



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

The month of May brings cemetery visits and memories of our past and the lives of our ancestors. My travels began at the Oakland Cemetery in Iowa City where my great-great grandfather Samuel Henry McCrory and his wife, Elizabeth McCloud McCrory, are buried near the first governor of Iowa, Robert Lucas. Samuel McCrory was active in the settling of Iowa City and helping organize the government and the community and was one of the members of the Board of Trustees at the beginning of the State University. Other family members are buried in Madison County: Union Chapel Cemetery, St. Charles Cemetery, King Cemetery and the Young Cemetery near Truro. The Brighton Township Cemetery at Marne and the Atlantic

Cemetery hold many of my closest family members. Memorial Day always pulls me in those directions. It is truly a time of remembrance.

Members are working on the ongoing project to index the obituary files and hope to have it on the Iowa Gen-web page eventually. It will be great when it is completed!

We have enjoyed programs this spring presented by Sandra Leininger on the Icarian Society near Corning in Adams County on March 24th, the Traces Museum which set up in the parking lot at the library and presented "At Home in the Heartland" with forgotten stories of Iowa on April 29th, and a presentation by Carolyn DeLay (member and officer of the DAR Council Bluffs chapter and the

Cass County Genealogy Society) on April 16th at the Mormon Winter Quarters in Florence NE about Jeremiah Hatch who was the only Revolutionary War veteran to be buried in Pottawattamie County. Five of our members enjoyed the Ladies May Day Afternoon Tea at the French Icarian Village on May 7th.

On May 26th nine members took 17 flags to the Weirich Cemetery near Lyman to be placed on veteran's graves. We ate lunch in Cumberland prior to going to the cemetery and the weather cooperated with the storm not occurring until we had completed our mission.

Wishing you all success in your search for your family history!

Linda Marek, President

Research in the Room

Here in the genealogy room we continue working on indexing the obit files. It is an ongoing project. Some family names we have been researching are McCabe/Arn, Chester, Handy, Brown, Grinnell, Fenn, Silk, Smith, Cary, McCarthy and Mewhirter. Visitors to the room have been sisters from Cedar Rapids, IA and Bentonville AR. Other visitors were from Olympia, WA, and Layton, Utah. Additionally we have done research for persons living in Canada and Topeka, KS. The last couple weeks we

discovered two different people we were searching for who had just plain disappeared and no trace of death, time or place showed up as 'inmate' on a census at the State Hospital in Clarinda, IA. Who would have thought to check there? I am trying to figure out how to go about searching for records at the old State Hospital if there are any. Has anyone else tried researching there and had any luck?

Mary and Linda

Mormon Tour

Several ladies of the CCGS met with the Council Bluffs Chapter of the DAR on May 16 at the Mormon Winter Quarters in Florence, NE, for a talk on Jeremiah Hatch, the only Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Pottawattamie County. After the presentation, a tour was given of the Mormon Trail Center. Seated in the front row left to right is Carolyn DeLay, Linda Herman, Carolyn Key, Linda Mereck and Mary Hoegh



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 photo last month. This month's photo is of an unknown group of nurses sitting in the operating Theater in the Jones Hospital in Lewis circa 1913-1915. The nurses were trained the hospital in Atlantic. The photos are from the collection of Christine (Anderson) Petersen of Lorah. Good luck this time identifying

them. 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.

Members of the CCGS went to the Weirech Cemetery on Thursday, May 27, 2016, to place flags and coins on the graves of Veterans. Prior to this, the group met for lunch at the Southern Comfort Restaurant in Cumberland.



In the photo above are

members left to right in the first row: Cynthia Sievers, Carolyn DeLay, Linda Merek, Mary Hoegh. In the back row left to right are Linda Herman LaVon Eblen, Carolyn Key and Beth Johnson.



From: *Industrial Edition*, published by *Atlantic News Telegraph, Atlantic, Iowa*, 1913, pg. 16.

Happenings 100 years ago in History, June, 1916

Short Stories About Town

Three-Fourths of an Inch-- The heavy rain which fell last night, was measured by observer T H. Whitney at .78 of an inch.

A brand new uniform— Chief of Police Sam Berry was wearing a brand new uniform today. He had the suit made to order.

Called to Lincoln— Supervisor W. D. Bell of Massena left last night for Lincoln. He received a telegram that his son, who lives there was seriously ill.

Gala Day at Lewis --- Yesterday was a big day at Crystal Lake near Lewis. It was estimated that over 400 cars were scattered around the lake and the ballpark during the afternoon.

Shoe specialist here----S. C. Mapin, a specialist in orthopedics, is here from Chicago. He will be at the Nebe shoe store for three days this week in the service of their patrons.

