

# CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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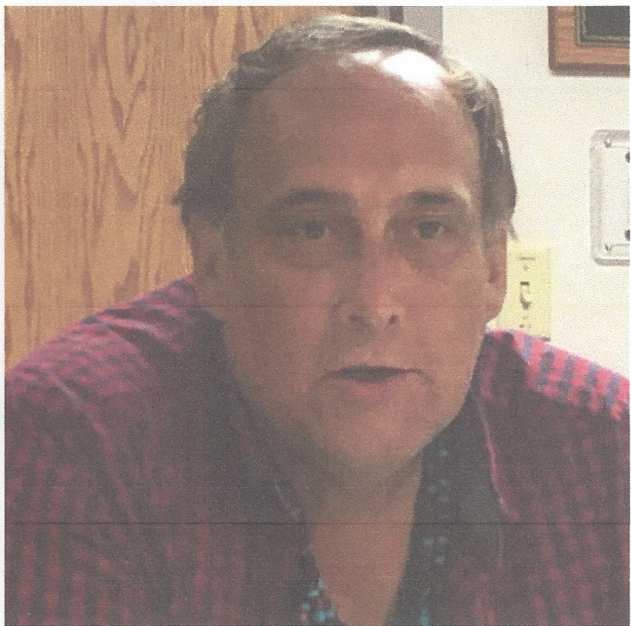
August zoomed by and now September is on the same path. Do you have Thursday, September 23 marked on your calendar for the CCGS monthly meeting? Beth Johnson, Vice-President, has arranged for an informative program.

Cheryl Siebrass will be telling us about the IowaGenWeb. She is the coordinator for Cass, Audubon and Shelby Counties. Perhaps you have used GenWeb as it is a first place to find local information.

What part can we play to continue to make GenWeb an interesting and useful site? Hope to see you Thursday.  
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## PAST PROGRAM

Dana Kunze was our speaker in July. His topic was about early crimes and violence in Cass County. Yes, Cass County was the wild, wild west. Dana gives presentation about the underground railroad. He has given leadership to projects with Hitchcock House, Nishnabotna Ferry House and Cass County Museum. Need a speaker?



## GENEALOGY = CONNECTIONS

Twenty some years ago an elderly lady knocked on the door of my son John who had recently moved to Atlantic. She introduced herself as Louise Krogman and gave John a book about Krogmans in America. John thanked her and, being a young busy man, it never occurred to him to ask her anything about herself or her family.

Several years ago, after my husband passed away, I moved to Atlantic to be closer to John and his family. I met a nice lady, Glenna Thompsen, who invited me to tag along to a meeting of her genealogy group. At the meeting, I talked about my son meeting Louise Krogman years ago and how I wished I had more information about her. Mary Hoegh immediately got up from her chair and went to another room. Within minutes she came back with a copy of Louise Krogman's obituary. Another member, Beth Johnson, said she had known Louise Krogman!

I want to thank the members of Cass County Genealogical Society for welcoming me to their group and their willingness to help me discover more about a possible relative

Doris Krogman

Eleonora Krogman died at age 98. Her daughter Louise Krogman died at age of 97. Both were longtime residents of Cass County.

According to her obituary, "Louise was employed in the office at Swift & Co. and Metropolitan Life Insurance in Atlantic and Carroll, Iowa. She was very much interested in the nursing profession and worked as a nurses' aide at the Municipal Hospital in Atlantic. In 1967, she was a secretary for the Southwest Health Center in Atlantic.

Louise "was a very simple woman and made all of her own dresses. Louise took care of every cat that crossed her path. Her Christian faith. Patience, and long suffering will be remembered by those who knew her.



Note from Mary

*We are the chosen in each family.*

*There is one who seems called to find the ancestors.*

*To put flesh on their bones and make them seem alive again.*

*To tell the family story and to feel that somehow, they know and approve.*

*Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but instead breathing life into all who have gone before.*

*We are the storytellers of the tribe.*

*Author Unknown (taken from Facebook)*

That being said, CCGS had a visitor this past week who presently lives in Florida. His name was Joe and his family was from Shelby/Audubon/Cass county area. Joe's father, William was born in Atlantic Nov 1912 and died 1983.

Joe was looking for his grandfather Andrew, who had "just disappeared" before the 1940 US Census. We checked our obit files but Andrew was not there but Joe's Grandmother Johanna was. While searching the surname in our digital newspaper files an article popped up about a former Cass County Resident Andrew \_\_\_dying in CA. That mystery was solved. Then Joe mentioned he thought his father William had been married once before marrying his mother and perhaps that marriage took place in Cass County. Thanks to ancestry.com not only did we find that first marriage but two more before the marriage to Joe's mother after WWII. The first marriage was to Ethel \_\_\_ from Marne, Iowa in 1937. Second marriage to Guinevere \_\_\_ from Anita, Iowa 1939. Third marriage to Verla \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem, PA. in 1942. Fourth marriage to Rose Ann \_\_\_\_\_, Joe's mother, 1945 in New York.

Since we were on a roll, we decided to investigate the lost grandfather, Andrew's parentage. Andrew was born in Shelby county on April 9, 1881. His father's name was

Svend \_\_\_ and his mother's name was **Carrie**. Well, we knew we wouldn't find him listed on the 1880 US census because he was born April of 1881, but maybe we could find his parents living in Shelby County and come forward. We found Svend and his wife **Tina** on the 1880 Shelby county census along with their children. The adults were born in Denmark and two of the children were also born in Denmark, one child in Illinois, and the others in Iowa. Neil's was the youngest child at 1 year of age. The 1880 census asks for all people living in the household on June 1, 1880.

Are you still with me?

As there is no 1890 Census we found Svend on the 1900 Shelby County census as divorced and Carrie is a household member and listed as a servant. I seem to have lost Svend, first wife Tina and Carrie the mother of Andrew. It was all very confusing.

The following photo and article were taken from **Images of America CASS COUNTY by Lila Hoogeveen and Shiona Putnam published by Arcadia Publishing, Charleston, South Carolina.**



This 1908 photograph shows the Marne House Hotel, located on the corner of Main and Washington Streets. It accommodated passengers using the Rock Island Railroad. Hans Simonsen, a local businessman, built the hotel in 1878. An early newspaper, the *Marne Message*, describes the Marne House as being well furnished and having good accommodations for travelers. Entertainment was close at hand as a dance hall was located in the basement.