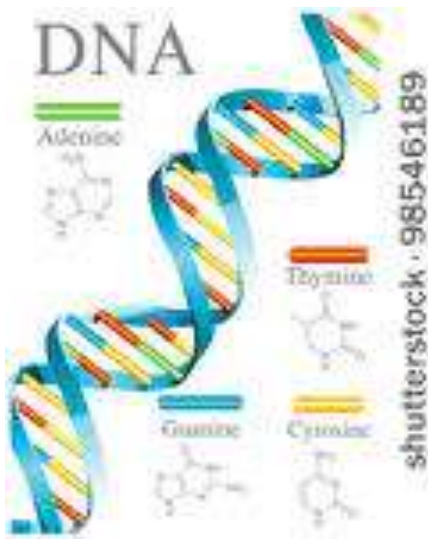


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Iowa Genealogical Society



I finally did it. I sent in my DNA. I was the last holdout. My mom, my two siblings, my husband, my 100 year old uncle and multiple cousins had done it before me. What took me so long? Mainly cost, I had a hard time spending money on something that wasn't a necessity. But my younger brother passed away last year. Luckily it was after he had done a DNA test. Also an aunt passed away last month. The

much younger aunt that I thought would live much longer.

I guess if I had a bucket list this would have been on it. It matched me with my mom and siblings and uncle and cousins. I guess I'm not adopted. Now I just need to upload a tree so others can find me and compare information. Because that's the reason I really took the test. I want to find more information about my family and more relatives that can help me with my research.

IGS has a DNA interest group that meets the first Tuesday of the month. It's so popular that it meets at 1:30 p.m. or at 6:30 p.m. It's a great place to learn about the different tests and companies. A good way to find out what getting your DNA analyzed will or will not do for you.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Spire, IGS President

Immigration: Another Example Where History Repeats Itself

This year, we've seen the news coverage of immigrating families being detained at the USA and Mexico border. The news stories create strong reactions from many regarding how family members are being treated: children separated from parents, families being divided, etc. Seeing the photos and hearing the stories invoke a strong emotional response from many. And some might wonder how this could be happening in a place as civilized as the United States of America? **Yet, if you look into our own history, you'll find a rather "checkered" past** regarding how immigrants have been treated upon their arrival to our country.

A recent class at the Iowa Genealogical Society presented by our own Theresa Liewer took a closer look at the topic of immigration. While she identified the type of information found in a number of documents, she also led the class to **discuss our government's motivation behind the information that was being collected.** Motivating factors like wars, economic trends and social issues were just some of the contributing factors.

Immigration controls, like we're seeing today, are not new to our country. One such ban occurred under the Immigration Act of 1917. This law banned immigrants from the Asiatic Barred Zone, a new, massive region that included Saudi Arabia, most of China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Thailand and **Indonesia.** This is just one example in America's dark history that also includes the battles against Native Americans and the enslavement of African-Americans. Our history also has periods of anti-Catholicism focused on the Irish and the Germans and periods of anti-Semitism. While not pleasant to think about, it is a part of our past.

Just imagine what it must have been like for your ancestors as they approached Ellis Island. Maybe alone or with their family and the minimal possessions **carried for the voyage.** They've left everything else behind in a place they used to call home. They've decided to take a gamble on starting a new life in a strange land with a different language. And then the moment arrives where their entire destiny lies with that immigration official at the front of the line. What if they were denied entry? What would they do and where would they go?

As a researcher, this topic is something you can factor into your own ancestor's story. Give some consideration to what was going on in the USA at the time your ancestor arrived to this country. I can barely imagine the stress and emotional anxiety it can play on a person and their family members. It might influence some choice on where they lived, how they traveled or with whom they associated (remember the FAN club?). Looking into these understandings could reveal an overlooked key to your research. Possibly crack a brick wall?

We've all heard the adage: History Repeats Itself. And our current media might be providing a window to that very thing. Keep your eyes and ears open to what is being covered in the news today and then give some thought to, "did something similar happen in the past?" It could provide insight to understanding your ancestors or a new-found appreciation of their actions.

Cheers!

