



In Times Past



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Upcoming Events:

Meetings are held the 4th

Thursday of each month at

1:00 PM unless otherwise

notified.

Summer

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Letter from the President

Spring is here and summer will be upon us before we know it and weather that makes us want to get out and search for those elusive ancestors. A good time to check out cemeteries is in the early spring when the grass hasn't gotten too tall yet. My experience has been Memorial Day Weekend is also a good time to visit cemeteries where I have ancestors buried that I can't find much information on. Many times I have encountered a new extended family member who happens to be visiting the cemetery the same time as me.

Memorial Day this year will be bitter sweet for me. I will not only be decorating the

graves of my husband and parents, grandparents but also the grave of my 23 year old grandson who died in March of this year. It was very sad indeed. Besides his "Plain Grandma" he leaves a wife, my 18 month old grand-daughter, a 5 year old step-son, his parents and a brother. I am so grateful to have the little grand-daughter to remind me of the grandchild I lost. I like to be reminded of Psalm 30 v5...weeping may remain for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

April 6 was the 100th anniversary of the United States entering WWI. CCGS had a couple projects going on for that occasion. Linda

Marek, Carolyn DeLay, Cindy Sievers, Carolyn Key and myself helped put flags on the graves of WWI vets in the Atlantic Cemetery. Also, Linda Herman, Cindy Sievers and myself made up three ring binders for the WWI Veterans that we found in the Grave Registration Books. We also looked for and included obituaries when we found them of both the veteran and their spouse. We donated those books to ARISE to keep in their library. I so appreciate the work Linda and Cindy did on the books as I was dealing with the loss of my grandson and also some health issues at the same time.

Mary

Research in the Room

Please contact the Genealogy Room for additional information as to titles and costs.

Don't forget to add your ancestral family chart to our files. One example of how these help was given a couple of years ago. A CCGS member passed away and no one knew who to contact for family info. They contacted the

CCGS and we were able to provide them with a name to contact. Otherwise, the files are kept confidential.

If you have an hour or two a week, there is always things that need to be filed, etc. Please contact us for further info. We appreciate all the help that has been given so far.

In Days Gone By

RENO

This is the only regularly platted town within the borders of Edna township, but, although it is situated in the midst of a rich agricultural country, on account of an absence of railroad facilities its growth has been slow. The village was platted in 1876, and the plat recorded, August 24th, of the following year, by Edward Porter, a pioneer of the township, whose daughter taught its first school more than twenty years before. In 1882 Mr. Porter made an addition to the village, surveyed by T. J. Townsend, which was filed for record April 14, 1884.

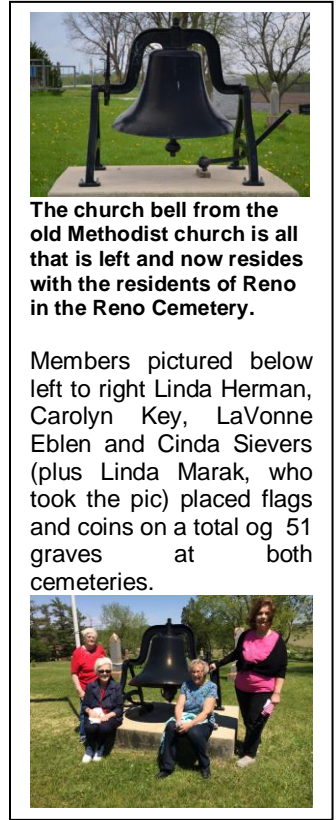
In 1867 A. J. Stewart built a flour mill on the present site of Reno. It was a frame structure sixteen by thirty-two feet, with sixteen-foot posts, furnished with two run of

stones -- one for grinding wheat and one for corn -- and had bolts for making flour. In 1878, two years after the platting of the town, the mill passed into the hands of John Archer, a gallant Iowa soldier who had settled in Edna township several years after the close of the Civil War, and who was long a justice of the peace, a business man and an honored citizen of Reno.

The few business houses and industries of Reno, other than the mill, were established in 1876. J. J. Stein was the first merchant, while Breen & Dyer opened quite a flourishing general store in 1882. John Dyer, Sr., a son-in-law of Edward Porter and who was distinguished as being the first man to be married in Edna township, opened the first blacksmith shop in Reno, in 1876. It was subsequently

conducted by his son. The first wagon shop was established the same year by Jacob Walters.

