



In Times Past



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Upcoming Events:

Find Your Hidden Past,

March, 14 at 5:30 pm in the first floor meeting room.

Meetings are held the 4th

Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM.

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Letter from the President

Every two years we elect new officers for CCGS. I would like to introduce those officers to you in this issue. I have asked each officer submit a little about themselves.

President Mary Hoegh. I have been a member of CCGS since 2010. I was a member back in the 1990's but life got in my way and I had to leave the group at that time. I am a repeat President from two years ago and have also served as fill in treasure. I wear the hat of one of the Executive Directors which is a fancy way of saying I spend a lot of time in the genealogy room. I do research for those who contact us as well as taking care of the day to day business that keeps the room going. Besides a love for genealogy, I also serve on the advisory board for the Underground Railroad home of George B. Hitchcock near Lewis. I am a tour guide there during the summer months when the house is open. I am working on a project to nominate the Oakwood Cemetery, at Lewis, as a Network To Freedom Site for the National

Parks Service. There are several abolitionist buried there.

Vice President Cynthia (Cindy) Sievers. I am 6th generation Cass County, NE Pottawattamie County, being New Town before Avoca came about. Also 6th generation Guthrie and Marion Counties and 4th generation Emmett County. My list of family names I research is lengthy. My Price Family is done back to 1630 Maryland, which brought in names like Johnson, Parsons, Phillips, Hussey, Perkins, Shaffer and many more. I also research Wilken, Martens, Jones, Peterson, Comer, Wallace, Myrick, Miller, Dodge, Woolsey, Gilliam and Fox.

Secretary Beth Johnson. Eric and I moved to Atlantic 30 years ago from western Nebraska. Before we were married I had taught K-12 Art in both Panora and Buffalo Center, Iowa. Many people will remember me from Heritage House where I was Activity Coordinator for 20 years. Moving to Atlantic was a family history coming home for me. My Grandparents Ira and Emma

Graham Lucy had grown up and lived in Cass County Iowa until 1902. John W. Graham, Emma Graham Lucy's father served in the Civil War (Company G, 31 Regiment of Iowa) and his name is on the War Memorial in the Atlantic City Park. My interest Genealogy and Family history began when I was in Junior High. It is so much easier now, with the advent of computers and all the wonderful web sites that are available. I would be happy to help anyone who is interested in learning more about their family.

Treasurer Carolyn Key. Three years ago, I joined Cass County Genealogical Society (CCGS). Genealogy has always fascinated me. Several relatives had given me family trees, but I had done only minimal research on my own. This year my goal is to find birth, marriage, and death certificates for my mother's family. I am the current treasurer after serving two years as vice-president. CCGS is a fun group for anyone who wants to know a little more about the ancestors who helped make us who we are.

Research in the Room

It has been rather slow this winter with visitors in the genealogy room. Most of the people who have visited are local and doing some research on our newspaper microfilm. Several people are getting geared up for their class reunions this summer and have been trying to find obits on classmates who have passed away and live away from Atlantic. We thought it might be interesting to let you know where members of

CCGS are from. We have many local and area towns as well as Oakland and Council Bluffs, IA. Those who are members and live out of state are from CA, IL, MN, TX, WA, NE and WI. Some names being researched by members are Burough, Crum, Smith, Shellberg, Pigsley, Wrahm, Hawes, Lucy, Schwartz, Dorsey, Edwards, McCrory, Arnold, Dean (Deen), Foote and Hill.

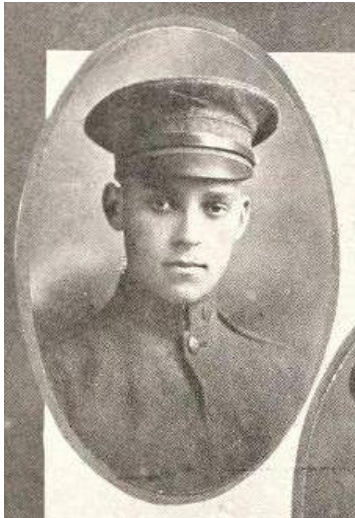
Mary and Linda

Sample 1910 US Federal Census from Grant, Cass County, Iowa.



See if you can find a WWI soldier from Cass County in this census list.

Who do You Think I am? And Things That Are



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. No one identified the photo last month of the group of nurses. This month's photo is someone from Cass County in WWI. Let's see if you can identify who this person is. He picture is in a couple of books that are in various areas in Cass County. (Hint: This issue deals with the time period of WWI.)

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.



