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for you to find them...

## Iowa Genealogical Society

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**IGS Weekly Update**

### Coming up at IGS:

**Cancelled**-Wednesday, July 12 @ noon      DAR Website for Genealogy L & L

Thursday, July 13 @ 7:00 p.m.	English Welsh/ Scots-Irish Interest Group
Saturday, July 15 @ 10:30 p.m.	Beginning Genealogy Class
Saturday, July 15 @ 1:30 p.m.	English Census, Vital Records & Church Records
Tuesday, July 18 @ 7:00 p.m.	Irish Interest Group
Thursday, July 20 @ 1:00 p.m.	Legacy Interest Group
Saturday, July 22 @ 10:00 a.m.	RootsMagic Users Group
Tuesday, July 25 @ 7:00 p.m.	Norwegian Interest Group

Please consider contributing to the IGS Capital campaign or to the IGS general fund to ensure that the society can continue to preserve the past and enrich the future. **Thank you** to all those who have supported IGS for the past 52 years.

IGS is looking for a member to be the library attendant on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE - IGS Fall Conference** October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
with Judy Russell, the [Legal Genealogist](#).

A conference flyer and information will be available on the web site soon. Some of the topics covered will be Tracing Female Lines, Records of Widows and Orphans, the Family Black Sheep and much more. More information will be available soon. Also, Shari Stelling will be speaking on What's new at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library and Archives and Robert Marcell will speak on US Homestead records.

**Start writing your own family history for your family.** Each week I'll put out a question. Just write a paragraph or two and put it in a folder or binder and soon you will be on your way. Leave the stories of your life behind, not just names and dates. **Are you taking the time to save your answers and sharing them with your family? Genealogy is also called family history for a reason.**

**What is your earliest memory? How old do you think you were?**

You should be able to connect with your ancestors wherever you are. **FamilySearch** has released two new mobile apps that will make it easy to do just that. With *FamilySearch Tree* and *FamilySearch Memories* you can add memories and sources of your relatives on the go. Everything you add will sync with FamilySearch.org, so information will be accessible from any device and will be preserved for future generations. Both apps are free. For more information about the *FamilySearch Tree* app see <https://familysearch.org/mobile/tree>.

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I love the FamilySearch Family Tree app on my phone. One of the choices is Ancestors with Tasks. It's a great way to use the hints feature to add sources to people on your family tree.

**If you are not a member, we would love to have you join!** You automatically save \$10 on each class through IGS, plus receive additional discounts on conferences and research assistance.

**Sign up today at** [http://iowagenealogy.org/?page\\_id=144](http://iowagenealogy.org/?page_id=144)

**Please remember to sign up for classes and include your phone number.** Since our instructors are volunteers, life happens and we may have to cancel a class. Also, some of our classes have been full and we have had to turn people away if they were not preregistered. We will repeat those classes in the near future but don't wait to sign up if you see a class you want to attend.

**The deadline for items for the Weekly Update is at 5 p.m. on Friday. Items will be included as space and content allows.** Contact Debi Chase at [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org)

**IGS is on [Twitter!](#) (@iowagenealogy) You can follow us for up to the minute details and important announcements.**

Remember: When Des Moines Schools close because of **weather**, we are also closed. Questions or comments? E-mail us at [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org) or call 515-276-0287