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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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REGULAR MEETING: Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Library Basement.

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Dear Members,

Well, here it is the first week of June already. This year is really moving along. Society members have been very busy with projects. A NEW PROJECT that several members are involved with is finding what are called WHITE BRONZE GRAVE MARKERS in the county cemeteries. This is a state wide project headed by Loren Horton. Darrell Kerby has been doing research in cemeteries for this project. He will correlate all that is found in the county and sent this information to Mr. Horton. Darrell has found many markers but would appreciate any help you can give him in locating these particular markers.

Another project we have underway is a booth at the Davis County Fair. The fair dates this year are July 20-24. We have rented a booth in the building under the grandstand. We hope to have it manned afternoons and evenings. Several people have volunteered, but we still need several more helpers. Pat Howk and Jean Smalley are coordinating this project. We hope to inform visitors to the fair about our Davis County Genealogical Society. We have 77 paid members at this time, but we still hear that people do not know about our genealogical society which is to promote the study of genealogy, preserve records of the past generation, to assist one another in our constant search of personal genealogy, and to establish and maintain a genealogical library through membership, donations, contributions and exchange. So, we want to let them know that we're here and what we have to offer family researchers.

So far this year we have had several informative and entertaining programs. Program chairmen, Mary Ellen Redman and Pat Howk have come up with some good topics. Several members got needed information from the speaker on "How to Become a D.A.R. Member." Darrell Kerby gave an entertaining less on courthouse records - as he reconstructed the history of one family line. Jerry Greene gave a report on the book, "The Library," a new acquisition of our genealogy library. The book contains information on every state and most countries of the world. We hope to have more programs, so keep your eyes on the newspaper article for future topics.

At the April meeting we discussed what type of books the society wants to buy to give to the public library. Several suggestions were given to Jerry Greene. He will decide what will be the best for us to purchase.

Better close for now. Hope all of you have a good summer and you get a lot of family research done.

D. Sue Spilman, President

Ancestor Chart for JEANNINE MERCHANT HOCKERSMITH, 505 N. Columbia, Bloomfield, IA.
April 1986.

1. HOCKERSMITH-MERCHANT, Elizabeth Jeannine - b. 11 Apr 1929, Queensboro, N.Y., N.Y.
 2. MERCHANT, Gordon R. - b. Caledonia, Ill., 28 July 1902 -
 3. JOHNSON, Eliza Maria -
 4. MERCHANT, Hayes Beach - b. Manchester, Ill., 7 Nov 1876 - d. Madison Wis., 1927.
 5. RESER, Georgia Augusta - b. Manchester, Ill., 29 June 1877 - d. Janesville, Wis. 1960.
 6. JOHNSON, Adolph Frederik -
 7. BERQUIST, Maria Sophy - b. 20 Mar, 1874 - d. Sharon, Wis., 10 May 1944.
 8. MERCHANT, Silas B. - 1836, Catharine, N.Y. - d. Blaine, Ill. 1910 (Boone Co.)
 9. GRAY, Margaret O. - b. Ill., 1842 - d. Boone Co., Ill., 6 Oct. 1882
 10. RESER, Hérace Adam - b. - 5 Oct. 1845 - d. Beloit, Wis., 1935.
 11. LIVINGSTON, Anna Margaret - b. Jefferson, N.Y. 25 May 1842 - d. Beloit, Wis., 1928.
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 13. HEDSTROM, Johanna Louisa - b. 1845 - d. 1919.
 14. BERQUIST, Anders - b. 1830 - d. 1912.
 15. BENGSTON, Kristina Elizabet - b. 1839 - d. 1926.
 16. MERCHANT, Arlo J. - b. 13 July 1803 - d. 28 June 1855.
 17. OLMSTEAD, Eliza Ann - b. 30 Dec. 1806 - d. 7 Aug. 1890.
 18. GRAY, Rollin - b. 1812
 19. Fanny - b. 1816
 20. RESER, Joseph - b. 1811 - d. 1900.
 21. ADAMS, Rachel - b. 26 Sept. 1815 - d. 27 Feb. 1905.
 22. LIVINGSTON, John - b. 19 Oct. 1808 - d. 18 Dec. 1855.
 23. BRIZEE, Helen - b. 3 July 1803 - d. 9 Feb. 1890.
 26. HEDSTROM, Johannes - b. 1809 - d. 1893.
 30. BENGSTON, Peter - b. 1814 - d. 1887.
 31. CARLSON, Sara Katarina - b. 1815 - d. 1901.
- SPOUSE- Robert Clifford Hockersmith.

