

In Times Past





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Meetings are held the 4th
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notified.

Letter from the President

Brr...It is a dreary cool fall day that I sit down to type up what has been happening in the Genealogy Room. We have been rather laid back and slow moving here in our little world. Carolyn Key and I attended a workshop on grant writing a few months ago. We have around 180 rolls of the Atlantic News Telegraph that has not been digitized as of yet and our group would like to be able to get that process done. We visited with the have Director of the Griswold Library for some help in writing that grant. Most, but not all, of the Atlantic papers are digitized from 1874 to 1964 and then from 1984 to 2000. As anyone who uses newspaper archives knows it is so handy to either find a

person or a date without having to search through each and every day's paper on microfilm. The Griswold, Elliott and Lewis papers have recently been digitized and are searchable at http://griswold.advantage-preservation.com/. The Anita Tribune is also searchable through the Anita Library's web page.

Here is a good example of how researching the newspaper archives can benefit us. I did some research this past week for the Iowa Aviation Museum at Greenfield. They were interested in Amelia Earhart using the Atlantic Airport and spending the night of May 31, 1931 in Atlantic at

Whitney Hotel. According to the article in the Atlantic News Telegraph Amelia was flying a Pitcairn autogiro NC-10780. She was accompanied bv her mechanic, Eddie McVaugh on a flight to the west coast. She was running low on fuel and made a safe landing at the airmail field southwest of town. We were not positive of the date the article would be in the newspaper so by first checking in the archives I was able to bring the article up on the microfilm and make a nice copy of it along with the picture of MS Earhart.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all....Mary

Research in the Room

We continue to work on the obituary index trying to update the old files that are pasted on 4 x 6 cards and scanning the newer obituaries into the computer. We are working on programs for 2018 that will tie into the 150th Birthday of Atlantic. The Sesquicentennial Committee has set out some guide lines for each month of 2018 and we are hoping to plan programs around their would suggestions that pertain to genealogy. Some

names we have been researching are Bannick/Smith, Jensen/Hansen/Rattenborg, Laird/Wicker/Hensley.

Visitors came from local area and Cedar Falls, IA. A lesson in patience. We had a request for a burial place for a gentleman whose obituary said he died in 1909 and his funeral took place at Pine Grove Church near Massena and the interment was in the cemetery there. Well, there is

no cemetery there! His family is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery but this person in question is not listed in the cemetery records or the WPA records. I finally decided to check the death records at the courthouse and that record said he is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery. You would think the court record would be correct. I believe he is in Atlantic Cemetery in unmarked grave. The mystery goes on.

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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. No one identified the photo last month of the Mrs. Franklin Whitney, her son Thomas and granddaughter Marie Whitney. Let's see if you can identify this person who was in general merchandise in a town not far away. HINT: this person was also the first mayor of that town. Good luck this time If you identifying them. have anv 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.

Submitted by Mary Hoegh...

The following information goes with the program at the armory last Sunday. Found it in the Anita Tribune Aug 7, 1918. Thomas Franklin was the only colored man to go from Cass County to enter army service in WW I. . He reported at Camp Dodge.

So far I haven't found anything about Thomas Franklin except he was listed on the 1915 Cass County census living at Anita, being single. He was 27, born about 1888 in Washington DC. He was black, single and in IA 5 years. His father was born in NH and mother in MA. He was a janitor.

Thomas Franklin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin, from Anita was a Corporal in the 809th Pioneer Infantry. He was born October 11, 1887 and entered the service Aug. 1, 1918 and stationed at Camp Dodge.

From there he spent four months in France. He was discharged March 15, 1919. According to the incoming passenger list form overseas in 1919, he has contracted measles. The death index states he died on July 23, 1974.



Cass County in the World War, 1917-1918-1919. c. 1919, Beard, Atlantic, Iowa, pg. 78

Happenings 100 years ago in History, December, 1917

Usually this column is just for happenings 100 years ago. However, in searching for material for this newsletter, I came upon an article that was giving things that happened 35 years before that. So here are a few things from happenings on December 27, 1882,...

