

Iowa Genealogical Society

by Anthony Cupp

Wow! This is a busy Spring. We just had our Finding YOUR Roots event hosted by Iowa PBS. It was fun being on the panel and telling so many people about IGS. The Spring Conference is coming up soon, and we're excited to have people back in person. There is more about that event later in these pages. Please sign up now if you haven't already so we can get an accurate lunch count.

The 1950 census is coming soon. Someone asked me what good there is in it since we may have known the people who were around in 1950. First, that isn't true for everybody. There is value in it for genealogists who are doing adoption research, or who are trying to reconnect with family members who are estranged. There's probably more. When I search the



1950 census, I expect to see my grandparents and great-grandparents at a snapshot in time. I did not know all of my grandparents so I will have a glimpse into what their life was like in 1950. Quite honestly though, one of the first things that I will do is look for my parents. I know them well, but it will be neat to see where my mom and dad were enumerated at age 3-4. Just for fun, here's my parents dressed for the 50s.

Things are busy around the library. It's warming up outside, and people are venturing out. I want to thank all the volunteers who have been so hard at work around here. This work will hopefully end with our photographic collections being available to our patrons. We have more photos than any of us even realized.

Finally, April 25th is National DNA Day. This day is meant to commemorate the 1953 discovery of the double helix, and the 2003 completion of the Human Genome Project. So, Happy National DNA Day!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Nancy Kirchner, IGS President

SPRING is here according to the calendar. My flower bulbs are growing, and I hope that Mother Nature doesn't nip them after they start to bud. I am looking forward to their beauty in a few weeks.

We have some exciting things coming in the next few months. Spring Conference with Alice Hoyt Veen is next Saturday, April 9th. The May 14th Board meeting will be an in-person or Zoom event. See details in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

A trip to Mid-Continent is in the planning stages. Call the office or email igs@iowagenealogy.org if you'd like to join the group.

The Grant and Library Committees are working on a grant proposal for materials to help preserve our vertical files and photographs.

There will be some matching funds required if we do indeed receive the grant. Several volunteers are going through the boxes of donated items and counting/estimating how many files and sleeves we will need.

There are some improvements/repairs that are needed on the building. We did have a water issue in the library itself last week.

Some caulking was done in hopes that it will resolve that issue.

Other issues are being evaluated and bids requested. The repairs may be costly to get them done correctly. Look for more details as we get the bids in.

A volunteer survey was sent out. Please complete the survey so we can identify those who are willing to help with current and future projects. We thank you for your willingness to volunteer at IGS.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference. HAPPY SPRING!!

2022 SPRING CONFERENCE

IGS presents 2022 Spring Conference

With Alice Hoyt Veen

Saturday, April 9, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. Central Time

Those opting for virtual attendance can log in to the Zoom meeting starting at 8:30 a.m. Central Time.

Session 1 **Formatting a Narrative Genealogy: Work that Stands the Test of Time**

You can do it! Write an engaging family narrative and meet genealogical standards for excellence. Narrative genealogies demonstrate a line of descent and kinship across multiple generations. Learn the structural components of organization and presentation. Discussion includes decisions of project purpose and scope, genealogical numbering systems, and NGSQ and Register formats. Your research results deserve the best presentation—create a quality written work that stands the test of time.

Break

Session 2 **Fall in! Militias and Volunteers Answer the Call**

America's first line of defense has always been her citizen soldiers. Whether through voluntary or compulsory service, colonies and states have trained and contributed troops for local and federal military conflicts, and they have rewarded their soldiers' service. Discover the wealth of state and local records that document your ancestor's military experience.

Lunch Break

Session 3 **Defending the Nation: Federal Military Records**

From the Revolutionary War to 21st century conflicts, federal military enlistments, draftees, and state volunteers have mobilized to defend the nation. Federal military records not only document your ancestor's service, they may contribute to solving genealogical puzzles. Explore federal military records: where they are preserved, how to access them, and how to understand and use what you find.

Break

Session 4 **Fathers & Sons: A Military Tale**

Research identifies our ancestors by linking individuals to families and families to generations. But to truly understand their lives we must discover and share their stories. Explore tools and techniques for developing life stories and effective storytelling through "Fathers & Sons," one family's multi-generational experience of war, hardship, and the ultimate price of freedom.

