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Iowa Genealogical Society

2020 the year that wasn't

It seems like the theme of this year is no. No, you can't go there. No that event is cancelled. A lot of people were so happy to have 2019 over. I was happy to see it go too. Unfortunately I didn't realize that 2020 would be much worse.

I hope that you are all doing well. It's nice to have IGS open again. We haven't been packed, but many of our regular customer have been in to use the library. Some that haven't been able to visit because of location or health have called or emailed and I have tried to assist them that way. We have had some visitors coming through too. Alice Veen held an all-day GPS class that was enjoyed by those in attendance. I hope that things will get better and closer to normal. At least that is my hope. So here are some pictures taken recently. Just because I like them and they make me feel good.



A rainbow over my mother's house and Ankeny fireworks.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tasha Jackson, IGS President

Hello everyone!

This is definitely turning out to be the year none of us thought would ever happen. As I'm writing this message, COVID-19 cases have continued to increase across the country as well as the world. The Iowa State Fair has been cancelled for the first time in decades, and students are preparing to return to school in some unconventional ways. My daughter Ivy is going back to school online for at least the first semester of this school year, and I'm interested to see how our school district will handle the thousands of students in all of their various learning environments. Here at IGS, our library reopened the 2nd week of July, and the reopening has been well-received so far. We have hand sanitizer and cleaning materials for our hard surfaces, have been keeping books quarantined after patron use for the times recommended by the American Library Association (which vary depending on which material the book is covered with – plastic or paper). We are asking our patrons to maintain social distancing guidelines, and if you'd like to wear a mask when you come to the library, you are welcome to do so. A few of our interest groups and software-user groups have resumed meeting in an online format, and some have not resumed any meetings yet.

We have plans in place to teach some additional classes, and are ironing out some details for our Fall Conference. We still have the conference dates set as October 9th and 10th, but we are looking into what would be needed to make this conference virtual, so those of us with health problems and/or COVID-19 concerns will still be able to participate. We're hoping that we will have that information to you in the next couple of weeks. Please continue to check our website and Facebook pages periodically for the latest updates, and while you're waiting for conference and class details, please continue to share our website with relatives and friends, and ask them to click on the 'Donate' button.

We've applied for (and been awarded) a few grants through different programs funded by the government's CARES Act, including local statewide programs as well, and continue to research others. Remember that you can help IGS by ordering your Amazon.com items from smile.amazon.com, their non-profit giving arm, instead of the regular Amazon.com address. You can enter 'Iowa Genealogical Society' in the box designating who they should make their donation to each time you purchase something on their site. Continue to hang in there, keep in touch with your family and friends via email, letters, phone calls, and video conferencing if you can, and I hope that you and all of your friends and family members stay healthy and continue to avoid catching this virus. I hope this pandemic is over soon, but right now it's definitely difficult to see the end of this tunnel. It feels like we're all tired, and everyone I talk to is SO ready for this virus to go away! I can't wait to help plan in-person events again, and teach classes again. Hopefully we'll all be able to see each other again soon! We miss you!

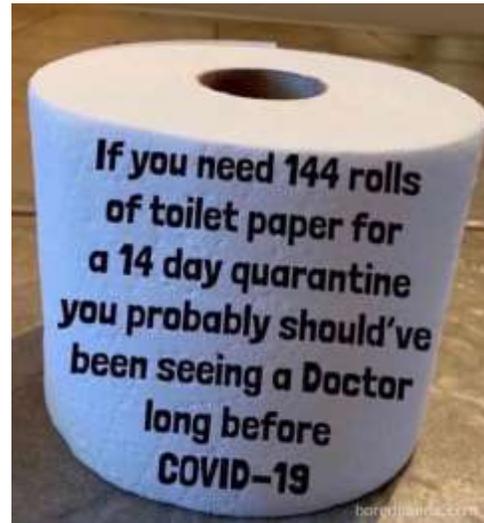
-Tasha Jackson

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A LITTLE HUMOR



My friend traveled to Yellowstone Park and took this picture. It made me laugh so I thought I would share it and found a few more.



Got this big roll of toilet paper as a gag gift for Christmas. Whose laughing now!?