J. B. Jones has been seriously afflicted with rheumatism for the past week, being entirely helpless most of the time. He was taken to Colfax where it is soon hoped he will be on his pins again.

Misses Belle and Bertha Dewey of Des Moines are in the city, at the home of Mrs. Lafe Young.

And 15 years ago on that same date, December 27,

Miss Theodoa Fulton entertains a number of friends this evening in honor of friends Misses

1902.

Frances Wagner and Emma Shirm of Adair who are visiting her.

Will DeMar of Harlan returned to his home after a short visit with his wife's parents in this city.

Dr. C. B. Hess is home from a visit with his wife's parents, in Bedford during the holidays.

Now 100 years ago-Marne News

Frank Roberts and family of Anita spent Christmas at the Fred Anderson home. Dr. Lyons and family went to Glenwood on Monday morning to spend Christmas with relatives.

Martin Sorenson and family of Atlantic spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sorenson.

M.O. Trailer family went to Oakland Christmas to take dinner Dr. Giles and family.

Messrs. And Mademes Will Jacob and John Grodt visited relatives at Christmas.

ANT, December 27, 1917



A WALK BACK IN TIME

Seven Spies Sisters

In 1934 Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Spies formed the Dancing Spies Sisters, comprised of seven of their eight daughters.

The girls, Ada, Juanita, Georgia, Betty, Mary, Jane, Marjorie, and Cleone, grew up with an older sister, Muriel and a brother, Virgil, on their father's 160 acre farm east of Massena; in 1941 the family moved to Anita.

The troupe first got their start with Ada's acrobatic act branched out encompass the talents of the remaining sisters. All of the girls could tap dance and did. specialized Georgia singing and combined to do

comedy acts with Marjorie and Juanita. and Mary comprised the remainder of the troupe.

Rose Adler and Marie barnes service. Flannigan of Des Moines and Jack Manning of Chicago.

sisters performed in a total of died in 1966. thirteen states, gaining top state fair conventions. They studios. over 600 engagements!

They were hailed as the At the present time the girls "World's Largest Sister Dance are as follows: Cleone Ray of Troupe" Deluxe."

All costumes worn through Ada and Cleone the years were designed and presented dance duets, while made by Louise Murray Bell of Jane Atlantic.

Muriel (Mrs. Aaron Bell of Anita) was teaching school near After taking their initial Massena while her sisters were lessons from Mrs. Howard performing and Virgil (of Herbert of Atlantic, the Seven California) helped with the Spies Sisters studied under farming until he joined the

Mr. and Mrs. Spies made their home on Rose Hill During a ten year stint, Avenue in Anita until he passed 1934 to 1943, the Seven Spies away in 1965 and Mrs. Spies

Cleone, Ada, Mary Jane and billing at county fairs, night Marjorie have in the past clubs, theaters, lodges, and conducted their own dance Georgio Benson averaged slightly over sixty Lipcio of Brainard, Minnesota, different appearances a year, daughter of Marjorie, now thus making a grand total of teaches dance at the Junior College there.

and Entertainers Fort Dodge, Ada Preston of

Iowa Falls, Juanita Budd of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mary Jane Cowan of Converse. Texas, and Betty Shultz of San Antonio, Texas.

Below is a picture of the Seven Spies Sisters dressed in costume.



Cass County, Iowa, Cass HISTORY, **County-1980** INC., c. 1980, pg. 547.

Programs that were and Programs to come

In **September** Beth Johnson Silk Fenn. presented program, a "Starting Family History on the Computer." She brought her laptop and showed how she started and organized things.

October In members Carolvn DeLav. Beth Johnson, and Mary Hoegh presented their DNA results from ancestry.com, and what they learned about their families.

In November Connie Silk for CCGS Fenn presented a program with a DVD on country schools in Iowa, the rise and decline. She also brought of articles about and from country schools. Members were encouraged to share if they had attended country school.



