



In Times Past



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

507 Poplar Street

Atlantic, IA 50022

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Upcoming Events:

Sept.: Danish Museum

Oct.: Civil War Letters

Nov.: Annual Luncheon,

Election of Officers

Dec.: No Meeting

Meetings are held the 4th

Thursday of each month at

1:00 PM.

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Letter from the President

As I am writing this there are only 10 days left in the month of August. I wonder where the summer has gone. We have been busy here in the genealogy library. We have had visitors from our local area, other towns in Iowa; Fresno, Pinion Hills and Santa Monica, CA.; K.C., Mo and Springfield, IL.. Some of the families being researched are Schaaf-Albers-Eilts-Ihnen; Bornholdt; Kjar- Frandsen; Petersen-Fett-Guttenfedder; Jordan-Roberts; Kunze; Hays; Marshall, Beeni-Hill; Lewis-Everet-Patterson.

It was a pleasure to meet Cheryl Siebrass who is the coordinator for the Iowa Genweb Cass County page. Cheryl was visiting relatives and stopped in the library to do a little research. I want to thank her for the work she does on our web page. She does a good job. I want to thank those who help here in the genealogy room, Linda; both Carolyn K. and Carolyn D., Janet and Cindy. We can't operate without volunteers.

I have been doing research on the Oren Brown family who lived here in Atlantic from about 1910-1922 or longer as some of the children graduated from high school in 1922. Linda Herman was able to find some graduation pictures for both the class of 1920 and 1922 which included 3 of the Brown children. Marvin, Margaret and Miriam. Margaret and Miriam were twins. The 1917 Atlantic City Directory lists Oren C. Brown as clk I.M. Block. I found mention of a Block Clothing store. 1920 Atlantic City Directory lists O.C. Brown and his wife Elizabeth, his residence is 1307 Poplar and he is prop Park Pantitorium located Opera House blk.

Now the next thing I had to figure out is what in the world is a "PANTITORIUM"? I didn't find the word in the Webster's Dictionary we have here in our room. I tried searching the Atlantic newspaper to see what would come up. Finally I found an advertisement for a business that I know in later years was a dry cleaners. So, I am thinking that "PANTITORIUM" might well

be a business selling men's clothing which also does alterations, cleaning and pressing. A few days later I was searching through "The Needle" which was a newspaper put out by the Atlantic High School and in the Friday, June 4, 1920 edition I found an advertisement which read:
Brown's Pantitorium
For Service
Cleaners
Ladies and Gent's Apparel.

Hope You have enjoyed your summer.

Mary



People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

School begins in Cass County

One of the earliest school teachers in the county was Miss Belle Macomber, daughter of K. W. Macomber. She taught James L. Byrd's children at his own house in 1855. Miss Macomber was married in 1860, in Lewis, to Wm. S. Reynolds. She became quite famous during the war of the rebellion, and we extract the following mention of her career from "Kirkland's Anecdotes and Incidents of the Rebellion."

Governor Yates of Illinois paid a rather unusual but well merited compliment to Mrs. Reynolds, wife of Lieutenant Reynolds, of

Company A, Seventeenth Illinois regiment, and a resident of that city. Mrs. Reynolds accompanied her husband through the greater part of the campaign through which the Seventeenth passed, sharing with him the dangers and privations of a soldier's life. She was present at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and like a ministering angel [sic angel] attended to the wants of as many of the wounded and dying soldiers as she could, thus winning the gratitude and esteem of the brave fellows by whom she was surrounded. Governor Yates, hearing of her heroic and praiseworthy conduct, presented her with a commission as Major in the

army, the document conferring the well merited honor being made out with all due formality, and having attached the great seal of the State. Probably no lady in America ever before had such a distinguished military honor conferred upon her."

From the *History of Cass County, Iowa Together With Brief Mention of Old Settlers*

by Lafe Young, Atlantic, Iowa: Telegraph Steam Printing House, 1877, pp. 39-42.



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. Last time we submitted a photo recently of the 1924 graduating class of nurses from the Atlantic Hospital. However, no one could confirm the identities of the women in the photo. This month we have a photo of a young girl submitted to the Cass County section of the IAGenWeb Project. *Photo from the Vera (Keasey) Aldag Jipp Collection, submitted by LaVonne Aldag.*

The Aldags were an early family to Cass County, who emigrated from Germany. Vera (Keasey) Aldag Jipp was born in Wiota January 26, 1907 and died in Boone IA on August 24, 2005. Good luck this time identifying the people.

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.

2014 Fall Genealogy Seminar Offered by the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society.

The GOGS will offer a Seminar entitled, "Solving

The Puzzle: Who was my Family?" starting with a two-part seminar on Friday evening, October 24, Genealogy 101: Hunting and Gathering and Genealogy 102: The Journey led by Gail Blankenau, a professional genealogist, speaker and author, specializing in German genealogy. Both the Seminar on Friday evening and the workshop on Saturday will be held at the Nebraska Methodist College. For further information on the contents and cost of the seminar, please contact the Genealogy office.