Ancestor Chart for DOROTHY GANDY GOLDIZEN, R. R. 4, Bloomfield, Iowa - 1988

1. GOLDIZEN-GANDY, Dorothy - b. 11 July 1926, r. Davis Co., Ia.
 2. GANDY, Russell Morgan - b. 4 Mar. 1889, Davis Co., Ia. - 2 May 1967. - r. W.VA.
 3. HAMBERG, Mernon Louise - b. Henderson Co., Il., 19 Apr. 1903 - d. Davis Co., Ia. 1983.
 4. GANDY, Waitman T. - b. 1 Nov. 1853 - d. Davis Co., Ia. 6 June 1944, r. W.VA.
 5. HORNER, Josephine - b. 16 Feb. 1856 - d. 4 Jan, 1937.
 6. HAMBERG, Axel Leonard - b. Sweden, Il., 25 July 1872 - d. Van Buren Co. Ia. 1897.
 7. BROOKS, Clara May - b. 18 Dec. 1878 - d. 6 July 1970.
 8. GANDY, George Washington - b. 22 Oct. 1829, W.VA. - d. 10 Apr 1906, r. IA., KS.
 9. GRIFFIN, Rachel - b. 27 Aug. 1831 - d. 24 Sept. 1855.
 11. HORNER, John P. - b. 8 Sept. 1825, O. - d. 21 Sept 1905, r. O., IA.
 11. STILLWELL, Frances - b. 19 Aug. 1831 - d. 1 Mar. 1920.
 12. HAMBERG, Carl Peter - b. 16 Aug. 1842 - d. 25 Apr 1885, Henderson Co., Il.
 13. JORENSON, Emma Charlotte - b. 21 Aug. 1844 - d. 26 Nov. 1934.
 15. BROOKS, Sarah - b. 1853 - d. 1934
 16. GANDY, Amos - b. 1781- d. 1845 r. W.VA.
 17. MOORE, Susan
 18. GRIFFITH, Ebinger
 19. GARD, Phoebe A.
 20. HORNER, John V. - r. Ohio
 21. PLOTT, Matilda
 22. STILLWELL, Joseph - b. 21 Jan. 1786 - d. 1844 - r. Ohio.
 23. SAYRES, Elizabeth - b. 19 Apr. 1804 - d. 7 Jan. 1871.
 24. HAMBERG, Peter - b. 1 Jan. 1797 - m. 26 Dec. 1830, r. Sweden.
 25. ANDERSDOTTER, Lisa Catharina - b. 19 Sept. 1808
 26. SVENSON, Göran - b. 18 Jan. 1801 - d. 23 Dec. 1851, r. Sweden.
 27. ANDERSDOTTER, Charlotte Catherine - b. 17 Sept. 1805.
- SPOUSE- Roscoe GOLDIZEN.

NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR--IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Oct. 7 & 8, Scheman Continuing Education Center, Ames, Iowa. Featuring V. Ben Bloxham on "Your Ancestors in England" and Norman Wright on "Your English Ancestor in America."

Assessors survey made in Davis County, IA in 1935--it is a listing on cards arranged alphabetically by individual township or town. The survey was made for the benefit of Pension Fund. It gives name, address, date and place of birth, father's name, mother's name and residence at the time of survey. Available in Treasurers Office, Courthouse, Bloomfield, IA 52537.

PASSPORTS: If your ancestor returned to the old country to visit, he needed a passport. The passport applications give the place of birth, the birth date and personal description. Write: Diplomatic Records Branch, National Archives, Room 5-E, Washington, DC 20408 for passports through 1905. Write to the Passport Office, Dept. of State, 1425 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20502 for passports issued in 1906 and later. Be sure to give the applicant's name, residence, and the place and approximate date of the application. A charge is made for the search and copies of the records.