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

Members \$55

Non-members \$75

Lunch \$12 (optional)

Register in advance at <https://igs.regfox.com/2022-igs-spring-conference>

Seating will be available at IGS. Call (515) 276-0287 to reserve your spot.

IGS EVENTS

CLASSES

Thursday, April 7th

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? This special edition of our beginner's level class is the one for you!

Instructor – Kevin Spire - Free 6:30 p.m. Central

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451200000>

Saturday, April 23rd

Local Resources for Bridging the 1890 Census Gap

This presentation will concentrate on Iowa records and resources available for the 1870-1900 timeframe. IGS' collection and that of the State Historical Society of Iowa will be discussed as well as what you might find at your local public library or museum. Several types of records will also be introduced.

Instructor - Denise Gripp

1:30 p.m. Central \$8.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members

<https://igs.regfox.com/bridging-the-1890-census-gap>

Saturday, May 21st

Digging Deeper - Lesser Known Genealogy Resources

Join Stacy Weaver as she highlights some lesser known genealogical databases and collections. Including brief overviews of the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Journal Storage (JSTOR), National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) and online digital collections (libraries and Museums).

1:30 p.m. Central \$8.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members

<https://igs.regfox.com/lesser-known-genealogy-resources>



BOARD MEETING

YOU ARE INVITED to the Full Board meeting on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the West Wing here at IGS. It is time that we get back to more in-person events. I am excited to offer this opportunity to gather and socialize as well as to inform everyone about the latest happenings here at IGS. This invitation is going out not only to our Full Board members, but also to committee members, special interest group leaders, and any member that would like to attend. As our bylaws state the Board meeting is required for Executive Committee and Regional Representatives. The library will be open on Sunday for those who would like to do research since you are here in Des Moines. I sincerely hope you will join us.

Please use the parking garage so we leave our lot open for anyone wanting to do research and for the African American Special Interest Group that will be meeting that morning. We will start at 10:00 with reports from the Executive Committee. At 11:00 have the Regional Representative give their reports. Break for lunch at 12:00. Then at 1:00 have reports from the various committees. Finally, we will do a Regional Representative education and review where we want to talk about duties and issues that you may be having.

Please register by May 11th so we know how many to expect for lunch. We will be ordering from Jimmy John's. You will find the registration on the website. [Events>Board Invitation]

GARAGE SALE

IGS is having a garage sale April 28th-30th. Please consider supporting us by donating household goods or by shopping the sale. We will begin taking items on Monday, April 11th at IGS in the West Wing.

HIGHLIGHTED COLLECTION

It was announced earlier this year that control of Periodical Source Index (PERSI) would return to Allen County Public Library. PERSI is a subject index for periodicals about history and genealogy. This news means that you can now search the index without needing any paid subscription. For those who are interested in searching PERSI, you can visit the website at <https://www.genealogycenter.info/persi/>. PERSI is only an index. The next step is to find a copy of the periodical in either print or digital form. Iowa Genealogical Society publishes its own scholarly publication, Hawkeye Heritage. We also have a number of periodicals including county newsletters, and state and national society publications. A good source for journal articles outside of IGS is the JSTOR database. JSTOR is a subscription-based digital repository for scholarly research articles on a large variety of subjects. If you do not have a subscription to JSTOR yourself, check with your local public library to see if you can get access through them. Also, due to the Covid-19 pandemic JSTOR has expanded access to grant free access to 100 articles per month in order to accommodate those who cannot visit the public library. Here is a list of just a few of the periodicals IGS holds in the library collection.

[The American Genealogist](#) (ISSN: 0002-8592). This journal originally began in 1922 with the title “New Haven Genealogical Magazine.” The American Genealogist promotes genealogical scholarship by publishing peer-reviewed genealogical proofs and compiled genealogies. This title has ties to Des Moines and to IGS as Dr. George E. McCracken, a charter member of IGS, was the editor and publisher of The American Genealogist from 1966 until 1984. New issues come out quarterly. You can order back issues going back to 1966 online at americangenealogist.com. Note: IGS’ holdings extend back to 1964.