How will our children know who they are if they do not know where they came from.

Happenings 100 years ago in Cass County, September, 1914

—B. F. Dean of Walnut was an Atlantic caller Saturday.
 —The Rev. Mr. McDade 'has returned home from Anita.
 —Mrs. Charles Huff of Massena spent today shopping in this city.
 —Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Heers spent Sunday in Walnut visiting friends.
 —Mrs. Earl Camblin has been visiting friends in Anita for several days.
 —Frank Abbott of Council Bluffs spent Sunday with friends in Atlantic.
 —Adolph Hagenof Lewis was visiting in this city with

friends Saturday.
 —Mrs. George Oakes and little son have gone to Missouri for a short stay.
 —Mrs. R. A. Gamble is visiting in Des Moines at the home of her mother and sister.
 —The Chenoweth family will soon change their place of residence to 1303 Chestnut Street.
 —A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Jensen Wednesday night at their home near Lora.
 -The Atlantic high school buildings were fumigated Saturday by City Health Physician Weidner.

—Warren Kelloway's little son of Anita was brought to this city today for an X-ray examination.
 —Mrs. J. S. Brown Is visiting in Des Moines at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Saverude.
 —Mrs. Shenton has gone to Allerton, Ia, for a visit with the Rev. Mr. David Shenton and family.
 -Mr. and Mrs. Will Pieken and baby returned home this morning after a visit with friends at Anita.

News taken from the Atlantic News Telegraph Sept. 28, 1914

In Days Gone By

Opera houses were an important center for entertainment in "civilized" Iowa communities during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Anita, Atlantic, Cumberland, Griswold, and Massena all had opera houses. The opera house was a building where people could go to see a famous theatrical or musical artist perform, see a talent show or the latest touring production.



The post card above is signed Grace M., addressed to Mrs. Lyman Richman, Griswold Iowa and postmarked Cumberland, Iowa, 1912. Contributed by Cheryl Siebrass, October, 2009. In "Opera Houses of Iowa", authors Glenn and

Poole list five opera houses in Atlantic, three of which were also known as Atlantic Opera House. These three may in fact be the same facility at different points in time, but that is not immediately discernable. Glenn and Poole list:

1. Bacon Opera House (also called The Opera House or The Atlantic Opera House), built in 1880 by H. E. Bacon in association with A. A. Hubbard and A. E. Stevens, managed by H. E. Bacon (1883-1886), seating capacity 600;
2. Whitney's Hall, ca. 1883, managed by F. H. Whitney;
3. Academy of Music, ca. 1889, managed by R. H. Bigler or R. H. Bailey, seating 250;
4. (Atlantic) Opera House,

ca. 1889, seating 500 on the main floor and 200 in the balcony; and,

5. Atlanta, also known as Atlantic Opera House ca. 1896, managed by Lester L. Tilden (1896), C. P. Hubbard (1901-1909), W. P. Frost (1914-19??) and Fred Herbert (1921), seating capacity 528.

Glenn and Poole cite conflicting information regarding current usage of Bacon Opera House, "Some say it was torn down. Some say it currently is a movie theatre." The "History of Atlantic 1888-1968" published by the Chamber of Commerce for the Atlantic Centennial indicates that the Bacon Opera House building is the one occupied by the Atlantic Theatre in recent years.

Sources:

History of Atlantic, Iowa 1868-1968, published by the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, April, 1968, pp. 44-45.

The Opera Houses of Iowa by George D. Glenn and Richard L. Poole, Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa, 1993.



This post card is postally unused and contributed by Cheryl Siebrass, May, 2010.

This information was taken from the Cass County History photo section of the Iowa GenWeb project

The Atlantic Theater as it appears today. Courtesy of Mary Hoegh.



Cass County Genealogical Society to become Danes for a Day

This month, September 25th, the CCGS will be going to lunch at the Danish Inn followed by a tour of **The Family History & Genealogy Center (FHGC)**. All persons interested should meet at the library ready to leave at 11:00 AM. The CCGS will be car-pooling for anyone interested.

Famous from coast to coast **The Danish Inn** has been a favorite for travelers and local patrons. Friends relish the Danish specialties such as Frikadeller (Danish meat balls), Medisterpølse (Danish sausage), Morbrad (Danish stuffed pork loin), Rodkal (Danish red cabbage) as well as

American specialties such as Prime Rib, Fresh Crab Legs, Shrimp, BBQ ribs and much more. Cuisine also includes Smorrebrod (open face Danish sandwiches). Plenty of homemade desserts and fresh baked pastries are available to finish off the dining experience in the relaxed casual atmosphere.