Upcoming programs



Pictured below is Connie In **December** 14, 6 pm will be

the Annual Christmas get together at Carolyn DeLay's home, 606 Maple Street. Members are asked to bring an Hors d'oeuvres (finger food) to share along with a Christmas "goodie" providing a recipe for the "goodie." Drinks will be provided water, hot cider, coffee, Diet coke and wine for those who want to indulge.

In **January** we open Atlantic's Sesquicentennial year with a program on the first house in Atlantic presented by Carolyn DeLay and Franklin Whitney by Mary Hoegh. We are hoping that the plaque placed by the Atlantic Deborah Franklin Chapter of the NSDAR in 1932 will be relocated in time for a rededication service afterwards by the Council Bluffs Chapter of the NSDAR,

Bluffs Chapter of the NSDAR, which now serves Atlantic and Cass County. The mayor has been invited to the occasion.

In **February** our theme will be on "Love and Marriage. Then and Now." Think about what vou would like to share on a personal basis – photos, dresses, etc. the older the better.

In March we have a tentative program on "Atlantic builds Business and Industry." The focus is on business and industry from the beginning of Atlantic to the present time.

April's focus is on "Who's who in Atlantic" with the focus on service organizations and individual citizens.

In May we will again focus on Cass County's servicemen.

Atlantic's Graduates --- 1902-3

1902

(Aston) Rose, Florence Aston. Francis (Block) Loeb, Mattie Block, Maurice (Burriss) Beck, Mary Cary, Raymond (Coate) Rogers, Eva M. (Curtis) Barnard, Ethel Durkee, Austa (Fancolly) Hallett, Pearl Fleming, John S. Gibson, Josie (Hansen) Wilson, Jeanie Hodge, Earl (Jacobsen) McCutcheon, Eetta Laird, Burton Miller, Emerson

Odem, Roy (Osborne) Herbert, Corrie (Rockafellow) McCabe, Hazelle (Sandford) Winegar, Frances Von Metz, Frank Wilson, Will H. (Younglove) Joyce, Leah M.

1903

(Allen)Herbert, Shirley (Ash) Carey, Anna Aston, Arthur Barnard, Grace (Becker) Pellett, Fern Block, Ike Brown, May Belle Cavanaugh, Katherine

(Cole) Blondel, Flavilla (Crisman) Oakes, Lizzie Denham, Edna (Denne) Okerlin, Susanna Eichorn, Charles Johnson, George Jones, John A. (Marshall) Arnold, Katie Pennell, Dell Smith, Ethel Strong, Roy (Thompson) Tidrick, Luella (Thorley) Smith, Maud



Eventually, all genealogists come to their census.

1839:Temperance Mince Pies.

Take on quart of good rye or wheat bread, after it is chopped fine, and one quart of sour apples, chopped fine; add the juice of six lemons, two large spoonfuls of ground cinnamon, a large teaspoonful of salt, a pint of cream or milk, a pint of the best sugar bakers' molasses, and a pint of washed raisins. Grate in a lemon peel. Bake them one hour.

The young house-keeper: or, thoughts on food and cookery, William Andrus Alcott, 1839

1845: A vegetable plum pudding from Eliza Acton.

Mix well together one pound smoothly-mashed potatoes, half a pound of

Old Time Recipes

carrots boiled quite tender, and Mashed potatoes, 1 Ib.; beaten to a paste, one pound of carrots, 8 ozs.; flour, 1 Ib.; flour, one of currants, and one suet, ½ Ib.; sugar, ¾ Ib.; of raisins (full weight after currants and raisins, 1 Ib. they are stoned), three quarters each; nutmeg, 1; little salt: of a pound of sugar, eight 4 hours. ounces of suet, one nutmeg, [From: Modern Cookery for and a quarter-teaspoonful of Private Families. Eliza salt.