[American Spirit](#) (ISSN: 1536-223X). This publication, first published in 1892 under a different title (See *American Monthly Magazine*), this is the official magazine of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. *American Spirit* has won prestigious awards for publishing. New issues come out every other month. Each one contains articles about colonial America (Jamestown through 1820), genealogy, civics, patriotism, and more. IGS’ has issues going only back to 2014. We thank the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter of the DAR for underwriting our subscription. A Digital Magazine Archive for previous issues is available online at https://services.dar.org/members/magazine_archive/default.cfm.

[The Annals of Iowa](#) (ISSN: 0003-4827). This journal is a quarterly publication of the State Historical Society of Iowa. Its focus is not on genealogy. Instead, it aims to discuss our forebears in the context of “the larger mosaic of Iowa’s past.” The first issue of the Annals dates back to 1863. IGS’ holdings extend back to 1955. Previous issues are available online thanks to University of Iowa Libraries for those who are not able to come in to our library. Visit <https://pubs.lib.uiowa.edu/annals-of-iowa/issues/> to browse the collection.

[Family Tree Magazine](#) (ISSN: 1529-0298). This publication is a monthly magazine with a lot of instructional articles. The target audience is those at the beginner’s level. The list of topics is broad, hoping to appeal to anyone with an interest in family history. They publish updated information on those topics every year or every few years. IGS’ holdings extend back to the premier issue from 2000. If you cannot make it in to the library, you can purchase digital copies of the magazine by visiting <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/>. This magazine is not affiliated with the publishers of *Family Tree Magazine* (0267-1131) in the United Kingdom. Family Tree Magazine in the UK is a similar type of publication, and IGS has a run of issues spanning the years 2003 - 2011.

[The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections](#) (ISSN: 1054-2175). There is no shortage of quality publications coming out of the state of Indiana. *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* is a publication of the Indiana Historical Society. It comes out twice a year. In the first years of this publication, the title was simply *The Hoosier Genealogist*, and its pages contained indexes to rare source material. The articles now include topics of conducting research, and local or family history. In addition to the print edition, there is an online component that is accessed at <https://indianahistory.org/research/family-history/family-history-online-resources/>. Besides this publication, IGS also has significant runs of the award winning *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Traces of Indiana and*

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HIGHLIGHTED COLLECTION CONT.

Midwestern History, and *Indiana Genealogist*, which is published by the Indiana Genealogical Society.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly (ISSN: 0027-934X). One of the premier journals in the world of genealogy *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (a.k.a. NGSQ or sometimes “The Q”) is a scholarly journal that publishes peer-reviewed works including compiled genealogy, case studies, essays on methodology, book reviews, and more. NGSQ has run articles by multiple members of IGS over the years. Members of National Genealogical Society receive new issues four times each year. This long running publication dates back to 1912. A free index is available online at <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/ngsq/>. IGS’ holdings extend back to 1962.

Nebraska Ancestry (ISSN: 0270-4463). This publication is the scholarly genealogical publication from IGS’ counterpart in Nebraska. Like our own Hawkeye Heritage, the pages of Nebraska Ancestry include articles and indexes to historical source material related to Nebraska or Nebraskans. The Nebraska State Genealogical Society publishes *Nebraska Ancestry* for members quarterly. IGS has a run of issues that goes back to 1978. For those who cannot come to our library, back issues from 1978 through 2000 are available online at <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~nesgs/Ancestry/index.htm>

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register (ISSN: 0028-4785). Published by New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), this scholarly publication claims to be both “The Journal of American Genealogy” and “the flagship journal of American genealogy”. Indeed, the scope as they describe it is American genealogy inclusive of “families in or outside of New England or New York, or families that migrated west.” NEHGS’ submission guidelines states that they prefer to print the results of genealogical research to other articles that describe research strategies. Dating back to the year 1847, this is the oldest journal in the realm of genealogy. New issues come out quarterly. The complete run of issues is indexed and searchable at www.americanancestors.org. Back issues are available to members of NEHGS or to the public for a fee. The bulk of IGS’ holdings date back to 1951, but we have a few select issues dating all the way back to 1904. NEHGS also publishes a magazine called *American Ancestors*.” IGS’ holdings of that title extend back to the premiere issue from the year 2000.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (ISSN: 0028-7237). This journal is the second oldest journal of genealogy. A peer-reviewed, scholarly publication of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B), this journal has published new issues quarterly going back to the year 1870. Articles include transcripts and abstracts of New York records, compiled genealogies, case studies, and biographies. Full-text downloads are available to members of NYG&B at www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/. An every-name index is available for issues dated 1870-2014 as well. Check the NYG&B website to see when the 2015-2022 issues are indexed. The bulk of IGS’ holdings date back to 1967, but we have a few select issues dating all the way back to 1919.

