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Iowa Genealogical Society

FamilySearch App

FamilySearch Tree Viewer makes it easy and convenient for existing FamilySearch.org Family Tree users to view the details of their family trees, plus add photos and stories to their family branches.



Share family stories with your children at bedtime or in the car while traveling. Learn something new about your family origins while waiting in a line. Take the app to family gatherings, and capture stories you've never heard before. Ask your parents and grandparents to tell you about their lives and what they remember of their deceased relatives; then record their stories using the app. Use important moments of your history as teaching aids.

- Browse your family branches, and see portraits of relatives you've never seen before.
 - Discover facts, documents, stories, photos, and recordings about your ancestors.
 - Easily add memories and records about your relatives.
 - Preserve and share those old photos and documents that are hidden away in storage.
 - Take your family tree with you wherever you go—the app works even without Internet access.
 - The app automatically syncs to FamilySearch.org, so you can pick up where you left off on any device.
- Store your family branches for free forever, deep within the FamilySearch vaults.

If you have an iPhone/iPad
<https://www.familysearch.org/apps/product/a-family-tree/ios>

If you have an Android phone
<https://www.familysearch.org/apps/product/familysearch-tree/android>



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Spire, IGS President

What Do You Want to Accomplish in 2018?

You might recognize the title as being similar to what I talked about in January of 2017. I believe it's important to look back and review what you've achieved and consider what still needs to be done. I also challenged each of you to write down your Genealogical Goal List for 2017. Well, did you? Be honest.

Did you accomplish each and every task you set out to do? Maybe just a few of them? Maybe you forgot about the entire thing? Or possibly you're thinking, "I'm not into the whole list and goal setting thing, Kevin. So why should I bother?" I realize that goal setting might not be your thing. After all, each one of us has different wants, needs and priorities. Me too. But one day it occurred to me: *With all the time I spend on Genealogical research, I sure wished I would accomplish something.* And that's what started me with this review and goal setting idea. Because, if I don't provide some thoughtful planning, it won't happen. And if I don't write it down, then I will forget...which happens more times than I'd like to admit.

So, if you did write a list of goals (and you remember where to find the list), pull it out and see how you did. For the things you did not accomplish, consider if they're still important. If not, then scratch them off and replace them with something that is more important to you now. Maybe there are things you didn't accomplish and you'd still like to get them done. Great! Then you already have your new list for 2018!

The most important lesson regarding this is: *Don't beat yourself up for the things you did not accomplish.* It's not worth it and life is too short. The unexpected happens, priorities change, events don't always turn out as planned. Even if you didn't accomplish one single task on your Genealogy Goal List, it's not the end of the world. After all, your 4th great grandfather is still dead in 2018, so you can research more about him later. Plus, I'm sure that one record you've been looking for will be revealed to you later in the year...and it will include his mother's maiden name.

I'll share the results of my list with you. I had about 10 things listed. WAY TOO MANY! But on that list, I actually achieved 3 of them. And while I did not complete a 4th goal (breaking thru a 15-year-old brick wall), I did inch a little closer by learning some new information. I can clearly see that some of the old goals need to be dropped and there are some others I'd like to repeat or adjust.

If you need a little "kick start" with how to develop your own Genealogy Goal List, here is the general approach or idea:

Make your list simple and achievable

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Understanding Record Availability at FamilySearch by Leslie Albrecht Huber

Not all digitized records have been indexed. While indexing continues to move forward at a rapid pace and while many volunteers from around the world have joined in the effort, digitization continues to be a step ahead of indexing (if you would like to help index records, learn how [here](#)). When you search historical records using an ancestor's name, your search includes only indexed records. To find your ancestor in unindexed records, you must browse the records, looking at each page for your ancestor's name. The FamilySearch icons don't differentiate between collections that have been indexed and those that have not been, only whether the actual records are available at FamilySearch.

Some records at FamilySearch have limited access. You may receive a message or see an icon (icons are explained below) that indicates you don't have access to certain records. Restricted records are currently available only at family history centers and FamilySearch affiliate libraries.

This is usually because of contractual agreements between FamilySearch and the record holders. In some rare instances, you will be able to view such records at a family history center only, not at a FamilySearch affiliate library. FamilySearch may receive permission in the future to share these records online, so keep checking back.

