



In Times Past



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

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Letter from the President

The Cass County Genealogical Society has had a very interesting summer including a presentation by Colleen Wilbur on Lewis and Clark's exploration and field trips to the Shelby County Historical Museum in Harlan and the Montgomery County History Center in Red Oak. There are plans for new programs and trips in the months ahead, so keep the fourth Thursday of each month open and join in the learning and fun.

I have two little stories about how research and facts can be found through photographs. The first one is in regard to a beautiful Horsman doll I received from my mother's brother for Christmas one year. I wasn't sure which Christmas it was until going through an album my father had made of my childhood years. There she was sitting beside the Christmas tree in 1943, the year I was five years old. He was sent to England with a B24 bomber

crew in November 1943 and was killed along with the whole crew when they were shot down returning from a bomb run to Brunswick Germany on January 11, 1944. Needless to say, the doll is very precious to me.

My family was very good about marking names and dates on pictures. My grandmother wrote on the back of a picture of their first home after she married my grandfather. It was taken in 1908, the year of their marriage, and said whose house it had been previously and the exact location. On the back of the same picture, she noted that the house was where my mother was born in February 1910. It was located in Pymosa Township in Cass County. I recently requested a copy of my mother's birth certificate from the State of Iowa and it was issued in Shelby County. Her birth was not recorded until December of 1910. My grandparents build a new

farmhouse in Clay Township, Shelby County, in 1910. I thought they must have moved between the time of her birth and the time her birth was recorded. Then two pictures in an old photo album showed where they lived in 1909 and the new home they moved to in 1910. I think that answered the question.

My father was a really good amateur photographer. He made a photo album of my life from the time I was born through my first five years. It includes family, friends, playmates, Christmases, birthdays, pets and also answers a lot of questions. It is another very precious treasure.

I hope you will be able to join us on one of our adventures or programs. Sometimes we find a new avenue to our past by learning new ways to find information.

Linda Marek, President

Research in the Room

Many peoples have been researching in the genealogy room the past few months. They hail from the following areas: Iowa—Davenport, Anita, Ankeny, Britt, Griswold, Cumberland, McClelland, and Atlantic. They have also come from Omaha and Papillion in Nebraska and as far away as Austin and Arlington, Texas; Tuscon, Arizona; Madison,

Wisconsin, and Westlake, Ohio. Family names that have been searched are: Conway, O'Brien Malone, Leddy, Borth, Gottsche, Pelzer, Silhan, Navratil. Myers, Woodward, Brown, Hofmister, Fredriksen, Hansen, Eddie Richenbacher, Wagner, August, Christina Andersen or Anderson, McCarthy, and Scharf. We also had people in

researching the newspapers and history books for information on the Under Ground Railroad. The town of Marne, Hotel Cardio, Old hotel in Massena, and Pagel. If you have anyone or any area you would like researched, please send an email to the CCGS at casscgs@gmail.com.

Mary and Linda

Who do You Think I am? Jo Gravestones

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.



No one identified the photo last month of the group of nurses. This month's photo is of an unknown couple sitting in a cart or carriage. The photo is from the Vera (Keasey) Aldag Jipp Collection, submitted to the Cass County division of the IA GenWeb. Good luck this time identifying them. 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.

Members of the CCGS went to the Shelby County historical Museum on Thursday, June 23, 2016. The Shelby County Historical Museum houses thousands of artifacts that relate to a broad spectrum of history with earliest artifacts dating to prehistoric times when woolly mammoths and musk oxen roamed across the lands. There are Native American and pioneer artifacts. The bulk of the collection includes two original log cabins dating to 1856 and 1857, detailing Shelby County's history since the pioneers arrived and how life in this part of the country changed over time.

I Can See Clearly Now (Photographing and Cleaning Gravestones)

This workshop on Saturday, September 10, is intended to give tips for photographing and cleaning gravestones. It will also cover how to load the photos online to Iowa Gravestones and findagrave.com. The workshop is free and is

sponsored by the Cass County Genealogy Society. Coffee, tea and rolls will be provided. Bring a sack lunch. The workshop will be held in the first floor meeting room of the Atlantic Public Library, 507 Poplar, Street, Atlantic, Iowa, 50022, for the morning sessions. The afternoon sessions will consist of hands on demonstration and practice at an old local cemetery with permission of the relatives. Presenters will be Carolyn DeLay and Donna Knight. Both Carolyn and Donna are involved with genealogy, research, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Registration may be made online on the Atlantic Public Website under Calendar or send registration to the Cass County Genealogy Society, Carnegie Public Library, 507 Poplar Street, Atlantic, Iowa 50022-1241, Phone: 712-243-5466.