To the Lakes—Frank Musson, wife and daughter, and Dr. And Mrs. W. C. Hears left yesterday for the Okoboji and Spirit lakes for a fishing and camping trip.

They are making the trip in the Musson car.

I.R. Wyckoff has sold his farm of thirty acres, south of Atlantic to Roy Squires. The consideration was \$12,000. J.S. Brown and Son made the deal.

Miss Ruth Gillett, daughter of, H. C. Gillett, is home from Rochester, Minn., where she has been taking treatment at the Mayo Brothers' hospital. The doctors say that she is doing fine and in the course of time will show great improvement.

ANT, June 26, 1916



In Days Gone By

Grove City


The town bearing the above name was situated three miles east of the place where Atlantic now is. It was surveyed and platted in 1856, by David A. Barnett, Albert Wakefield, John R. Kirk, A. G. McQueen, Addison P. Thayer, V. M. Conrad, John P. Wheeler, and E. W. Davenport. It was established for speculative purposes and doubtless when it was first staked out, with its broad streets with their big names, and with its parks and public square, it was, by its proprietors, looked upon as a big bonanza. It is fair to presume that its projectors saw in the dim distance, a county-seat, with a fine court house and other public buildings. The town was located on a beautiful piece of

land, but circumstances prevented it from enriching its proprietors... In 1868, when the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad was being built across the county, it was the general impression that Grove City would be a station and a good one. Believing this, a number of business houses were opened in the place that year... All of these citizens removed to Atlantic when it was demonstrated that Grove City was not to be made a station on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad... During the progress of the work on the railroad, and before the road had passed that place, Grove City was a lively village. Grove City, at present, has no business houses, all her business men having removed to Atlantic so soon as the fate of their own town was known in 1868.

There is, however, at the town site, a Methodist church and a good school house... Sometime during the winter of 1857, old John Brown, of Kansas fame, accompanied by two of his sons and one white man, stopped all night with D. A. Barnett, at the Grove City House, at Grove City (now the City Hotel, Atlantic). Brown and his party had in charge about eighteen runaway negroes, men, women and children, whom they were taking on the "underground railroad" from Missouri to Canada. They had three mule teams, and all the male adults of the party were armed with Sharp's rifles and Colt's navy revolvers. After breakfast they took their leave and traveled eastward. No one but Mr. Barnett knew who they were until they had gone, or knew that any negroes were of the party. It was no uncommon thing, during the years just preceding the war of the rebellion for

runaway negroes to be helped across the county, on their secret march to freedom.

From the *History of Cass County, Iowa Together With Brief Mention of Old Settlers* by Lafe Young, Atlantic, Iowa: Telegraph Steam Printing House, 1877, pp. 17-20, 41.



1875 Plat Map of Atlantic Twp. Showing Grove City

Upcoming

As Vice President of CCGS, I am in charge of finding programs for our meetings. Last year, we developed a list of programs we thought would both educate our members and create interest in both genealogy and CCGS.

Future programs may include visits to Harlan's Shelby County Historical Museum, Red Oak's Montgomery County History Center, the Museum of Danish America Genealogy Center in Elk Horn, and the Iowa Genealogical Society Library in Des Moines plus Colleen Wilbur's Lewis and Clark presentation. The planning process always includes finding the best place for lunch.

The programs for 2016 are

Programs.....

varied and should be enjoyable for anyone attending.

Carolyn Key, Vice President in charge of Programming.

Records, Collections, and Reference Materials

The project to enter data from the obituary card file into Excel documents proceeds at a snail's pace. Once completed, the information will be available on the IAGenWeb site. After we obtain copyright permission from the newspapers and funeral directors, we will scan the cards and add a link to each entry.

Thank you to Mary Hoegh, Linda Herman, and Cindy Sievers for

hours of work on this project. Our obituary card index is a valuable research tool. Having it online will allow other researchers to access the information and possibly ask for research assistance from Mary and Linda. Entering the data is a very time-consuming process. We need many more volunteers to complete this project. Please let us know if you are interested.

Mary Hoegh and I have been working on an inventory of the resources in our Genealogy Room. The inventory is on Excel spreadsheets with a column for location of the items. The inventory is almost complete and soon will be sent to the IAGenWeb site.

Carolyn Key

Tips

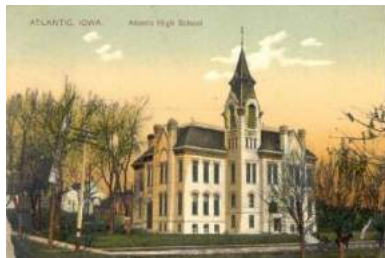
When analyzing information contained in any record, ask yourself "Who was the likely informant on this record? How likely were they to know the information they gave?"

