Membership Application

Annual Calendar-Year Dues:
Single Membership ~ $10
Family Membership ~ $15
Junior Membership ~ $1

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION:

TODAY'S DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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CITY: _____

STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please make checks payable to BVGS.
Mail application form and check to:

Botna Valley Genealogical Society
PO Box 693
Oakland, IA 51560-0693

Resources Available

- ✓ Historical newspapers from the local area on microfilm–includes Avoca, Carson, Griswold, Macedonia, Neola, Oakland, Treynor
- ✓ Cemetery books and records
- ✓ Obituary files from area newspapers
- ✓ Area school yearbooks
- ✓ Area church histories
- ✓ Towns in Pottawattamie County and various Iowa county history books
- ✓ Military records
- ✓ Plat maps and books
- ✓ Foreign/domestic info on microfiche
- ✓ Marriage files
- ✓ Various family history books
- ✓ Computers to access digitized newspapers, etc.
- ✓ Much more, PLUS friendly members to assist you in your research!

Botna Valley Genealogical Society

Located in the
Floyd Caughell Room
Eckels Memorial Library
207 South Highway 6
Oakland
Iowa

Best kept secret in Pottawattamie County, Iowa!

Eckels Memorial Library Hours

Sunday	Closed
Monday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 12 noon

Library Phone:
712-482-6668

Library Email:
eckelslibrary@gmail.com

Library Address:
207 South Highway 6
Oakland, Iowa 51560

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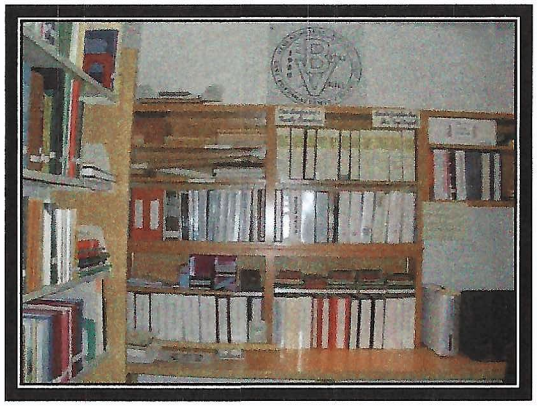
Volunteers from the Botna Valley Genealogical Society can be available to have the genealogy room open for visitors during regular library hours. Please make arrangements ahead of your visit to schedule a volunteer to be available to have the room open and assist in your research. Thank you!

Website for BVGS is:
https://botnavalleygenealogy-iowa.simplesite.com/



BVGS holds meetings the first Monday of each month in the Floyd Caughell Room of the Eckels Memorial Library. These meetings are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Visitors or prospective members are welcome to attend these meetings!

No meetings are held in the months of December, January, & February.

When visiting in person, the Society charges a nominal fee for copies. For mail inquiries, the Society charges $10 an hour to have volunteer members look up answers to questions you may have about your family or the local area.

Email queries can be sent to the Eckels Library email address or:
botnavalleygs@gmail.com

Botna Valley Chapter Publications

Since 1980, BVGS has published numerous resource books for the area. The publications may be ordered from the *Iowa Genealogy Society*, 628 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309-1924. You can also check out the *IGS* website at https://iowagenealogy.org/ .

All of the published resources are available to use in the genealogy room at Oakland.

Some of the resources include:

- ★ Indexed cemetery books for burials in all of Pottawattamie County, Iowa (excluding Council Bluffs cemeteries).
- ★ Indexed marriage books for Pottawattamie County, Iowa from 1848 to 1921.
- ★ Some naturalization records for Avoca (Pottawattamie County) and Harlan (Shelby County) between 1854 and 1930.
- ★ Indexed 1885 and 1895 state census information for Pottawattamie County.
- ★ Some probate indexes for Avoca with dates between 1855 and 1949.