

JUNE 2021

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

I always worry about what to put in the newsletter. I want it to have information that is useful for those of you that are close enough to use the wonderful resource that is the IGS research library. I also want there to be information that will be useful to those members that either don't live close enough to visit or perhaps aren't able to visit because of health or time constraints.

This is my last newsletter for IGS. I've decided to retire. I've worked for IGS since 2002. I started out in the old building working part time and when IGS moved to it's current location I continued my journey with IGS.

My first day at work, the then president George Giesler had me work with his assistant LuAnn Folkers for the afternoon. At the end of the day he asked LuAnn "Can you work with her?" LuAnn said yes and I was hired. It wasn't until years later that I realized that I never filled in an application for the job. Actually, that's kind of how I got into my job with the VA that I had for 21 years.

I've learned a lot from the staff, volunteers and members of IGS that I have worked with over the years. Many are no longer with us unfortunately but I think of them often. Of course, there are still lots of things I still don't know anything about. Such as research overseas. Many of my ancestors are still wandering the US hiding from me.

Also, no one has been able to convince me that German research isn't hard. Especially when they came to Maryland in 1751. Though my Nagel research was a piece of cake but they came in 1853. Two passport applications later and I knew everything of where they came from and the places they lived once they arrived. If I just had other lines like that.

Thank you for a lot of fun and laughter.

Debi Iseminger Chase



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10 a.m.— 4 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nancy Kirchner IGS President

I feel we are returning to a more normal way of living. I have been vaccinated and I know many of you have been as well, or soon will be. With the warm weather I have been able to get back outside. Glad to see the rain, as so many of us need it.

Here at IGS, we are seeing an increase of individuals coming in to use our facility. Some of those have been traveling from out of state to research.

The Tech Committee is moving right along with researching and testing items for our new website. I am excited to have so many talented individuals working on this project.

Camp Dodge project is progressing. Lois and several others are working steadily. They are finding some interesting facts about those that registered.

Library cataloging is moving slowly along. We do have Iowa completed. I think the warm weather and outside activities have taken those working on it away temporarily. Remember we still have the rest of the library to be cataloged.

We are so very sorry to have Debi retire. She has been with IGS for over 19 years. Debi will be taking a great deal of knowledge with her.

However, we wish her well as she pursues more leisurely activities. Her last day will be Wednesday, June 2nd.

Have a wonderful summer and I hope you will be able to plan trips this year.

Nancy Kirchner, President

IGS CLASSES

Thursday June 3 Visit here for more information https://iowagenealogy.org/?page_id=81

Italian Research

Instructor - Kathy Foggia

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

Saturday June 5

Beginning Genealogy

Instructor - Tasha Jackson

10:30 p.m. FREE

Czech Research

Instructor - Tasha Jackson

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

Saturday June 19

Beginning German Genealogy

Instructor - Diane Green

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

Saturday June 26

FamilySearch -Find your Ancestors in Federal, State & Special censuses

Instructor - Lois Trinity

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

Thursday July 8

Beginning Genealogy

Instructor - Kevin Spire

6:30 p.m. FREE

Saturday July 17

Iowa Vital Records

Instructor - Theresa Liewer

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

Saturday July 24

US Vital Records on FamilySearch

Instructor Stacy Weaver

1:30 pm \$6.50 member or \$16.50 non-member

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 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

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 BLOG

New Library Lookup Service—For When You Can't Visit the Family History Library

May 24, 2021 - by Diane Sagers



The Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah, has long been a go-to place to find genealogical research materials and is the flagship library for FamilySearch International. With the closure of the library a year ago due to the COVID 19 pandemic, people have had to rely largely on online materials, unable to access records that are only viewable at the Family History Library or other locations. A new Library Lookup Service will soon provide greater access to these records globally.

Online Records and Limited Access Records

With a free FamilySearch account, you can search through a large database of records online on FamilySearch.org. This search often provides a text index of the record for quick reference and a complete image of the record. Some books and materials, however, only have the index available. The full images for these records can only be accessed at the Family History Library, family history centers, or affiliate libraries—primarily due to copyright restrictions or partner agreements.