There is little more to information analysis than this, but this is a good start.

Grow Your Genealogy Skills-One Tip at a Time From Genealogist Michael John Neill

Atlantic's Alumni --- 1896

Taken from the Cass County Iowa GenWeb Project



AYLESWORTH, Ralph
Atlantic, Iowa.

BARNARD, Clara
Atlantic, Iowa Telephone.

BROWN, Asa Atlantic,
Iowa.

(BROWN) WILSON, Carrie
..... Atlantic, Iowa.

CHASE, Percy Denver,
Colorado Printer.

CAMPBELL, Nettie
Atlantic, Iowa Teacher.

GARRETSON, Gail ...

Atlantic, Iowa Clerk.

McCLURE, Elsie
Lebanon, Missouri.

MEAD, Josie Atlantic,
Iowa Clerk.

PINE, Louis H. Des
Moines, Iowa Student.

SAXE, Nettie Atlantic,
Iowa.

(SANFORD) FIORITA
Moberly, Missouri.

SIMONTON, Jas. B
Atlantic, Iowa Printer.

WALLACE, Ralph Des
Moines, Iowa Student.

WILSON, Fred Atlantic,
Iowa.



Genealogists are time travelers

Old Time Summer Recipes

Refreshing Summertime Recipes



What is better than some light summertime recipes? Here are some that those in Cass County might have eaten years ago. Give them a try!

Gooseberry Pudding

Scald half a pint of green gooseberries in water till they are soft. Then put them into a sieve to drain. When cold, work them through a hair sieve with the back of a clean wooden spoon; add to them half a pound of sugar, and the same of butter, with four ounces of Naples biscuits; beat six eggs very well, then mix all together, and beat them a quarter of an hour, pour it into an earthen dish, without paste; half an

hour will bake it.

This recipe was taken from: *Peterson's Magazine*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April, 1859

Rhubarb Fizz

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Cut rhubarb in small pieces, selecting as pink a variety as possible. Put into a sauce pan with one quart cold water and cook until soft. Then strain through cheese-cloth and add one-third cup of orange juice, one-fourth cup of lemon juice, and one and one-half cups of sugar syrup. When ready to serve, add one pint of charged water or soda water drawn from a siphon.
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This recipe was taken from *The Woman's Club Cook Book of Tried & True Recipes*, San Antonio, Texas, Date Unknown

Gin, Ginger Beer, or White Wine can be added to this last recipe for an added kick, if you're into it.

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

Carolyn DeLay.

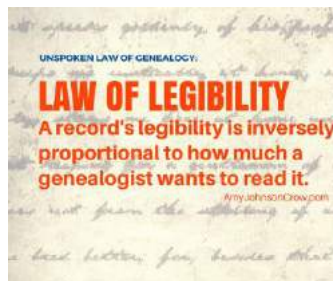


-----May Tea

Several ladies of the CCGS attended the May 7 Icarian Tea near Corning. Every year they have a tea celebrating the Icarian Society established there.. The Icarians [/iˈkæriənz/](#) w are a French based utopian socialist movement, established by the inspired readers of the politician, journalist, and author Etienne Cabet. In an attempt to put his economic and social theories into practice, Cabet led his followers to the United States in 1848. In America the Icarians established a series of egalitarian communes. The last community of Icarians, located a few miles outside of Corning, Iowa disbanded voluntarily in 1898. The 46 years of tenure at this location made the Corning Icarian Colony the longest-lived non-religious communal living experiment in

American history.
Wikipedia

Pictured at the historic site dressed in their "Tea attire" are left to right: Cynthia Sievers, Mary Hoegh, Carolyn Key, Linda Marek and Lavon Eblen. The lower pic is the menu for the day.



The Law of Horizontal Space

Genealogists shall take up all available horizontal space. Corollary to this law: There is not enough horizontal space in the world.

The Law of Last Call

Genealogists will make their biggest discovery after the library or archives announce that it will be closing in 15 minutes.

The Law of Departure Time

biggest discovery within 15 minutes of the agreed-upon time of departure from a library or archives.

The Law of Vital Records

At least one member of the family tree will have been born or died 1-2 years before the start of civil vital records.

The Law of Legibility

A record's legibility is inversely proportional to how much a genealogist wants to read it.