Icons near the records will help you distinguish what kind of availability to expect. In the catalog, icons are found in the Format column by the listed microfilm. They are also listed next to the record title in the Records section. Here is an explanation of some of the icons:

-  These records are available on FamilySearch for home viewing. These records may be indexed or unindexed.
-  These records are found on a partner website. Often you can search the index on FamilySearch but will be directed to another website to view the image.
-  Access to these records is restricted. Often a message will pop up, explaining what you need to do to see the records. This may include logging in, going to a FamilySearch affiliate library, or going to a [family history center](#).
-  The index is available to search, but access to the actual records on [FamilySearch](#) is restricted.
-  The records are available on microfilm at the family history center indicated (usually the Family History Library in Salt Lake City).

When you find a specific record that may contain your ancestor's information, you may see several other icons that indicate the record's availability.

-  You will be able to see the transcribed record details but not the record itself.
-  You can see both the transcribed details as well as an image of the original record.
-  The family tree icon means you can see the person the record is attached to, as well as that person's family tree, if available. You must be logged in to access this.

Ancestor Memorial Wall

The Iowa Genealogical Society Ancestor Memorial Wall

The purchase of our home at 628 East Grand Avenue, directly across the street north of the State Historical Building, gives the perfect opportunity to honor those that have gone before us and loved ones still here.



The Ancestor Memorial Wall will consist of 2,000 lines on a gray granite-like material. Each 40 space line will bear the name or names of the very special people being honored. On permanent display in the library's foyer, it is sure to be of interest to the thousands of visitors we welcome each year and to many future generations of researchers to come.

A Genealogical Destination

Since 1965, the Iowa Genealogical Society has been helping family researchers trace their ancestry. Starting with a single box of books, our collection has grown to over 12,000 volumes, more than 10,000 rolls of microfilm and microfiche, and an extensive CD-ROM collection. The State Historical Library's collection compliments ours nicely and with their building within a few steps, we are certain that our 8,400 square foot facility will become the destination for those interested in Iowa research.

Yes, I'd Like to Honor My Family!

	Qty	Price	Total
Ancestor Memorial Wall		175.00	

For each \$175 line on the Wall, please submit the name(s) **EXACTLY** as you would like them to appear. **Combination of 40 letters & spaces maximum per line.** Use an additional sheet, if necessary:

Yes, we accept: Visa MasterCard Discover

Name

Address

*Please add/Email

Credit Card Number CVV#

Expiration Date (Month and Year) Total Amount to be Charged

Mail your completed form, name(s), & payment to:

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Just identify 1 or 2 things you'd like to accomplish within the year

Set some dates

Give yourself a date to accomplish what you'd like to do

If the date passes you by, then set a new date

Write it down

No one has to see this, except you

Research has shown that taking time to write it down, ensures your likelihood of success

So how about it? What are your goals for 2018? Take a little time to consider a path with some goals to keep you climbing your family tree. Good luck!

Cheers!

Kevin

Don't Forget to Use Facebook

I use Facebook to keep track of family and friends. But don't forget to use it for family history too.

I just found a Facebook page *Historic Guthrie County Iowa*. I've already been in touch with two cousins and found out about some family pictures that hopefully I'll be able to get copies of.

Another page is *Our Ancestors Are from Elkhart*. Not extremely active but I've found some great information and pictures about relatives from Elkhart, Iowa.

There are a lot of pages for places your ancestors lived or Facebook groups bases on a certain ancestor. Do some searching to see what you can find. If it's a private group just ask to join. I've never been turned down yet.

Cory Grove Church
Elkhart, Iowa



SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

to be held April 14th in the IGS west wing

Conference fee includes lunch

Early Registration (Through April 6)

_____ IGS Member x \$60 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$75 = _____

Late Registration

_____ IGS Member x \$70 = _____

_____ Non-member x \$85 = _____

_____ I prefer a vegetarian lunch

IGS MEMBERSHIP

I want to join IGS, which entitles me to the above member registration rate:

Individual \$35 = _____ Family \$45 = _____

Check enclosed.

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

(we add \$2.50 for credit card handling fee)

Visa

MasterCard

Discover

Account Number _____

Expiration date _____ CVV _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Complete this form & mail it with your credit card information or check to:

IGS Spring Conference
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Register online: www.iowagenealogy.org
For more information contact IGS:
515 276-0287 igs@iowagenealogy.org

IGS West Wing, 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines
IGS Spring Conference Schedule April 14th

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. - Announcements

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Connect the Dots with a Migration Study

Using a case study approach, connecting the dots will show how to trace your family's migration to solve your research questions. By starting with what you know and a creative use of traditional and new sources, filling in those blanks often reveal more than just your family's movements.

Break

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Proof or Consequences: Change How You Approach Evidence

Quantity or quality? Once upon a time, genealogists said three documents that answered the research question was the standard. Now, we know that numbers do not matter. Effective document analysis is the key.

