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## Iowa Genealogical Society

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**23 May 2017**  
**IGS Weekly Update**

### Coming up at IGS:

Tuesday, May 23 @ 7 p.m.	Norwegian Interest Group
Saturday, May 27 @ 10 a.m.	RootsMagic Interest Group
Saturday, May 27 @ 10:30 a.m.	Documentation & Source Citation
Saturday, May 27 @ 1:30 p.m.	Intro to GPS

Saturday, June 24 @ 4 p.m. to 6 a.m.      **IGS slumber party \$25**  
Bring a snack to share and pizza will be supplied late night.

### **The Iowa Genealogical Society is looking for board members for next year.**

Currently IGS is searching for a treasurer and 1st Vice-president to serve on the board starting in October. We are also in need of regional representatives for the odd numbered regions. If you are interested, or need more information contact IGS.

**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)

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

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.

### **The Ancestry Insider blog**

The unofficial, unauthorized view of Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org is no more. He announced the following on Friday, May 19, 2017.

### [A Fond Farewell](#)

Dear friends,

I'm afraid the time has come for the *Ancestry Insider* to say goodbye. Over ten years ago I put virtual pen to virtual paper. Now it is time to put it down. Before I say goodbye, I'd like to personally thank each and every single one of you.

**Thompson, Iowa is holding their Quasquicentennial celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup>**

The day starts with a pancake breakfast and other activities throughout the day. Come help them celebrate. Visit their Facebook page for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/Thompson-Iowa-Quasquicentennial-971061662932894/>

**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.

**Did you have any pets? What were they and what were their names?**

Results from 5/16/17 survey

**How have you been able to find a women's maiden name?**

Probate record	37.78%
Cemetery record or headstone	31.11%
Marriage record	91.11%
Land record	22.22%
I have not been successful	2.22%
Some other way	35.56%

**May 23rd Survey**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QJRHNZG>

**The IGS Capital Campaign has raised of \$17,000 to help pay off our mortgage.** Please consider contributing to the campaign so that we can continue services to the entire state of Iowa and beyond.

**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.**

**We are 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