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President's Letter

Summer's almost over and we are all beginning to think about how to spend those lonely, quiet winter hours... FAMILY RESEARCH, of course! Those lonely, quiet winter hours are a perfect time to improve your computer skills. There is new genealogical information becoming available every day.

Denise Gripp presented a wonderful program at our last meeting. She is a member of the Association of Personal Historians and talked about the value of developing a personal history and how the stories can bring our ancestors to life. Their website is www.personalhistorians.org.

Our cemetery project is progressing well with several books almost ready to publish. Keep checking our website, www.warrencountyhistory.org for names of books as they become available.

We had another successful year at the fair. As you begin your winter projects, consider all the possibilities for fair entries. You might join our growing list of "Well-Rounded Genealogists." The most recent member of this elite club is Virginia Wheeldon, who received the "Well-Rounded Genealogist" award at the 2009 Warren County Fair. Virginia is a member of the Warren County Genealogical Society and is currently working on the cemetery project for the Genealogical Society. Congratulations, Virginia!

Virginia Nelson, another significant member of our society is battling cancer. I'm sure she would welcome cards and notes of encouragement. Her address is 1200 E. Ashland Ave, Indianola, IA 50125.

Juanita Ott, President



Calendar:

- Tues, Oct 13 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Mon, Oct 19 7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING.
Roundtable sharing/discussion -
2 minutes each person; pick one from
these 3 topics:
My favorite ancestors
My ah-ha moment (or how I broke
thru a brick wall)
Genealogy tip to share with others
Virginia Wheeldon will speak about
Best Rounded Award
- Tues, Nov 10 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Mon, Nov 16 7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING.
Marietta Grissom will speak on
Untangling Census Records.
Annual meeting and elections.
- December No meeting.

MEETNG LOCATION will be at the Whittier Elementary School, Room 110, 1306 W. Salem Ave. WCGS regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (September through May, except no meeting in December). Special meetings may be planned for the summer. Board meetings are held at the Indianola Public Library.

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WARREN COUNTY FAIR

We had wonderful weather this year for the fair. It was not too hot, and we didn't have a huge deluge of rain. This year we had 10 entrants and 97 entries. That was down quite a bit from previous years. We had two new adults entering and receiving the JoAnn Harvey ribbon, which is given to first timers.

We shared our booth with the Warren County Historical Society this year. We collected a variety of samples to show the public what they could find by visiting the library. Many people stopped by the booth. We set up the display cases to give people more access to our booth. Those of us who worked the booth heard many comments about our displays. Many people stopped to visit with us and some asked questions about our competition because their home fairs do not have genealogical displays.

We want to thank Margaret Foster for judging our entries this year. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with setting up or working the booth. Hopefully next year we will have more exhibits.

Virginia Wheeldon



Picture by Virginia Wheeldon (date is incorrect on picture)

Congratulations to the following 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place people who received ribbons for their Genealogy entries at the 2009 Warren County Fair:

Senior Division 58, Photographs

Ancestral Portrait or Photo - 1. Brenda King; 2. Virginia Wheeldon; 3. Cathy Miller.
Family Group Photograph - 1. Virginia Wheeldon; 2. Donna L. Anderson; 3. Brenda King.
Ancestral Home, Barn or Homestead Photograph - 1. Juanita Ott; 2. Virginia Wheeldon; 3. Cathy Miller.
Pictorial Family History Poster or Display Board - 1. Virginia Wheeldon.
Family Photo Album - 1. Virginia Wheeldon.
Ancestral Church, School or Organization - 1. Brenda King.
Miscellaneous Photograph - 1. Juanita Ott; 2. Virginia Wheeldon.

Division 59, Books and Legal Documents

Diary, Ledger or Letter - 1. Juanita Ott; 2. Brenda King; 3. Donna L. Anderson.
Baptismal, Birth or Marriage Certificate - 1. Cathy Miller; 2. Marie Moffitt; 3. Juanita Ott.
Land Records - 1. Brenda King.
Military Record - 1. Cathy Miller.
Will or Probate Record - 1. Brenda King; 2. Cathy Miller.
School, Church or Organization Records - 1. Virginia Wheeldon.
Poster or Display of Documents - 1. Donna L. Anderson.
Miscellaneous - 1. Virginia Wheeldon; 2. Donna L. Anderson; 3. Brenda King.

