



# IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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**Greetings from the Iowa Genealogical Society!** IGS, a non-profit organization funded by membership dues and donations, is dedicated to preserving and sharing the stories of Iowa's people. As we celebrate our 45th anniversary, IGS is pleased to continue a tradition of historical and cultural excellence.

## Share Your Story: Tales These Quilts Can Tell

Do you have a quilt that came with an immigrant ancestor, or traveled to the Midwest via riverboat and/or covered wagon? *Share your story.*

Did your quilt(s) become utilitarian or were they decorative and displayed? *Share your story.*

Was the quilt a wedding gift, a part of a dowry, a birthday gift, a special historical event? *Share your story.*

Where are all the baby quilts, and doll quilts? Maybe worn out, but if not, bring them. *Share your story.*

What was the origin of the fabric? Did the scraps come from an ancestor's dress, wedding gown, groom's suit, neck ties, military uniform, grandpa's shirt (after carefully removing all the buttons for the button jar), etc.? *Share your story.*

Is your quilt a "summer quilt" with just a top and backing, without batting so it was light weight and cool? *Share your story.*

Do the colors and/or the patterns reflect a certain time period? *Share your story.*

Where did this pattern come from? Was it a traditional family style? *Share your story.*

Plan to share the story of your family heirloom quilt in this year's **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quilt Show "Tales These Quilts Can Tell,"** then come enjoy this one-of-a-kind exhibit!

**\*\*\*Attention Antique Road Show Fans!\*\*\*** Two items featured at this year's IGS Quilt show were displayed recently at the Antique Road Show. One was selected for filming and may appear in a future Road Show episode.



The quilt show will be open daily in the West Wing of the IGS Library, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, September 30: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Oct 1-2: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

For more information, contact: Shirley Munier, 515-277-2066 Helen Phillips, 515-967-4641; or the IGS Library, 515-276-0287.

## Library Hours

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

Tuesday & Thursday  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

## IGS Staff

### Administrative Assistant

Debra Chase

### Assistant Librarian

Susan Claman

## Fundraising for IGS

### Garage Sale Fundraiser

IGS will hold a Garage Sale Fundraiser, Friday and Saturday, **October 8 & 9**, during our Fall Conference. Donations of sale items are needed (no clothing, please). Help IGS raise funds by contributing your saleable items, then plan to come shop the bargains! Contact Margaret Foster for more information: [fosterm@mchsi.com](mailto:fosterm@mchsi.com) .

### Fundraiser Raffle

*Help raise money for IGS!*

Win a beautiful Ethan Allen cherry wood desk chair or lovely handmade afghan. Raffle tickets are available for each item; buy chances on one or both! Proceeds benefit building maintenance & repairs.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10 and are available at the IGS office, or may be purchased by mail:

### Iowa Genealogical Society Raffle

**628 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309**

Please designate for which item you wish to purchase tickets: chair or afghan. The winner of the chair must claim the chair at the IGS library; we will ship the afghan anywhere in the United States. Winners will be drawn at the Fall Conference, October 8—9, 2010. You need not be present to win.



### Other Easy Ways to Help IGS

Use **GoodSearch.com** to search the Internet. Every time you do, money goes to Iowa Genealogical Society. The site is powered by Yahoo!, so you'll get the same quality search results that you're used to. What's unique is that they have developed a way to direct money to IGS (when selected in the second dropdown box) with every click. We hope you'll give it a try and support IGS by selecting Iowa Genealogical Society in the second dropdown box.

Shop **Amazon.com** by clicking the logo link on the IGS homepage. IGS gets a donation for those using our web site to visit Amazon.com. It doesn't cost you a cent.

This is the time of year when IGS is especially mindful of cash flow limitations that affect the day-to-day operation of the library. IGS spends between \$10,000 and \$12,000 per month to meet the most basic expenses, and receives no taxpayer funding. Your continued support helps keep the doors open.

Please address your tax-deductible gift to:

**Iowa Genealogical Society  
628 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309.**

Donations may be directed to the Building Fund or General Expenses. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining this exceptional family research facility!

## Chapter News From Across Iowa

**Keo-Mah Genealogical Society** has received two microfilm reader/printers thanks to the generosity of a society member. They also have added *The Currier Family Records of the U.S.A. and Canada*, a ten-volume set. The Keo-Mah research library is located at 209 A Avenue East, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577.