Kevin

Changes in Family Tree Shed New Light on Your Ancestors' Lives

September 4, 2018 By [Leslie Albrecht Huber](#)

FamilySearch's newly released update to the person pages in Family Tree will make learning about your ancestors easier than ever before. Streamlined menus mean using the person page is now faster and more intuitive. New ways to view your ancestors' lives and information, including maps and time lines, will expand your understanding and enable you to identify and fill in missing information more quickly.

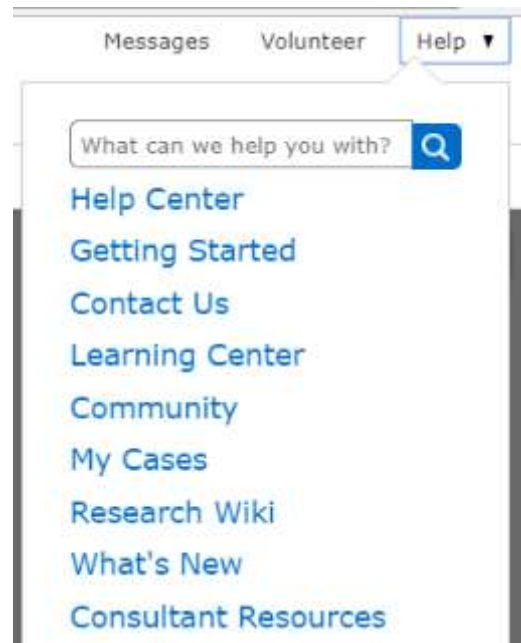
For complete information go to <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/family-tree-change-person-page/>



I don't know about you but when I see the word change I panic. I don't like change. I especially don't like change on one of the web sites I use all the time. Believe me I use FamilySearch daily for my own use and to assist patrons.

I use the Family Tree part a lot when I am stuck and cannot find the person or information I'm looking for. Because so many sources are attached to the Family Tree it often helps me find a new place to look or gives me another name to try.

If you like the new look great. If you don't play with it awhile and maybe it will grow on you. I'm going to have to play with it awhile. Let them know either way. That's how the web site gets changed for the better. Any time you have a question or problem with the FamilySearch site just click on Contact Us (it's under Help at the top of the page on the right side.)



Cedar Rapids Family History Symposium

Tools for Discovery

Saturday, Oct 27

9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

8:30 Registration

Cedar Rapids Family History Center
4300 Trailridge Rd SE
Cedar Rapids IA 52403-2042

For More Information

Kacy Novak, 319-651-9416
or cederrapidsfhc@gmail.com
Class schedule can be viewed at www.cederrapidsfhc.org



Country School Preservation Conference

A Vanishing Heritage

September 28-29, 2018

Winterset, Madison County, Iowa



You are invited to the 19th annual conference focused on the preservation of Iowa country schools. In Madison County there were nearly 150 rural schools. Today only a handful remain in their original locations or have been preserved. We hope you come to share your passion for and experience with Iowa country schools.

On Friday, September 28, you will participate in a full day of lectures, panels, and discussions covering various aspects associated with country schools: research, location, preservation, promotion, etc. You will have many opportunities to share your experiences and to learn from others throughout Iowa who have the same interests and

concerns. You can continue your discussion with a Dutch treat (pay for your own) supper at the Winterset Pizza Ranch.

On Saturday, September 29, a group tour in and around Winterset will provide you an opportunity to visit three of our preserved and furnished country schools – one each made of logs, stone, and frame. You will **also stop at two of Madison County's famous Covered Bridges, tour our 14-building Madison County Historical Complex, and enjoy a picnic lunch at the Winterset City Park.** It will be a fun and informative day.