Division 60, Genealogical Research

Pedigree or Family Tree Chart - 1. Cathy Miller; 2. Virginia Wheeldon.
Collection of Research Material - 1. Donna L. Anderson; 2. Virginia Wheeldon.
Genealogical Record Book - 1. Virginia Wheeldon.
Lineage Chart - 1. Cathy Miller; 2. Virginia Wheeldon.
Time Line - 1. Cathy Miller.
Genealogical Map - 1. Cathy Miller; 2. Donna L. Anderson.
Family Census Records - 1. Brenda King; 2. Donna L. Anderson; 3. Virginia Wheeldon.
True Story of the Past - 1. Cathy Miller.
Miscellaneous Research Item - 1. Cathy Miller.

Division 61, Heirlooms and Artifacts

Book - 1. Juanita Ott.
Piece of China or Glassware - 1. Virginia Wheeldon; 2. Donna L. Anderson.
Needle Work Item - 1. Cathy Miller; 2. Donna L. Anderson.
Bible, other Religious Item or Bible Records - 1. Virginia Wheeldon.
Artifacts with Central Theme - 1. Juanita Ott; 2. Donna L. Anderson.
Simple display with Genealogical theme - 1. Alex Fulton.
Miscellaneous Item - 1. Juanita Ott; 2. Donna L. Anderson.

Division 62, Iowa Heritage

Historical Poster History Township - 1. Cathy Miller; 3. Donna L. Anderson.
Historical Poster of Lost Art - 1. Virginia Wheeldon; 2. Cathy Miller.
Photograph Depiction Life Early Iowa - 1. Virginia Wheeldon.

Junior Division 63

Pedigree or Lineage - 1. Olivia Anders; 2. Megan Staude; 3. Alex Fulton.
A Family Picture - 1. Olivia Anders; 2. Abigail Delker; 3. Alex Fulton.
A Family Record Book - 1. Megan Staude.
Genealogical - 1. Megan Staude.
Photographs Present and Ancestral Home - 1. Megan Staude.
Photographs showing present home - 1. Maggie Nielsen; 2. Megan Staude.

Fair Entries (cont.)

Following are a few entries that received ribbons:

#59 - Books & Legal Documents

Will or Probate Records - Blue Ribbon to Brenda King:

This is the state record for my paternal great, great grandfather, Henry J. Clary. He was born Oct. 1851 and died Feb. 1924. This record gives me a lot of useful information such as, the names of the children and their locations. That will help me further my census records. It also gives the land descriptions and the actual values of the land at that time. It is also interesting to compare court costs and attorney fees to today's prices. It also lists the taxes due in 1923.

#59, Books and Legal Documents

Diary, Ledger, or Letter - Red Ribbon to Brenda King:

Well Bro (Brother) Charley,

I just got your kind and welcome letter. Now in the first place (place) it will B (be) all bible talk and it will as you no (know) what I told Otha, I told him the preachers sais (says) if you join and asked God to forgive you dye (die) to nite (tonight), he will take you up to heven (heaven) and I told him I would be a sham (ashamed) to ask him to mak (make) me a sant (saint) as bad a man as I had ben (been). I told Otha if he wood (would) give a hole in the ground and save my life I would thank him 1,000 times. Now Charley he had done 1,000 times better than that he has chosen me out of the world and have dide (died) and I was dead for 2 1/2 hours and I can prove it by 3 witnesses (witness). I told my wife that I was going to dye (die) a spirited death that nite (night) and not to git (get) a fraide (afraid). So the next morning I was a wake (awake) and I felt a little funy (funny). I will rite (write) more to moro (tomorrow) I cant see thru (through) glasses my eyes gits (gets) tired so good night.

Jan 7

Well it has ben (been) so dark I couldn't see, I will try it today. Now you get some one to read revlasons (Revelations) for you and I want you to study it good. One word may mene (mean) 3 or 4 such as the mark in your fore head (forehead) or hand. Now this mark is in your mind or thoughts and they won't see this mark till just be fore (before) they pass out of life in to dith (death), they will see what God they have ben (been) surving. The Bible sais (says) try the spirits to see if thay (they) are from God or from the devel (devil). The devel (devil) told Crist (Christ), if he would give him the hole (whole) world and every thing that was in it, Crist (Christ) sead (said) get be hind (behind) me saton (Satan). God seas (says) get out of baben (?) and to of her sins and you may acape (escape) this grate (great) truble (trouble) that is comen (coming) on the earth where the people will (be) dead form one end of to the other end. Nether (neither) lay mented (?) or beaired (buried). That (they) will be ding (dying) on the ground, them that is fair of will dye (die) with pestles and famon that is near will dye (die) with the sord (sword). So you can see that they all will haft (have to) dye (die) one way or another. Now the hold (whole) world is going dry has ben (been) sence (since) the day of august. It will like like a big rain then all so up to watter