The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society (ISSN: 0023-0243). This journal is a publication of the Kentucky Historical Society through Project MUSE. The scope of this journal is history, not genealogy, but write-ups of Kentucky families and citizens are often found in the pages of this journal as are record sets of use to genealogists. IGS’ holdings date back to 1984. Back issues back to 1903 are accessible online through JSTOR. Issues between 1903 and 1926 are freely available under a slightly different title (See *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society*.) Newer issues are available with a subscription to JSTOR. Visit <https://www.jstor.org/journal/regikenthistsoci>

NEW RESOURCES

1950 U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS

Genealogists everywhere are celebrating the release of the 1950 U.S. Federal Census. The major genealogy websites are working to get the population tables online as fast as they can. Enumeration district maps are already online to help you find your family without an index. This census is highly anticipated for its wide coverage, and the ability to show people at an instant in life. A lot of people are working to bring this database to you, but indexes are still months away. Be patient. It will be worth the wait.

Besides the obvious that we hope to find - names and places - the 1950 census also asked for the head of household or the relationship to the head of household, demographic information such as marital status, race, sex, age, place of birth, citizenship status. Anybody over the age of fourteen was asked about their employment status. A sampling of people were asked for additional information such as their living situation in 1949, parents' nationality, level of education, and veteran status. "The Bureau of the Census," states the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration, "made special efforts to ensure that the 1950 census was as complete and accurate as possible." They "set aside specific nights to conduct enumerations of persons in hotels, campgrounds, YMCAs, and other places frequented by travelers and transients. Extra efforts were made to ensure all infants born from January to March 1950 were counted." As with the recent census, college students were counted at the address where they were attending school. Service members stationed in the continental U.S. who lived off-post were counted at their home off-post. Visit <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950> for more information.

As stated, indexes will follow later this year. Each of the major websites is using new technology to make the indexes available faster. The National Archives will use a combination of optical character recognition (OCR) and artificial intelligence powered by Amazon Web Services to extract information from the handwritten tables. Ancestry is also planning to use artificial intelligence to transcribe the information. The result of this is that this census will be made searchable faster than ever before. The disadvantage to all this is that the index will not be 100% accurate. The National Archives will be taking volunteers to improve the accuracy of the index. They say more information will follow. FamilySearch has a link on their webpage for people to either volunteer to review the index or receive updates about the progress of indexing. See their website at <https://www.familysearch.org/1950census/>. If you are brimming with anticipation, you can get updates when your state's or states' records are available. Visit <https://www.ancestry.com/c/1950-census> to sign up for notifications.

NEW YORK CITY VITAL RECORDS

A few select locales in the U.S. maintain a digital archive of vital records. As of March 2022 we can add New York City to the list. The NYC Department of Records & Information Services announced that the public can now freely access over 9.3 million vital records online. NYC Mayor Eric Adams said, "These historical records will not only serve as an essential resource for family historians across the country and around the world but will allow everyday New Yorkers to learn more about their personal history and explore their roots." Birth records in this database span the years 1866 to 1909. Marriage records span 1866 to 1949. Death records span 1862 to 1948. The records in this database come from each of the five boroughs, but coverage is not even between the boroughs. More records will likely be coming online as New York Genealogical and Biographical Society reports the digitization project, which began in 2013 is only 70% complete. See <https://newyorkfamilyhistory.org> for more on that.

Search the database today at <https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/>

IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



*Most groups will meet virtually over Zoom

African-American Interest Group meets the **2nd Saturday** of the month at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This group meets in person at IGS only.

