



In Times Past



Spring Cass County Genealogy Society
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2014



Library Hours:

Mon-Fri.: 9:30 a.m-6 p.m.

Wed.: 9:30 a.m-8 p.m.

Sat.: 9:30 a.m-2:30 p.m.

Sun.: Closed

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Upcoming Events:

March: Civil War film, "Here Brothers Fought"

May: Honoring Our Veterans

Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM.

Letter from the President

Goodness sake, where does the time go? Here we are putting together the first newsletter for 2014 and it seems we just mailed the last 2013 newsletter. It has been a cold snowy winter here in Cass County. It appears we are not the exception, however, as the weather has been crazy everywhere.

Some of the names the volunteers in the genealogy library have been working on are: Lawson, Shute-Baron, Tunning, Frommack, Kirchoff, McMenamin, Wiegand, Butler, Pratt, Hunter, Alexander, Avey, and Vehrenwald. Several hours were spent trying to find something on Shute, but couldn't find anything. I was able to find some

information on a gentleman named Benjamin Shute so I started researching that person in Cass County and found that Mary was his daughter and her married name was Baron. With that information I was able to locate her burial place and obituary. As researchers we are able to locate a lot of information, however, we aren't miracle workers and it is helpful to have the correct name to research. At our January meeting we appointed Linda Herman to fill the Vice President position until the next general election. Linda, Cindy Sievers and Doris Comes were appointed to form a program committee. They will plan the programs for

the upcoming year. Cindy Sievers and Kathy Norris were appointed as a committee to meet with Dana Kunze to explore possibilities of getting some of the older newspapers digitized. Atlantic and Anita papers are available but would be nice to have other Cass County small town papers available on line. Keep looking for those signs of spring, like patches of green grass after the snow melts, robins singing, and the sure sign of spring in Cass County is when we start seeing Turkey Vultures. As ugly as they are, they are a sign of spring and warmer days and nights.

Happy Searching
Mary

John Brown and Party visit Cass County

Sometime during the winter of 1857, old John Brown, of Kansas fame, accompanied by two of his sons and one white man, stopped all night with D. A. Barnett, at the Grove City House, at Grove City (now the City Hotel, Atlantic.) Brown and his party had in charge about eighteen runaway negroes, men, women and children, whom they were taking on the "underground railroad"

from Missouri to Canada. They had three mule teams, and all the male adults of the party were armed with Sharp's rifles and Colt's navy revolvers. After breakfast they took their leave and traveled eastward. No one but Mr. Barnett knew who they were until they had gone, or knew that any negroes were of the party. It was no uncommon thing, during the years just

preceding the war of the rebellion, for runaway negroes to be helped across the county, on their secret march to freedom.

From "History of Cass County, Iowa Together With Brief Mention of Old Settlers," by Lafe Young, Atlantic, Iowa, Telegraph Steam Printing House, 1877, pg. 41. .

Who do You Think I am?



Have you ever found an old picture and wondered who it was? You turn it over and no name. You try to find out who it is

because it is driving you crazy. This is especially difficult when it is a very old picture and you know it is not your family. We have recently been in possession of some of these very photographs.

Recently a woman from Texas sent a picture to the Atlantic Public Library. It had been found in a photo album at a garage sale. It was given to Mary Hoegh in the Genealogy office for assistance from the CCGS. We are putting her photo here and some information about the photographer that Mary unearthed. If you can identify her, please let us know. When we find out her identity, we will pass it along to you.

This photo was taken sometime in 1887-1888. Research by Mary Hoegh

showed that Thomas J Shouldis came from Chicago buying the photography studio from Mullen photography May 14.1887. He did not stay long in Atlantic, leaving on October 3, 1888 and returning to Chicago. No other information is available. There are no marking on the back of the photograph. If you have any ideas as to the identity of the person, please let the CCGS know.

If you have any of these photographs, think about submitting them to the Cass County Genealogical Society. We will put them into our new column of the newsletter with the hopes that someone will recognize and identify them.



Happenings 100 years ago in Cass County, May, 1914

Sam Simonsen of Marne was attending to business here today.

—Mrs. Thomas O'Brien of Des Moines was visiting relatives here,

—Mrs. Willard Darling of Menlo is visiting in this city with relatives.

—Mrs. H. J. Marquardt of Avoca is in Atlantic visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Lewis.

—Mrs. Gus Riley of Avoca visited over Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Will Lewis.

—Robert Jacobson has purchased a new Ecelsior

auto cycle of the Jensen Cycle Company.

—Holger Christensen of Marne was in the city today attending to business and visiting friends.