GRAVE MARKER PROJECT--Recently an interesting program was given at the Tama Co. Tracers meeting by Loren Horton, State Historical Society of Iowa. Horton discussed grave markers a better name than tombstones, gravestones or monuments.

WHAT ARE WHITE BRONZE GRAVE MARKERS? They are the very old, metal, four-sided ones whose panels are bolted together. They are likely to be found in the very old parts of graveyards. Will you aid in Mr. Horton's project? Visit a cemetery, find the white bronze markers (usually bluish gray from age) and write down the name of the cemetery, the surnames of the people whose names appear on the marker, the death dates and the name of the manufacturer. Eventually he plans to publish a book. In Davis County, Iowa, send this information to Darrell Kerby, Box 94, Bloomfield, Iowa. Mr. Horton wishes to get the names of as many white bronze grave markers as possible in the state of Iowa. Take a warm afternoon to visit some cemeteries with which you are familiar and help in this search. Copy all of the writing on the stone if possible, especially the manufacturer.

BIBLE RECORDS PROJECT--Illinois State Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 157, Lincoln, IL 62656. The purpose of this project is to collect and preserve Family Bible Records. The long-range plan is for the publication of these records. We prefer records with birthdates prior to 1920; however, if the records contain later birthdates also, it will still be accepted. As of April 23, 71 forms for this project had been sent for. There is no fee and the project is open to members and non-members. Forms are available in our Genealogy Library room or from Pat Hawk, Box 94, Bloomfield, Iowa for those interested in sending in Bible Records with Illinois interest.

RESOLUTIONS: (By John W. Heisey--Tri-State Trader 12/17/84.)

1. Send SASE with all your genealogical correspondence.
2. Answer All correspondence politely, considerately, promptly and ASAP.
3. Finish SOMETHING on genealogy this year.
4. SHARE your genealogy with others.
5. Get your genealogy ORGANIZED.
6. DON'T BORE the disinterested with over-genealogy talk. There's more to life than one subject.
7. LEARN something new in genealogy research.
8. INTEREST SOMEONE ELSE in genealogy.
9. Repay libraries and societies--VOLUNTEER to help research and record.

Ancestor Chart for WILMA JANE BLEW GAY, R. R. 3, Bloomfield, Iowa - Summer 1986

1. GAY-BLEW, Wilma Jane - b. Wapello Co., 8 July 1923.
 2. BLEW, Ernest Earl - b. Champaign Co., Ill, 23 Dec. 1886 - d. Davis Co., IA. 1944.
 3. SIMMONS, Emma Elson-- b. Davis Co., Ia., 24 June 1891 - d. Davis Co., IA. 1961..
 4. BLEW, Van Buren - b. Champaign Co., O., 12, July 1856 - d. Buffalo Co., NE 1900.
 5. MENEFEE, Mary Ellen - b. Brodhead, Ky., 17 Mar. 1862 -p.b. Buffalo Co., NE 1920.
 6. SIMMONS, Marion F. - b. Ash Grove, Davis Co., Ia., 15 Sept. 1849 - DC Co. IA. 1932.
 7. LEONARD, Samantha Jane - b. Ohio, 16, June 1855 - Davis Co., IA. 1929.
 8. BLEW, Dennis S., -b. Champaign Co., O. 6 Nov. 1831 - Hope, Ill. 1880.
 9. HELMER, Lucy - b. Ohio, 25 Dec. 1835 - d. Lohrville, IA., 1914.
 10. MENEFEE, Alexander C.
 11. SNODGRASS, Paulina
 12. SIMMONS, Rolla Gilbert - b. Ky., 7 Feb. 1816 - Davis Co., IA. 1898.
 13. STUTSMAN, Anna Mae Elston - b. 21 May 1828 - d. Davis Co., IA. 1876
 14. LEONARD, Smith
 15. DREW, Emily
 16. BLEW, Jacob W. - b. Va., 10 Sept. 1798 - d. Ohio, 1878,
 17. WOOD, Nancy - b. Pa., 18 July 1802.- 1853
 18. HELMER, Abram
 19. DAVIS, Elizabeth
 24. SIMMONS, William
 25. STICE, Ernie
- SPOUSE - Edwin (NMI) GAY

Ancestor Chart for DOROTHY V. DARLAND, 1406 - 26th St., Rock Island, IL - 9 Nov. 1987.