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(water) the next world so the next will be like this one was. They will haf (have to) commence, a b c. Now I will at this you will want to no (know) more but you aught (ought) to no (know) that sumthing (something) rong (wrong) and ratty (right) from rong (wrong) to. Thay (they) was 2 mornings peaces stopt (stopped) at my place and sead (said) to them are peddlers thay (they) was prnchen (preaching) the mormens (Mormons) doctren (doctrine) as thay (they) understid (understood it). I seas (says) was your fath (faith) if a good man dies he goes rite (right) off to pair dice (paradise), that Crist (Christ) did say so now I sead (said) I was going to tell you just what Crist (Christ) sead (said) in the rite (right) words rerly (?) say to. Will you mete (meet) me in Eddyville. Now sead (said) you could read your bible well thay (they) sead (said) thay (they) never seen it that way before, so thay (they) seen difrent (different).

From Im Clark good by

#60, Genealogical Research

Class 25, Blue Ribbon to Cathy Miller

Biography of Seth Thomas Foresman

Seth Foresman first saw the light of day on his father's farm in Lycoming County, Washington township, Pennsylvania on February 26, 1838. His parents, David Watson and Margaret (McCormick) Foresman, located in what is known as the White Deer Valley in which this pioneer cleared away the forests and helped transform that lovely vale into one of the most fertile agricultural regions in the state.

The example of the father was readily absorbed by Seth whose whole life never stood still. When his duties on the farm would permit he attended the township school and then took a course at Dickinson Seminary, the highest institution of learning in Williamsport. In the interval he taught in the country school to earn the funds for the acquirement of his own education.

Seth Thomas married Sally Updegraff on December 9, 1862 and was one of ten children. Seth's siblings were (surname Foresman): David Hammond, married Rebecca Reighard; Robert McCormick, married Anna Nichols; Mary Alice married Samuel Norris Williams; James Simington married Catherine Giltner; Eliza Hammond, married Jeremiah E. Baker; Hannah McCormick, married A. J. Updegraff; Sarah Parks, married Clarence Pratt Tiers, Alvina and Henry Melick, married Margaret Allen Smith.

In 1863, Seth took the initial step in his business career. He assisted in the construction of five of the largest saw mills in Williamsport and built what is known as the Lumber Branch railroad, a spur from the Pennsylvania line, which affords shipping facilities for all of the mills in the city. He also superintended the construction of a number of the log basins, as well as various other improvements for the benefit of the lumber operators.

Fair Entries (cont.)

Although successful as a lumberman, Mr. Foresman's talents have not been confined to that branch of industry. He was one of the originators of the Lycoming Rubber Company of Williamsport an establishment that employed over five hundred hands in the production of boots and shoes.

Seth's family consisted of his wife Sallie and four children, surname (Foresman): Laura Belle, John Hammond, George Pendleton and Ruth Mae McCormick and they lived on West Fourth street in Williamsport. Their first child Margaret D. died in infancy. Mr. Foresman was a member of the Third Presbyterian church and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

The only office he ever would accept was that of councilman of his own ward, and that he held many years. He was for several terms LYCOMING COUNTY 15 president of the council, and also was chairman of some of the more important committees. He was elected mayor of Williamsport February 21, 1905, by a very large majority. Williamsport is a Republican city.

#60, Genealogical Research

Genealogical Record Book, Blue Ribbon to Virginia Wheeldon

GENEALOGY OF JOSEPH D BOWERS FAMILY

My husband Leroy's great-great-grandfather Joseph D Bowers was born in England c1910. He lived and worked in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. He married Sarah Hains c1832. My mother-in-law told me she was born in Vermont, but most census reports I have found indicate she was born in Ohio in 1806. Joseph worked as a lock tender and farmer in Akron. The 1850 census shows three sons. After that, there is no trace of the third son. Joseph and Sarah appear to have been married 40-50 years. We lose track of Joseph between the 1870 and 1880 censuses. It is believed Sarah moved west with her sons. Her name and the date 1881 appear on son Richmond Solder Bowers' tombstone in the Swan Cemetery in Marion County near Swan, Iowa. We are unable to find a death record for either of them.