Happenings 100 years ago in History, October, 1916

Short Stories About Town

Will Give Study Hour - Mrs. Donald McGiffen will be in charge of the study hour at the library at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Paving Tied Up—The paving of the eight alleys is tied up at present for lack of sand, and there is no telling when it will be received.

Harry for Henry—In the item about the selection of the registration judges we stated that Harry Cavanaugh was one of the judges. Instead it was Henry Cavanaugh.

Dr. and Mrs. Finley entertained Wednesday evening in honor if Mr. and Mrs. McConnell of Murray, who are visiting at the Glass home in this city.

Sold His Lots—Dr. Finley sold his lots on the corner of Fourteenth and Poplar Streets to W. E. Johnson of this city recently. The price was \$3500 and other considerations.

Mrs. Chas. H. Snyder of Adair was a shopper here yesterday.

R. Rockwell of Wiota was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. Matt Peterson of Walnut was in the city shopping

yesterday.

J. H. Mayne of Council Bluffs was in the city yesterday attending to paving matters.

Mrs. Henry Hansen and Mrs. Earl Brown of Brayton were Atlantic visitors last evening.

Mrs. R. H. Moore left for Chicago last evening, where she will visit over Sunday with her sister.

ANT, October 9, 1916



In Days Gone By

Township History

Adair and Audubon counties were detached from Cass in 1852 and after that date and up to the year 1857 Cass County had but four civil townships, namely: Cass, Pymosa, Turkey Grove and Enda. In 1857, Lura Township was organized, including what it now Grant and also other territory. As to how the townships were constituted when there were but seven, the reader is referred to the statistical table for the year 1869, to be found in this work.

Upon petition of Thomas MEREDITH and others, the township of Brighton was founded March 15th, 1858, containing all of township 77,

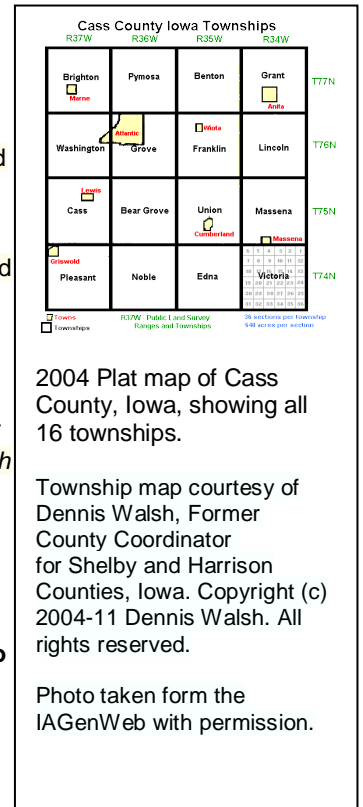
range 37, and sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18, in township 76, Range 37. A warrant was issued to Mr. MEREDITH for holding of the first election, to be held at the residence of Samuel K. SHIELDS, in said township, April 5th, 1858, for the selection of township officers. Mr. MEREDITH, being an Englishman, wanted to call the new township Britain, but Judge LORAH (probably recollecting that old tea trouble) objected, and as a compromise, the name of Britain was adopted.

On petition of Peter HEDGES and others, the township of Breckenridge was ordered to be organized at the August session of the county court, in 1858, and authority was

granted to Franklin H. WHITNEY to hold the first election at the house of Peter HEDGES on the second Tuesday of October, 1858. Breckenridge township embraced what is now Union and Messena, and a portion of other townships adjoining. The county now consists of sixteen townships, the Congressional and civil townships exactly corresponding in size and number, and no further change will likely ever be made.

From "Miscellaneous," *History of Cass County, Iowa Together With Brief Mention of Old Settlers* by Lafe Young, Atlantic, Iowa: Telegraph Steam Printing House, 1877, pg. 69-70.

FYI: Cass County continues to have only 16 townships, 139 years later.



2004 Plat map of Cass County, Iowa, showing all 16 townships.

Township map courtesy of Dennis Walsh, Former County Coordinator for Shelby and Harrison Counties, Iowa. Copyright (c) 2004-11 Dennis Walsh. All rights reserved.

Photo taken from the IAGenWeb with permission.

Upcoming Programs and Things

The Iowa Genealogical Society Library in Des Moines is on the calendar for September 22nd. The library contains records for Iowa plus many of the states our ancestors inhabited as they ventured from the east coast to Iowa. This should be an excellent opportunity for us to search for any records we might be missing. Also, the State Historical Museum cafe is across the street. That should make finding a good place for lunch easy.

An October trip to the Cumberland and Massena libraries is in the planning stage. Future trips to the Griswold Library, Cass County Historical Museum, Lewis Library, and Museum of Danish America Genealogy Center in Elk Horn would

further increase our understanding of the resources available to our members.

