

APRIL 2021

# Iowa Genealogical Society

Many of you may have attended classes that Byron Strom has given on how to use LuLu to publish your family history. LuLu is an online publishing company that is very inexpensive and is a great way to preserve your family history. He has done multiple books. Books on his dad's military service in WWII and Korea. A book on the old homestead. One of a family trip as well as books of photo albums and journals so they can be shared with other family members without tearing them apart.

Byron is also one of my Friday volunteers that comes in on most Friday mornings and works on research requests that are sent into IGS. Byron is always bringing items and pictures in for show and tell.

Last Friday he brought in something new for show and tell. Byron brought his father that just turned 103. He was here visiting from Kansas.



E Malcolm Strom and Byron Strom

It was fun to finally meet him. He told us stories about his time in the military and how he met his wife. Hopefully he will have many more years to share stories with his friends and family.



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## LIBRARY HOURS

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Friday & Saturday  
10 a.m.— 4 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday  
10 a.m.— 9 p.m.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Nancy Kirchner IGS President*

SPRING is almost here!!! I put in several bulbs last fall and they are coming up and getting ready to bloom. I just hope it does not get too cold for them. Grass is getting green. And I have even seen a Robin a couple days ago. Spring must be close. My hope is that you are getting your Covid shots. I have had both of mine with minor symptoms. Maybe then we can get to see each other in person, with continued precautions.

I do so hope the snow is done as we all over it for this year (as my daughter would say). We did get hit hard with the cost of snow removal. Once we found Charleston Enterprises, we did not have to worry about if or when it would be completed. They were there shortly after it quit snowing. Now we will soon be into the mowing and trimming. Always outside work to be done. Rob Gruber has agreed to help with identifying things that need to be done at IGS. If you see **something you feel needs attention, Debi has a folder with a "work order"** that will let Rob know.

We have a Tech Committee again. They are working on plans to update our website, Facebook, and other social media apps. As well as making sure all our hardware, software is up to date and secured. We are exploring several new ideas that we hope will make operations at IGS run smoothly as we move forward. Watch for details as we get some of these ideas put into place.

The library cataloging is going very well. I am excited to say that we are almost done with the Iowa section. After Iowa is complete, we will start working on the states and then foreign countries. There are 17 individuals trained and working when they can. We are also going to be starting to catalog the backlog of donated items.

Unfortunately, we have found that the Camp Dodge project must be reviewed before we can post it. We have found some keying errors that need to be corrected. Lois Williams has started this project and will eventually need help. The A-K section of the spreadsheet has over 18,000 entries. Let me know if interested in helping.

The Education Committee is looking forward to the Spring Conference with Thomas MacEntee. Be sure to get registered. There will be door prizes. Keep checking the website, e-news and newsletter for class schedules and SIG group news.

We found a gal to clean for us. Her name is Bonnie Bailey. We are paying her \$50 for two hours of cleaning on the first and third Monday of the month. If you are so inclined to help defray the cost of cleaning rather than volunteering to do it yourself, please do so.

Lois Williams has agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator. Be on the lookout for information on how we would like for you to update your address, e-mail, phone numbers, occupations. As well as to what you may like to do at IGS.

Have a Happy Easter!!!  
Nancy Kirchner

## IGS CLASSES

Thursday April 8

Beginning Genealogy  
Instructor - Theresa Liewer  
6:30 p.m. FREE

Thursday April 15

Cryptic Clues in the Boneyard  
Instructor - Kevin Spire  
6:30 p.m. \$6.50 member or \$16.50 non-member

Saturday April 24

FamilySearch Searching and Browsing Historical Records  
Instructor Theresa Liewer  
1:30 pm \$6.50 member or \$16.50 non-member

Saturday May 22

FamilySearch Searching Genealogies,  
the catalog and books and more  
Instructor - Sheri Snodgrass  
1:30 p.m. \$6.50 member or \$16.50 non-



I did a little traveling this weekend. Where did I go?



## FAMILYSEARCH CLASSES

Want to improve your use of FamilySearch.org? IGS is offering monthly classes that follow the book: *Unofficial Guide to FamilySearch.org: How to Find Your Family History on the World's Largest Free Genealogy Website* Revised Edition.

You may purchase the book on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) if you wish a copy for reference.

It is not required for the class but is the foundation for the class.