Great-grandfather William Henry Bowers (1838-1922) was born in Ohio. Depending on which census one views, he was born in 1836, 1838, or 1840. However, his death certificate and tombstone show the date 1838. His brother Richmond also shows dates 1838, 1839, and 1840. In 1861, Grandpa married Mary Jane Baker (1844-1922) in Ohio. They moved to Iowa where they had a family of eight children. Grandpa was a butcher and farmer in Prairie City, Iowa. They were married 53 years. Grandpa and Grandma are buried in Vandalia Cemetery, Vandalia, Iowa.

Grandfather Richmond Saulers Bowers (1879-1971) was born in Iowa. He was raised in Jasper County in the Vandalia - Prairie City - Colfax area. He also lived in Warren County near Beech, Iowa before moving northeast of Pleasantville. In 1903 he married Martha Alice Booth (1879-1962). They had seven children, losing one as an infant. Grandpa farmed all his life even though he was blind. They were married a few

days short of 59 years. They are buried in Swan Cemetery, near Swan, Iowa, with their baby daughter and son Forest.

Veda Marie Bowers (1904-1991) was the first child of Richmond and Martha Bowers. She was my husband's mother. In 1929 she married my father-in-law Joseph Everett Wheeldon. They lived in several communities in southern Iowa from Des Moines to Derby and many spots in between. They had four children, three girls, then my husband. My father-in-law worked on as a farm employee, carpenter, tire maker at Firestone. They always raised large gardens and canned produce every summer. They both enjoyed attending auctions. My mother-in-law crocheted even though she couldn't read the patterns and made many quilts by hand. They were married almost 62 years. They are buried in the Hartford Cemetery in Hartford, Iowa.

Joseph Leroy Wheeldon, my husband was born in 1936 during the long hot summer. He was raised in Warren and Marion Counties. We raised four children in Marion County. All four married and we have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Leroy worked in factories and often assisted farmers. He became seriously ill in 2000 just before his planned retirement. After a lengthy recovery, he enjoyed working on small engines and occasionally assisted farmers. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary a few months before he passed away in 2007.

Much of the information found in this book was obtained from talking to relatives. I also looked on the internet and exchanged information with "grandchildren" for various lines of the family. When information didn't make sense or was different from what I had originally learned, I asked questions. Sometimes people went back to their sources. If at all possible, I look for census, social security death index, various records located at Iowa Genealogical Society, etc. to prove or disprove information. Some clues are found on photos, some in correspondence.

It is always time to do the "Genealogists Happy Dance" when information from an unexpected source drops into one's lap. Everything else seems to disappear as we try to assimilate all the new information.

#61, Heirlooms and Artifacts

Simple display with genealogical theme - Blue Ribbon to Alex Fulton, 12 years old

GRANDPA HODSON'S TABLE

My 4th Great grandfather Thomas Hodson built a kitchen table for my 3rd great grandfather Uriah Hodson when he married my 3rd great grandmother Rachel Porter. Uriah was born 1832 and died 1914 and Rachel was born 1829 and died 1917. They moved from IN to IA with the table. They had very small dishes and forks. The forks and

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spoons may have been kept in the drawer. Rosa their child inherited the table when they died. Grandma Virginia got the table from grandma Rosa and she took off the varnish and years later my mom got the table and then it goes to me.

The black book with the map shows where the family lived. The little blue dots in the yellow book show the descendants of my grandfather Uriah Hodson. The red book shows the connection from Grandpa Hodson to me. And last but not least the green book shows the family tree.

MEMBER PROFILE - Virginia Wheeldon

CRIS NAGLA

Cris has been looking for her family members for 38 years. She has a variety of interests and sometimes finds family in unusual places when she isn't looking. She is a member of WCGS and Warren County Historical Society where she has been instrumental in helping reorganize the library. Cris abstracts cemetery and funeral home information, and also collects antiques, although maybe not in that order. Cris has also been known to cook for large crowds.

Cris has a print shop set up in her home. She has printed books for some of us and is printing our new cemetery books as they are made ready. Cris, who lives in Des Moines, Iowa, is the mother of one and the grandmother of one. Most of the people she is looking for are named APPLEBY, ANDERSON, GUTSHALL, HARBERT, TOTTEN, and HUSTON.

