The obituary file is regularly updated. Obits from Lucas County newspapers have been alphabetized for easy research.

LCGS published a Cemetery Book in 1980. Information for county cemeteries has been updated since then, and continues to be a project of volunteers. A current project of LCGS volunteers is to photograph the over 13,000 gravesites in the Chariton Cemetery.

Chariton and Russell High School yearbooks are on the shelf in the Lucas County Genealogical Society. LCGS also has a large collection of old records from country schools no longer in existence.

LCGS has a large collection of unidentified portraits which volunteers continue to endeavor to identify and return to a family member.

LCGS is a 501(c)3 organization.

# Lucas County Genealogical Society

located in the lower level of
Chariton Public Library

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Hours 10-3 Monday-Friday
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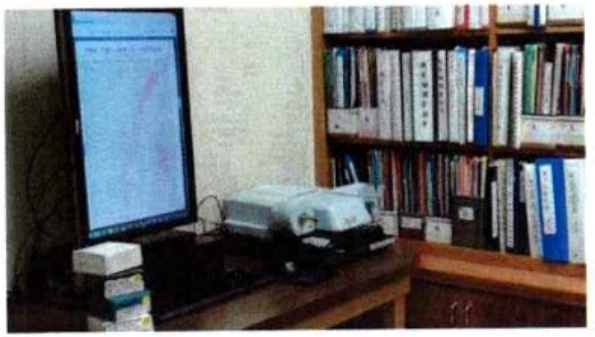
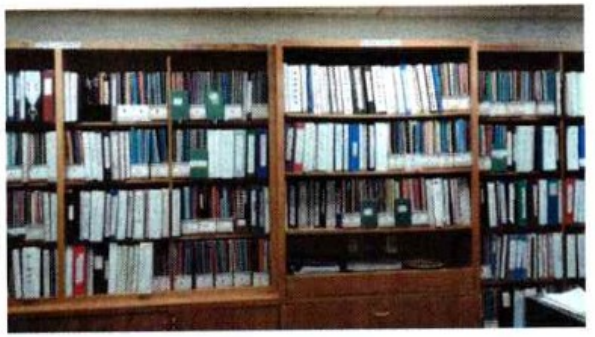
Meetings – 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Family History Research Room

The purpose of LCGS is to create and foster an interest in genealogy, to preserve genealogical and historical data of our ancestors and early pioneers of Lucas County, aid researchers in compiling their family histories, and improve and maintain current family histories donated by family members.



The Lucas County Genealogical Society is the repository for local newspapers, available on microfilm and online through the Chariton Public Library website, www.chariton.lib.ia.us. The various newspapers of Lucas County date back to 1867.



LCGS has an extensive collection of family histories submitted by family members and researchers. The donation project for family histories began when the Society was established in 1976. Members are encouraged to submit their family research to the LCGS Family History Research Room.

The large selection of military history at the LCGS Family History Library was started in Chariton in the 1940s during WW II. Miss Winifred Wennerstrum, Chariton head librarian was in charge of the project with assistance from county wide community organizations to obtain photos and service records of Lucas County servicemen. The project was sanctioned by the War Department, with the triplicate forms shared by the Chariton Public Library, 1 copy to the American Legion Post and the 3rd copy to be housed at the Lucas County Courthouse.

Compilations of Civil War records of Lucas County residents, WW I records, and Spanish-American War are available. Current members are working on later wars and conflicts. There are also Civil War diaries and journals on the shelf at the Lucas County Genealogical Society.

Plat books for years ranging from the late 1800s to current are available for use in the Family History Library.

The Chariton Newspapers index is available on the shelf or on the Chariton Public Library website.

Lucas County town histories are available for research including Lucas, Williamson, Derby, and Russell.

The three Lucas County History books are available for research in the Family History Library.

Old age assistance records from the early 1900s have been indexed, as well as county farm records and are available to peruse.

Census records from 1856 to 1940 for Lucas County have been indexed and are on the shelf at LCGS.