Day 2 without sports:

Found a young lady sitting on my couch yesterday. Apparently she's my wife. She seems nice.

RESEARCHING YOUR NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY ONLINE

Information from the
New Hampshire State Library
Services

There are many online resources you can access to work on your New Hampshire genealogy research from the comfort of your own home, when our library building is closed. Here are some examples of commonly used print or microfilm resources in our library that you can also access in a digitized format online.

County & Town Histories – histories of the NH towns and biographies of important residents; may include information about your town and early inhabitants. Many of the histories published pre-copyright era can be found digitized at Archive.org (<https://archive.org/>) or Google Books (<https://books.google.com/>). If you don't know the exact title, you can do a keyword search, i.e. "New Hampshire" AND history AND Manchester

Family Histories – NH and New England family histories, and some compilations like Ezra Stearns' Genealogical & Family History of the State of New Hampshire; A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England by James Savage, etc. Again, many of these histories and compilations published pre-copyright era can be found digitized at Archive.org (<https://archive.org/>) or Google Books (<https://books.google.com/>). If you don't know the exact title, you can do a keyword search, i.e. genealogy AND Kimball AND family.

Town/city reports – from late 1800s to present. Most towns have published an annual list of births, marriages, and deaths in the reports but it was not required by law to have vital statistics in town reports until 1889. After 1937, it was up to the town to include them or not. Many reports are available online via UNH: <http://www.library.unh.edu/digital/category/nh-cities-towns>

Directories – for NH towns and cities, listing occupants, residences, and businesses, 1800s to present. A few of these historical directories can be found via Archive.org (<https://archive.org/>) by doing a keyword search, i.e. Manchester AND "New Hampshire" AND Directory. Subscription based sources such as Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest also contain city directories. Your local library may provide access to these.

NH State & Provincial Papers & index – deeds and probate records from 1623 to 1771, French & Indian War & Rev War rolls, town charters, etc. Available online via NH Archives: <http://sos.nh.gov/Papers.aspx> or via UNH: <https://tinyurl.com/y7hv2asu>

Early Town Records & Name Index - coverage is generally from town's beginnings (1600s/1700s) to 1840s. Misc. coverage – vital stats (births, marriages, deaths), tax inventories, some town meeting minutes, etc. Also known as the "Sargent" name index, named after the person who compiled the index. FamilySearch.org has some, but not all, of these early town records available to browse (create a free account and sign-in first): <https://tinyurl.com/y7zf9ep9>. They are arranged by county, then town, and volume #.

There are no search fields for these records, unfortunately, but you can browse some of the name index reels and find the name of your ancestors and where they are mentioned within these town record volumes, here: <https://tinyurl.com/vx9jpph>. To view a reel, click on the camera icon. Sadly, only surnames Aaron-Page are currently available online at this time.

You can also search newer town records (generally mid 1800s to 1947) by name, etc. here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2wylhc>

Biographies/Whos-Who – i.e. NH Notables series - includes brief biographical sketches of those that "helped shape the character of New Hampshire and their communities, prominent in public, professional, business, educational, fraternal, or benevolent work." Some editions of NH Notables can be found at Archive.org: <https://tinyurl.com/ycnt55a9> and FamilySearch.org wiki has a guide to digitized NH biographies: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_Hampshire_Biography

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Granite Monthly – NH magazine published from 1877-1930, with an index; has many historical articles about NH people and towns. Available online via UNH: <https://tinyurl.com/y7zcvqcj>
NH History Books – Books on the general history of NH, such as the History of New Hampshire volumes by Everett Stackpole which also contain biographical sketches, can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8lult79>.
Belknap's History of New Hampshire volumes can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y874dvak>. Try Archive.org or Google Books to find other pre-copyrighted works on various NH histories.

