MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues to the WCGS are for the year beginning October 1st and ending September 30th.

Only $10.00 per year!

Membership includes the quarterly newsletter.

Please send your application to:

WEBSTER COUNTY GEN. SOCIETY
424 CENTRAL AVENUE, ROOM 134
FORT DODGE IA 50501

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Please list your Webster County Surnames:

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RESEARCH

Our volunteers will do research in most situations at the rate of $15.00 per hour, plus copy, court house and postage costs. Obituary costs are $5.00.

OUR GOALS

The goals of our group are to promote an interest in family history, to preserve Webster County family history records and to maintain our family history library.

SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY

Our library is supported through membership dues and monetary donations. The Fort Dodge Public Library supports us by providing an excellent location for our library.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (except holidays) at 1:00 P.M. in our library room at 424 Central Avenue, Room 134 in the Fort Dodge Public Library. Special programs will be publicized in the Fort Dodge Messenger.

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WEBSTER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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1-515-302-9854
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LIBRARY LOCATION

Our library is located inside the Public Library on the city square, 424 Central Avenue, Room 134 Fort Dodge. Our library has wireless internet available and is handicapped accessible. The Webster County Historical Society is next door to our room. The Webster County Court House is nearby.

LIBRARY HOURS

Our regular hours are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00 P.M. to approximately 3:00 P.M. We are closed on holidays. We are also open by appointment. Our phone number is 515-302-9854.

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WHAT IS IN THE LIBRARY?

You will find a large collection of Webster County information including censuses, Fort Dodge city directories, obituaries, local histories, newspaper indexes, and more. There are over 2,500 items.

Besides records from Webster County, we have some Iowa records and early records from other states including PA, OH, IN, NY, MO, and IL. There are also many reference books and books that will help you learn how to search for and document your family history, if you wish.

You will find equipment that may be helpful to you, including our computers, microfilm reader/printer, and copy machine. Some of our information may be photographed for your private use.

We have access to the library edition of Ancestry.com. Our printer is Wi-Fi accessible.

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MICROFILM RECORDS

We have microfilms of several old newspapers, including newspapers from Dayton, Gowrie, Lehigh and Fort Dodge.

There are microfilms of vital records, such as: births from 1880 to 1936; death records from 1914- to 1924, and marriage records.

Other microfilm records include: census records (1870, 1880, and 1925), church records from the Dayton Swedish Church and other churches, and Old Age Assistance records.

We also have county records and county census records.

MICROFICHE RECORDS

These records include: Iowa delayed birth records from 1852 to 1916 (indexed); the Iowa death index from 1904 to 1916; Sanborn fire insurance maps for Dayton, Gowrie, Lehigh and Fort Dodge between 1885 and 1907; and several International Genealogical Index microfiche records from other countries.

TOWNSHIPS

Webster County is a large county and contains several townships: Badger, Burnside, Colfax, Cooper, Dayton, Deer Creek, Elkhorn, Douglas, Fulton, Gowrie, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Lost Grove, Newark, Otho, Pleasant Valley, Roland, Sumner, Washington, Wahkonsa, Webster, Yell.

Our library contains historical information from most of those townships, so you might find information about your ancestors or relatives in those records, too.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our library is run by volunteers. You can help by becoming a member of our group. Volunteers are always needed and help to keep the library open.

Another way to help is by donating to the library. Your donation is tax deductible under 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue code.