—Scott Clark, whose illness was told of in last evening's issue of this paper, is some better today.

—Mr. and Mrs. Glaus Greve and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greve of Walnut were shopping in this city yesterday.

—Robert I. Badtman, of the Atlantic Green House force, is off duty on account of an attack of

pleurisy.

—Dr. W. C. Heers on Saturday went to Omaha and purchased a new Oakland 3C car which he drove to Atlantic.

—Mrs. Thos. Kelly returned home this afternoon to Norfolk, Neb., after a visit at the Kelly home on Poplar Street.

—G. P. Auerbach, the only original "Frit.:", of the Bojens store, has been off duty on account of an attack of illness.

—P. C. Schain has a new Lozier car .purchased a few days ago. He traded I.is Paige in on the new car.

In Days Gone By

On March 31, 1976, the Education Director of Iowa Western College, Mary Ervin, held a seminar on Family History and Genealogy, which was attended by about 25 people. The program was given by the President of the Iowa Genealogical Society. Because of the interest level expressed at that meeting, they met again on April 27, and formed a group called "Memory writers," a name suggested by Bernice Ihrke. Later the name was changed to Cass County Genealogical Society and was incorporated on May 4, 1981, as a non-profit group. In 1982 the group became a member society of the Iowa Genealogical Society, whose headquarters and library are located in Des Moines.

The society was formed with the following objectives: to create and foster interest in genealogy; to preserve, improve, compile and help

maintain genealogical and historical data, particularly of our ancestors and the early settlers of Southwestern Iowa; and to aid individual members in compiling family genealogies.

To this extent and purposes the group has accomplished much. Most of the members were instrumental in publishing the 1980 Cass County History Book. All the cemeteries in the cemetery have been "walked," and records of inscriptions have been made. Many of these have been "walked" again since then with photos taken and placed in online websites. Many reference books, periodicals and DVD's have been purchased. Obituaries and wedding announcements and been preserved, filed and entered in the computer. Early census records have been indexed. Also microfilms of many

newspapers, publications and census records of Cass County and of surrounding counties have been found and put to great usage. As more research is being done, the need for more resources has increased.

With the renovation of the public library a few years ago, the Genealogy room has become a larger space holding more items. Even so, the Genealogy Room needs a larger space to accommodate the activities of the Genealogy Society.

Now, most of those charter members and first officers are no longer with us. However, the numbers have increased to include members from many states. The number of inquiries has increased, requiring more volunteers who would like to answer these inquiries. We encourage all to use the resources that are available in the Cass County Genealogical Society



Pictured left to right are CCGS members: Kathy Morris, Linda Herman, Doris Coomes, and Cindy Seivers at the recent quilting presentation by Colleen Wilber.

Food for a Barn Raising

This article was submitted to the Griswold Centennial Cook Book 1879-1979 by Laura Amos.

This is included to give us a peek into the past. As many of us know, a "barn raising" was quite an event during those early years. When a new barn was built, all the friends and neighbors came on the special day to help put up the framework for the barn. This policy is still

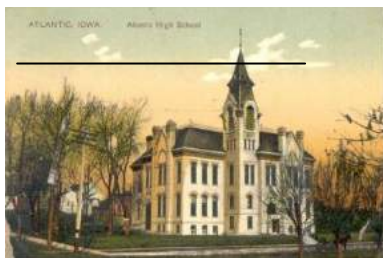
carried out in some communities where neighbors are neighborly. Homemakers of our day will no doubt be astonished at all the food consumed in one day. What is more difficult to believe is that it was all made in Great-grandmother's kitchen! Here is the list of food: 115 lemon pies, 500 fat cakes (doughnuts), 15 large cakes. gallons of

applesauce, 3 gallons of cornstarch pudding, 16 chickens, 3 hams, 30 lbs. roast beef, 300 light rolls (all homemade), 16 loaves of bread, red beet pickles and pickled eggs, cucumber pickles, 6 lbs. dried prunes (stewed), 1 large crock of stewed raisins, 5 gallon stone jar of white potatoes, 5 gallon stone jar of sweet potatoes. Sounds like a lot of work to me. How about you?