Ancestry.com Users 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 Group 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

Family Tree Maker Users 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>

Genealogy Basics Workshop meets the **2nd Saturday** of the month at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This group meets in person at IGS only. Bring your research questions.

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/tZIocqqqTguGdLruGGRQM1emDfmY9zD11jf>

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.

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

Register in advance for this meeting by using this link

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

RootsMagic User Group meets the **second Tuesday** of the month, at 7:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting by using this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIqdO6srj4sHNe13rhLFSyqf1kGqIGSgqHX>

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 address send an email to igs@iowagenealogy.org or contact IGS at 515 276-0287.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

IGS has added dozens of new books to the library thanks in large part to the generosity of its members. What follows is a list of some of the books that we have catalogued in the last two months. We invite everyone to visit the library, and see for yourself what we have for your reference.

Call number	creator	title
325 MIL	Miller, Kerby and Paul Wagner	Out of Ireland The Story of Irish Emigration to America
325.73 SZU	Szucs, Loretto Dennis	Ellis Island Gateway to America
346.05 ESP	Esperti, Robert A. and Peterson, Renno L.	Loving Trust
391.0086 MUN	Munro, R. W.	Highland Clans and Tartans
413 SPE	Sperry, Kip	Abbreviations & Acronyms A Guide for Family Historians
808.06 STI	Stillman, Peter R.	Families Writing
920 DAV	Davis, James Cox Jr.	James Cox Davis, Jr. An Autobiography
929.1 FAR	Fargo, O.J.	Roots
929.1 NIC	Nickerson, Janice	101 Best Genealogy Research Tips
929.1 SMI	Smith, Drew	Organize Your Genealogy Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher
929.2 BAT	Pierce, Frederick Clifton	Batchelder, Batcheller Genealogy. Descendants of Rev. Stephen Bachiler, of England
929.2 COO	Konrady, Daniel J.	The Clan of Cooper
929.2 DAV	Williams, Christi Mettes	Our Davison/Davisson Family History Biographies of the Ancestors and Descendants of James Gatch Davisson
929.2 GET	Getting, Kay K.	Getting Remembered Stories of our Götting/Goetting/Getting Family from Mecklenburg to the Midwest
929.2 GIL	Crider, Edward C., ed.	Genealogy of the Jonathan Gilliam Family A Pennsylvania Soldier of the Revolution
929.2 HUB	Hubble, Hilbert R.	The History and Genealogy of The Hubbell Family Volumes One and Two
929.2 NEE	Key, Dr. Gene C.	The Naily/Neely/Neeley Family
929.2 ROO		Roorda
929.4 BAR	Bardsley, Alan	First Name Variants
940.54 LUI	Luick-Thrams, Michael and Pat Schultz	Enemies Within Iowa POWs in Nazi Germany
941.5 MAC	MacManus, Seumas	The Story of the Irish Race A Popular History of Ireland
942.9 ROW	Rowlands, John and Others	Welsh Family History
947 BAR	Y. Barchatova, T. Saburova, G. Mirolubova, and five others ; translated from the German by Michael Robinson	A Portrait of Tsarist Russia Unknown Photographs from the Soviet Archives
970.04 WAR	Ward, David	Cities and Immigrants
973 FUR	Furnas, J. C.	The Americans A Social History of the United States 1587-1914
974.195 BIC		Acton & Shapleigh - Past & Present

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS CONT.

