



In Times Past



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Meetings are held the 4th
Thursday of each month at
1:00 PM.

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Letter from the President

"There has been a lot of activity in the genealogy room. The obituary files are being updated so they can be indexed. Some names that have been researched recently include Charles Kaiser and his daughter, Mildred Kaiser, who married Herbert Johnson and later married a Dory. Research was also done on Henry Stone.

The Wiota All School Reunion book was donated after their reunion last summer. It should be of interest to a number of former graduates, family and friends of those who attended the now closed school.

As a member of the Cass County Genealogical Society, I was asked to represent our Region 16 of the Iowa Genealogical Society. The region consists of Cass,

Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page and Pottawattamie counties. Only Cass and Pottawattamie County have active societies. Other counties have historical societies and Page County has a research room in the Nodaway Museum. I attended the 50th Anniversary annual meeting of the IGS on October 9th. The speaker was John Philip Collette who has an impressive resume and is a lecturer, writer and educator with special interest in genealogy research. He has written books and articles on the subject and has worked with the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives among his many credentials. It was a very entertaining and informative program.

Our group is working on

technology updates and will be looking into microfilm readers and computer upgrades. We are sponsoring a traveling exhibit to be at the library in April 2016 "TRACES BUS-eum". The theme of the event, which is in an actual bus, is "At Home in the Heartland: Forgotten Stories of How Iowans Got to be 'US'".

In August we toured the Pottawattamie County Genealogical Library in Council Bluffs. They told us about projects they are working on with Pottawattamie County newspapers.

Linda Marek
President

November 21, 2015

Grand Christmas Ball in Grove City a Success

Christmas night, 1856, the Grove City House, a new hotel in Grove City was opened, and the occasion was celebrated with a grand ball. The house was the property of John R. KIRK. Dan BUNNELL and George BROWN were violinists. All present danced, and among the gayest couples were the following: Mr. And Mrs. Peter HEDGES, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. McGEEHON, Mr. and Mrs. P. CRANNY, Mr. and Mrs. H. CRANNY,

Mr. and Mrs. A.T. DRAKE. Among the young folks, were the following: Chris SHUART, Isaac COZARD, Osceola BALLARD, Miss DONER (now Mrs. George CONRAD) and two of Judge LORAH's daughters; Lewis BEASON and A.G. McQUEEN. A number of guests were present from Audubon County.

New Year's Day, 1854, Morris HOBLIT, T.J. and

Abraham BYRD and R.D. McGEEHON were out hunting together and killed two deer - killing one of them at a point about where the Congregational church in Atlantic now stands.

From "Miscellaneous," *History of Cass County, Iowa Together With Brief Mention of Old Settlers* by Lafe Young, Atlantic, Iowa: Telegraph Steam Printing House, 1877, pg. 71.

Who do You Think I am?



Have you ever found an old picture and wondered who it was? You turn it over and no name. You try to find out who it is because it is driving you crazy. This is especially difficult when it is a very old picture and you know it is not your family. We have recently been in possession of some of these very photographs.

No one identified the country school photo last month. The photo to the left has the name Bessie Lowell written on the back, most likely because she was the one ordering the copy. Bessie is known to have been a good friend of Edith Dilts Henry, daughter of Ida Mae Petty Dilts McCord. The photo is believed to have been taken at Anita, or at least include individuals from

Anita. The emblem on the hats says *Iowa* and some have also the number 24 in the center of the emblem. Could this be a G.A.R. band? There is no further identification provided. The photo was contributed by Dawn Wheat to the IAGenWeb site, April, 2010, from the collection of her great grandmother, Ida Mae Petty Dilts McCord. Good luck this time identifying them this time. If you have any of these photographs, think about submitting them to the Cass County Genealogical Society. We will put them into our new column of the newsletter with the hopes that someone will recognize and identify them.

Missing Baby's Headstone Returned and Reset

This was posted in the August 23rd edition of the Omaha World Herald, a heart-warming story.

California artist and filmmaker Alexandra Grant shoots footage for a documentary she is shooting that will tell the story of an 1880 headstone that was stolen from a Nebraska cemetery and missing for decades. Grant found the headstone in a Wyoming antiques store, bought it, and eventually became compelled to reunite the marker with the baby it memorialized.