Carolyn Key

Records, Collections, and Reference Materials

The 2016 obituaries and wedding, anniversary, and birthday documents are being scanned and entered into Excel on the computers. That process takes much less time than our previous card and notebook files took to complete. We are creating back-ups of all of our computer files to preserve our records.

In addition, there has been progress on the project to enter data from the obituary card files

into Excel documents. It will take a long time to complete but will be a superior addition to our reference library.

Our obituary files can be used for more than family research. My high school class recently celebrated our 55th year class reunion. At prior reunions, we memorialized our classmates who have passed on in various ways. Frequently there were questions about when they had died and where they were buried. This year, I found obituaries for our classmates and our teachers and placed them in a notebook on the memory table. It answered many of the questions and served as a way to remember all of our classmates. Carolyn Key

Tips

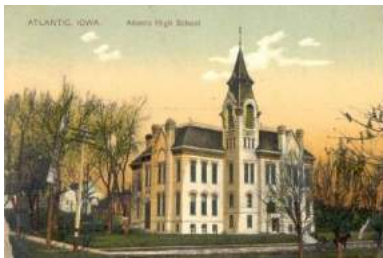
7 Facts About Your Ancestors Found in Obituaries and Death Notices:

1. Date of death, name of cemetery, date and place of the funeral and burial
2. Name, place, and year of birth
3. Names of children, where they lived, and their position in the family's birth order
4. Names of the towns and how long they lived in each one
5. Age of spouse at death and how long ago that was
6. Details on the longevity of parents and grandparents
7. Count of descendants, by generation

Atlantic's Alumni --- 1898

Taken from the Cass County Iowa GenWeb Project

AYRES, Charles, Chicago, IL	EVANS, Pearl Atlantic, Iowa Clerk.	McKINSTRY, George Sherman, Texas. (NANCARROW) ABBOTT, Clara Council Bluffs, Iowa.
AYLESWORTH, Paul, . Atlantic, Iowa Postal Clerk.	HAYWARD, Edna Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.	NICHOLS, Ed Ames, Iowa Student.
BAILEY, Ralph, Philadelphia, PA	HANSON, John Kansas City, Mo. Stenographer.	PENNELL, Harry, Atlantic, IA.
BEAN, Guy Minneapolis, Minnesota Student.	JOHNSON, Eva Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.	PELLETT, Ada Atlantic, Iowa Abstracter.
BISHOP, Harry, Gailsburg, IL.	KELLEY, Agnes Atlantic, Iowa Bookkeeper.	STANLEY, Jessie Cedar Falls, Iowa Student.
BOYLE, John, Milwaukee, WI.	KEYSER, Earl Atlantic, Iowa.	SCOTT, Edith Atlantic, Iowa.
CASE, Addie Alton, Iowa Teacher.	LEE, Charles College View.	SWAN, O. T. Lincoln, Nebraska Student.
(CURTIS) TODD, Margarette Atlantic, Iowa.	LEE, Maude Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.	WILKEN, Carrie Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.
DISBROW, Greta Highland Park, Des Moines Student.	LOW, Fannie Hancock, Iowa Teacher.	WADDELL, Ethel Cumberland, Iowa.
DISBROW, Ruth Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.	MCGEEHON, Ed, Atlantic, IA.	



Genealogists are time travelers

Old Time Summer Recipes

The 13th annual Lewelling tea was held at the Congregational Church in Salem on Sunday afternoon, April 10, 2016. The speaker, Susan Stanfield of the Department of Gender and Women's studies, University of Iowa, presented a program on "Women's Work and Anti-Slavery Activism." The cake they served was Barnard Cake or also known as abolition Cake, as it was a staple sold at benefits for the anti-slavery cause for fugitives. It is named for the well-known Quaker family, the Barnards, who were active in antislavery work in Chester County, PA. This recipe comes from an 1890 cookbook.

"One cup of butter, three cups of sugar, four and one half cups

of flour, four eggs, one cup of sour milk, the juice and the rind of a lemon and one teaspoon of saleratus." Salteratus was a chalk-like powder used as a chemical leavener to produce carbon dioxide gas in dough.

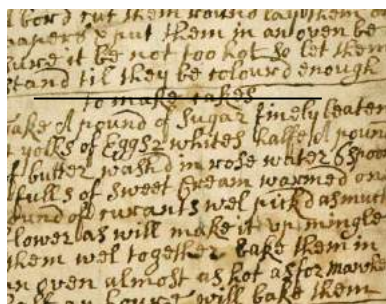
Today's Measurements

1 C. Butter, 4 ½ C. pastry flour, 1 C. Buttermilk, 1 ¼ tsp. baking soda, 3 C. sugar, 4 eggs, Juice and grated zest of 1 lemon. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat the eggs to a froth and combine them with the buttermilk. Beat the egg and butter mixture together, add the lemon, then sift together flour and baking soda twice. Gradually sift and fold this into the batter. Grease 2 round 10 inch cake pans-preferably spring form-and fill no more than ½

full. Bake in oven preheated to 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes, or until cakes test done. Cool on racks before removing from the pans.

