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# IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Greetings! Being that this is my first newsletter for IGS, I figured it would be good to introduce myself to you all. My name is Anthony Cupp, and I am the new librarian. You might have seen me around the library before or at conference or in a SIG group. I have been volunteering at the library for a few years and I have been the Saturday librarian since 2019. I enjoyed working with Debi. I have a lot of respect for her. She left some big shoes to fill, and she will be missed.

I started doing my genealogy something like 15 years ago. I always enjoyed listening to my mom and her siblings talking about the family and telling stories. They went something like this: On Sundays, Grandma Kate would put the sugu on and let it cook all day. The menu consisted of pasta, lasagna, or pork butt on rotation. Then there were the stories about going to Rockford, Illinois, and Aunt Mary Rotello dancing and putting on a spectacle. Every so often, my mother would mention an aunt or an uncle that I had never heard of before. To keep the people straight, I thought to myself, "Wait. I've gotta write this down." Thus began my journey into family history.

I intend to use this space to highlight items or areas in the library. This month, I want to highlight some new technology we are using in the library. We are finally upgrading to a computerized library catalog system, Koha. This upgrade could not be done without the efforts of our awesome volunteers. A number of volunteers have been involved in a project, termed "Project Cheetah", to do a sweep through the library to make sure every item is catalogued and searchable. I am hopeful that Koha will be officially rolled out soon. You may also notice that the New Books section of the library is full. That is because we are making a concerted effort to process the backlog of library acquisitions.

I am looking for people who want to join my library committee. Topics of interest include technical services (collections development, acquisitions, cataloguing, etc.) and book repair and preservation. If interested, send me a message at [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org) or call the library at (515) 276-0287. Let me know what times work for you for meeting.

Pay attention in this newsletter to the information about our Virtual Fall

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,  
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*

This year is going by way too fast for me!! Hard to believe it is already August and time for the State Fair. There are so many things going on at IGS. Stop by soon to see what has happened in the library.

Tony has been on board now for a month. He has had many things thrown at him during that time in addition to what would be his normal duties. From the book sale to the upcoming garage sale. He seems to be taking it all in stride while keeping us operating. We are thrilled to have him on staff.

The book sale was very successful as we sold over \$1,750 worth of books. There are still many of them left and available to purchase. See Tony (or desk volunteer) to let you into the west wing to take a look. We will also be adding new items as we work through the numerous donations. I also want to thank those members who so graciously volunteered to make it a successful sale.

We are setting up the garage sale in the west wing. WOW our members generosity with so many wonderful donations. When I left this morning (Tuesday) we had received a spinning wheel, many small tables, and so many other items. I want to thank John Terry for helping us organize the sale and for donating many items left from his church's sale last weekend. And a big shout out to the volunteers that are working to get everything set and those that will be working the sale itself. And to Marcia Guffey for organizing our members to help us each day. NOW let's hope for a very profitable sale!!

Cataloging is slow right now. I hope as fall approaches, we can get moving more quickly. We'd like to have the book part of the project done by year end. If you have helped, please consider coming back to help. If you are interested in helping, contact Tony for training.

The Camp Dodge project is progressing nicely. Lois Williams has been working alongside her volunteers most Tuesdays and Thursdays. She could also use more help. If interested contact her.

The Tech Committee is hoping to have a new website ready by the fall conference.

We have put up a sign to consider wearing a mask. This is because of the increase in Covid-19 cases and the new variant. I so hope that none of us comes down with Covid. So do your part as you feel the best way to protect yourselves and others.

Nancy Kirchner, President

## IGS CLASSES

Thursday, August 12

### **Drowning in Papers? Organization – Part 1**

Have you spent the pandemic working on your genealogy only to find that you have paper chaos? Are you looking for ideas or confirmation of a system that will help you get organized and let you find what you have faster? Then join us for Part 1 of two sessions as we provide examples and ideas for how to organize your genealogical paper notes, documents, and files.