The 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: (May1-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



Atlantic's Graduates --- 1891

Taken from the Cass County Iowa GenWeb Project

1891

BACHELOR, Judson E.
California Farmer.

(BARNETT) SHELTON, Dollie
E. Nashville, Tennessee.

BEVAN, Sargent Curtis, Iowa.

BOSTEDO, Kate Chicago,
Illinois.

(BROWN) RICH, Abbie A.
Atlantic, Iowa.

(BROWN) MURPHY, Rhoda
..... Dayton, Ohio.

(CHILDS) GILLETTE, Gertrude
..... Atlantic, Iowa.

COSTELLO, Clarence D.
Chicago, Illinois.

DICKERSON, Clarence C.
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

ELDRIDGE, Daniel S.
Atlantic, Iowa Real Estate.

FISHER, Alma F. Garfield,
Washington Teacher.

GREENLEAF, W. S.
Massena, Iowa Physician.

HARRIS, Frank E. Des
Moines, Iowa.

HENDERSON, Rose
Atlantic, Iowa.

KINSMAN, Walter O.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

KELLY, Mary Ellen Atlantic,
Iowa Stenographer.

LAMSON, Danforth C. Boon,
Iowa Minister.

(MEEK) WALNER, Edna
Atlantic, Iowa.

MACLEAN, Elizabeth Iowa
State College, Ames, Iowa
Teacher.

(MCGREW) REED, Coralie
San Diego, California.

MCCREA, Wm. C. Omaha,
Nebraska Book-keeper.

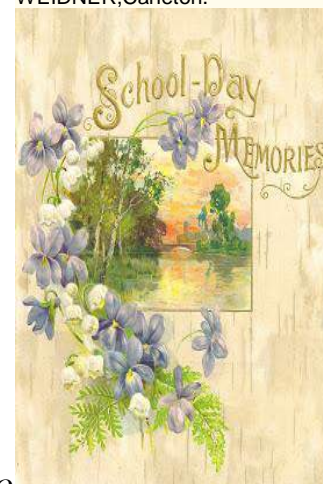
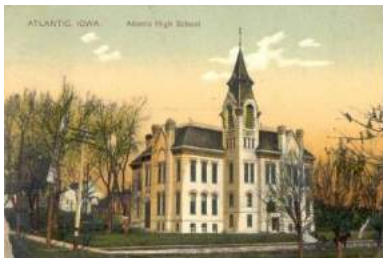
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Mae Chicago, Illinois.

(RUTT) BRADLEY, Pearl
Rock Rapids, Iowa.

TEMPLE, Lawrence
Massena, Iowa Lawyer.

(WILLIAMS) GILLET, Atilla J.
..... Atlantic, Iowa.
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WEIDNER, Carleton.



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

Old Schools

The one-room school house is gone, but the things we learned there – Good sense, and decent ways of treating people, love of land and love of life – are still with us. And they always will be.

From: "Anita Tribune,"
August 22, 1979.

Submitted by Norma
Miller, member



Administrator's Bondsman

Administrator's Bondsmen

A bondman or an executor's or administrator's bonds is guaranteeing that if the executor or administrator runs off the estate's property without paying the bills of the estate that the court can come after the individuals who signed the executor's or administrator's bond. So if your ancestor posted as an estate administrator, that bondsman trusted your ancestor enough to know that he wouldn't run off leaving unpaid bills of the estate. And the judge knew that the bondsmen were "worth

enough" to cover the value of the estate if the administrator defaulted the estate. c. Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day" <http://goo.gl05zWQ>

Taken from "The Pastfinder,"
Quarterly Newsletter of the
Richland County Chapter, OGS

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



Update on the Highland Cemetery

On Thursday, May 22, the CCGS met at the Anita Library for a tour, then to lunch at the Weather Vane in Anita. After lunch everyone met at the Highland Cemetery to place flags and coins on the graves of veterans to honor them. For many years the Methodists had a church on the grounds and regular services were held. With the arrival of automobiles and surfaced roads, the church closed and the building dismantled. Only the steps up to the church and the cemetery remain.

Update on the Highland Church, then and now:



Above as the church looked shortly before it was torn down and below all that remains of the church now –steps to nowhere..



Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

The Cass County IAGenweb website has had a number of additions over the summer. Lafa Young's 1877 "History of Cass County, Iowa" is now fully transcribed.

This hard to find volume has lots of details about early days in Cass County, including many interesting stories, biographies of pioneers, early voter lists, and statistics. Anyone interested in early county history will likely enjoy reading the "Gleanings from the Board of Supervisors' Record" section.

Other additions include

1903 Farmer's Mutual Hail Association losses in Cass County, and info about Louis Bornholdt, a machinist and inventor who lived in Cass County for over 20 years and owned a number of patents.