Each month a new chapter from the book will be taught/discussed. Registration is \$6.50 for members and \$16 for non-members

24 April 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – Searching and Browsing Historical Records

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-searching-historical-records>

22 May 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – Searching Genealogies, The Catalog, and Books

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-searching-genealogies-the-catalog-and-books>

26 June 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – US Census

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-us-census-records>

24 July 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – US Vital Records

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-us-vital-records>

28 Aug 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – US Immigration & Naturalization Records

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-us-immigration--naturalization-records>

25 Sep 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – US Military Records

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-us-military-records>

23 Oct 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – US Probate & Court Records

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-us-probate-records>

20 Nov 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – European Records

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-european-records>

18 Dec 2021 @ 1:30 pm

FamilySearch Series – Global Records

<https://igs.regfox.com/familysearch-series-global-records>

## FAMILYSEARCH MISC

# FamilySearch.org - 10 Links You Have to Try

By Devin Ashby

1 hour 29 minutes (part is question and answer at the end)

FamilySearch.org is a big website with many different places to go. Have you ever wondered if you could browse recently captured images by locality? What about the best place to go to find hints to add people to the tree? What if you want to share an experience with a friend who doesn't have an account? Come learn about 10 links you may not know about that you have to try!

This is a free Legacy Family Tree webinar. It has a lot of good information. Devin goes a little fast because he's trying to get everything in. You can always pause it and take a screen shot or listen to it again.

To access it go to [https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar\\_id=1650](https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=1650)



## Iowa Stillbirth database

Many of you know that when you look at the Iowa birth registers often there would be images that were marked out. Most often these were still births. For some reason they weren't allowed to be seen. I have no idea why. That was changed a couple years ago and there is a new database on FamilySearch that you should check out.

Iowa births and stillborn ledgers, 1880 - 1908

These records are not currently indexed. They also haven't been edited to improve the quality of the scans, so many of them are very light. But if you make them bigger on your computer screen they are easier to read.

Some of the earlier ones don't have cause of death but they do have the name of their parents

If you would like to look at one of them just go to the catalog area in FamilySearch.

Type in film #106862324 and hit search. Then click on the database title. It will take you to a listing of multiple rolls of film. Hit control F and type in the film number above or just click on any of the films to check them out.

### Search for:

[Call Number](#) | [Film/Fiche Number](#)

Film/Fiche Number



### Availability

- Any
- Online
- Family History Center

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## IGS VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

Plant Your Genealogy So You Will Know What Will Grow

With Thomas MacEntee

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Zoom meeting Login begins 8:30 am Central

Session 1 (9:00 am Central)

How Do I Know What I Don't Know - Fast Tracking Your Genealogy Education

You have this sneaking suspicion that you're "missing something" when it comes to researching an ancestor. How do you know what's "out there" and whether it can help your research? And once you identify it, how can you quickly get up to speed to get the most out of that resource?

Break

Turning Genealogy Clues Into Genealogy To Dos      Session 2 (10:30 am Central)

Does your genealogy research get bogged down when you find new clues about an ancestor? Do you stop everything and chase after that BSO ("bright and shiny object")? Learn how to increase your research efficiency and still remember that new information for later investigation.

Lunch Break (11:30 am - 1:00 pm Central) Time to eat plus Tech Discussion with Thomas

One Touch Genealogy Research: How to Handle a Record Just Once      Session 3 (1:00 pm Central)

Do you get so excited when you find a new record for an ancestor that you forget to collect the information you need? Does that record shine and glitter so brightly that you are blinded to other vital clues you might need? Learn the "One Pass" approach to genealogy research and never get distracted again!

Break

Brick Wall Breakthroughs      Session 4 (2:30 pm Central)

Want to see first hand how to break through that persistent "brick wall" in genealogy? Using actual research problems submitted by webinar attendees, Thomas MacEntee will walk participants through a step-by-step research methodology process to find clues and possible solutions. Participants will have access to research logs, digital images and more during and after the webinar. Also included is a "habit recipe" to implement the same techniques used in the webinar on your own genealogy research.

Sessions will be recorded and handouts will be provided prior to the Conference with Zoom meeting details.

