

CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter September 2020

HELLO FROM LAVON

The first meeting since February was held on the fourth Thursday at the American Legion Memorial Building. It was special because we got to see each other socially distanced. It was extra special because Carolyn DeLay gave a program tracing the right of women to vote beginning in the 1700 hundreds.

Our next meeting will be on the fifth Thursday, October 29 at 2 pm in the Atlantic Library meeting room.

A come-and-go open house will be held the same day 3 to 6 pm. The video narrated by Wally Roscoe picturing old homes and other buildings in Atlantic will be shown continuously in the meeting room, Attendees will be invited to visit the new Genealogy room a few at a time. Plan to attend and register for door prizes. There will be more information closer to October 29.



Lovisa Ranney Brand

Family History Found in Quilt

The Iowa Quilt Research Project documented quilts in Iowa made between 1800 and 1940. When a quilt was brought to a registration site, it was given an identifying number and a label to be sewn onto the quilt.

I purchased one of those quilts and contacted the Iowa Historical Society to ask for the history. Whoever registered this quilt provided quite a lot of background information. Turns out the quilt maker has a link to a familiar name in Walnut.

The quilt was registered in Atlantic on August 25, 1988. Perhaps it was brought to the site by a granddaughter.

The quilt is a nine-patch design made between 1875 and 1900 by Lovisa Ranney Brand. She pieced a quilt top for each of her grandchildren. The quilt owner's mother and sister, Myrtle and Arlene Lehman, quilted the top in 1938.

Lovisa was born August 21, 1831 in Oneida County New York. She died on December 25, 1919 in Warren County Iowa. Her parents were Eli Ranney and Evalina Parmalee Ranney.

Spouse: Dewitt Clinton Brand

Children:

Alice Serizah Brand Brown (1852 - 1920)
Sarah Eveline Brand Lehman (1857 - 1936)
Delinda Francis Brand (1859 - 1860)
George Clinton Brand (1861-1924)
Minnie Lovisa Brand Peverley (1865 - 1949)
Warren David Brand (1867 - 1937)
Mary Jane Brand Comer (1869 - 1930)
Carrie Elizabeth Brand Hall (1871 - 1919)
Nellie Elizabeth Brand Lundy (1873 - 1963)
Note that her children were born over a 20 year period, the last one at age 42.

I wonder who owned the quilt and cared enough to have the quilt registered. Why was the quilt sold? Is there a family member who would like to have this quilt now? Do any of the names sound familiar to you?

If you have any information to share please text or email lavonfay@gmail.com

Note from Mary

While sorting through our research material and trying to find a home for each book, I uncovered some books we have inherited from the Cass County Clerks Office. Among them are record books for liquor permits for druggist, doctors' and clergy. They could not buy malt liquor. Also, a book for registration of certificates for optometrist, physicians and midwives. There was a filing fee of \$.50. What I found most interesting was two books titled **Notice to Paupers Record**. Here is an example of such a form for a Mrs. Anderson who was served with the notice in 1897. There were also postings in the newspaper under County Business. It was the sheriff's duty to serve the notice.

asked to leave in 1946. Had that husband/father been wounded in the war? Maybe there wasn't a job for him to come back to! This book is a research tool I have never thought to use. Do I have a "lost relative" that has seemed to have just disappear off the face of the earth? Perhaps checking to see if other counties/states have this same record book might be helpful.



Warning to Depart.

In and before the Board of Supervisors of Cass County, Iowa, }
June session, A. D. 189*7* }

Thomas H. Anderson

You are hereby warned, notified and required to depart forthwith permanently from Cass county, Iowa, and you will not under any circumstances be permitted to acquire a settlement within said Cass county. Of this you will take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

In witness whereof we, the undersigned, members of and composing the Board of Supervisors of Cass county, Iowa, and acting as a Board have hereunto subscribed our names and set our hands this *9* day of *June* 189*7*

R. D. Williams Board of Supervisors of Cass County, Iowa.
Joseph Conrad
W. B. ...
B. ...

In and before the Board of Supervisors of Cass County, Iowa, }
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Whereas, it is apprehended by the Board of Supervisors of Cass county, Iowa, that *Anderson* a person who has come into Cass county from some other county and who has no legal settlement in said Cass county, will become a county charge, and for the purpose of preventing said person from obtaining a settlement in said Cass county, it is hereby ordered by the Board of Supervisors of Cass county, Iowa, in session assembled and acting as a Board, that the above and foregoing notice and warning to depart be served by *John ...* Sheriff of Cass county, Iowa, on said *Thomas H. Anderson*, named in the above and foregoing warning to depart on or before the *25* day of *June* 189*7*. And it is further ordered that said *John ...* make due return of his doing thereon to the said Board of Supervisors at the next regular session after the said warning to depart is served.

In witness whereof we, the undersigned, members of and composing the Board of Supervisors of Cass county, Iowa, and acting as a Board have hereunto subscribed our names this *9* day of *June* 189*7*

B. ... Board

We don't know the story of Mrs. Anderson. Obviously, she came from a different county. We don't know why she left her former home. No husband was asked to leave so we must think she is a widow. Something brought her here. Did she have no family to seek help from? Some of the people who are asked to leave the county were whole families. One family was

LaVon has been busy making the genealogy room look more inviting. Her picture display is straight, I wasn't standing straight when I took the picture.

Top left picture is of Grant School which was located at 207 Cedar St. from 1890 to 1974 when the building was torn down to make room for a playground. Kindergarten through 3rd grades were held here until 1963.

Lower left is a map of Iowa from around 1856. The railroad had only made it to Iowa City at this time.

Top middle is a Cass County memorial plate celebrating the Bicentennial 1776-1976.

Lower middle is a certificate presented to CCGS as a chapter member of Iowa Genealogical Society dated 1982.

Upper right is the Rev. George Hitchcock House near Lewis which was a station on the Underground Railroad.

Lower right is a map of Cass County Country Schools dated 1902. It shows the location and names of each country school in each township. We do have some information on some of the country schools. We also have some information on country schools written by Bob Anderson and Jennifer Hart.