Cris gives this advice to researchers: Don't give up. Where there's a will, there's a way. Collect information and put it in a file. She says men usually collect direct lines; women collect everybody and everything. Connect all the dots.

DENNIS ALLEN

Dennis also has a variety of skills. He does fabulous things with a computer. He knows a lot of websites to increase family searches. When I asked him how he found all of them, he said to input whatever you're thinking and Google it. He also has a Paint program so he can take an old, damaged photo and make it look like new. Dennis teaches genealogy and computer classes to genealogists as time permits so long as his firefighting job doesn't interfere.

Dennis also lives in Des Moines, Iowa, and has three children. He, too, is a member of WCGS and WCHS, where he takes an active roll in updating the museum.

Dennis is looking for families of ALLEN, GARRETT, ROWE, RUSHING, BREWER, FRITTS, WEAVER, and HOLLOWAY.

Dennis says: Think outside the box. Buyer Beware. If someone offers to split a fee with you for a certificate, ask for their source, locate and verify that source, and buy your own certificate.

The following article appeared in Iowa Historian, the on-line publication of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

You can subscribe to this newsletter at www.iowahistory.org/publications/iowa-hiatorian

Historical Library Resources Key for Genealogist's BCG Certification and Publication, by Susan Jellinger, Librarian II, State Historical Society of Iowa

Marieta A. Grissom of Indianola recently earned certification from the Board of Certification for Genealogists (BCG). Throughout the year-long effort, Grissom created a portfolio of research activities and reports according to BCG's exacting specifications. One of the required projects was a case study. Grissom used the Historical Society's Library & Archives in Des Moines for most of her primary resources. As Grissom plans to use her genealogical skills writing stories, she shared her excitement with Des Moines Library staff that an adaption of her case study was accepted for publication in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

"This whole thing has been a wonderful learning experience," Grissom said. "The certification judges' comments validated and expanded my work with insightful tips while the *Quarterly* peer reviewers' suggestions were so positive and constructive that it was relatively easy to re-work a final draft of the article."

If interested in reading Grissom's article in the upcoming issue of the *Quarterly* (vol. 35, no. 4), come visit the Historical Library in Des Moines or check the periodical's Web site for ordering information, www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ngsq. Both Iowa City and Des Moines Historical Libraries have holdings of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, but only the Des Moines facility has current issues. Historians and genealogists can find many other magazines, newsletters, and journals in SHSI's two libraries. It's rewarding to browse through these treasures even if you aren't seeking certification or working to get published! Titles include genealogical periodicals such as *Family Tree*, *Minnesota Genealogist*, and *Nebraska Ancestry* as well as history oriented magazines such as *Currents: News of the Utah State Historical Society*, or *Civil War Times*. Iowa related magazines such as *Wallace's Farmer*, *The Iowan*, and *The Iowa Griot* are also part of serial holdings. Current issues of more than 50 periodicals grace the Des Moines and Iowa City Reading Rooms. Due to fiscal restraints for 2009-10 only subscriptions for mission specific titles are being continued. Reading Room hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (515) 281-6200 in Des Moines or (319) 335-3916 in Iowa City for more information.

The Paradox of Census Records

As researchers we always check the census records for our families. "Duh, we know that," you say. Census records are some of the easiest records to find, and are often the first ones

Paradox of Census Records (cont.)

we research.

Paradoxically we hear, "Don't believe everything you read!" Census records are often inaccurate. Spellings, ages, and inferred relationships can be misleading. Assumption errors act as gremlins sabotaging our family's story.

A cardinal rule in genealogy research is to check every census record available during the person's lifetime. By checking every census record in detail, we see the entire picture. Thus, we compare, analyze, and identify the inaccuracies on a single record.

My case study published in the September issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* discusses a complex example of inaccurate information in census records.

Marieta Grissom, CG

IGS UPDATE

Money continues to be tight. Staff was furloughed in August. Beginning in September, the administrative assistant and librarian are back working limited hours.

If you renew or join now, you can save money because the dues will increase by \$5 after the first of the year. If you buy from Amazon.com please use the link on <http://www.iowagenealogy.org/>. Amazon will give a donation to IGS for every person who uses the link to visit Amazon. Additionally, you can use the GoodSearch.com (powered by Yahoo) link on IGS to search the Internet. IGS will get money every time you use the link.