1. DARLAND - BAILEY, Dorothy Velma - b. Wapello Co., Ia. 25 Oct. 1928 -
 2. BAILEY, Clyde Seymour - b. Wapello Co., Ia. 1 Nov. 1880 - d. Wapello Co. Ia. 1943.
 3. DAVIS, Wanda Ellen - b. Wapello Co., Ia., 14 Apr. 1894 - d. Rock Island Co. IL. 1983.
 4. BAILEY, Randolph - b. Jefferson Co., IN, 25 Nov. 1846 - d. Wapello Co., Ia. 1928.
 5. FESSENDEN, Clara - b. Mitchell Co., Ia., 2 Jan. 1859 - d. Lake Co., IN. 1923.
 6. DAVIS, John Newton -b. Davis Co., Ia., 7 Feb. 1869 - d. Stark Co., N.D. 1913.
 7. BROOKS, Annie - b. Davis Co., Ia. 6 Dec. 1874 - d. Davis Co., Ia. 1897.
 8. BAILEY, John Howard - b. Ky., June 1816 - d. Wapello Co., Ia. 1887.
 9. TULL, Amanda Payne - b. Jefferson Co., IN., 17 Apr. 1824 - d. Wapello Co., Ia. 1908.
 10. FESSENDEN, William - b. Peterboro, N.H., 21 Jul 1803 - d. Wapello Co., Ia. 1876.
 11. TULLER/FEILER, Rebecca - b. c 1827, N.Y. - d. Mich ?.
 12. DAVIS, John N.
 13. HASTINGS, Rachel Ellen - b. Davis Co., Ia 1845 - d. Putnam Co., Mo., 3 Dec. 1900.
 14. BROOKS, Anson Jackson - b. N.Y., 6 Jan. 1816 - d. Davis Co., Ia. 18 Mar. 1886.
 15. FIEDLER, Susannah - b. Schuykill Co., Pa. 13 Nov. 1830 - d. Wapello Co., Ia. 1911.
 16. BAILEY, Robert - b. VA, 2 Dec. 1785 - d. 25 Nov. 18__.
 17. _____, Nancy - b. VA, c 1890
 18. TULL, Joshua Merril - b. MD, 25 Apr. 1778 - d. IN, 29 Sept. 1865.
 19. WALLACE, Margaret - b. c 1781 - d. IN, 4 Feb. 1840.
 20. FESSENDEN, William - b. MA, 13 Jun 1779 - d. NH, 23 Aug. 1825.
 21. FROST, Eunice - b. 11 Sep. 1780.
 26. HASTINGS, Samuel - b. PA, 9 Oct. 1816 - d. IA 25 Dec. 1846.
 27. MINNICK, Elizabeth - b. PA, 23 Feb. 1823 - d. IA, 9 Aug. 1902.
 30. FIEDLER, Johannes - b. PA, 30 Nov. 1781 - d. IA, 9 Apr. 1858.
 31. SHRECK, Susannah - b. PA, 2 Jul 1800 - d. IA, 13 Jun 1874.
- SPOUSE - Richard Clinton DARLAND.

A government legacy from Great Britain still is use in Delaware today is the "hundred." Today the hundred is primarily a geographic term denoting location. Dating from King Edmund I (939-946) a hundred was a unit of English local government between a village and a shire, or county. It is thought that the term denoted a geographical area large enough to provide 100 men in times of war. At one time in Delaware there were hundred constables, hundred courts, hundred school districts, hundred tax collectors, and hundred tax assessors. Now there are only hundred polling places. However, according to a history professor at the U. of Delaware, "People have very strong ties to their hundreds. They all know in which hundred they live." There are 33 hundred dividing Delaware today.

--Olmsted Co. G.S., Rochester, Mn Vol. 11, No. 2 1988

Social Security information. The government has decided to put the social security application on the computers. There is a catch however; the government decision maker concluded. It was not necessary to computerize all of the information on the application...primary source material is being regulated to the shredder. Write the Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland 21203, to protest the decision and request that all information be copied onto the computers.--Torrance, CA Genealogy Society Newsletter, Feb. 1988.