Put the pudding into a wellfloured cloth, tie it closely, and Thanks go to everyone boil it for four hours. The for submitting articles correspondent to whom we are for the newsletter. All indebted for this receipt says, your help is greatly that the cost of the ingredients appreciated. does not exceed half a crown, and that the pudding is of sufficient size for a party of sixteen persons.

We can vouch for excellence, but as it is rather apt to break when turned out of the cloth, a couple of eggs would perhaps improve it. Sweetmeats, brandy, and spices can be added pleasure.

Acton, 1845]

Carolyn





Marriage Records found in Newspapers: Engagement, Marriages, Anniversary, and Divorce

Sometimes we hear the phrase "We lost John." Most of the time the people are talking about the "passing" or death of a loved one. However, to someone "into" genealogy, the phrase refers to an ancestor that we have literally "Lost" and can't find in the census and birth records. Oftentimes, if it is female, she may have gotten married and her last name drops off the face of the earth. Have you thought of trying the local newspaper where they last lived?

Marriage is one of the most important decisions many people make in their lives, an act watched and recorded by society. Each stage in the process engagement, marriage, and celebration the α f anniversaries—is often announced to the public in the form of notices published in the local newspaper. For those marriages that fail, newspapers often publish divorce notices and records as well. usually provide information than just the couple specific getting married-or divorced. You will often find the names of other family members and their places of residence, as well as stories that help make up your family history.

What kinds information can you find out? Different articles will often carry different information. That information may contain the names of the bride and groom, parents of both sides the family, places of residence, where married, particulars of the service itself, future residence if not the same as their current residence, especially if they migrating are west. occupations, where church records could be kept, sometimes phots and all sorts of tidbits.

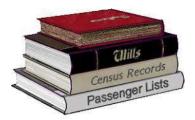
Even older news articles information. One such

These notices example is from a 1742, more printed by the Pennsylvania Gazette (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) on 25 November 1742, page 2:

> "We hear fro Stoneham, that My Peter Havs of that Town, aged 86 years, was married to an ancient Widow, aged of 82: This is the Old gentleman's sixth Wife, and her fifth Husband."

> > That's quite a bit of family history we learn from one brief marriage notice. If Peter Hays of Stoneham, Pennsylvania, is your ancestor, you have a lot of follow-up searching to do, since you now know that in this 1742 marriage, Peter gained his sixth wife-and she her fifth husband! Look for marriages to occur for young and old alike.

Example taken from Marriage Records found in Newspapers: Engagement, Marriages, Anniversary, and can contain quite a bit of Divorce, Thomas Jay Kemp, 2018, GenealogyBank



There are several genealogy books available for sale in the genealogy office. They are extra copies of books. Among them are several Javelins for various years. These will be \$10.00 for each Javelin plus an additional charge for postage if we have to ship them. Call the office for more information on the years available.

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/grou ps/447580845313345/

Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

If you haven't visited the Cass Complete transcriptions there have been lots of new additions over the past few The most recent months! include multiple chapters from the 1913 edition of "The Browning Club Cook Book". The Browning Club was an early Atlantic women's organization, founded by a group of teachers and instrumental in establishing the Atlantic Public Library. Be sure to check out the recipes for "Green Corn Soup", "Cranberry Pie", and "Turkish Coffee", as well as the detailed instructions on how "To Bone a Fowl." Life was certainly different a hundred years ago, before the invention of automatic coffee makers and electric ovens!

County IAGenWeb site lately Pleasant Township Cemetery and Lowman Cemetery have also been added, as well as a list of Atlantic High School Alumni 1878-1945, all courtesy of the Cass County Genealogical Society!

> Four additional township history chapters from the 1906 Compendium of History and Biography are now online, as well as a complete transcription of the 1856 Iowa State Census records for Edna Township. An index to two years of Cass County birth records (July 1904 to June 1906) has also been added courtesy of the State Historical Society of Iowa, and an interesting account of the 1858 Flood as narrated by one of

the flood survivors back in 1930. Mrs. Seenith Bryan Smith. Six Franklin Township residents lost their lives in the 1858 Flood and were buried in a grove now known as the Judd/Magee Cemetery.