ATLANTIC NEWS TELEGRAPH, APRIL 6, 1017 THE UNITED STATES DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

On April 6, 2017-100 years later, Atlantic commemorates the entrance of the United States into World War I. A coffee will be held at the

American Legion Memorial Building, formerly the Atlantic Amory. The building is a part of the Atlantic Rock Island Society Enterprise (ARISE). The building is the home for the Military Museum, Military Library, and Memorial Hall and is located at 201 Poplar Atlantic.

The Council Bluffs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in conjunction with the Cass County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a coffee with cake and "Dough Boy" doughnuts, coffee and water from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM for all Veterans and interested people. There will be a WWI display and tour of the museum and library will be available.



Happenings 100 years ago in History, March, 1917

Short Stories About Town

LEWIS, March 16.—W. H. Pierce and George Roberta were re-elected members of the school board at the school election this week.

ANITA, March 14—Mrs. Carl Borth, an old resident of Lincoln township, died suddenly at her home on Mar. 11. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Anita on Tuesday afternoon.

CUMBERLAND, March 16-From the litter of pigs

which one sow costing \$450 farrowed Mueller Bros. of this vicinity have sold \$1,155 worth of pigs and from last fall's litter they have sold \$612.50, They still have enough of her offspring left to make the total value of her two litters \$2,000.

ANITA, March 14-Charles F. Tracy, son of Mrs. Dolly McLaughlin-Tracy, died in the Santa Fe hospital in Topeka, Kns, aged 27 years.

HARLAN, March 14-

Martin Kauffman, 88, a farmer living near here, dropped dead in Omaha last night where he had taken a carload of cattle. He was on his way to the depot when he was stricken and was hurried to a hospital, but died before reaching there.

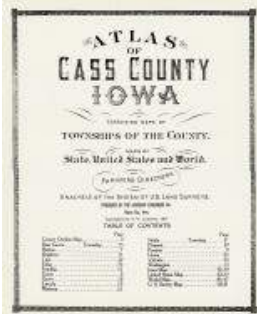
ANITA, March 14.—P. A. Johansen has sold the Anita Electric Light and Power Co. to the Iowa Railway Light and Power Co of Cedar Rapids and Perry.

ANT, March 15, 1917



In Days Gone By

It is 1917 and the world is in an upheaval, Nation fighting against Nation, soldier against soldier. Yet in Cass County, Iowa, things seem to go on the same. The 1917 Atlas of Cass County, containing maps of all the townships with the names of the land owners on the map in their land, is published.



One of the maps included was of Grove Township showing how big Atlantic had gotten.



It even contained a directory of the farmers in each township.



One might have gone to the Methodist Church in Wiota and prayed for the boys fighting across the pond – the Dough Boys.



Of perhaps one might have mailed a letter to one of those boys from the fairly new Atlantic post office.



Then again Atlantic's new Carnegie Library might provide some reading to take one's mind off the events of the day. Regardless of what people were thinking they tried to carry on, living as normal a life as one could.

So life goes on, day after day. Yet, while those living in Cass County were going about with their daily routines, their minds were on their boys across the pond.

Upcoming Programs and Things

FIND YOUR HIDDEN PAST!!!

Is there a Pilgrim, Pirate, Politician, Horse Thief, Cattle Rustler, or Explorer in your History? On Tuesday, March 14 at 5:30 PM come to the Atlantic Public Library in the first floor meeting room and the Cass County Genealogical Society will show you the tools to get started on your Family History! Bring your own laptop or tablet and your family tree. Registration preferred. Call the APL, 712-243-



5466, or register online.

Upcoming programs for CCGS

Feb 23 1:00 pm*, Beth Johnson---Genealogy 101

Mar 14 5:30 pm*, Genealogy Research for the Atlantic Public Library. The public is invited to bring their laptop or tablet to receive one on help with their research

Mar 23 1:00pm * Michelle McNabb, Danish Research

Apr. 27 1:00pm * Coleen Wilber, The Westward Movement and The Pioneer Spirit

May 25 TBA, Going to both Reno Cemeteries to place flags on the Veterans graves

* Meets in the first floor meeting room at the Atlantic Public Library

Tips

All our members have worked hard in the area of research this past year. As members we are all researchers for our family and other people's families. Now that more information has been put on the internet, many brick walls have been opened up and giving a great boom to research. Yet, one aspect of research that has often been overlooked is that of teaching. Why, teaching isn't a part of genealogy and research, you may say. Yet, we are all teachers in whatever we do. How can we do this? As a researcher I find that if I take the time to show someone else how to do something, and have them help me do

and have them help me do it, then it helps in the long run. That person has a more vested interest and commitment in genealogy membership in genealogy societies. Then I get him/her to help me with something. They may not do it "your" way, but they has learned to research and adapt it to herself. This may or may not help in your situation, but it is worth giving it a try. Lineage Researcher? Teacher? You be the judge!