The story can be found at: http://www.omaha.com/living/baby-girl-s-missing-headstone-returned-years-later/article_a8a9b7da-d1ce-51cd-93bd-18219e54216a.html

Happenings 100 years ago in History, 1915

CHRISTMAS, A MERRY ONE

Atlantic and Cass county people should find Christmas this year a "merry" one in every sense of the word. Peace reigns over the United States while the older nations of the world are at war, this section is prosperous, and locally the people are contented and happy. The poor of the city have been well taken care of. Decency and sobriety are the real heroes and while there are many unfortunate in life their condition is much better than that of thousands one can think of. The merchants have, in the main, had a fine year,

and the prospects for next year are splendid. Atlantic is the best town of its inches in the country, and her people are intelligent and progressive in all things. In every way this Christmas should be a pleasant one for the people of the city and county

—The Civic Club will meet Monday afternoon with Mrs. Greenleaf.

—Mrs. Maggie Mormon went to Perry today to visit until after the holidays.

—Ed Wissler and family of Carroll are here for a holiday visit with the "old folks."

—Tom Kelly and wife of Norfolk, Neb., are here for a

holiday visit with relatives and friends.

—Clarence Minor and wife have gone to Grand Island, Neb., to spend the holidays with his sister.

—Q. H. Rudolph, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is considerably improved today.

—Ralph McLean and wife of Carroll are in the city to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

—Mrs. E. C. Schelm went to Charter Oak today to spend Christmas with her mother and other relatives.

ANT, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1914.



In Days Gone By



The church bell from the old Methodist church is all that is left and now resides with the residents of Reno in the Reno Cemetery.

1884-1885 CASS COUNTY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Transcribed from the *Iowa State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1884-5.*

RENO. A village on the Nodaway river, a water-powered stream in Edna township, Cass county, 65 miles southwest of Des Moines, 20 miles southeast of Atlantic, the county seat, and 15 east of Griswold, on the G. br. of the C., R. I. & P. Ry, the nearest railroad station and banking point. Settled in 1877. Ships grain, live stock and produce. The produced Diagonal line, the W., I. & N., will pass through this place. Stages, with mail, tri-weekly to Griswold and Corning, 24 miles southeast; fares, 75 cents and \$1.25 respectively. Population: 100. Jacob Steen, postmaster.

Adams, John H, carpenter. Archer, John, justice of peace. Bilderback, J, grocer. Breen R F, general store. Chedister, J A, shoemaker. Cozad, W W, saloon. Dyer J M, blacksmith. Edwards G L, justice of peace. Forrester Rev (Adventist). Hall T A, restaurant. **Hudspath & McCaslin**, Grist Mill. Hume J H, physician. Lawhead E, carpenter. Logue Wm, grocer. McCaslin Joseph, blacksmith. Potter Rev E C (Methodist). Snellson W, physician. Steen H A, hotel. **Steen Jacob**, Hotel and Produce. Steen J J, general store. Wallers P A, constable. Walters J T & Son, carpenter. Wright Rev (Christian).



East Side School House
The first Atlantic School Board was elected in March, 1870, consisting of: W. W. Parker, F. H. Whitney, John R. Reynolds, W. K. Straight, D. F. Hawks and R. D. McGeehon. The board purchased a plot of ground on a hill on the east side of town for \$400. A construction contract was awarded to Neimeyer brothers and the East Side school was built at a cost of \$9,288. It was completed and occupied in January 1871. The above divided back photo post card is addressed to Mrs. Will Kirby in Elliot, Iowa and is postmarked 1914. The salutation is "Dear Cousins." The handwriting is somewhat difficult to read, but the card appears to be signed "Mrs. V. & Edna." Photo post card contributed by Cheryl Siebrass, November 2010.
<http://iagenweb.org/cass/school/atlantic/eastsideschool.htm>

Upcoming Programs.....

At our November meeting, we discussed programs we would like to have in 2016. One of the purposes of CCGS is to create and foster interest in genealogy. We want programs that educate and encourage individuals to learn more about their family histories.

Placing flags on the graves of Civil War veterans in a Cass County cemetery prior to Memorial Day has become a favorite for our group. Carolyn DeLay decides which cemetery we should visit and finds the graves for us. She then provides the flags. Carolyn also has promised a program on the DAR. Her programs are thorough and interesting.

Another repeat meeting will be a trip to Elk Horn to visit the Museum of Danish America's Genealogy Center located on Main Street. If the schedule permits, we will

also visit the museum west of Elk Horn. During our visit in 2014, The Genealogy Center librarian-manager Michele McNabb was especially interesting and helpful. She will be retiring soon and we look forward to meeting the new librarian.

The meeting in January 2016 will be an evening meeting in cooperation with the library. It is a program called **Find Your Hidden Past**, which will take place on Wednesday, January 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Participants will be introduced to what is available in the genealogy room and then go upstairs to the library's computers to begin searching for their ancestors with help from genealogy members.