William Ways Weaver, 35 Recipes from the Larder Invaded, Library of Congress of Philadelphia, 1986.

Old Cake Recipe



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



July in the Loess Hills

Colleen Wilbur presented a program for the CCGS Thursday, July 28, 2016, at the Atlantic Public Library on Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery. .Portraying the youngest member of the Corps, Colleen led listeners through the challenges the Corps faced along the way, with especially fascinating stories of animal encounters and concentrating on the area of the Loess Hills. The event was well attended with all enjoying the goodies provided by the CCGS.



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On Thursday, August 25, 2016, the CCGS spent the day in Red Oak. Thirst they went to lunch at the Red Couch Inn for delicious leisurely lunch. Then they went to the Montgomery County History Center. The Montgomery County

Historical Society was organized in 1945 to preserve and share the county's history. During the 1980's, members met in the Pittsburg School, which they restored and preserved. In 1995, the Society opened its first History Center, and in 2006, the Gala Grand Opening of the present 14,000 sq. ft. building was celebrated. The rooms were filled with many artifacts categorized according to topics of local history. The afternoon ended at the Subway store with Goodrich ice cream.

In the photo below Linda Marek, left, and Mary Hoegh, right, examine a wooden tractor and wagon with a headstone laid inside the wagon.



Remember, if you need research done, please contact the CCGS via email or leave a phone message if no one is in the office.



Don't forget to check us out on Facebook!!!!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/447580845313345/>



Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

The Cass County IAGenWeb continues to grow! This past quarter saw numerous new additions to the Cass County Cass IAGenweb, If you haven't visited Cass IAGenWeb lately, many more family photos, obits, and marriage notices were added to Cass IAGenWeb over the summer courtesy of Carl Malone and transcriber Eileen Reed. Surnames include Acker, Berry, Broadfoot, Butler, Collins, Franklin, Fudge, Harris, and Malone, plus

many more. Numerous Civil War soldier gravestone photos and associated service record info were also added, courtesy of Civil War researcher Steve Hanken.

Transcriptions of additional blocks from Evergreen Cemetery in Anita will be coming soon, courtesy of Carolyn DeLay. Also coming soon is an index of recipes and contributors from a vintage cookbook published by the Saint Paul's Lutheran Ladies Aid Society.

IAGenWeb is now on Facebook! Please Like us! We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/iagenweb/>

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Check the IAGenweb Volunteer Primer for further info (<http://iagenweb.org/state/primer.htm>). Contributions are always welcome!

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



**Vital Statistic
Records.....Continued...**

As the twenty-first century progresses, insurance and business records will play an increasingly important role in establishing genealogical facts. An excellent example of such records is Connie Bell's and Vernell Walker's *Union Pacific Railroad Life Insurance Claims Data*. These alphabetically arranged records contain vital records and other documents supporting insurance claims. The compilers attempted to abstract all information of genealogical importance. Some of the details include name of the deceased, Social Security number, sex, race, occupation, date and place of birth, address, date of marriage, date and cause of death, place

of burial, parents' names, and spouse's name. This collection is available on microfilm through the Family History Library.

Other insurance companies and businesses have compiled similar records, but researchers are just beginning to locate and abstract them. Check repository catalogs periodically and inquire at national and local genealogical societies about "works in progress" to determine if a source of interest is in the making.

In Military records vital records information appears in such filings as World War I Selective Service Registration, benefits applications, such as those for pensions of admittance to veteran's home.

Fewer vital records exist for the period prior to 1900, so researchers must search more obscure records on the chance of finding the details needed to identify people and document relationships. An example that is an excellent source for pre-1900 vital information is the *Gentleman's Magazine*, a periodical published in Great Britain that contained information about people from the United States, Jamaica, Antigua, Barbados, and the West Indies. The periodical published columns listing births, marriages, and deaths of British citizens at home and abroad. See David Dobson's *American Vital Records from the Gentleman's Magazine, 1731-1868*.

Private sources, such as newspapers, morticians' records, hospital and doctors' records, business and employment records, and local published histories also contain birth and death information. Some of these records are also discussed in detail in other chapters.

Taken from an article, **"Vital Records"** by **Johni Cerny, BS,** FUGA in **[The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy](#)**



Our friend and fellow genealogy member and officer, Norma Miller has moved to be near her brother. Her address is: Summit Point Senior Living, Apt #244, 3505 English Glen Ace., Marion, IA, 52302, PN# 310-730-8278. I'm sure she would appreciate a card.

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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)

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