Also newly added - scans of all the original 1917 Farmer's Directory pages! The complete 1917 Farmer's Directory is gradually being transcribed so that all the surnames in the directory can be found by the site-wide search engine. Currently Washington and Cass Townships are complete and online. If you would like to volunteer to help transcribe one of the remaining townships please contact the Cass County IAGenWeb Coordinator!

IAGenWeb is now on Facebook! Please "Like" us! We can be found https://www.facebook.com/iagen web/

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



lowa Genealogy Society helds its Fall Conference October 20th and 21st.

The IGS held its Fall Conference on October 20th & 21st with Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist, at Toad Valley Golf and Events Center, Pleasant Hill, IA. (East Des Moines) Judy is a genealogist with a law degree, and her purpose at The Legal Genealogist Website) is, in part, to help folks understand the often arcane and even impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history. Without understanding the context in which events took place and records were created, we miss so much of both the significance and the flavor of what happened. She has credentials which can be found many http://www.legalgenealogist.com/biography/

A couple of topics were especially helpful.

Living with Legal Lingo:

The language of the law is part Greek, part French, part Latin, even part Saxon -and all confusing. Every family's records are chock full of legal lingo that can appear utterly baffling to even an experienced genealogist. But whether it's for a family as famous as Daniel Boone's, or one as ordinary as yours or mine, understanding the legal lingo in the records is a critical part of understanding the records themselves.

The problem is that many records virtually important to genealogy are legal records, required by the law to deal with an issue of concern to the law. As a result, the records are written in the language of the law – the legal lingo that seems often incomprehensible. What is a trespass vis et armis? What's the difference between debt and detinue, between assumpsit and covenant? How do we know what the legal lingo means?

Three things are necessary to understand legal lingo.

- 1. A thorough familiarity with the records of the time and place, since much of the terminology can be understood by reading it in context.
- 2. A good resource for the stator laws of the time and place, since the laws usually specified what the records had to contain.
- 3. One or more good legal dictionaries, as close to contemporary with the record set as possible.

Every genealogist should have access to a virtual library with these resources. Most of them have been digitalized in one form or another. Dictionaries by Giles Jacob, John Bouvier, and Henry Campbell Black are excellent resources for dictionaries.

Knowing the Law makes us Better Genealogists.

The lives of our ancestors were governed by laws and the records created because of these laws are generally the richest

sources of genealogical information that exist. So many legal records suggest relationships among people and provide solid evidence for use in reconstructing and understanding the lives and families we research. But to use the records well, we need to understand the law as it existed at the time. Understanding the law often explains why our ancestors acted as they did.

The Genealogical Process

- A. The Genealogical Proof Standard has 5 parts: 10 resonably exhaustive research; 20 complete and accurate source citations; 30 analysis and correlation of the collected information; 4) resolution of any conflicting evidence; and 5) a soundly reasonable, coherently written conclusion.
- B. The Genealogical Process. Sources give us information from which we select evidence for analysis. A sound conclusion may be considered proof. Sources can be original or dirivitive. Information can be primary or secondary. Evidence can be direct, indirect, or negative. Proof requires through research and documentation, reliable evidence correctly interpreted and carefully correlated, and a well-reasoned analysis.
- C. The Proof Process and the Law. The law often dictates what sources exist, what information is recorded in these sources, what portions of the information we can reasonably select as evidence and what we can rely on as proof. Evidence reasonable selected and understood in its legal context helps us document our cases, prove relationships, reconstruct families and understand our ancestor's lives. These last three points will be addressed in the next issues along with other points to help us understand the law.

Genealogy and the Law

- A. The Law as it affect Genealogical Records
- B. Find the Right Law
- C. Some example why understanding the law makes us better genealogists

To Be Continued......These last three points will be continued in the next newsletter.

The IGS is also on Facebook,

https://www.facebook.com/IowaGenSoc/ and Twitter, https://twitter.com/iowagenealogy . Check them out!!



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