Is there a NEWSLETTER for your surname? The May-June 1987 issue of the Genealogical Helper has family periodicals and associations listed. Check them for your surnames.

Are you reading other society NEWSLETTERS? If not, you are really missing out on wonderful information regarding ethnic sources, other sources, how to's, and other society projects. Currently our Genealogical Society is exchanging newsletters with other genealogy societies in the State of Iowa, plus from Missouri, Minnesota and Illinois. Latest issues are kept on the table in our G.S. Room in the public library on the table in a red notebook. Back issues are kept in the top file of the metal file cabinet. You are welcome to use them. You are paying for them. At the present time we are exchanging with 32 county newsletters and 10 state newsletters.

World War I Selective Service Records are rarely used as an information source. Almost every male born between 1873 and 1900 was required to register. Twenty-four million registration cards exist with a wealth of information. To make use of this information, you must give complete name and address of the person, a street address of the person resided in a metropolitan area, and the person's birthdate. Send this information with \$5.00 to Archives Branch, Federal Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, GA 30044.

WALES: R. R. Williams, editor of the "Gwreiddiau GEYNEDO Roots" noted that Wales has publications helpful to Americans seeking Welsh roots. These publications were printed in the U.S. in Welsh and contain elaborate obituary notices which are not confined to the well-known. Early obituaries are from New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Ohio and the publications were produced by the Welsh Methodist, Baptist, and Congregational Churches in America in 1838. If you wish to have a member of the society search these volumes, send the person's name, year of death, a SASE, and 2 International reply coupons to R. R. Williams, 2 Pen Lon, MENAI BRIDGE, Gwynedd, Wales, LL59 5LW. Coupons may be purchased for 80 cents at your local post office.--Ohio G.S. Newsletter, Vol. 13, No. 11.

Ancestor Chart for VERA L. STOOKESBERRY McMains, 414 N. Davis, Bloomfield, Ia. 1988.

1. McMains-STOOKESBERRY, Vera L. - b. 10 Mar. 1901, Davis Co., Ia. -
2. STOOKESBERRY, James Wm. - b. Oct. 18, 1875, Davis Co., Ia. - d. 25 Sept. 1954, DC, IA.
3. BREWER, Mattie May - b. 10 Feb. 1876, Roscoe Twp., Davis Co., Ia. - d. 2 Apr. 1939, DC, IA.
6. BREWER, Richard - b. 5 Feb. 1834, Fayette Co., Pa. - d. 16 Nov. 1907, Bloomfield, Ia.
7. ARNOLD, Eumaline F. - b. 13 Nov. 1850, Fairfield Co., O. - d. 19 Jul. 1931, DC., Ia.
12. BREWER, Aaron - b. 15 June 1797, Fayette Co., Pa. - d. 26 Aug. 1862.
13. FISHER, Elizabeth - b. 3 June 1793, Fayette Co., Pa. - d. 4 Apr. 1871.
14. ARNOLD, John B. - b. 5 Jan. 1827, Fairfield Co., O. - d. 23 Feb. 1892, VanBuren Co. Ia.
15. CUPP, Louisa - b. 25 June 1828, Fairfield Co., O. - d. 19 June 1918, Van Buren Co., Ia.
24. BREWER, Samuel -
- SPOUSE- Wilbur R. McMains - b. 29 Jan. 1900, DC, Ia. - d. 30 Nov. 1964, DC, Ia.

Ancestor Chart for PHYLLIS M. ROBERTS THOMAS, R.R. 3, Bloomfield, Ia. Feb. 1988.