Learn how to interrogate a document, find further information, and weigh and compare evidence. These solid techniques will help you to take your research to the next level.

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Who is Hiding in Your Drawer?

You will learn how to bring your ancestral images into focus with power combinations of image type, fashions, photographer's marks, family trees and resemblances. These techniques can help you to recover the identity of those intriguing faces from the past.

Break

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Probe Those Probates for Hidden Clues

Probate records document a court's decisions regarding the distribution of an estate. However, there is more to a probate record than meets the eye. Whether or not the records name the heirs, they often contain valuable clues that help to establish likely relationships and recover information about that all-important family.

IGS CALENDAR

All programs & activities take place at the IGS Library, 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines IA unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY 2018

Wednesday January 24

Iowa Journal of History & Politics L&L
noon - 1:00 p.m.
Theresa Liewer instructor.
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Iowa's State Census Records: Genealogical

Jewels
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor - Alice Hoyt Veen, CG
\$5 IGS members / \$15 non-members

FEBRUARY 2018

Wednesday, February 14

Iowa Marriage Records L&L
noon - 1:00 p.m.
Theresa Liewer instructor.
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.

Saturday, February 17

Beginning Genealogy
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Theresa Liewer, instructor.
Preregistration required. Cost: FREE

Online Newspapers
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Theresa Liewer instructor.
Preregistration required.
Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members.



MARCH 2018

Saturday, March 3

Beginning Genealogy
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Theresa Liewer, instructor.
Preregistration required. Cost: FREE

Saturday, March 17

State Census Records: Genealogical Jewels
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Instructor - Alice Hoyt Veen, CG
\$5 IGS members / \$15 non-members



For more information about IGS programs and activities, or to register for classes, contact IGS: 515-276-0287; igs@iowagenealogy.org, or visit the IGS website: www.iowagenealogy.org.

Iowa Genealogical Society Membership Application

Membership Benefits:

- Free access to IGS research library
- Bimonthly Newsletter
- Admission discounts to all IGS classes & events
- Discounted hourly research rate

Individual: \$35 Family: \$45

New membership Renewal

I would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$_____.

My company has a matching gift program. Company name:

My gift is in Memory/Honor (circle one) of

My gift may be best utilized for:

Building Fund \$_____

General Fund \$_____

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day phone: _____

Email: _____

Check enclosed.

Please charge my credit card in the amount of
\$_____ (+ \$2.50 credit card handling fee)

Visa MasterCard Discover

Card No. _____ CVV _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

January 2018

The Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter is a publication of the Iowa Genealogical Society. Members receive the newsletter as part of their membership.

Individual members, member chapters, regional representatives and the public are invited to submit articles, reviews, chapter news and program information for publication.

Contact IGS for more information or to submit your article:

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NOTE: Please check the mailing label for your membership expiration date.

IGS EVENTS



IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
All groups meet at the IGS Library,
628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines:

German Interest Group meets on the
first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Irish Interest Group meets on the
third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Norwegian Interest Group meets on the fourth
Tuesday of the month (except December) at 7 p.m.

Legacy User Group meets the third Thursday
of the month, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

RootsMagic Interest Group meets the fourth
Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Ancestry.com Interest Group meets the
second Sunday of the month, from 1:30 p.m.

DNA Interest Groups meets the
first Tuesday **of the month,**
at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

GERMAN INTEREST GROUP

February 5 – Why U.S. Church Records are an Important Part of your Germanic Genealogy – in order to hop across the pond to your ancestor's village of origin, you must use many US resources to find that village. Author Roger Minert has found that US church records are a resource that should not be ignored. Speakers David Bartholmy and Diane Green

March 5 – Baden-Wuerttemberg; history of the province and my ancestors' heritage – Speaker Joyce Lindstrom

April 2 - Wellsburg, Iowa Sources and My 2017 Trip to Germany

In preparing for her 2017 trip to Germany, the speaker went through information on both her parents' families. Her mother's families came from Ostfriesland and settled in Grundy County, Iowa. Pam will discuss the library at Wellsburg with the wealth of information in Ortsippenbucher, as well as photos from her trip. – Speaker Pam Washington

WOODLAND CEMETERY TOURS FOR 2018

Take a tour of Des Moines's oldest cemetery

Here are the first 2 months of Saturday tour dates and times:

Saturday April 14th from 1-3:30

Saturday May 5th from 1-3:30

Additional dates will be added later this Spring.

Please email me Archie Cook for confirmation and directions/instructions at email address archiecook@email.com

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