In **Iowa County**, a group of veterans is putting together a book about World War II and Korean War veterans. Anyone interested in contributing information, or in learning more about the project should contact:

Dr. Ken Fettkether,  
319-642-5449

Mel Ahlberg,  
319-668-1591

Stanley Kovar,  
319-647-3539

Work is also underway on a book about Iowa County's rural schools.

The **Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society** has taken possession of the 1915 Poweshiek County Jail in Montezuma and is renovating the building. Used as the sheriff's residence between 1915 and 1977, the society is returning the building to its 1915 atmosphere. They have received a large train set collection that will be housed in the museum.

The **Lucas County Genealogical Society** participated in this year's Lucas County Fair. Their display featured local family history resources and projects, including a new category of youth entries. The society's new newspaper index has generated interest and a number of queries.

## September Programs & Events

628 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines

*All programs & activities take place at the IGS Library unless otherwise noted.*

### SEPT. 9: Lives & Times "Swiss Family Adventure" 7 p.m.



Featured guest Dave Russell relates the story of his personal family history journey. The first time he used Ancestry.com he discovered a previously-unknown Swiss heritage. Two years later his family visited a Swiss farmhouse built in 1608 by his ancestors. Dave shares about family roots, European history and more discovered on a family trip to Switzerland, Germany & France. No reservations are required for this FREE program.

### SEPT. 16: Legacy Users Group ~ 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Linda Greethurst will share her Family History records printed out from Legacy software. Barb Wallin will demonstrate how to create a split screen and how to hook up a second monitor to your desktop. This new IGS special interest group meets the third Thursday of each month.

### SEPT. 18: Researching Your German Family Here and Across the Pond ~ 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Learn about major dates in Germanic history, why it's important to know your family's religion, tips for finding your ancestor's hometown, and more. Space is limited; preregistration is required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/ \$10 non-members.



### SEPT. 18: Beginning Internet Genealogy

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basics & get started researching your family history online. Explore search engines, genealogical websites & more. Space is limited; reservations are suggested for this FREE class.

### SEPT. 23: Beginning Genealogy ~ 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Your family history journey of discovery starts now! Learn how easy it is to get started in this popular and fascinating pursuit. Reservations are suggested for this FREE class.

### SEPT. 30, OCT. 1-2: 2nd Annual IGS Heritage Quilt Show: "Tales These Quilts Can Tell"

Location: West Wing, IGS Library

September 30: 10 a.m.— 9 p.m.

October 1 & 2: 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Admission: \$5 at the door.

Enjoy a unique display of vintage quilts crafted by the ancestors of IGS members. Each quilt includes a biographical sketch of its seamstress.

This year's exhibit includes a gift table of handmade quilted and pieced items for sale.



The pattern for this cute cat appliqué quilt, one of last year's crowd pleasers, is available for purchase during September and October only. The quilt is done in various print fabrics (scraps from the seamstress's sewing projects) with a lovely blanket stitch on a white square background, then set on point.

The pattern price is \$5 if picked up at the library, or add \$1.00 for postage & handling if you wish to have the pattern mailed to you. Ask for the "Cat Appliqué Pattern." This is a fund raiser to help retire the building fund debt, another "Stitch Down the Debt" project.

There's still time to enter your heritage quilt in this year's exhibit!

For more information, contact:

Shirley Munier, 277-2066

Helen Phillips, 967-4641

IGS Library, 276-0287.

## IGS Fall Conference: "Resources Close to Home"

**October 8–9, 2010**

**Location: State Historical Building,  
600 E. Locust, and  
IGS Library, 628 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines**

This year's conference features special guest Gail Blankenau of Lincoln, Nebraska. Gail is an experienced genealogist and photo historian who shares her research and advice in such well-known periodicals as the New England Historical & Genealogical Register, Everton's Genealogical Helper, and Family Chronicle magazine.



The Iowa Genealogical Society is pleased to present the Fall 2010 Conference in partnership with the **State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI)**. The IGS Library and SHSI are located across the street from one another. Come learn how the collections of the State Historical Society can enrich your research. Experts will share their knowledge about Iowa state and local government records, newspapers, manuscripts, photographs, and printed materials available at the SHSI.