<http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/2016/05/13/5-laws-genealogy/>



Don't forget to check us out on Facebook!!!!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/447580845313345/>

Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

Cass County IAGenWeb continues to grow! This past quarter saw numerous new additions to the Cass County IAGenWeb site! The Rootsweb outage in late February triggered a flurry of activity to get transcriptions of several basic Cass County research resources online at IAGenWeb, that we had been linking to on Rootsweb sites for many years. Cass County Patrons listed in the 1875 Andreas Atlas have now been transcribed and the transcription posted on

Cass IAGenweb, site where they now can be found by the Cass IAGenweb search engine. In addition, the 1892 Farmers Directory, which for many years was only available online at Anne Marie Black Ryan's Rootsweb site is now fully transcribed and available on Cass IAGenweb.

Over half of the 1930 census for Atlantic Ward 1 has been transcribed by Lisa Varnes Rex and is now online. Thanks again to Lisa!

Carl Malone has generously contributed a large number of obits, marriage notices and photos from his family tree, which may be found on the Obits and Docs Boards and in the Family Photos section. This is a very large project -- many more photos and newspaper items will be coming soon!!

Also coming soon - Carolyn Delay has contributed their transcription of Evergreen Cemetery at Anita. Look for the transcription to be online in the near future!

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: casscoordinator@comcast.net



Vital Statistic Records.....Continued...

During the period when civil authorities did not require vital records, births and deaths were regularly recorded in the family Bible among literate, religious families. These entries often supply the only complete birth and death dates for individuals who were born or died before the twentieth century, although other forms of family records sometimes contain mention of births and deaths as they occurred. Various groups of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have compiled many volumes of family Bible records, frequently including evaluations of the accuracy and authenticity of the records. The DAR collections are available at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and in libraries of state and local DAR groups throughout the United States. The Genealogical Society of Utah has microfilmed the DAR main collection and many state publications; they are available through the Family History Centers of the Family History Library.

Other government and legal documents also contain birth and death information: New England town records, coroners' reports, probate records, land records, mortality schedules, and military records, among others. These sources, including family records, are discussed in other chapters, so mention of them in this chapter will be limited.

A coroner's report is issued when an inquest is held to

investigate unusual or unknown circumstances related to a death. When the inquest is complete, the report includes the causes of death, the autopsy findings, where held, testimony about the circumstances existing at the time of the death, and the findings of the coroner's jury. Coroner's reports are public records available for use by researchers, and they may be requested from the state, county, or city coroner's office. Not all deaths of unknown or suspicious nature result in a coroner's inquest; but when there is evidence that an ancestor died in an unusual manner or was murdered, coroners' records should be examined. There are medical examiners (as coroners are more frequently called today) at city, county, and state levels, and their records may be found at all three levels.

Probate records can also contain birth and death information. In them, the exact date of death may be listed for the individual whose estate is in probate; the names and dates of birth of his or her minor heirs may also be found in the record. These records are usually found in the probate court or the court having probate jurisdiction in a town or county. They are also public records and are available to the genealogist upon request to the probate clerk.

Court minutes seem to be a "catch-all" for miscellaneous items recorded to give them public credibility. For example, John Wills, clerk

of the Council for West Jersey, an administrative court, entered a complete list of his brothers and sisters followed by his own children at the end of his minute book, vol. 3 (18 April 1712 to 6 February 1721/22), just before the index. Thus, the clerk made his family vital records a matter of public record.

Occasionally, land and property records contain birth and death information. Sometimes the death date of a person leaving property to heirs appears in a deed executed after his or her death. Birth information is sometimes included in applications for public lands or homesteads filed with the federal government.

Mortality schedules were included as part of the decennial (every ten years) census enumerations between 1850 and 1900. These schedules give the name, age, sex, color, occupation, birthplace, month and year of death, cause of death, number of days ill, the attending physician, and other details for persons who died within the year prior to the taking of the census. The 1890 and 1900 mortality schedules were destroyed. The Genealogical Society of Utah has microfilmed a large number of mortality schedules. They are available at the Family History Library and through its Family History Centers. Use an online search engine to find searchable databases of these mortality schedules.

Military pension files also contain valuable birth and death records. The date

and place of birth of the veteran, the dates of birth of his children, and the date and place of birth of the veteran's widow (if she received a pension) are included in the file in some cases.

Birth and death records are also found in church records, such as parish registers, which list christenings, burials, births, and deaths. Some churches took special church census enumerations that are of use to the researcher. Some ministers and evangelists kept vital records for their members in personal journals and diaries, and some churches have established historical societies or departments to collect and maintain official church membership records. The headquarters of the affiliate churches ordinarily maintain the records, but some may be found in local church offices. Inquire at a local church about the existence and location of the records of interest. Personal records of ministers and other church officials can be found by consulting the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*(NUCMC).

Taken from an article,
"Vital Records"
by **Johni Cerny, BS,**
FUGA in *The Source:*
A Guidebook to
American Genealogy

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Learn more next time,
Carolyn DeLay

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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 _____

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