A new volunteer is currently working on the 1856 Iowa State census for Cass County. The transcription currently online at Cass County IAGenweb has been found to have numerous transcription errors.

Reading old handwritten records can be challenging, but we hope

In the early 1900's, Anita had two laundries in town. One was owned by Harry Cate and the other was owned by Sun Hing, who returned to China in 1909. The Chinese Laundry carried this advertisement, "Sun Hing, Chinese Laundry, Chambers Building, Anita, Iowa." Sun Hing has made the statement that he if ever cut his long braid of hair, he would not go back to China. Sun Hing came to the USA and made a fortune and returned to China to live with his two wives and take life easy.

Mrs. Tom Burns once stated that Sun Hing wore Chinese clothing all the time, which consisted of a loosely fitted blue suit, resembling

pajamas, with floppy legs. A skull cap covered his head from which flowed his long queue.

His building was located in the east side of the Chambers building (west of the gas station on the north side of the street) and every few years he would return to China for a visit. On returning to Anita he would bring souvenirs to the children who came in to visit him. He often brought silk handkerchiefs and other Chinese items. Mrs. Burns was one of his faithful callers, as she had to bring her father's collars to be laundered. Mrs. Burns for a long time had a 6-inch ladle decorated with oriental figures and flowers. Sun Hing had a habit of each Sunday afternoon walking the railroad track.

Reprinted from, the Anita Tribune, Thursday, December 23, 2010.

Submitted by Norma Miller

to have a more accurate 1856 census transcription online soon. Additional sections of the 1906 Compendium and 1913 Industrial Edition will also be coming online later this fall.

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 Siebrass 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: casscocoordinator@comcast.net



Iowa girl becomes new Library Director in Atlantic

Although she has traveled the world, Michelle Johnson, the new Library Director in Atlantic, has returned to familiar soil. Originally from Fort Dodge, Iowa, Michelle is now making her home in Atlantic, Iowa. She came here from Raleigh, NC, where she was the content librarian with The WiderNet Project. As well as a board member of the Carolina Veterans Support Group. She has also been editor of a sports publication in Springfield, MO. After high school she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations at the University of Minnesota, a Master of Science degree in Defense and Strategic Studies at Missouri State University and a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

As a child she spent a great majority of her time at the public library. Throughout the years she has collected many first editions of the books of her

favorite authors. She believes that education should be free and accessible. Among her areas of interest has been the preservation of animals, having served on the board for the Humboldt County animal shelter. She has also been working on getting the documentation together for her entrance into the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoys adventures and traveling, especially to countries as China, Thailand, Argentina, Kenya and Hungary. She welcomes the opportunity to speak about her travels and life in these countries.

She invites all area residents to stop by and say "Hello." Her office is located on the second floor. Atlantic Public Library hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30 am – 6:00pm; On Wednesdays the library hours are extended to 8:00 pm. Saturday hours are 9:30 am – 2:30

Michelle is shown below at her desk in the Atlantic Public Library.



WHAT TO DO WHEN THE COURTHOUSE HAS BURNED AND YOU ARE ALL OUT OF MARSHMELLOWS!

1. The courthouse may not have burned totally. Some records may have been saved because they were in an annex or wing that didn't burn. Don't always rely on what the 'Handy Book for Genealogist' or the court clerk says.
2. There may be/have been two courthouses in the same county.
3. The records may have been reconstructed or re-recorded, and remember that deeds sometimes are not recorded for years after the transfer. Also check with county abstract offices.
4. Check neighboring counties for deeds, probate records and marriages. It may be necessary to go out

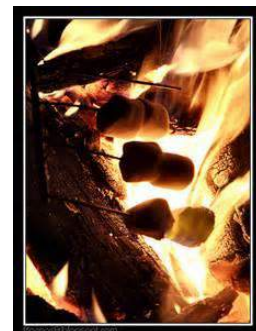
a second or third county away for a marriage record. People who elope do not go to their own town courthouse for the license.

5. Check everything in the courthouse where the family went to and the county where they came from if the county is known. Many sold land to relatives before moving on.

6. Check the parent county/counties Land records and the State Land Records for those counties. In the case of territory claimed by two states, check both state records. If your problem is in the Fire Lands or a Military District, check the parent States records.

7. Check the progeny (those that were formed from your county) county/counties for Land records that may have been recorded at a much later date.

****From a program at the Oklahoma Genealogical Society on February 4, 1985, given by Mrs. Lois M. Coople.**



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: _____

Cass County Genealogical Society. % Atlantic Carnegie Public Library 507 Poplar Street Atlantic, Iowa 50022-1241. Phone: 712-243-5466

PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED LEGAL SIZED ENVELOPE.
(If your request entitles more than 3 pages, please include additional postage.)

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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 _____