Women from a Methodist Church circle are coming to learn about what is available in the genealogy room on

February 25th. April brings a Bus-uem Exhibit to the library. CCGS is sponsoring the traveling bus exhibit called **At Home in the Heartland: Forgotten Stories of How Iowans Got to Be 'Us'** from 9:00 to 12:00 on April 29th.

The group also gave strong support to visiting the Mormon Trail Center at Historic Winter Quarters in Omaha, a speaker from and/or a visit to the French Icarian Village site in Corning, and a program from a favorite speaker Colleen Wilbur – this time to hear her presentation on Lewis and Clark.

The programs for 2016 are varied and should be enjoyable for anyone attending.

Submitted by Carolyn Key, Vice President in charge of Programming.

Tips

You've spent hours looking through some parish records without any luck. It's very, very easy to go on to the next search without making any notes about this - after all, you've found no information so there's nothing to write, right? No - a few months down the line you will find yourself experiencing *de ja' vu* as you suddenly realize the records you have painstakingly searched for the last hour are the ones you looked at months ago. What a waste of time! Make sure you keep records of everything you've looked at even if it revealed nothing.

Atlantic's Alumni --- 1895

Taken from the Cass County Iowa GenWeb Project

1895

BELL, Austa Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.

BISHOP, Fred Atlantic, Ia. Restaurant.

BROWN, Joe Luverne, Minnesota Insurance.

BURR, Margaret Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.

CARPENTER, Clair Webster, Iowa.

CRAIN, Max South Omaha, Neb. Stenographer.

DINGES, Lulu Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.

DALLAS, James Wahoo, Nebraska Teacher.

(GOODSPEED) ROBINSON, Jessie Des Moines, Iowa.

GOTHARD, Stanton South Omaha, Nebraska Dentist.

HEATON, Roy Lincoln, Nebraska Student.

NELSON, Clara Atlantic, Iowa Clerk.

PIEKEN, Otto Casey, Iowa.

(POTTER) DALLAS, Clara Wahoo, Nebraska

Teacher.

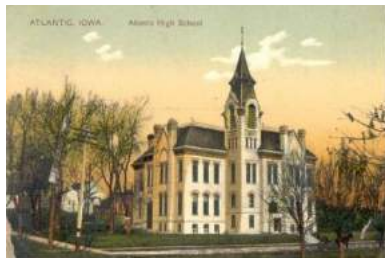
(SCOTT) SHIRK, Lella Creston, Iowa.

SOUTHWICK, Will Guthrie Center, Iowa Druggist.

THARNISH, Ernest Phoenix, Arizona Newspaper.

Taylor, Nellie Atlantic, Iowa.

(TEMPLE) McCLEAN, Mary Creston, Iowa.



"I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom."

Old Time Holiday Recipes

Windham Historical Museum



The following recipes were taken from old Willimantic/Windham newspapers in Windham County Connecticut. Happy cooking over the holidays!!!

APPLE FRUIT CAKE (TWC Aug 11 1880) - Soak two cups dried apples over night; in the morning drain and chop fine in chopping bowl; add one cup molasses and let it boil slowly on back of stove three or four hours, until the molasses has thickened; let it cool; add one and one-half cups of brown sugar, one cup butter, half cup

sour milk, one tablespoon each of cloves, allspice and cinnamon, one teaspoonful soda, three eggs, three and one-half cups of flour; bake in two square tins or one large five-quart basin; if baked in the latter bake slowly two and a half hours. This will keep six months

DANISH PUDDING (TWC Apr 27 1881) - One cupful of tapioca, three generous pints of water, half a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of sugar, one tumbler of any kind of bright jelly. Wash the tapioca and

soak in water all night. In the morning put on in the double boiler and cook one hour. Stir frequently. Add the salt, sugar and jelly and mix thoroughly. Turn into a mold that has been dipped into cold water, and set away to harden. Serve with cream and sugar.

Thanks go to everyone for submitting articles for the newsletter. All your help is greatly appreciated. Carolyn DeLay.



Digitized Microfilm: From the Drawer to Your Computer By Lisa McBride

Exciting news is here explaining how users will access microfilmed records found in the FamilySearch catalog. In the early weeks of November, a new feature called the Thumbnail Gallery will be available to the public. Everywhere historical record images are visible, users can view a single full-screen image or view a gallery of thumbnail (small) images for all images on a microfilm. Parts of this new viewer can be accessed through the Record Hints on Family Tree.