### Other Speakers

- Sharon Avery: Archivist, SHSI
- Jeffrey Dawson: Interim State Archivist, SHSI
- Susan Jellinger: Librarian, SHSI
- Delpha Musgrave: Local Records & Newspaper Preservation Specialist, SHSI
- Becki Plunkett: Special Collections Archivist, SHSI

### IGS Library Research Opportunity

The IGS library will be open to registered conference attendees only on Friday night from 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You must pay for the conference to research on Friday night. You can register and pay at the library on Friday night.

Please RSVP if you will be doing research Friday night. We will use this information to help staff the library.

## Conference Agenda

### Friday, October 8, 2010

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration & vendors  
9:00 - 9:15 am - Welcome, Announcements  
9:15 am - Dating & Identifying your 19th Century Photographs - Gail Blankenau

10:45 - 12:00 noon

Track 1: Surfing for Special Collections - Becki Plunkett

Track 2: Pre-planning your Historical Library visit - Susan Jellinger

12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch (on your own) & vendor browsing

1:30 - 2:45 pm - Rich Resources for Poor Ancestors - Gail Blankenau

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Track 1: Tour of State Archives  
Jeffrey Dawson (20 person limit)

Track 2: Military Records Available at the State Historical Society of Iowa- Sharon Avery

4:30 - 5:15 pm - Iowa Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

5:15 - 8 pm - Research at Iowa Genealogical Society

### Saturday, October 9, 2010

8:30 - 9:15 am - Registration & Vendors

9:15 - 10:30 am - Breaking Through with Land Records - Gail Blankenau

10:45 am - 12:00 - Beyond Birth, Death, & Marriage Records - Delpha Musgrave

12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch (on your own) & vendor browsing

1:30 - 2:45 pm - Keeping Up with the Joneses....and Smiths - Gail Blankenau

3:00 - 4:15 pm - Research at State Historical Society and Iowa Genealogical Society

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### For more information about IGS, our services, programs or activities, contact:

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### Thinking About Coming But Still Undecided?

The 2010 IGS Conference promises to be filled with insightful presentations, introductions to some fabulous research collections, and rich opportunities to network with your fellow genealogists.

This year's conference will be held in Des Moines' Historic East Village. The conference dates coincide with the **World Food Festival**.

The World Food Festival's purpose is to celebrate Iowa's unique and diverse culinary traditions — so the East Village will be filled with a wide range of delightful food choices.



Just think—you can learn about genealogical sources for researching your immigrant ancestor during a morning conference session. During lunch, you can seek out a food vendor specializing in the foods of your ancestral country! What could be better than that?

### Parking

There is a free, public parking ramp located at the northwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and East Grand Avenue. This ramp is immediately east of the Iowa Genealogical Society and across the street from the State Historical Society Library.

### Make Your Motel Reservations Now

On Fall weekends, Des Moines can be a busy place. The conference planning committee encourages you to make your hotel reservations soon.

### Hotel & Lodging Information

Super 8 West Des Moines/Clive  
11414 Forest Avenue, Clive IA 50325  
515-226-0414; [www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)  
Rooms \$69.99 + tax  
"Superstart" Breakfast, all rooms non-smoking.

**Registration is now open. Register by September 26th and receive special savings.**

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### FULL CONFERENCE

(attending **both** Friday and Saturday)

- Members**  
\$55 —if registering by Sept. 26th  
\$65 — after Sept. 26th

- Non-Members** \$90  
\$80 —if registering by Sept. 26th  
\$90 —after Sept. 26th

### ONE DAY OF CONFERENCE

(attending **either** Friday or Saturday)

- Members**  
\$35 —if registering by Sept. 26th  
\$45 —after Sept. 26th

- Non-Members**  
\$55 —if registering by Sept. 26th  
\$65—after Sept. 26th

### BECOME A MEMBER OF IGS

**Individual Membership**  \$35

**Family Membership**  \$45

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation policy: After Sep 26 - No refund

I will research at the library Friday night. \_\_\_\_\_

I want to Tour the State Archives \_\_\_\_\_

### Make check payable to:

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**Or register online:** [www.iowagenealogy.org](http://www.iowagenealogy.org)