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION AT
<http://www.madisoncountyhistory.net/country-schools/>

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
to be held October 12th and 13th at the State historical Society

Conference fee includes lunch

Full Conference Early Registration (Through September 29)

_____ IGS Member x \$95 = _____

_____ Non-Member x \$115 = _____

Full Conference Late Registration (After September 29)

_____ IGS Member x \$105 = _____

_____ Non-Member x \$125 = _____

Single Day Early Registration (Through September 29)

Circle one: **Friday** **Saturday**

_____ IGS Member 1-day x \$55 = _____

_____ Non-Member 1-day x \$65 = _____

Single Day Late Registration (After September 29)

_____ IGS Member 1-day late registrations x \$65 = _____

_____ Non-Member 1-day late registrations x \$75 = _____

_____ Pizza Party x \$5 = _____

Friday Choices (pick one) Ham wrap _____ Turkey wrap _____ or Penne Pasta _____

Saturday Choices Regular _____ or 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

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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

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2018 Fall Conference

IGS Fall Conference — October 12 & 13, 2018

Friday

9:00 a.m. How to Organize all this Genealogy Stuff

Save yourself future frustration and disappointment by putting a solid genealogy organizational plan in place for all the types of items that will be coming your way.

10:15 a.m. **Tony Jahn, Iowa State Archivist** - He will update us on events and changes at the State Historical Library & Archives, including their ongoing collaboration with Ancestry and FamilySearch, recent changes in state law that affect genealogists, and technological advances within the State Historical Society of Iowa.

1:00 p.m. Reconstruct Your Ancestor's Life with Google

A wide variety of rich resources are available for free through Google. In this session, we will build the story of individuals from the past using Google tools like Google Books, Google Scholar, Google Patents, YouTube, Google Earth Pro, and Google Alerts.

2:15 p.m. How Alice the Genealogist Avoids Falling Down the Rabbit Hole

You'll learn about free tech tools that you can put in place to give you peace of mind, take back those lost hours, and help you to be more productive.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case

You'll learn to track ancestors like a criminal cold case detective, sniffing out holes in your research and getting missing information on the record with cutting edge technology.

10:15 a.m. Breakout Session (You may attend one)

Open House tour of State Historical Library & Archives

Census and Squirrels - Linda Greethurst

International Round Table - English (Kevin Spire) German (Diane Green)

Irish (Theresa Liewer) Italian (Tony Cupp) Scandinavian (Tasha Jackson)

1:00 p.m. Google Earth for Genealogy

In this class you will learn how to identify old photos, plot and virtually visit your ancestor's homestead, and incorporate historic maps.

2:15 p.m. Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogist in your Family

Learn how creative displays and crafts can capture the imagination of your non-historian friends and relatives, while honoring your ancestors.

IGS CALENDAR

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

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Thursday, September 13

Beginning Genealogy

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Kevin Spire

Preregistration required. Cost: FREE

Saturday, September 15

Stretching Your Genealogy Dollars

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Mary Lohr

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members

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Monday, October 22

Beginning Genealogy

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Tasha Jackson

Preregistration required.

Cost: FREE

NOVEMBER 2018

Monday, November 12

Treasures in the Vertical File

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Tasha Jackson

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members

Saturday, November 17

Vital Records

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Kevin Spire

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members

Making Sense of the Census

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Instructor: Theresa Liewer

Preregistration required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$15 non-members

Volunteer needed

IGS will be needing someone to mow next year. IGS has an electric mower with a long cord. If you would like to help with mowing, contact IGS. John, the current volunteer would be happy to let you know what is involved.



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

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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 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 7:00 p.m.

Irish Interest Group meets on the
third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Norwegian Interest Group meets on the fourth
Tuesday of the month (except December) at
7:00 p.m.

Legacy User Group meets the third Thursday
of the month, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

RootsMagic Interest Group meets the fourth
Saturday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Ancestry.com Interest Group meets the
second Sunday of the month, from 1:30 p.m. -
3:30 p.m.

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

SLIDE INTO SEPTEMBER IGS SLUMBER PARTY

Saturday, September 8 & 9

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

\$20 per person

Late night pizza provided

Bring a snack to share

Contact IGS with any questions



The Clayton County Genealogical Society's newest project is helping the last 4 towns in Clayton County digitize their newspapers. McGregor 1897-2016, Strawberry Point 1882-2016, Edgewood 1897-2016, and Volga 1915-1933.

If anyone is interested in donating to the project, put the town name on the memo line and send to:

Clayton County Genealogical Society
PO Box 846
Elkader IA 52043-0846

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