Thumbnail Gallery

Some new features include:***Viewing both the indexed data and the image together. This feature is available only with indexed records:***Navigating to other images within the collection by clicking **Next** or jumping to a specific image.***Viewing citation information. It is found in an information tab below each image.

Catalog Icons

In addition to these features, watch for new icons in the FamilySearch catalog. Look for the icons in the Film Notes area of the catalog record title page. The icon links will let you take three

specific actions from the catalog page:

***Jump to the indexed records found on a film—click the **search icon**.
***Jump to the gallery view of images from a film—click the **camera icon**.

***Jump to film ordering—click the **film roll icon**. If indexing is not completed for a film, the indexed (search) icon will not show in the catalog. If a film is not digitized, the camera icon will not show up. Once a film is available digitally, the film ordering icon will disappear.

Item #	Item Name	Year	Format	Length	Price
101	1892 Farmers Directory	1892	Microfilm	100	\$2.00
102	1917 Farmers Directory	1917	Microfilm	100	\$2.00
103	1884 History of Cass County	1884	Microfilm	100	\$2.00
104	1884 History of Cass County	1884	Microfilm	100	\$2.00

Why Is This Important?

This is a huge boon to family history centers. It enables you to take a major leap forward with transitioning from microfilm to digital access. This feature will greatly simplify the record-finding experience for center staff and visitors. Films can be accessed with just a click, rather than dealing with the hassles of ordering films, cost issues, and wait periods. FamilySearch has given priority to scanning

the most-requested microfilms.

Restricted Records

It is important to note that the thumbnail gallery will respect all record restrictions. Some digitized films will be available to anyone at home with a FamilySearch log-in. Other films will be LDS-only or family history center-only. Logged in users will see the camera icon based on their access rights. Only completely unrestricted images will display the camera icon for users who are not logged in. When you notice a film with the format icons, look at the same film as a logged-in user and non-logged-in user. View films from home and from your family history center. Becoming familiar with the icons will help you be a better resource for answers from your staff and from visitors.

FHC Film Collection.

Please DO NOT begin returning your microfilm collections to Salt Lake. A complete transition to digitized film will happen over several years. You will be notified when the time is right for you to begin returning the film collection in your center. Until you hear from us, please do not send us any part of your film collections.

Bridging the Gap:

FamilySearch and its predecessors drove microfilm technology throughout the twentieth century. Today FamilySearch is a leader in the storage of digital data. The microfilm industry is fading quickly. With their demise, the cost of microfilm is growing exponentially. Soon, blank microfilm for copies will not be available at all. With the thumbnail gallery, FamilySearch is helping bridge the gap between microfilm and digitized records. This is another opportunity for you and your staff to help member and community patrons find even more success as they seek to find their ancestors. From the Family Search Blog on

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/news-flash-digitized-microfilm-drawer-computer/>



Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

Cass County IAGenWeb continues to grow! Nearly two hundred transcribed biographies from the 1884 History of Cass County have been added already this fall, and we hope to have the remainder of the 1884 biographies online in the very near future. Many thanks to Lisa Varnes-Rex for all her work on this project! An index and transcription of burials in Noble Center Cemetery were also contributed recently by Carolyn DeLay and the Cass County Genealogical Society. The Noble Center index is now online, and the complete burial transcription will be online soon.

Other recent additions include transcriptions of the Anita post office portion of the 1892 Farmers Directory, and the Washington Township portion of the 1917 Farmers Directory. Images of these directories have been available for some time, but the addition of the transcriptions means that the names/surnames listed can now be found by the Cass IAGenweb search engine. A transcription of a letter written by Thomas Ross Wallace around the turn of the century was contributed recently by a family member, and makes for interesting reading. Thomas Ross Wallace was a three time

mayor of Atlantic, three term clerk of the District Court and spent twenty-one years in consular service in various places around the world, including Germany, Jerusalem, and Martinique. Thomas Ross Wallace is buried in Atlantic Cemetery. Interested in volunteering to help? Check out our "Current Projects" list! Additional volunteers are always welcome!

IAGenweb is made possible through the efforts of volunteers from all around the country: contributors, transcribers, committee members, technical team members, and coordinators.

There are opportunities to help for anyone who would like to contribute. Check the IAGenweb Volunteer Primer for further info (<http://iagenweb.org/state/primer.htm>). Contributions are always welcome!