Instructors – Sheri Snodgrass and Stacy Weaver

6:30 p.m. \$6.50 member or \$16.50 non-member

<https://igs.regfox.com/organize-part-1>

Saturday, August 21

### **How Do I Find That? Organization – Part 2: Digital Files**

Have you carefully captured an image and saved it to your computer only later to be unable to find it? Are your computer files in chaos and you cannot find what you know you have? In Part 2 of this series we will provide examples and ideas for how to organize your digital files, notes, photos, and communications.

Instructors – Sheri Snodgrass and Stacy Weaver

1:30 p.m. \$6.50 member or \$16.50 non-member

<https://igs.regfox.com/organize-part-2>

Saturday, September 4

### **Beginning Genealogy**

Did you start your family research but are stuck on where to look for information? Did you resolve to renew your genealogical research? Want some new ideas or to be reminded of good processes?

Instructor – Jennifer Ewing Free 1:30 p.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0ldO6pqDouE9Jg9jgsB0NhDO\\_KNPZ1dH1N](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0ldO6pqDouE9Jg9jgsB0NhDO_KNPZ1dH1N)

Thursday, September 9

### **Writing a Family Sketch**

Do you want to start writing your ancestors stories? Join us at Iowa Genealogical Society and learn how to write a family sketch starting with one ancestor. Writing a family sketch can be done as part of your current research and can help plan and focus your research and maybe even help you break down a brick wall.

Instructor – Stacy Weaver

6:30 p.m. \$6.50 per members and \$16 for non-members

<https://igs.regfox.com/writing-a-family-sketch>

Saturday, September 18

### **Basic DNA**

Instructors – Theresa Liewer and Sheri Snodgrass

1:30 p.m. \$6.50 member or \$16.00 non-member

## CLASSES CONT.

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

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>



Legacy recently announced its new initiative, **Webtember: All Genealogy**. Take your genealogy skills to the next level with a FREE online genealogy conference, held each Friday in September. There will be 30 live and pre-recorded webinars in all. People can join live for all four Fridays or just one, and if you can't, they've got you covered! Enjoy the recordings at your convenience - they'll be free to view through the end of the month.

Visit <https://familytreewebinars.com/Webtember> for more information and to register.

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## RESEARCH TIPS & TRICKS—NEWSPAPERS

There have been a number of inquiries into the library about how to locate and search newspaper collections. IGS' holdings includes newspapers and newspaper indexes in print and on microfilm. These resources represent most of the counties of Iowa and other locales. Thanks to our volunteers who have extracted, scanned, and compiled clippings, we have compilations of obituaries to offer. These have some really great information. We have The American Citizen thanks to a gift from the Italian American Cultural Center of Iowa. The American Citizen contains stories of interest from 1923 through 1972 about people of Italian descent. This collection is in electronic format, and it *is* searchable. Most of what there is on microfilm is from Iowa in the early 1900s. A select few titles from outside of Iowa are represented in our collection. Of note, we have a run of the New York Times from the middle 19th Century. Visit the library to browse this collection. For those who are unable to visit our library, there are a number of online repositories of historical newspapers. Some of them are free (free) and some are subscription based services (\$). Look and see what ones are right for you.

**Advantage Preservation** (free) - This website may also be known as Community History Archive. Their purpose first and foremost is to preserve historical content found in newspapers. To that end, they have microfilmed and digitized newspapers from all over the United States for the last two centuries. Check this out if you are looking for small town newspapers.

<https://advantage-preservation.com/SiteDirectory>

**Ancestry.com** (\$) - Ancestry.com has a collection of newspapers spanning five centuries and at least three continents. It's slightly hidden, and there are multiple ways to get to the information. The URL seen here will get you to the beginning of the "Newspapers" category. You can narrow your search by location and date. Members contact IGS to get free at-home access to Ancestry Library Edition now through December 31, 2021.

[https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/np\\_newspapers/](https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/np_newspapers/)

**Chronicling America** (free) - run by the Library of Congress, Chronicling America makes available images of newspapers at no cost. They boast that their newspaper holdings date all the way back to the year 1777. Most titles don't go back that far, but you can glean some really great information from this source.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>



## RESEARCH TIPS & TRICKS CONT.

**FamilySearch** (free) - run by The Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints (LDS), FamilySearch has fewer newspapers online, but there's the benefit of them being free.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

**GenealogyBank** (\$) - This website rivals Ancestry in longevity with newspapers dating back to the 1690s. This collection is limited to the United States though. This service is subscription based, but it seems they have a limited number of free memberships that are available to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints (LDS).