Atlantic's Alumni --- 1917

PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

To Be Held Thursday Evening of This Week at the High School. Exercises at Eight O'clock Sharp. -The graduating exercises for the Senior -Class of the Atlantic; High School will be held in the assembly hall at the high school Thursday evening, May 31st, beginning at 8:00 P. M. prompt.

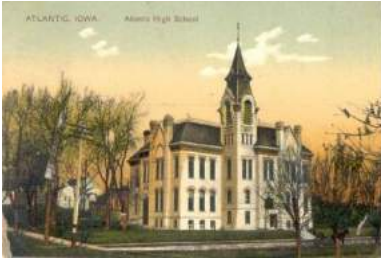
The class this year consists of eighteen boys and twenty-five girls, including three post graduate' students. Those who have part in the program for Thursday evening have been 'doing. faithful work under the direction of the teachers and the program promises to be a good one.

Tickets will be sold at the door. No seats will be reserved except a section for the parents of the members of the Senior class. All seniors and post graduates are requested to .meet at the high school Thursday morning, May 31st, at 8.30 sharp. As there is an important business matter .needing attention it is necessary that every member of the class be present at that time.

The following program will be given Thursday evening:
 Music—"Moonlight Song" . . .
 .Fearia Girls* Glee Club
 .Reading : "The Infant Tenderness" -Ruth Gardner
 Oration "What Can You Do?" Nellie Hanson
 Oration :.Modern "Warfare" Herbert Martens
 Plano Duet "Qui Vive" Gertrude

McCarville, Myrtle Pellett Reading"The Lure of the Drum" - Mary Humerich
 Oration: "Economic Conditions" Grant Trailer
 Reading : "Billy Bowlegs" Opal Minor
 Music: "A Twilight Revel"
 .Ferraris ' Girls' Glee Club
 Original Story "A Day in the Country" Ruth Turner
 Dialogue "Twenty Years Hence"
 Leo Antrim, Alma Hanson, Robert Rough, Hallie Walker.
 Class Will: Ruth Frost
 Class Song: .Seniors
 Presentation of Class:. Anna O. Temple
 Presentation of Diplomas - by .President G. G. Jack

ANT May 29, 1917



A Pack Rat is hard to live with, but makes a Fine Ancestor!

Old Time WWI Recipes

SATURDAY PIE

Butter the bottom and sides of a pie-dish, and spread a layer of mashed potatoes on the bottom. On this put a layer of chopped cold meat, nicely seasoned with pepper and salt, and a little onion and a dusting of herbs. Then arrange another layer of potatoes and meat; add a little thick gravy. Cover the dish with a nice crust, and cook until pastry is done. A.C., Dundee.

Doughboy Doughnuts

Doughnuts didn't come into their own until World War I, when millions of homesick American doughboys met millions of doughnuts in the trenches of France. They were served up by women volunteers from the

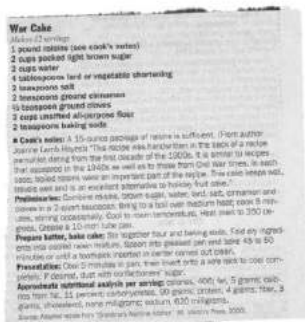
Salvation Army who even brought them to the front lines to give soldiers a tasty touch of home. When the doughboys came back from the war they had a natural yen for more doughnuts. .

- 7 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup lard
- 9 eggs
- 3 large cans evaporated milk
- 3 large cans water
- 18 cups all-purpose flour
- 18 teaspoons baking powder
- 7 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 9 teaspoons ground nutmeg

Cream sugar and lard together in a large bowl. Add and beat eggs into mixture. Combine evaporated milk and water. Add water mixture to creamed mixture. Mix flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg in large

sieve and sift into wet ingredients. Add enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll and cut. Five pounds of lard are required to fry the donuts. Fry about 3 minutes in the lard at about 350 degrees turning frequently. While hot roll the donuts in cinnamon sugar or shake in a bag with the sugar mixture.

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



Recent Happenings

Christmas dinner at the Redwood!!!!

The CCGS went to the Redwood Steakhouse in Anita on Friday night, December 9 at 5:00 pm. There were no special meal selections. There were steaks galore, Iowa chops and chicken among the menu items with relish trays to snack on.





The CCGS is helping ARISE plan and place flags on the

graves of WWI veterans in the Atlantic, Atlantic Catholic, and Southlawn cemeteries.

The event will take place at 5:30 pm on April 6, 2017, which marks the 100th year anniversary of the U.S. declaration of war on Germany. CCGS members, several veterans groups, Boy Scouts and the Does will place flags.