1. THOMAS-ROBERTS, Phyllis M. - b. 6 June 1929, Ottumwa, Ia.
2. ROBERTS, Floyd Pearl - b. 30 Apr. 1903, Clarke Co., Ia. - d. 29 Jan. 1966, Davis Co.
3. DUNNING, Ruby Audrey - b. 23 Apr. 1909, Wapello Co., Ia. - d. 28 Jan. 1982, Ottumwa.
4. ROBERTS, James Wilson - b. 26 July 1870, Clarke Co., Ia. - d. 13 Jan 1947, Ottumwa, Ia.
5. DAVIS, Martha Jane - b. 23 June 1874, Clarke Co., Ia. - d. 10 Sept. 1955, Ottumwa, Ia.
6. DUNNING, James - b. 29 Feb. 1872, Davis Co., Ia. - d. 7 Oct. 1934, Ottumwa, Ia.
7. GARRETSON, Clara - b. 10 Mar. 1876, Davis Co., Ia. - d. 31 Jan. 1973, Ottumwa, Ia.
8. ROBERTS, Vessalius P. - b. 4 July 1838, Urbana, O. - d. 27 Mar. 1915, Clarke Co., Ia.
9. MORROW, Sarah M. - b. 4 Oct. 1843, Tugcarawas Co., O. - d. 25 Nov. 1907, Los Angeles, CA.
10. DAVIS, James E. - b. 30 Dec. 1853, Marshall Co., Ill. - d. 25 Dec. 1926, Clarke Co., Ia.
11. JOHNSON, Nancy A. - b. 26 June 1853, Clarke Co., Ind. - d. 10 Dec. 1943, Ottumwa, Ia.
12. DUNNING, John - b. 1844, Ky. - m. 1 Jan. 1867
13. WEDDLE, Georgia - b. 1844/45, Ky. - d. 16 Aug. 1877, Davis Co., Ia.
14. GARRETSON, Alexander - 4 Apr. 1842, Davis Co., Ia. d. 8 Apr. 1923, Davis Co., Ia.
15. CLARK, Jane - b. 21 Apr. 1842, Louisa Co., Ia. - d. 1 July 1924, Davis Co., Ia.
16. ROBERTS, James Wilson - b. 13 Oct. 1813, Ohio - d. 13 Feb. 1866, Ottoe Co., NE.
17. FIERCE, Elizabeth - b. 27 June 1813, Ohio - d. 17 Oct. 1898, Adams Co., Ia.
18. MORROW, Thomas A. - b. 26 Sept. 1814, Ohio - d. 29 July 1884, Clarke Co., Ia.
19. SCOTT, Esther - b. 25 Aug. 1815, Pa. - d. 15 Dec. 1893, CA.
20. DAVIS, John E. - b. 26 Feb. 1831, Ky. - d. 7 July 1896, Clarke Co., Ia.
21. PERRY, Mariah Jane - b. 3 Apr. 1834, Ky. - d. 27 Feb. 1906, Clarke Co., Ia.
22. JOHNSON, Charles - b. 27 May 1827, Ind. - d. 10 Sept. 1893, Clarke Co., Ia.
23. CARROLL, Martha - b. 15 June 1825, Ind - d. 26 Sept. 1910, Clarke Co., Ia.
24. DUNNING, _____
25. _____, Nancy
26. WEDDLE, Alexander - b. 1809/10 - d. 1 Sept. 1872.
27. _____, Anna b. 1810/11 - d. 14 May 1888
28. GARRETSON, William - b. 1 Dec. 1819, O. - d. 25 Apr. 1900, Davis Co., Ia.
29. NEWCOMB, Christina - b. 27 Sept. 1820, O. - d. 6 Jan. 1903, Davis Co., Ia.
30. CLARK, Orrestus N. - 17 June 1817, O. - d. 17 Sept. 1868, Davis Co., Ia.
31. HUBLER, Mary Ann - 12 May 1824, Pa. - d. 16 Dec. 1911, Davis Co., Ia.
- SPOUSE- William L. THOMAS, Sr., b. 9 Feb. 1926, Wapello Co., Ia.

The 1860 CENSUS OF DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA, has been taken to the Iowa State Genealogical Society for cost-share publishing. It will be published in four (4) parts--an everymember index, and the main part is divided into three sections. It can be ordered (or any one part) from the Iowa Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7735, Des Moines, Iowa 50322.

MAIDEN NAMES

A problem that we often have with our research is finding maiden names. When we find the name in one source, we are eager to assume that this is the maiden name we have been searching for. But the one source may not always carry the correct information. It is best to search several sources in hopes of finding the name repeated.