<https://www.genealogybank.com/>

**NewspaperArchive** (\$) - NewspaperArchive holds newspapers from all 50 states and from 29 countries. They say they are "adding newspaper pages faster than you can search them..." Every newspaper is indexed and fully searchable.

<https://newspaperarchive.com/>

**Newspapers.com** (\$) - Newspapers.com is a subsidiary of Ancestry.com. This repository also has holdings dating back to the 1700s. Unlike the other online repositories however, Newspapers.com has holdings dated as recently as last month. This is great news for people who are interested in documenting their own history.

<https://www.newspapers.com/>

**University of Northern Iowa** (free) - The Rod Library at UNI is a hub for locating older newspapers from Iowa and the United States, primarily redirecting users to Advantage Preservation and Chronicling America. The nice thing is that they make it really easy to find digitized newspapers from small towns.

<https://guides.lib.uni.edu/iowa-historical-newspapers>

This list is hardly an exhaustive list of all the possible sources for finding information in newspapers. Your local public library may be able to assist you with accessing additional sources, but that can vary between libraries.

## IGS VIRTUAL FALL CONFERENCE

### Plant Your Genealogy So You Will Know What Will Grow

With Cyndi Ingle and Diahann Southard

October 8th-9th, 2021

SAVE THE DATE! IGS will be holding its Fall Conference October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Friday speaker will be Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List fame. Our own Ricki King will present as well. Diahann Southard will speak about DNA on Saturday. This will be a virtual conference with limited spaces at IGS with NO lunch. Details on registration will come out in the coming weeks.

#### Friday, October 8th, 2021

Zoom meeting begins at 9:15 AM Central time with general announcements.

Session 1 (9:00AM Central) - Cyndi's List in Practice

Session 2 (11:00AM Central) - Advance Googling for your Grandma

In person seating for this event is limited, and we will not be serving lunch.

Session 3 (1:00PM Central) - Plotting, Scheming and Mapping Online

Session 4 (2:45PM Central) African Migration to Iowa

#### Saturday, October 9th, 2021

Zoom meeting begins at 9:15 AM Central time with general announcements.

Session 1 (9:45 AM Central) - Me and My 1000+ DNA 4th Cousins

Session 2 (11:00 AM Central) - Three Next Steps for Your DNA Results

In person seating for this event is limited, and we will not be serving lunch.

Session 3 (1:00 PM Central) Genetic Genealogy: Behind the Curtain

Session 4 (2:45 PM Central) FamilySearch Update



**Are you on 1950 Census watch yet?** Minnesota Genealogical Society is! Registration is now open for their North Star Genealogy Conference at [mngs.org/North-Star-2021](https://mngs.org/North-Star-2021). Sign up now and find out how to get a head start.

## IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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Participation in Special Interest Groups is a benefit of your membership.

\*All groups will meet virtually over Zoom

**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>

**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/tZAudu6qqj4jHNMHHXCP\\_FoSNFTh-fJZXDy0](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAudu6qqj4jHNMHHXCP_FoSNFTh-fJZXDy0)

**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/tZwkceCuqz8oH9Mx5XzznxCTKwCDwukCc03c>

**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.

Register in advance for this meeting by using this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZl0cuqgqTguGdLruGGRQM1emDfmY9zD1ljf>

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

**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.

**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.

## Iowa Genealogical Society Membership Application

### Membership Benefits:

- Free access to IGS research library
- Bi-monthly 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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My gift is in Memory/Honor (circle one) of  
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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August 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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## IGS EVENTS

### **GARAGE SALE**

IGS is putting on a garage sale. Come see us Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th in the West Wing of our library facility in the East Village of Des Moines. 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines

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

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

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Conference, as registration will fill up fast.

Finally, I want to end this message by sharing a little poem that I like that really rings true to me. I am not sure who is responsible for it. Apparently that is disputed. And evidently there are multiple versions of this poem too. But here it is for your enjoyment!



We are the chosen. In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

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