974.2 TOW	Towle, Laird C. Ph.D and Ann N. Brown	New Hampshire Genealogical Research
974.794 OLS	Olson, Marlynn Mcnallie	A Guide to Burial Sites, Cemeteries and Random Stones in Cattaraugus County, New York
974.813 CLI	Clint, Florence	Chester County Pennsylvania Area Key
974.9 SNE	Snell, James P. and others	History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men and Pioneers.
975.2 BAR	Barnes, Robert	Maryland Marriages, 1634-1777
975.251 BRO	Brown, Helen W	Index of Marriage Licenses, Prince George's County, Maryland 1777-1886
975.255 GUR	Gurney, John Thomas III	Cemetery Inscriptions of Anne Arundel County Maryland Volume I
975.287 PED	Peden, Henry C. Jr. and Veronica Clarke Peden	Frederick County Maryland Marriage References and Family Relationships 1748-1800
975.5 COL		Colonial Records of Virginia
975.5 WEA	Weaver, Jeffrey C.	54th Virginia Infantry
975.5714 ALD	Alderman, John Perry	Carroll 1765-1815 The Settlements A History of the First Fifty Years
975.5773 KEG	Kegley, Mary B.	Early Adventurers in the Town of Evansham, the County Seat of Wythe County, Virginia, 1790-1839
975.5775 SMI	Smith, Conway Howard	The land that Is Pulaski County
976.895 HAW		Hawkins County, Tennessee Circuit Court Minutes 1810 - 1821
977.197 FLE	Fletcher, Marvin and Beverly Schumacher, eds.	Marriage Records, 1805-1866 Athens County, Ohio
977.197 HOW	Scotty L and Loraine (Davis) Howard	Trimble Township (Athens County) Cemeteries Volume II Glouster and Davis
977.197 SCH	Schumacher, Beverly	Athens County, Ohio Ancestor Charts
977.198 PHI	Phillips, W. Louis	Washington County Northwest Territory Court of Common Pleas Index 1795-1803
977.3 CUS	Custer, Milo	Central Illinois Obituaries 1848-1870
977.354 PER	Perkins, David C.	Tazewell County Illinois Marriage Records Index Volume Two November 1859 -1868
977.386 BLO		Illinois McLean County Cemeteries Volume XI-1
977.386 BLO		Danvers Township Park Lawn Cemetery
977.7 CARROLL 14	Setzler, Marilyn Schirck	Illinois McLean County Cemeteries Volume XI-2
977.7 MARION 63		Danvers Township--Six Cemeteries
977.7 MARION 63		Cathedrals Among the Cornfields
977.7 ROB	Robertson, James Jr.	Bussey Centennial Bussey, Iowa 1875 - 1975
977.7 TAMA 86		One Hundred Years 1876-1976 Harvey, Iowa
		Iowa in the Civil War: A Reference Guide
		History of Chelsea, Iowa 1864 - 1989

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:

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

My gift may be best utilized for:

Building Fund \$_____

General Fund \$_____

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Signature: _____

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

April 2022

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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AND FINALLY...

by Theresa Liewer

Sometimes we finally realize we need help from the local experts to get through our brick walls. If it's Iowa related, IGS is the place to go. But what about places other than Iowa, especially foreign countries? Katherine Willson created a website, <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/> that has a 428-page PDF file with 16,400+ links to genealogy and history Facebook groups. The opening Table of Contents starts with U.S. states and territories, then has other countries and ends with categories such as adoption, African-American and Jewish groups. This version was last updated in January 2021. At that point, Katherine handed the maintenance off to Cyndi Ingle and it can now be found at <https://cyndislist.com/facebook>. You can explore both to see which you find easier to use.

These Facebook groups put you in touch with others interested in the areas you are researching, many of whom have expert knowledge. In foreign groups, members may offer help in translating documents.

One IGS member joined a Slovakia group; they helped her locate birth records and then provided translation of the records. Another IGS member joined the Facebook group for Lower Saxony (formerly Hanover) and provided what information she had about her great-grandfather and his parents. Within 30 minutes, she was given a link to the website which contained the Ortsfamilienbuch (local family book) for her family's village. The transcribed records showed her great grandfather's birth in 1848, his parents' births and marriage, and with a series of clicks, took her back multiple generations into the early 1700's.

We can't promise you such results but echoing the old saying "All politics is local", it's true that "All genealogy is local". This is a way to locate those local experts.

WHAT ARE WE? WE'RE A TWO-WAY STREET ---

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- If possible, attend and participate in meetings (including the May board meeting!)
- Contribute materials to the library
- Contribute materials to the Hawkeye Heritage
- Join and support a local chapter, if practical
- Volunteer to serve as a society officer
- Volunteer for an IGS committee
- Volunteer to aid with an IGS project
- If we do something you like, let us know
- If we do something you don't like, let us have your constructive suggestions for improvement

This society doesn't belong to the executive council, the county chapters, or the librarian. It belongs to you - if you exercise your option!



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