

CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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TAKING A TRIP – AUGUST 22

Cass County Genealogical Society will visit Avoca on Thursday, August 22. Meet at the Atlantic Public Library at 12:15 to share a ride. Thanks to Cindy Sievers for making arrangements.

MAKING A MOVE DELAYED

Library renovation will be delayed. Another round for bids has been opened. CCGS will remain in the same space for a while longer. However some larger resources and those not used often have been moved to the current children's library office. Some items remain in our store room which is offered to anyone who would like them. Stop by and take a look. Soon there will be several file cabinets for sale.

Meanwhile Mary Hoegh, Executive Director assisted by officers Cindy Sievers and Carolyn Key continue to do research as requests are received.

FAMILY HISTORY DAILY: Google it

Family History Daily is an online resource which has been providing genealogical information since 2013. It provides articles and courses and links to many other sources of information.

As a "newbie" to this fascinating hobby, I have found Family History Daily useful and interesting. The challenge is to stop reading when it continues to pull me on to another topic.

You can find it on the web, Facebook and Pinterest. There are opportunities to subscribe to a series of articles, many of which are free.

This month I am sharing information from the site about using census records. Many of those records are on microfilm at the Cass County Genealogy room. Census forms from many years are also available at our room. Online is also a great source.

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EXAMINE CENSUS RECORDS

The U.S. Census has been done every 10 years since 1790. Counting every U.S. resident is mandated by the constitution. You can access Census records through 1940. Records are restricted for a period of 72 years after collection.

The first questions were included the name of the head of household and the number of males and females in the home. Age, birth place, military service, employment and other information was requested beginning in 1850.

Every census is unique ranging from kinds of data to method of collection. Family History Daily encourages you to take time to look at the details rather than just the basics.

Census records are maintained by the U.S. National Archives and Records. NARA is like many of us storing records on microfilm. Partnering organizations provide online access. Try FamilySearch.org. It is free.

A guide is available to give a breakdown of what can be discovered in every U.S. census year. Find a link on Family History Daily to *The Ultimate Quick Reference Guide to the U.S. Census for Genealogy*.

Other countries and states also do census gathering.

Have you ever completed a census form? Who of your ancestors might have been responsible for answering the questions? The point is that individuals make mistakes. Then another person handles the form and another probably transcribes it. There might be misspellings in first and last names.

Family History Daily encourages making the most of census information but examine it.

If at first you don't succeed, search, search again. That is why we call it re-search.

Genealogical pay dirt is discovering the ancestor who was the family packrat.

I only research genealogy on days that end

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Notes from Mary

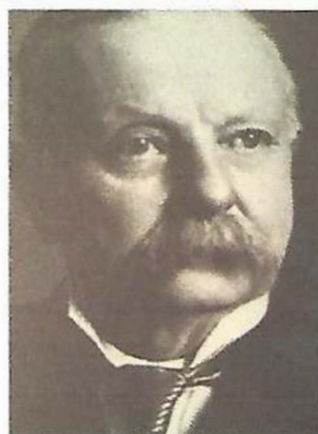
Cindy and I have been working hard on several inquiries we have had recently.

1. **Mary Gilchrist** is seeking the location of the grave of Abraham Parker who was 83 years old living in Pymosa Twp with his son Humphrey H Parker on the 1870 census. His death date is thought to be 9 Aug 1872 and presumed to have taken place in Cass County. Problem: Many head stones are gone from Pymosa Cemetery. Our newspapers on microfilm start 1874 so we have no obit for Abraham. One son lived just over the line into Audubon County, could he be buried in Audubon County? One son was buried at Highland Cemetery and later moved to the Anita Cemetery. Could Abraham be buried in Highland Cemetery? There are very few stones left standing in Highland Cemetery.
2. **Patsy Shelburne** is wanting any information on her family who lived in Cass County in the 1870's. William Henry Mitchell was born around 1844 in England and immigrated to the US between the years of 1865-1871. He married Sarah Hallam in 1871 in Cass County Iowa. Patsy is looking for the place in England where Henry was born and the names of his parents. Henry and Sarah moved to Stanton Nebraska and are buried there.
3. **Charlie Keasler** is searching for burials for the children of John Colwell. We had the girl's first names from the 1905 IA St census. Next we needed to find their married names and Cindy was able to locate burial spots for them. Most in CA and OR.
4. **Cary Levorson** was searching for a birth certificate for Ada Pellet Kind. She was born in Marne, Cass, Iowa around 1890. She is not listed in our county birth records. Her parents were Alfred Kind and Lilly Pellett. The Kind family was not

in Cass county very long as by 1910 they are in WI and the mother Lilly was living in the State Hsp. I was able to send much information on the Pellett family to her.

5. **Heather Sargent** requested help in searching records to determine the father of one of her adopted family members. The child was born in 1936 and the family has been able to open the sealed records of both the birth and adoption. DNA might be helpful.

We have been able to clear up the mysteries for most of these inquires. It takes a lot of work and a lot of time and I want to thank Cindy Sievers for her dedication to the genealogy room.



Cyrus Bristol Osborne 1840-1929, furniture dealer and undertaker. He was a member of Co. "D" 134th IL Infantry. Mr. Osborne was born New Haven county, Connecticut the son of Amos and

Polly (Bristol) Osborne. In 1866 Cyrus Osborne opened the first furniture store in Cass County located in Lewis. His stock was hauled overland from Grinnell as that was the end of the Rock Island Railroad at that time. He opened a store in Atlantic in 1869. The Osborn's had two daughters, Zeta who married Hugh M. Reinig and Corrie who married D. O. Herbert. Deb Herbert, granddaughter of Cyrus B Osborne, donated Osborne and Tomlinson funeral home records to the genealogy room. We have solved lots of mysteries using them. Some information in addition to the name of the deceased might be who ordered the funeral, family members names, the date of the funeral and last but not least...**where the deceased was buried.**



Cindy Linda Carolyn LaVon Mary and Glenna



Barb Butcher of Sweet Vale Museum

Cass County Genealogy group took an excursion to Avoca Aug. 26 and visited Barb Butcher and the "Sweet Vale of Avoca" Museum. If you have never visited, it would be well worth your time. Everything has been laid out and arranged in category, one cubical for instance is of well knowns from the area namely Johnny Carson. Johnny was born in Corning then the family moved to Avoca. When Johnny was a teenager they had moved over to Nebraska. All three areas claim him. The Museum has very knowledgeable tour guides for their museum, "Barb" on this particular trip. So many things have been donated by families who have lived in the vicinity for several generations and know full well their Memories are well cared for at The Sweet Vale of Avoca.