This is a list of some of the places you might search for the missing name:

1. Death certificate.
2. Obituary--she may be survived by a father, brother or unmarried sister.
3. Marriage certificate.
4. Children's birth certificates--often give mother's maiden name.
5. Children's death certificates.
6. Divorce papers.
7. Certificate of Naturalization of husband.
8. Land records--finding the woman on an index of grantees has sometimes, when followed through, found the grantor to be her father.
9. County histories--often gives biographies of a family, telling the wife's maiden name.
10. Widows military pension--where the woman may have received a widow's pension for her husband's service in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, or War of 1812.
11. A family history of the husband's line may give the woman's maiden name.
12. Census records for 1880, 1900 and 1910--For these years the relationship to the head of the family was given for each person living in the household. You may find a mother-in-law living in the household; thus, in a large percentage of instances--the woman's maiden name.
13. Printed Church records or marriage records.
14. Unpublished Church records--if you know the church the woman was married in and approximate year, often a church will be willing to undertake a search of their wedding records.
15. Wills--She may have left something to her brother or unmarried sister. Likewise, she may have been willed something by her father, mother, brother or unmarried sister.
16. Family Bible Records.
17. A query in a genealogical magazine or periodical.

Never assume the first maiden name you find is correct. Search all records that are available to you.

Abstracted from Clark Co., Wa. Trail Breakers; article by Peggy Roberts.

NOTE: Death certificates will only help if she died within the past 100 years. If more than 100 years, check all of her children's death records.

Another possible source of a wife's maiden name would be a newspaper item around the time of her 25th or 50th wedding anniversary. Sometimes the celebration account will give family history.

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There are so many good helps included in the NEWSLETTERS WE GET FROM OTHER SOCIETIES. When in the Library, take a few minutes and browse through them. The latest issues are filed together and placed on the table--older copies are filed in the top drawer of the 3-drawer file cabinet in alphabetical order.--Editor.

HOW TRUE--Signs of the times: Social customs have changed. Fifty years ago parents had a lot of kids. Today kids have a lot of parents--Cass Co. News, Atlantic, Ia.

WORD has been received from California of a new genealogy family history operation with the same old format as that of Taylor, Ross, Bailey, but now with a different name. Beware of mail from: Mary Whitney, 306 East Rd., Ottsville, PA 18942.

QUERIES-----

Darl BUMGARNER, 1822 120th Ave., Indianola, IA 50125 seeks info on his great grandmother, MARY KING BUMGARNER, b. Clayburn Co., TN, 8 Jan 1828, came to Davis Co., IA, 1844. With sister, Elizabeth, moved to Decatur Co. IA, & m. JOHN BUMGARNER. She died there Dec. 21, 1918.

Need help on ancestor MARY ETTA (MORGAN) PADGETT, father Joseph K. Morgan; mother Jane D. (Carneal) (Darneal); b. Troy, IA. Moved to Memphis, Mo. in mid 1930's--we are at a loss to know why she was born in Troy. Visiting relatives--friends? She was married by a person from Troy by the name of RENFRO.--LeGene S. Padgett, Room 102 Courthouse, Memphis, Mo. 63555.

BROOKS--Need parents names of Anson Jackson BROOKS, b. 19 Jan 1818, Erie, New York; m. Susanna Fiedler in Iowa 1846.--Faye L. Melton, 118 S. Union, Apt. 317, Ottumwa, IA 52501.

Wish to corres with descendents of the COONS, HOCKERSMITH, RUNKLE AND ATWOOD families. Esp desire info about the parents of LEWIS RUNKLE, d. 12 Dec 1853, Davis Co., IA. Will gladly share info.--JoAnnMcQuade, 1810 17th St., N.E., Salem, OR 97303

Seeking info on LAURA E. CALDWELL, b. IA 28 Sep 1859; m. JOHN HARMAN ca 1881; d. 7 July 1938 in Whitter, Los Angeles, CA.--Kenneth Hamilton, 24 West 620 South, Farmington, Utah 84025.

Need info--America CAMERON/CAMRON, b. 16 June 1851, Bloomfield, IA., (not proven), m. James A. WATTS, 22 Aug 1871, West Grove, Davis Co., IA. (Proven). Need census record for 1860 and 1870 to prove the family lived in Davis County, IA. Need her parents names--father may have been William CAMRON. Searching proof of birth of her child ADA, b. 26 June 1882, too. Are any of your members working on this line?--Coy R. Park, 14725 Mystic St., Whittier, CA 90604.

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