Volunteers Needed: 1st Vice President, Chair & Vice Chair of Events Committee, Grant Writer, Annual Conference, and Historic Cemetery Walk.

Upcoming Events:

October 4 - Historical Cemetery Walk

October 9 & 10 - IGS Annual Conference with Tom Pinnick

October 30 & 31 - IGS Heritage Quilt Show

November 7 - Slumber Party

Carla Anders

MY FAVORITE WEBSITE

Google Books <http://books.google.com/>

This website allows you to search for books on various subjects and locate them at libraries around the country for inter-library loan.

If you enter the search term "Iowa history" and then hit the SEARCH BOOKS button; it will find over 21,000 books on the subject. It displays a list of the first ten books with basic

information like title, author, date published, and number of pages. It also identifies how much of the book is available for you to see: Snippet view, Full view, or Limited preview. The amount of the book shown is based upon copyright laws and author agreements.

If you click on the title link, you will be taken to the view of the book listed. Snippet view shows you images of partial pages with key words highlighted. Limited preview shows you a few whole pages of the book. Full view shows the entire book either in text view or PDF view. Full view allows you to save a copy to your computer or print to your printer.

Google Books will also let you know if more editions of the book were printed and might be available. It lists the publisher for each version and the date published. Other features include an advanced search option, a list of bookseller websites where you can purchase the book, and a list of online libraries where you can find a copy.

My favorite feature: It will allow you to enter your zip code so you can see a list of libraries that have the book in their catalog and the distance to the library. I use this list to request the book through inter-library loan at the Indianola Public Library.

Carla Anders

2010 IGS Upcoming events:

April 10 - Burlington, IA, Burlington Public Library Annual Genealogy Workshop with George Morgan

April 24 - Moline, IL, Quad Cities Annual Conference with Patricia Stamm

April 28-May 1 - NGS 2010 Family History Conference in Salt Lake City. More info in newsletter.

From the press release for the National Genealogical Society Conference:

The conference title is "Follow Your Ancestral Trails." Special workshops for Easter Europe, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Hispanic countries will combine lectures and hands-on research planning and problem solving, combined with lab time at the Family History Library. Supporting the conference's international and American theme, other lectures focus on Great Britain, Poland, and Germany, immigration, African American research, DNA, and technology initiatives. The 2010 conference is earlier than usual this year. Online registration opens December 1. www.ngsgenealogy.org

An out-of-state member of WCGS is interested in buying an original printing of the 1908 Warren County History in good condition. If you have one to sell, contact Ruth Hall.

Congratulations Carla Anders

Carla was elected to the Board of Directors of MoSGA (Missouri State Genealogical Association) at their annual meeting in Jefferson City this August. As Education Director, she will coordinate between the Annual Conference Committee and genealogical education classes held in conjunction with the conference which is held in the first half of August each year in either Jefferson City or Columbia. She will also contribute to the MoSGA publications.

What's New at the Warren County Historical Library

Things are busy as usual at the library. This past Thursday we had at least 10 people who came in to do their research. It is nice to see the library being so busy. We are currently cleaning out files in the library and putting them into binders for easier access, so stop in and check them out. The obituary project is almost complete. All that is left is the 1990-2007 obits to be reorganized.

We would like to also thank all of the people who are helping with the various indexing projects. If you would like to help please let us know.

Please remember your used ink cartridges for our recycling project.

Cris Nagla

A Treasure at the Warren County Historical Library

Last year Linda Beatty donated a two volume set of Iowa biographies to the library. "A Memorial and Biographical Record of Iowa" was first published in Chicago in 1896 by The Lewis Publishing Company. Merrill Anthony of Pleasantville indexed the book and a 1978 reproduction by Walsworth Publishing Co. was sold by him. There are about a thousand biographical sketches in the books and an amazing number are about Warren County residents or have Warren County connections. The subjects of the sketches are listed in the front. Merrill's indexing is by surname only so there can be many entries under common surnames but, if you find something, it is well worth the time.

I have picked out two biographies because they are families from the Spring Hill area and Spring Hill is the honored town at this year's Log Cabin Festival.