NE Historical & Genealogical Register – 1847 to present. Journal of American genealogy focusing on authoritative compiled genealogies. Some older copies available online: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_England_Historical_Genealogical_Register_Online

DAR Lineage Books – contains the records of service of men and women who achieved American Independence and the names of their descendants who were admitted to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Society between 1890 and 1915. Also available online: <http://www.ancestrypaths.com/lineage-and-hereditary-societies/dar-lineage-book/>

Soldiers in NH/New England – The “Rev War Rolls” can be found in various volumes of the NH State & Provincial Papers mentioned above, and Rev War records can be searched at FamilySearch.org after creating a free account: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1880940>

The Revised Register of the Soldiers & Sailors of NH in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866, and the NH Civil War regimental histories, can be found at Archive.org if you search by title or keyword, i.e. "New Hampshire" AND regiment AND history. Military records can be found via Ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition.

1892 NH Town & City Atlas – by D.H. Hurd. Shows the outline of each building and the name of each primary occupant. Available online: <https://tinyurl.com/y7g3z3gu>

County maps circa 1858 – Some can be found online at LOC.gov: <https://tinyurl.com/y7hpn34e> and a more complete collection, here: <http://www.old-maps.com/new-hampshire.htm>

NH Maps, 18th-20th century via Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/maps/?fa=subject:new+hampshire>

Sanborn fire insurance maps – detailed information on building location and structures for insurance purposes for selected towns. Some are available online via LOC.gov: <https://tinyurl.com/y9m83mp4> and Dartmouth: <https://libarchive.dartmouth.edu/cdm/search/collection/sanborn>

Cemeteries/gravestone inscriptions of NH/New England – FindAGrave.com (<https://www.findagrave.com/>) is a popular source, although it is user-contributed so its accuracy is questionable. FindAGrave records also show up in Ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition.

Other guides to NH cemetery research: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_Hampshire_Cemeteries
<https://raogk.org/cemetery-records/newhampshire/>

Other compiled NH genealogy resource guides:

AccessGenealogy has a nice guide filled with direct links to digitized resources such as town histories, cemetery records, town directories, military records, etc. : <https://accessgenealogy.com/new-hampshire-genealogy>

NH Record Collections on FamilySearch.org (must create a free account to access): <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/41?region=New%20Hampshire>

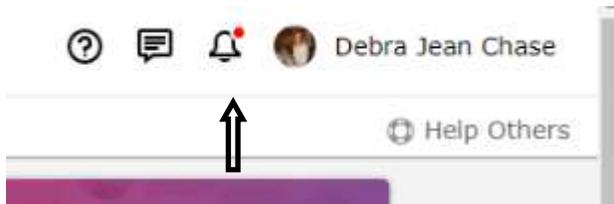
FAMILYSEARCH & NEW CLASS

If you are using the FamilySearch family tree there is a small change. It used to say watch and unwatch in the people view. Now it is follow and following.

It's a good idea to follow your people in FS family tree. That way if anyone makes any changes you will be notified. New sources added. Pictures or stories added, people deleted due to merging etc.



In the past you would receive an email every week or two, showing you the changes that have been made for the people that you are watching. Now you get a message when you log on to FamilySearch. Click on the bell and you will see a listing with different campaigns that FS does every week or so. As well as a listing of changes to people you follow.



We're Back!

Classes are starting again.

They will be virtual on Zoom and FREE during the month of September.

This is our thank you to all of you who have supported us through this difficult crisis.

Consider them as part of your membership benefits.

Since this is new to so many, including IGS, our first class will be on Zoom basics.

It will be Thursday September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and look for information on how to register.

We will be sending you an email with the rest of September's class schedule in the next few weeks.

Again, we want to thank you for your patience and your generosity. You are appreciated.

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 \$_____

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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.

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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.

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
Interest 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.

IGS Special Interest Groups

The RootsMagic group had their first Zoom
meeting last month, and will be meeting over
Zoom again this month. If someone is interested in
joining us, please request the Zoom meeting info
by emailing to: acgttree@gmail.com

The German group plans to meet in the IGS west
wing starting in September.

Dates: Sept. 14 (a week later because of Labor day)

Oct. 5

Nov. 2

The Legacy and Norwegian groups will not be
meeting. They will resume in October when the
meetings can be held in the west wing.

The Irish, DNA, Publishing and Ancestry groups
are thinking of holding zoom meetings but nothing
has been decided yet.

PRESERVING THE PAST & ENRICHING THE FUTURE