

**CASS COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**
Newsletter October 2022

Hello Genealogists,

Thursday, October 27 is the next meeting of the Cass County Genealogical Society beginning at 1 pm at the Atlantic public Library. Invite your friends.

We have been working for some time to get a visit and presentation by Mary Redleman Gilchrist. She has written a book about her Parker family history.

It's time to look ahead to beginning a new year for Cass County Genealogical Society. Next month will be the election of officers and discussion for a December gathering. Dues of \$15 for 2023 can be paid anytime. Program topics and activities are needed and welcome.

President CCGS,
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**MARY RENDLEMAN GILCHRIST
PARKER FAMILY HISTORY**

- >Terrorized by the Crooked Creek Gang
- >1816, the year without a summer
- >Death by cholera, influenza, a cyclone
- >Meteor storms
- >"Planting" a tree in the middle of the road
- > A family surviving through war, a pandemic and a depression

OCTOBER - FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

You have likely asked the following questions of your parents or grandparents (or wish you had asked). But have you asked yourself and recorded the answers? Now is the time.

- What was your childhood home like?
- Why did your parents give you your name?
- What were your parents' occupations?
- What is your earliest memory?
- What makes you the happiest?
- What is the bravest thing you have ever done?
- What has changed the most since you were a child?

BUYING A DIAMOND

Crowley Cole, jeweler, said in an ad to consider three facts when buying a diamond. The typical answer is quality, cut and color of the stone. Crowley said that was one of the items. Price and reputation of the firm selling a diamond were the other two.

Crowley Cole was born in 1880 and died in 1941. He is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery. He graduated Atlantic High School, 1900, and Grinnell College, 1904. He immediately went into the jewelry business. He was very active in the community and often gave financial assistance to local youth while attending colleges or universities.

Crowley and his wife, Margaret, had two children who grew up in Atlantic and served the community in many ways.

Son Edward P. Cole took over the jewelry business because of his father's poor health. He also had a law degree.

Helen Louise Cole did graduate work in social work. After her marriage to Virgil E. Carnell. She taught school in Walnut and Atlantic and later became Cass County Child Welfare worker. She also worked for State Services for crippled children.

Note from Mary

Have you recently checked out the Iowa Genweb page ? There is new information listed that could help in your research.

[The IAGenWeb Project - Iowa Genealogy](#) You will want to check out Cass County in the County Projects. This is what is listed under records:

- [Biographies](#)
- [Birth/Marriage/Death](#)
- [Cemeteries](#)
- [Census](#)
- [Churches & Religion](#)
- [Court, Land & Probate](#)
- [Directories & Lists](#)
- [Family Histories, Trees, Websites](#)
- [History](#)
- [Immigration](#)
- [Letters, Journals, Diaries](#)
- [Maps](#)
- [Military](#)
- [Newspapers](#)
- [Photo Gallery](#)
- [Schools](#)

RESOURCES

- [IGS Research Collections](#)
- [Local Resources](#)
- [Look ups](#)
- [Old Queries | Rootsweb Mailing List Archives](#)
- [State Resources](#)
- [Surname Migrations](#)
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IAGenWeb Special Projects!!

- [Family Group Sheets](#)
- [Iowa Gravestone Photo Project](#)
- [Iowa History Project | Orphan Train Riders Sub-Project](#)
- [Iowa in the Civil War](#)
- [Iowa in the Great War \(WWI\)](#)
- [Iowa in World War II \(WWII\)](#)
- [Iowa Old Press](#)
- [Iowa State Census](#)
- [Iowa WPA Graves Registration Survey](#)

CCGS happens to have a copy of the WPA Grave Registration for Cass County. It is a very handy tool when researching older burials as there might have been a head stone in the 1930/40's that has long since been lost. Perhaps today it is covered by grass, broken by vandals or just so weathered a person isn't able to read the lettering.

The content of the Grave Registration is alphabetized by last name an example would look like this:

Adams: Adam Sr. 3-21-1838 to 7-19-1915, Noble Center Cem., Noble Twp. Born Maryland. (Wife Frances Zee) (Grant Chief 7-22-1915)

Wilcox: John (no dates); Atlantic Cem. Bk 1, lot 46, GAR Marker. Co E, 18th Iowa Inf. Of course, not all burials have that much information.

Egan: (No First Name) Calvary Cem.

I recently helped a local church youth group with a visit to the Atlantic Cemetery. It was a lovely fall day, no rain, snow and we weren't sad because we were burying a loved one.

We talked about "Cemetery Etiquette", also why is a person buried "behind" the Memorial stone and facing East. From the head stone we might be able to learn if the person was born in a foreign country, possibly their occupation, did they serve in a war and if so what war was it? Are there other family members buried in same area that might have died in the same time frame? Perhaps from a deadly disease? We might learn a married woman's maiden name. It was interesting.

The group was interested in a burial in the very North East corner of the cemetery. Rumor had it he was a horse thief and that was the reason for the location of his burial. The date on the stone is 1903. Patrick Maher was a Catholic and not able to be buried in the Catholic portion of the cemetery at that time because he died of suicide so he was buried in that location outside the boundary of the Catholic portion of the cemetery at that time.