Ruth Hall

Jacob Glascock

Jacob Glascock, who is engaged in the milling business in Warren county, Iowa, was born in Ohio, February 5, 1836, and is one of a family of eight children, all of whom are yet living, namely: Mary; Eli, a resident of Ohio; Jacob; Ezra, of

Crawford County, Iowa; Thara, a twin of Ezra, and a resident of Chicago; Mrs. Sarah Brown, also of Ohio; Ira, whose home is in Oklahoma; and Short, who is located in Marshall County, Iowa. The parents of this family were Frederick and Fannie (Miller) Glasscock. The father was a native of Virginia, and when about twenty years of age removed to Ohio, spending his remaining days in Highland county. During his early life he followed school-teaching, but subsequently turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he successfully followed. He was a consistent Christian man, faithful in his support of the gospel and held membership with the Methodist Church until the last ten years of his life when he became an Adventist. He took no active interest in political affairs but was a strong anti-slavery man from conviction. He died in Highland County, Ohio, in 1803, respected by all who knew him.

His wife was a native of Pennsylvania, and a descendant of one of the early Dutch families. Her father, Jacob Miller, was one of the early settlers of the Keystone State and his father had crossed the Atlantic to this country at an early day, coming under contract and working for some time after his arrival in the United States to pay for his passage. Mrs. Glasscock is still living in Ohio at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Eli Glascock, was a native of Virginia and in pioneer days removed to Ohio, where he died when well advanced in years. His wife also was a native of the same State. The family, however, is of English origin. The great-grandfather of our subject was born in England and came to America in Colonial days, locating in Virginia, where he died at an advanced age.

The gentleman whose name heads this review lived in Ohio until nineteen years of age, and in 1855 started out in life for himself, working by the month as a farm hand in Indiana for a year. On the expiration of that period he went to Illinois, where he remained for several years, and in the autumn of 1856* he arrived in Iowa, locating in what was then Washington Township, Warren County, but is now section 7, of Lincoln Township. He purchased a sawmill upon the place, and has since been engaged in the operation of a sawmill and gristmill. (*Comment: Steve Hall says that the Glascock Mill was one of those that Brand built. A picture of the mill is at the Warren County Historical Society.*) For some years his patronage came from a territory extending thirty miles in each direction. His mill is one of the landmarks of this region, one of the few reminders of pioneer days that yet remain. He has an extensive trade in the sawmill, and in connection with his interests in this line he owns a valuable farm, located conveniently near. He is now quite largely engaged in stock-raising, his river-bottom land being specially adapted to this purpose, and his endeavors in this direction have been uniformly successful and profitable.

In the fall of 1860 Mr. Glascock married Miss Annie M. Gise, a native of Germany, coming with her family from that country to America during her early days. She was born in Hesse Darmstadt, and lived in Illinois on first coming to America. Mr. and Mrs. Glascock have a family of eight children, as follows: Rose, wife of Dore Sarchette, of Jackson

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township, Warren County; Fanny, wife of William McIntyre, of Spring Hill, Iowa; Henry who is living on his father's farm; Charles, a resident of Des Moines; Sadie, at home; William, who is married and resides at home; Catherine; and Daisy, who complete the family.

In politics Mr. Glascock is a Republican, and has long staunchly advocated the principle of this party, yet has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking. He is one of the honored pioneer settlers of Warren County, and from an early day in its history has identified himself with its best interests. He is a courteous, genial gentleman, and is very popular throughout this section of the country. He has won success in life through honest dealing and earnest efforts, and with pleasure we present to our readers the record of his life.

*This second date must be wrong. RAH

De Witt Clinton Brand

De Witt Clinton Brand, one of the early pioneers of Washington (now Lincoln) Township, Warren County, was born in Erie county, New York, June 27, 1824, one of seven children of David and Sophia (Elliott) Brand. The father was born in Schoharie County, New York, in 1778, remaining there until 1798, when he moved into the wilderness of Erie county, having been one of the first three settlers on Cattaraugus creek. There were no white people within a distance of fifty miles east, and many Indians were there at that time. Mr. Brand resided in Clinton and Cattaraugus Counties until 1854, when he came West, locating in Warren County, Iowa, in March of that year, and his death occurred in the following October, at the age of seventy-six years. The grandfather of our subject, David Brand, was born and lived and died in the State of New York. The remote ancestors of the family were among the early settlers of the old Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Sophia (Elliott) Brand, the mother of our subject, was also a native of New York. Her father was a sea captain during his active life and also owned sailing ships on the high seas. He died at the age of eighty years. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Brand was Captain of the Mayflower in Colonial days, and he was also an Admiral of the British Navy. He died in England at an extreme old age.