Atlantic's Graduates --- 1883-1885

Taken from the Cass County Iowa GenWeb Project

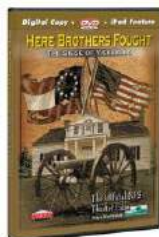


1886	1887	1888
BARNARD, Gertrude Wiota, Iowa Teacher.	BARNARD, Walter Des Moines, Ia. Loan, Building & Trust Co.	BARNARD, Anna Los Angeles, California.
(BELL) SPARKE, Bessie Dixon, Nebraska.	(DURR) FULLENDORF, Lizzie Lebanon, Missouri.	*BUCKNAM, Jessie.
(CHILDS) Milner, Lulu Tuskarora, Nevada.	(HUTTON) FORSHAY, Belle Anita, Iowa.	*FOSS, Caroline.
FINDLEY, Palmer Chicago, Illinois Physician.	KIRK, Lorena Salem, Oregon.	(HARRIS) GLASHA, May Helena, Montana.
LAMSON, Herbert Nevada, Iowa.	(MILNER) HAWKINS, Grace Columbus, Montana.	LAURENSEN, Euphemia Chicago, Illinois.
ROWLEY, Seeley DeSota, Iowa.	(MCCREA) BAILEY, Bursie Atlantic, Iowa.	LOOFBOURROW, Wade Utah Merchant.
SAVERY, Charles Salt Lake City, Utah.	POCH, Ida Atlantic, Iowa.	(PRESSNAL) GRAHAM, Alice Ord, Nebraska.
	* RAHN, Fannie.	TICKNOR, Letta Oren, Nebraska Teacher.
	SMITH, Logan.	WILLITTS, Ed.

"Old Genealogists never die - they just lose their census."

Civil War Video, "Here Brothers Fought," to be shown at March Meeting

At the March meeting of the CCGS the Civil War Video, "Here Brothers Fought," will be presented. It is the compelling story of the Siege of Vicksburg - a decisive event in the Civil War, splitting the South in two. This is the National Park Service theater presentation at Vicksburg National Military Park.



Vicksburg National Military Park commemorates the campaign, siege and defense of Vicksburg, MS, a fortress

located on the high ground guarding the Mississippi River. The siege is widely contended to be the decisive event of the Civil War, splitting the South in two. Northern Light created an orientation film for the park: a reenactment of the siege filmed on location and in Virginia over 15 acres of constructed re-enactors, earthworks with eighty Civil War three dozen pyrotechnic charges, and three cameras.

Thanks go to everyone for submitting articles for the newsletter. All your help is greatly appreciated.

Carolyn DeLay



Danish Immigrant Museum: Danish Roots, American Branches; Preserving the Past for the Future

The Family History & Genealogy Center

(FHGC) is the research Library of the Danish Immigrant Museum. Since its opening in 1996, the Center has assisted many individuals in the US and Denmark in finding links to their past and to Danish immigrant ancestors and has located lost relatives for Danish and American researchers.

A significant collection of family history resources and background materials relating to Danish immigrants, immigrant settlements and institutions, and Danish

Americans may be found at the Center. Assistance is available for both novice genealogists and experienced family historians needing help with Danish research.

The Center is staffed by a full-time librarian and offers translation and research services. The FHGC is a member of the Southwest Iowa Regional Library Services Area and a borrowing library for family history materials available through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Summer Hours: (May 1 - Oct 31), Tuesday-Friday,

9am-5pm; Saturday. Winter Hours: (Nov. 1 - April 30): Tuesday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm. It is closed on Sunday and Mondays. Fees: Free for Members, \$5.00 for non-members. Please contact the Museum for group visits, further research assistance, fees, tours, and workshops.

The Danish Immigrant Museum, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn, Iowa, 51531, 712-764-7001, www.danishmuseum.org,



Danish Immigrant Museum in Elkhorn, Iowa.

Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

Cass County IAGenweb provides free online access to a wide variety of materials of historical and genealogical interest.

The IowaGenWeb announced a

2014 IGS Spring Tech Conference

The conference will be held on Saturday, April 12.

Conference fee includes lunch

Early Registration (Before April 7)

IGS Member x \$55

Non-member x \$65

Late Registration (after April 7)

IGS Member x \$60

Non-member x \$70

Once again it will be held in

the west wing of the IGS, library at 628 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA.

Topics to be covered will be:

Tribal Pages – Personal Website- Learn how to setup and use a personal website, Tribal Pages, to allow others to see and contribute to your family tree.

Purchasing a new computer/tablet- How fast is it or how much memory a computer has may not be the first questions to ask when considering a new computer.

GenSmarts Utility-GenSmarts is a utility that uses artificial intelligence to analyze your existing genealogy file and gives you research recommendations.

Animaps Utility-Animaps extends the My Maps feature of Google Maps by letting you create maps with markers that move, images and text that pop up on cue, and lines and shapes that change over time.

Using the Cloud – What is the cloud? Think of the cloud as offsite storage, programs or applications. Learn how to use various cloud storage sites to back up your data, to have access from many devices and to share or collaborate with others. Free verses paid options.