Reno has two cemeteries: Reno Methodist and St. Timothy Catholic. Many years ago, the Reno Methodist small rural cemetery was located near the former town site of Reno, next to the Methodist church. All that remains of the town and church now is the old church bell, which is mounted on a cement foundation on display within the cemetery. The cemetery is still in use; however, the town of Reno, Iowa, no longer exists. The land for this rural burial-ground was donated by Edward Porter, an early pioneer who settled in Edna Township in about 1856. Therefore, in days-gone-by, this pioneer cemetery was also known as "The Porter Cemetery." St. Timothy's is not far away.



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.

Members pictured below left to right Linda Herman, Carolyn Key, LaVonne Eblen and Cinda Sievers (plus Linda Marak, who took the pic) placed flags and coins on a total of 51 graves at both cemeteries.



Upcoming Programs and Things

Upcoming programs for CCGS



If you have any upcoming program ideas, please contact the Genealogy Room via email, phone or in person.

Facts About Your Ancestors Found in Obituaries and Death Notices:

1. Date of death, name of cemetery, date and place of the funeral and burial
2. Name, place, and year of birth
3. Names of children, where they lived, and their position in the family's birth order
4. Names of the towns and how long they lived in each one
5. Age of spouse at death and how long ago that was
6. Details on the longevity of parents and grandparents

Tips

7. Count of descendants, by generation.

Shared news from the Iowa Genealogical Society

Effective May 17, 2017, the Iowa Department of Public Health repealed its restrictions on access to vital records held in county courthouses. The open records law now governs local vital records, without improper restrictions. From May 17:

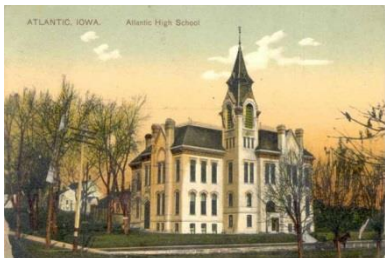
1. Searches for records need not be made in person. (Courthouse staff may impose search fees if they do the work, and they need not take on "fishing expedition" requests.)

2. Requests for uncertified copies of local vital records need not be made in person.
3. Requests for uncertified copies may be delivered by telephone, by mail, or by email. Copy charges may apply. Some counties -- \$1; the maximum allowed is \$5.
4. People who search in person may use their own cameras to snap photos of local vital records, free of charge.
5. Publication of local vital records is no longer prohibited and punishable.
6. Indexing, web-posting, and distribution of information taken from local vital records is no longer prohibited and punishable.

Be patient with them. They may or may not know about the changes.

Atlantic's Alumni --- 1900

- BROWN, Gussie, Atlantic, Iowa, Teacher.
- BROWN, Roscoe, Grinnell, Iowa, Student.
- BOORMAN, Ella, Oberlin, Ohio, Student.
- BURR, Elsie, Atlantic, Iowa.
- CADY, Clarence W, Chicago, Illinois, Druggist.
- CAVANAUGH, Addie, Corning, Iowa, Student.
- CHRISTENSEN, Anna M, Atlantic, Iowa, Cashier in Store.
- CRISMAN, Anna B, Atlantic, Iowa, Teacher.
- CURTIS, Carlton E, Galesburg, Illinois, Student.
- CLISE, Wm. Reid, Atlantic, Iowa.
- COLE, Crowley E, Grinnell, Iowa, Student.
- COLVER, J. Newton , Indianola, Iowa, Student.
- DISBROW, Albert, Atlantic, Iowa, Farmer.
- ENRIGHT, W. Con, Atlantic, Iowa.
- GAFFENEY, Mary, Atlantic, Iowa, Teacher.
- GUY, Clifford, Peoria, Illinois.
- HARDING, James, California.
- HUCHENDORF, Clara, Grinnell, Iowa, Student.
- KEYSER, Ralph E, Ames, Iowa, Student.
- (LAMB) GINGERY, Mary, Woonsocket, South Dakota.
- MARTIN, Bessie, Atlantic, Iowa, Teacher.
- MIKKELSEN, Lena N, Atlantic, Iowa, Teacher.
- MORRIS, Makepeace, Iowa City, Iowa, Student.
- McELWAIN, Edna, Atlantic, Iowa.
- MYERS, Amy, Grinnell, Iowa, Teacher.
- NELSON, Martin, Atlantic, Iowa, Clerk.
- NICHOLS, F. J, Atlantic, Iowa, Druggist.
- ODEM, Chester, Atlantic, Iowa.
- POCH, Adel, Grinnell, Iowa, Student.
- PORTERFIELD, Mame, Atlantic, Iowa.
- POWER, Mildred, Wiota, Iowa ,Teacher.
- STEINKE, Roslyn M, Chicago, Illinois, Student.
- SPENCE, Wm, Atlantic, Iowa.
- SANFORD, Emily M, Atlantic, Iowa.
- THOMAS, Ada, Atlantic, Iowa.
- THOMPSON, Cora, Atlantic, Iowa.
- TAYLOR, Mabel, Atlantic, Iowa.
- WALLACE, Wm. Bruce, Atlantic, Iowa.
- WILKIN, Lena, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Student.