CCGS members have searched cemetery records to locate the graves by block and row number. Our records indicate that there are 214 WWI veterans buried in the Atlantic Cemetery, 26 in the Atlantic Catholic Cemetery, and 10 buried in Southlawn Memorial Gardens. Prior to April 6th, we must walk the cemeteries to make certain that the physical location corresponds to our records. We are looking for volunteers both to walk the cemeteries and to place flags on April 6th.

Carolyn Key

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What's Up?



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae



There are several genealogy books available for sale in the genealogy office. They are extra copies of books. Among them are several Javelins for various years. These will be \$10.00 for each Javelin plus an additional charge for postage if we have to ship them. Call the office for more information on the years available.

Remember, if you need research done, please contact the CCGS via email or leave a phone message if no one is in the office.

Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

Census record transcriptions continue to grow on Cass IAGenWeb! Ward 1 of the city Atlantic is now complete and online for the 1930 Federal Census. Many thanks to Lisa Varnes Rex for all her work on these transcriptions! Lisa is continuing to work and has already started transcription of Marne village and Brighton Township..

Five townships from the 1860 Federal Census have now been completely transcribed. Cass and Turkey Grove Townships remain, but hopefully will be coming soon!

Old handwriting can be very difficult to read, and census takers frequently misspelled names. IAGenWeb transcribers have personal connections to the county and familiarity with county surnames, and as a result, IAGenWeb census transcriptions are often more accurate than those found elsewhere. If any CCGS member identifies an error in any of our Cass County census transcriptions, please notify the Cass County IAGenWeb Coordinator so we can add a notation/correction. Help us continue to improve our transcriptions so the Cass

County IAGenWeb search engine will find your family in the census records!

The CCGS Inventory of all CCGS library holdings is also now online at Cass IAGenWeb, as well as the CCGS Query Files by Surname. Transcriptions of two large groups of blocks from the middle section of Evergreen Cemetery in Anita have also been added. The remaining middle section blocks of Evergreen will be online soon, to be followed by the CCGS transcription of Pleasant Township Cemetery!

IAGenWeb is now on Facebook! Please Like us! We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/iagenweb/>

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: casscocordinator@comcast.net



The Gold Star Boys of Cass County

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The term Gold Star family is a modern reference that comes from the Service Flag. These flags/banners were first flown by families during World War I. The flag included a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States, during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States were engaged. If that loved one died, the blue star was replaced by a gold star. This allowed members of the community to know the price that the family had paid in the cause of freedom.

Below are listed the names of the Gold Star Boys from Cass County that gave their lives for the service of their country in order of their death..

Cecil M. Conley-Atlantic

Fred D. Turner-Atlantic

Irwin O. McConlee-Atlantic

Loyd. L. Mori-Atlantic

Max L. Hibbel-Atlantic

Phil A Brooks-Atlantic

Norbert Wilson-Elliott

Charles E. Donahoe-Anita

Oscar Henry Bartley-Anita

Guy H. Peter-Lewis

Clyde A. Smeltzer-Massena

James Howard South-Massena

Leo Jennings-Massena

Clyde J. Harris-Atlantic

Frank Henry Enfield-Lewis

Ray Enfield-Lewis

Joseph A. Baller-Lewis

Bernard W. Keffer-Lewis
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James P. McCourt-Atlantic

Samuel L. Hazard-Atlantic

Sam A. Miller-Anita

Glen G. Blanchard-Griswold

Andrew M. Anderson-Atlantic

Vernon Purvis-Atlantic

Louis C. Schuler-Griswold

Carl J. Lechner-Cumberland

Edward N. Hansen-Atlantic

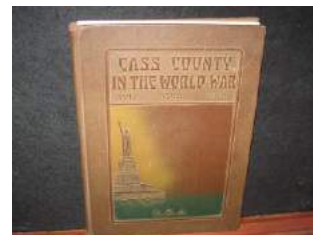
George A, Stengel-Atlantic

George A, Ihnen-Atlantic

Frank Pieken-Atlantic
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These names were taken from the *Cass County in the World War 1917-1918-1919*, compiled and published by J. C. Beard, Atlantic, Iowa, 1919, pp. 12-16. The entire book may be found at the Cass County Genealogy Society located on the first floor of the Atlantic Public Library. Each name has a short bio of his service, date of death and where buried along with his picture. In addition there is a banner at the Methodist church with a gold star with each their name on it, one for each person. Additional information on the boys from Cass County can be found at the CCGS and the A.R.I.S.E. Museum at the old Armory building on Poplar and 2nd Street.

Gold Star Service Banner to hang in the window and the book *Cass County in the War 1917-1918-1919*



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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Membership dues are \$15 on Jan. 1 of each year, which includes the quarterly newsletter.

New memberships received after Oct. 1 will extend into the following year.

Membership Application New _____ Renewal_____

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City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

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Surnames being researched in Cass County_____