beyond names and dates.

10:15 a.m. Using New England Probate Records

An overview of New England Probate in repositories and online for the 17th through 20th century. Learn what you can do from home, and various probate records beyond the Last Will and Testament.

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Iowa's Ethnic History - Lori Meyer

Learn about the different ethnic groups that came to early Iowa territory and where they settled, including ways the cultures of these areas have been shaped by these different groups.

2:15 p.m. Using New England Land Records

Learn about land records from town proprietorship records through county registered land throughout New England. This lecture will also assist the person adopting their ancestral community to sort out the land that abuts your ancestor's land.

3:45 p.m. Annual Meeting

Saturday October 12

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Using New England Court Records

Learn what records in New England are available beyond the probate and land courts of New England. Find how to use court records in person, and online for 17th and 20th century New England.

10:15 a.m. Understanding Resources for the New England Great Migration 1620-1640

Understand the resources available for researching the Great Migration period of 1620-1640 for New England. Learn how the Great Migration Study Project developed by Robert Charles Anderson and where it is continuing after three decades.

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Using Newspapers to Enrich Your Research - Renee Cue

Learn how to use newspapers as a resource to identify and discover the rich stories about ancestors and their families

2:15 p.m. Understanding Rev. War, War of 1812 and Civil Pension Files

Understand how to best utilize Military Pension files in your genealogical research. An overview and case study of Rev. War, War of 1812 and Civil War Pensions will be covered. Learn how to "adopt the Regiment" to learn more about your ancestor's service through the files of his comrades in arms.

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

to be held October 11th and 12th at the Franklin Junior High, 48th & Franklin, Des Moines IA

Conference fee includes lunch

_____ I prefer a vegetarian lunch

Full Conference Early Registration (Before Sep 27)

_____ IGS Member x \$100 = _____

_____ Non-Member x \$135 = _____

Full Conference Late Registration (After Sep 27)

_____ IGS Member x \$110 = _____

_____ Non-Member x \$145 = _____

Single Day Early Registration (Through Sep 27)

Circle one: **Friday** **Saturday**

_____ IGS Member 1-day x \$60 = _____

_____ Non-Member 1-day x \$80 = _____

Single Day Late Registration (After Sep 27)

_____ IGS Member 1-day late registrations x \$70 = _____

_____ Non-Member 1-day late registrations x \$80 = _____

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
For more information contact IGS:
515 276-0287 igs@iowagenealogy.org

IGS CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

Friday, September 6

Using Family Tree Maker
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Instructor - Tasha Jackson
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Sunday, September 15

Trivia Event Fundraiser
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

See sidebar →

Saturday, September 21

Beginning Genealogy
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Instructor - Kevin Spire
Preregistration required. FREE
IGS Colonial Resources in GA, NC & SC
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor - Kevin Spire
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Saturday, September 28

Gadget Day
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Thursday, October 10

Beginning Genealogy
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Instructor - Lori Meyer
Preregistration required. FREE

Classes subject to change

Are You Smarter Than A Fourth Grader?

*Who was the 40th
President of the United States?*

- A. Gerald Ford*
- B. Richard Nixon*
- C. Jimmy Carter*
- D. Ronald Reagan*

**The Iowa Genealogical Society's First Ever
Trivia Event Fundraiser!!!**

**Contact IGS and sign up now
\$15 per person**

**Gather your own group of 6 players or
we will hook you up with others to make
a group of 6**

Bring snacks for your table

Help support IGS and win prizes too!

Sunday, September 15, 2019

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM



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: _____ CCV: _____

Signature: _____

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 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.

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

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

Family Tree Maker User Group meets the
second Sunday of the month, from 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Publishing & Preserving Family History Inter-
est Group meets the fourth Sunday of the month,
at 1:30 p.m.

If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy
of the newsletter please send an e-mail to
igs@iowagenealogy.org. Include your name and e
-mail address that you would like it sent to.

NEW

Publishing & Preserving Family History Interest Group

We are starting the first of the monthly series on
the Publishing and Preserving Family History
Special Interest Group (SIG) on Sunday, August
25th at 1:30 p.m. at the Iowa Genealogical Society
building. We will shoot for an hour and a half or
two.

In the meeting on August 25th we will be
reviewing a couple of different web opportunities
and prioritizing topics of further discussion.

First, Tribal Pages offers both free and paid sites
for you to invite participants to see a tree that you
have uploaded.

Second, a 5th cousin of mine, Dot Mast Moss, has
a family history website that we will review.

Third, prioritize topics for the next three meet-
ings. What is most helpful to you in your journey?

Our meetings will focus on hearing from those
that have created and shared family histories in
various formats to tell us about their experienc-
es. Our agenda for the meetings will be to hear
about their journey, their lessons learned and
to ask them questions that we are most inter-
ested in. We will also have a detail topic each
meeting to explore.

Questions? Want to be on the e-mail list but can't
make it this time? Please reach out to me.

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