De Witt Clinton Brand, our subject, spent his early life in Erie and Cattaraugus Counties. In 1848 he started out in life for himself, coming to Warren county, Iowa, where he assisted his brother in mill building for two years. He next spent two years at his former home in Dayton, New York. In 1854 Mr. Brand returned with his family to Iowa, locating in Washington (now Lincoln) Township, and entered 360 acres of Government land. He was one of the first settlers of this part of the township, the country at that time being wild prairie and timber, abounding in wild animals and game. Here his life up to the present time has been spent. Mr. Brand has always been recognized as one

of the representative, broad-minded and successful farmer of this region. He has been a member of the Republican party since its foundation, fully identified with the organization, and believing in the principles which underline it.

Mr. Brand was married at Dayton, New York, in the winter of 1851 to Louisa Ranney, a native of that State and a daughter of Eli Ranney. The Ranney's were one of the earliest families of Western New York, having been established there for generations. The parents came to Iowa in old age, where they spent the remainder of their days. Our subject and his wife have had eight children, as follows: George Clinton, of Lincoln township; Alice, wife of Henry Brown, of Cass county, Iowa; Sarah, wife of Joseph Lehman, also of that county; Catherine, now Mrs. Cliff Hall, of Lincoln Township; Minnie, wife of William Peverley, of Greenfield Township, Warren County; Mary, wife of William Comer, of Cass County, this State; and Nellie and Warren, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Brand are members of the Methodist Church.

Did Your Ancestors Go to Colorado?

At the meeting of the Oregon-California Trail Assn. in Loveland, CO, in August, it was announced that many Colorado newspapers are now on-line and searchable by name and keyword. This includes the Rocky Mountain News which began publishing in 1859 with the coming of the Pike's Peak gold rush and stopped publishing last spring. (The gold was really found at Cherry Creek in Denver but Pike's Peak was such a dominant feature on the landscape that the name came from this relatively short mountain. A later gold find at Cripple Creek caused what was actually, more accurately, the Pike's Peak gold rush.) Many Warren County people went to Colorado then, especially if the depression of the late 1850s had affected them. Many were there a brief time and came back but many stayed.

This site is new and has some glitches. I found that the article I was searching came up behind the main screen but they seem to be working on this type of thing.

Try searching the Fairplay Flume for the activities of the Parmelee and Shoemaker families as they appear in the column from the Buffalo Springs correspondent.

<http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/>

Ruth Hall

New Members

We have 5 new members since we last reported. They are: Paula Darr from Colorado. Andrew and Nancy Leech from Illinois. Their surnames are LYON, MAYES, McKEE and BRADSHAW. She states that she was born and raised in WC and these were longtime WC residents. Don Mills from North Carolina. His connections are the MILLS and CAVINESS families of Warren County. Leroy W. Moore from Indianola. Donald and Janella Sandy from Indianola

Also from the Warren County Historical Library:

Visitors and the names they are researching: Michelle Webber researching CAFFERTY; Paula Darr researching DARR, CHITTENDEN, WEEKS and SMITH; Patricia Read Fleischman researching JOHN B., DONALD E. (TOBY), BOYD F., and JOHN C. READ.

We now have a copy of a family history of Melvin Johnson and a copy of a scrapbook that Gertrude Johnson created. They are Spring Hill people, actually Pootsville, for some of them.

Dues Increase Anticipated

At the October 19 meeting we will vote on changing the by-laws to leave the determination of dues up to the Executive Board with the approval of the membership. The by-laws now set the dues at \$10. In November we will propose a dues increase to \$15 annually.

Any comments can be sent to President of WCGS Juanita Ott at jott396116@aol.com or contact her through the mail at PO Box 151, Indianola, IA 50125.

Hours for the Warren County Historical Library are: Thursdays 9-4, Saturdays 9-12. 961-8085 or call for appointment 961-3201

Don't forget that there is a genealogical section at the Indianola Public Library to the left of the circulation desk. There are many records, reference books, and family histories. Also, the Indianola papers are available on microfilm. Hours for the Indianola Public Library Monday-Thursday 10-8:30, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-4.

Upcoming Classes

Dennis Allen and Cris Nagla are teaching a Basic Internet class in Webster City on October 19th from 1:00-4:00. If you are interested, Cris can send you a copy of the flier. They are also doing a photo restoration class on October 22nd at the Kirkendall Library in Ankeny from 6:30-9:00.

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