Cheryl Siebrass maintains the Cass Co. web pages, and also serves as IAGenweb County Coordinator for the neighboring counties of Audubon. She can be contacted at: casscocoordinator@comcast.net





Memories of Pioneer Life, Journal of Theresa Canton Barnett written in Dec. 1933, at the age of 77

The following journal was found in the closet of an upstairs bedroom when the house was purchased in 1976 by Russell and by Mary Hoegh. The 1925 US Census revealed Mrs. Barnett living in the house at 607 Maple Street, Atlantic, Iowa. The following has been transcribed by Carolyn DeLay word for word as written of the stories and genealogy in the journal. Anyone interested in this family can contact the Cass County Genealogy Society or the Iowa GenWeb site.

Dec. 20th 1933
Underwood, Iowa
Grand Father Barnett came to Reman Co MO among the early settlers. His name was James. He had sons Robert Rowark, Marion Mackingly. His daughters was Cassandra and Angerana. If I remember he came from Illinois. He has a brother Joseph. I think he lived in Illinois. All the younger Barnett children have drifted away and I have lost track of them.

Grand Father Barnett with 2 other men went south about 50 miles with 2 yokes of oxen to a covered ox wagon to get their cornmeal ground for their summer food. As they was coming home it began to rain and turned to snow. After they had got wet, their clothes froze on them, they was a short distance of home. They turned the oxens loose and started to walk home, but soon they found that Gran Father could not go any farther, he persuaded them to leave him to go on to the settlement. They didn't go very far till the young man dropped and could not go farther, so Grand Father the oldest one that had been kept in the wagon in the day was told by his son to try to get to a nearby house and send out help to find the 2 men. They found young Hudson and took him to the house and got him. Survived men hunted and searched all night, but did not find Grand Father Barnett's body till the next day. That was March 29th in 1844, three hundred miles south of here, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Pottawattanie, County, Iowa.

My Gran Father Noah Canton emigrated from Kentucky in the Daniel Boone Trail. When he



made the trail and fought Indians to Warren County, MO, there he married Frances McDermott. To them was born 5 sons, Pitman Canton, who settled in Scott County, Mo, raised a big family and died there. Jessie Canton went to California with trail of the 1949 emigrants tot the gold mines. He and family home was at Carvallis, Oregon. He died in gold mines in California. In 1860, but I don't remember the exact year. He died of what was called miners colic. William Canton lived his life in Vernan Co Mo, and raised a big family I don't know the whereabouts of any of his family. Hugh M. Canton married Nancy Ann Harveyin Carrol Co Mo, then moved to Vernon Co, MO, where they raised their family. Charles, John and Lill, who still lives at Fresson, California. Frances Longacer husband both buried at Nevada. Mo. Delorrain Canton died in Pottawattamie, IA and was buried at Hazeldell Cemetery.

Mary Ann Canton married W. H. Parman, both living at Arkansas City, Kansas. She has six children living. Theresa canton married W. P. Barnett in Vernan



Co, Mo to Pottawattamie Co., Iowa and had ten children. Six are living. Frances Barnett Ganes at Iowa City. She has one son Maurice Barnett Janes, who works on a paper at Sigourney, Iowa. Peu Lee Barnett – Dr. lives in Atlantic Iowa. They have 3 daughters, Evelyn Florence and Doris Frances and Joyce Learene. Cora Barnett Cleary lives at Underwood, Iowa. They have one daughter, Genevieve Cleary. Satie M. Barnett is a teacher now, making her home at Grove city. Ray W. Barnett lives road no. 6 Pottawattami, Co. They have 3 children, Donald and Alice And Gene Gerald Barnett. Ralph M Barnett lives on the old home place of w. P. Barnett. They have 4 children, William O, lola Beth, Bruce Lall and Jackie James, now 4 years old.



CCGS Research Request Form

Please fill out the form below with as much information that is known.

(Please print)

SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ MARRIAGE DATE _____

CITY/CEMETERY _____

Please check below the records that you are requesting.

Birth Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Death Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Marriage Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Naturalization Record (list year if known)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Obituary copy from newspaper (if available)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Other (History, Cemetery, Military, Ancestral records, etc.)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____

Records such as Probates and Wills, Land Records and Certified Copies of Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce may be obtained from the Cass County Recorder's Office <http://www.casscountyiowa.us/offices/recorder>. Information and application forms may be downloaded from this site

Sub-Total of Copy and Court House Records Request:

ONE HOUR MINIMUM RESEARCH FEE (include on ALL orders) \$10.00

TOTAL PAYMENT enclosed for research & all copies requested above: _____

YOUR NAME _____

(Please print)

YOUR ADDRESS _____

(Please print)

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(We will contact you with questions and/or to notify you that we are sending out your request)

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Cass County Genealogical Society, % Atlantic Carnegie Public Library 507 Poplar Street, Atlantic, Iowa 50022-1241. Phone: 712-243-5466

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