



Your ancestors are waiting
for you to find them...

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IGS Bi-Weekly Update

Coming up at IGS:

Tuesday, Nov. 21 @ 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 25 @ 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 28 @ 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 4 @ 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 2 @ 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

Irish Interest Group-CANCELLED
RootsMagic Users Group
Norwegian Interest Group
German Interest Group Christmas pot luck
DNA Interest Group
DNA Interest Group



IGS will be closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 23 & 24.
The library will reopen on Nov. 25. Have a happy thanksgiving.

Family holiday dinners are a great place to talk to relatives about family history. To get better results print out family group sheets with what info you know. They won't have to start from scratch and if you have something wrong they will tell you about it. If you try to have them enter info into your laptop or tablet they will all have gone home before you are finished with one person.

German Interest Group December 4th

This is their annual Christmas party.
Hors devours will be at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

Just Announced from FamilySearch

Salt Lake City, Utah (16 November 2017), Beginning December 13, 2017, patrons visiting FamilySearch.org will see a prompt to register for a free FamilySearch account or **sign in** to their existing account **to continue enjoying all the free expanded benefits FamilySearch has to offer**. Since its launch in 1999, FamilySearch has added millions of users, billions of various historical records, and many fun, new features like Family Tree, Memories, mobile apps, digital books, and dynamic help. In order to accommodate continued growth of these and future free services, FamilySearch must assure all its partners that its content is offered in a safe and secure online environment. Patrons creating a free account and signing in fulfills that need.

Setting up a FamilySearch account is easy. FamilySearch is still a free web site.

The fall 2017 Hawkeye Heritage is now on the IGS web site.

<http://iowapioneers.com/Hawkeye/2017/HH%20Fall%202017%20%20V%2051%20%20I%20.pdf>

A good time was had by all at our Gadget gathering last Saturday. If you were there you know there were a lot of fun things to explore. It was a chance to check out RootsMagic and Legacy Family Tree. You learned how to hook up two monitors and how to secure your computer with a security cable. There were also demonstrations of different scanners and other fun gadgets. Let IGS know if you think this would be something you would like us to do again next year. Thank you for all who came and for all that shared their toys. Christmas is coming up and if you order anything use GoodShop or Amazon Smiles and donate to IGS at the same time.

Save the Date for the IGS Spring Conference

**Saturday April 14th, 2018
with Gail Blankenau**

Gail will be speaking on:

Dating and identifying 19th Century Photographs

Probates

Document Analysis

Family Migrations – Midwestern Case Study

Gail is an excellent speaker and her lectures are very entertaining. You won't want to miss it. More detailed information will be coming soon.

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.**

Do you have any family heirlooms? What is it and why is it special to you?

Take a picture of it and add it and the reason why it's important to you to your family history.

Christmas is coming give the gift of family this year

IGS memberships are a great gift. Give a family member a membership and then help them start their own family history journey. It's a great way to get grandchildren interested.

If you are not an IGS member, we would love to have you join! Membership is currently only \$35 for single or \$45 for family. 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

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.

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 or call 515-276-0287