Due to COVID-19 conditions, visiting one of these facilities to look at materials has not been possible. To offset pandemic restrictions and as part of an effort to serve a global audience living too far away to visit the library, the Family History Library has launched its own lookup service.

How the Lookup Service Works

Upon request, staff and volunteers at the library will look up specific records in their collections that cannot be viewed online. Since Library Lookup is not a research service, people will need to identify the specific record from FamilySearch.org that they need to see.

As mentioned, an online search might provide only basic information from a document, yet frequently the original document contains more information. To use the Lookup service, visit the online request form to request a copy of the image of the original document.

Requests may take a few weeks to process, depending on the volume of requests being handled at a given time.

FAMILYSEARCH BLOG CONTINUED

Special Cases for Books

Many books in the FamilySearch collections have not yet been digitized, also because of copyright limitations. Those same restrictions mean that the library cannot copy large numbers of pages from any one book.



When requesting a book, please be as specific as possible about what you are seeking. Using the same online request form, guests can provide the title or call number of the book, along with the page number they would like copied. The staff will send a PDF copy of the page or pages, as allowed. In cases where page numbers are unknown, staff can check the index in a book for the listing of a name or chosen term to help provide the right pages.

Available in Many Languages

The FHL Library Lookup Service is available in about 15 languages and can help you access various records from countries worldwide.



Continuing Service after the Reopening

Renovation work has been done inside the Family History Library during the closure to prepare for guests when it is time to reopen. The exact date for reopening for the library and FamilySearch centers is dependent on government and local leadership guidelines. That date will be announced as soon as it is available. After the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the library reopens, the Library Lookup Service will continue as part of the FamilySearch global outreach.

CHAPTER NEWS

The **Iowa County Genealogy Society's** annual "Picnic in the Cemetery" is Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Ladora Cemetery. They suggest bringing your own lunch/snack, beverage, lawn chair, insect repellent and mask if you want. If you have relatives buried in this cemetery you're welcome to share some interesting facts about them. The cemetery is located about a mile south of Ladora. Take 180th St. east about 1/4th mile off of V52/G Ave. For more information or in the event of inclement weather contact Iowa County Genealogy Society at 319 664-3194.



MCGS News!

The Madison County Genealogical Society will resume monthly meetings beginning June 1, 2021. As before, meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at the Winterset Public Library meeting room.

The start time has been changed to 6:30 pm.

The library recommends face-masks and there is plenty of room for social distancing.

We plan to have occasional programs but our first meeting will be a chance to catch up on what genealogical adventures we've all had over the last 13-months since we last met.

Please mark your calendar with our future dates:

July 6 August 3 September 7



IGS INTEREST GROUPS

IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Most groups will meet virtually over zoom

German Interest Group meets on the **first Monday** of each month at 7 p.m. **June meeting will be hybrid on zoom and in person in the IGS west wing**

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/tZwkceCuqz8oH9Mx5XzznxCTKwCDwukCc03c>

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/tZlocuqggTguGdLruGGRQM1emDfmY9zD1lJf>

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/tZAudu6qqj4jHNMHHXCP_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. 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:

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

My gift may be best utilized for:

Building Fund \$_____

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June 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.

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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 (except December) 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.

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

What is a Half-Cousin?

Last updated: April 20, 2021

By: Author Mercedes

If you did a DNA test, understanding half-cousins is very important. Half-cousins typically share about half of the expected amount of DNA than “full” cousins.

I feel compelled to emphasize that being “half cousins” to each other doesn’t need to change how two cousins feel about each other or how they navigate their relationship within their own family. Even so, it’s a useful term for genealogists (and some scientists) who need to be able to specify which common ancestors a pair of cousins share.

What is a half-first cousin?

Half-first cousins are two people who share one grandparent, as opposed to full-first cousins who share two grandparents. This happens when the parents of the two half-cousins are half-siblings.

Maybe one of the siblings is a child from Grandpa’s first marriage and the other child is from the second marriage, and the offspring of those half-siblings are half-first cousins.

Find the rest of the article here

<https://whoareyoumadeof.com/blog/what-is-a-half-cousin/>

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