**Members \$55**

**Non-members \$75**

To register <https://igs.regfox.com/2021-spring-conference>

**Limited seating will be available at IGS for those that are unable to watch at home.  
For those that are unable to pay by credit card contact Debi at 515 276-0287**

## Publishing and Preserving SIG

Iowa Genealogical Society's newest special interest group (we are a little over a year old) is the Publishing and Preserving special interest group. The goal of our group is to help you share and persevere your genealogy research with others. Most of us have accumulated tons of documents, pictures and stories of our ancestors during our years spent researching. We have painstakingly added to our genealogy database and want to preserve our research for the future. Unless you are lucky enough to have someone in the next generation that is interested in genealogy it is unlikely that anyone is going to be interested in saving your entire genealogical work and all of that hard work may be thrown away. You may want to consider preserving and sharing your family history in another manner than just the genealogical research process/genealogy database. This is where the Publishing & Preserving SIG can help. When I think about why I want to preserve my family history I recall a poem called "The Dash" by Linda Ellis, it begins,

"I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning ... to the end. He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For the dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth".

I think as genealogists we sometimes get too focused on the dates and forget about the dash— which is the life of our ancestor, the stories, trials and tribulations that each of our ancestors lived through, we are more than just dates and facts and so were our ancestors. This is where the publishing and preserving SIG can help. We meet (currently via zoom) the 4th Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. We have had many presentations on different ways to preserve and share your family's history. Writing a book is just one option, have you considered a family cookbook, scrapbook, family quilt, transcribing a family journal, a wall hanging, ancestral cards and many other ideas. We also have had discussion on tackling the how to's of preserving with everything from recording oral interviews, to time management, Microsoft Word tutorials, digital scrapbooking, and many others.

This year my plan is to alternate topics with tech/how to's one month and the next month ideas for writing, organizing, topics etc. One of the main reason's genealogists don't write their family history is because of fear of writing. I am not a writer! However, every single one of us at one time was not a genealogist either, but we learned. I also have this fear and I am working on overcoming it, by doing the same thing I did as a genealogist, which is take courses, educate myself and start writing. Am I ever going to be a best selling novelist? No, but that is not my goal, I would like to be able to share the 20+ years of genealogy information I have accumulated with my family in a way that will be interesting for them to read and goes beyond just dates and facts, including pictures and stories that have been lost over time.

Other reasons for not writing your family history include; I am not ready to write, I have not finished researching. Let's be honest about that one, will you ever really be done researching?

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## IGS INTEREST GROUPS

### IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

All groups will meet virtually over zoom

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

Ancestry.com User Group meets the second Sunday of the month, from 1:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting by using this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudOitqDkoG9BfGLEo5elmzqZNFduv7M4p>

Family Tree Maker User Group meets the second Sunday of the month, at 3 p.m.

**Register in advance for this meeting by using this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkceCugz8oH9Mx5XzxnCTKwCDwukCc03c>

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

**Register in advance for this meeting by using this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocuggTguGdLruGGRQM1emDfmY9zD1ljf>

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

Norwegian Interest Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

RootsMagic User Group meets the fourth Saturday of the month, at 10 a.m. to noon.

Publishing & Preserving Family History Interest Group meets the fourth Sunday of the month, at 1:30 p.m.

Meetings in March & November of 2021 will be the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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

**Register in advance for this meeting: by using this link**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAudu6gqj4jHNMHHXCP\\_FoSNFTh-fJZXDy0](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAudu6gqj4jHNMHHXCP_FoSNFTh-fJZXDy0)

If you are interested in attending one of the zoom IGS special interest groups that do not have links or are not sure if we have your email send an email to me at [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org). Or contact IGS at 515 276-0287.



## 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:  
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### IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

April 2021

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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If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter please send an e-mail to [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org). Include your name and e-mail address that you would like it sent to.

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There is always something more to research or that one elusive ancestor you have been looking for, for years.

Another common reason for not writing is I don't have time. I have a solution for that exact reason at our next months meeting on April 25th we will discuss writing a family sketch. This is a great way to document what you have (and what is missing) about one ancestor.

Write down stories to include when writing your family history and help you organize for future writing/ future research. Additionally this doesn't need to take a lot of time and can be done while you are still actively researching and may actually help you create a research plan.

Hopefully I will see you at a future Publishing & Preserving special interest group. I have included the link to register for the meetings.

Stacy Weaver

Publishing & Preserving SIG leader

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctd-ivpz8oGtLOHmbBFnsaQf15zuTvhy7c>

If you have registered - no need to register again. If not and you want to participate, please do so – that will provide you with the Zoom meeting information that we will be using all year. And as in the past, I will open the meeting up 20 minutes or so early for chit chat.

PRESERVING THE PAST & ENRICHING THE FUTURE