Friends of IAGenweb is the 501 (c) (3) nonprofit which provides funding and server space for IAGenweb. Please contact Cheryl Siebrass, the Cass County IAGenweb Coordinator, with any questions, or to volunteer or contribute items to the Cass Co. IAGenweb site.

Cheryl maintains the Cass Co. web pages, and also serves as IAGenweb County Coordinator for the neighboring counties of Audubon and Shelby. Cheryl can be contacted at: casscoordinator@comcast.net



Colleen Wilber,
master quilter,
presents program

On Thursday, February 27th, at 1:00 PM master quilter, Colleen Wilber, presented a program, "Pioneer Women and the Quilts They Made" for 30 members and guests of the Cass County Genealogy Society. She shared examples of quilts and quilt patterns as they related both to her family and to the patchwork of American history and family traditions. Pioneer women learned needlework out of necessity, stitching pieces of history into the quilts as they migrated into the American wilderness in covered wagons.

She shared her work as a library/media specialist, and as an ambassador for visitors to Southwest Iowa, guiding tours and speaking to groups about local history. Refreshments were served following the presentation.

Members were encouraged to submit articles for the quarterly newsletter. There have been recent donations of family letters, history, and biographies to the CCGS. Those having questions or wish to share information about their families are encouraged to contact the Genealogy Society. In Living Memory and the Iowa Genealogy

Society, as well as the CCGS, is looking for funeral programs, memorial cards and obits to add to their files. These may be brought to the CCGS room in the Atlantic Public Library or sent to the Iowa Genealogical Society. For more information, please contact the CCGS.

The Cass County Genealogy Society meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, except November and December, at the Atlantic Public Library beginning at 1 p.m. The Cass County Genealogical Society is open to all who have an interest in genealogy, history or items of interest of Cass County.



Members and guests of Colleen Wilber's quilting program



Left to Right: Fern Lindvoll, Marrietta Petersen and quilter Colleen Wilber.

Some thoughts by members:

Mary Hoegh:
I noticed the following while looking at findagrave.com I loved it. When my kids were small they would say "do we have to stop at this cemetery?".
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"You know you're an Addicted Genealogist when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery, if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall and if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book."

This came across Facebook news feed some time ago and I thought I would share it with you. It leaves one wondering about the postal service. Carolyn DeLay



Saving Lincoln

In 1913 it was legal to mail children. With stamps attached to their clothing, children rode trains to their destinations, accompanied by letter carriers. One newspaper reported it cost

fifty-three cents for parents to mail their daughter to her grandparents for a family visit. As news stories and photos popped up around the country, it didn't take long to get a law on the books making it illegal to send children through the mail.

With thanks to Thomas Doty.

2014 Spring Genealogy Workshop offered by the GOGS

The Greater Omaha Genealogical Society's 2014 Spring Genealogy Workshop will be held the weekend of April 25 & 26. The topic on Friday evening, April 25, will be "Genealogy on the Internet," presented by Gary M. Smith. It will be 4:00 PM to 6:15 PM at the Nebraska Methodist College. This will cover where we are at now on the internet and effective use of your time using search engines. On Saturday, April 26, the focus will concentrate on Researching your Scandanavian Ancestors, covering migration records, research, names, and research online. The 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM program will continue at the same site. Free parking and early registration forms are available in the CCGS Room. Please contact the CCGS if you are interested in going.

CCGS Research Request Form

Please fill out the form below with as much information that is known.

(Please print)
 SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ MARRIAGE DATE _____
 CITY/CEMETERY _____

Please check below the records that you are requesting.

Birth Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Death Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Marriage Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Naturalization Record (list year if known)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Obituary copy from newspaper (if available)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Other (History, Cemetery, Military, Ancestral records, etc.)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____

Records such as Probates and Wills, Land Records and Certified Copies of Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce may be obtained from the Cass County Recorder's Office <http://www.casscountyiowa.us/offices/recorder>. Information and application forms may be downloaded from this site

Sub-Total of Copy and Court House Records Request: _____
ONE HOUR MINIMUM RESEARCH FEE (include on ALL orders) **\$10.00**
 TOTAL PAYMENT enclosed for research & all copies requested above: _____

YOUR NAME _____
(Please print)

YOUR ADDRESS _____

(Please print)
YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS _____
(We will contact you with questions and/or to notify you that we are sending out your request)

Additional questions or other information:

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Membership Dues: Jan.1-Dec. 31. Renewal due January 1
Membership will increase to \$15 Jan. 1, 2014, which includes the quarterly newsletter.

New memberships received after Oct. 1 will extend into the following year.

Membership Application New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail _____

Surnames being researched in Cass County _____