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

Old Time Recipes

CORN BREAKFAST CAKE

(TWC Dec 19 1862) - A housekeeper contributes the following to the American Agriculturist, with a sample of the result for the editor, which he pronounced "not bad to take:" The writer says: "My cook, Kate, is to be credited with the mixture if you like it:" Mix well by sifting, 1 pint Indian meal, 2 teaspoonful wheat flour, 1 tablespoonful sugar, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1 teaspoonful soda, and two teaspoonful cream of tartar. Mix rapidly and thoroughly with 1 pint sweet milk, 1 beaten egg and butter the size of an egg. Bake in a shallow pan twenty minutes, in a hot oven.

Windham County Connecticut

APPLE FLOAT

(TWC May 3 1882) – Pare and core twelve large green apples, boil or bake in as little water as possible, and press through a fine hair sieve when cold; sweeten to taste, add the whites of two eggs well beaten, and then beat the whole together until still. Grate nutmeg over it. To be eaten with cream.

Windham County Connecticut

BLACK CURRENT DRINK

6 large teaspoons black currant jam, 1 pint of boiling water. Pour the water over the jam, stir well, and stand until cold. Strain if necessary.

Cookery 1895

CHING CHING

A good orange, a few drops of essence of cloves, ditto peppermint, 3 or 4 lumps of sugar, a tumblerful of ice.

Lee's Priceless Recipes 1895

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

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Recent Happenings

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On April 6, 2017, -100 years later, Atlantic commemorated the entrance of the United States into World War I, a 100 years earlier, A coffee was 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 (DAR0

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 were be a WWI displays and tours of the museum and library will be available.



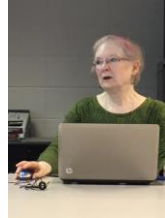
Later in the day the CCGS helped ARISE plan and place flags on the graves of WWI veterans in the Atlantic, Atlantic Catholic, and Southlawn cemeteries. Shown in the picture above is Linda Marak, right, and Carolyn Key, left, placing flags in the Atlantic Cemetery. The event took place at 5:30 pm on April 6, 2017, which marked the 100th year anniversary of the

U.S. declaration of war on Germany.

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



Colleen Wilbur, pictured above, presented a program on pioneer women, especially in Iowa. The program was very informative with lots of hands on visuals.



Cheryl McNabb is shown above presenting a program on finding your Danish ancestors and the Danish Museum on March 23.

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.



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

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

Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

Census record transcriptions continue to grow on Cass IAGenWeb! Five townships from the 1860 Federal Census have now been completely transcribed. Cass and Turkey Grove Townships remain, but hopefully will be coming soon!

Summer is always a busy time, but there still remains a lot of transcription work that needs to be completed.

Additional volunteers are still needed to finish the 18565 State Census, the 1860 and 1930 US Federal Census, 1917 Farmer's Directories, 1884 History of Cass County, 1906 Compendium of History of Biography, and the 1913

Industrial Edition. Only the Census reports are handwritten. The rest are from printed pages.

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 or correction. Help us continue to improve our transcriptions so the Cass County IAGenWeb search engine will find your family in the census records!

The remaining middle section blocks of Evergreen will be online soon, to be followed by the CCGS transcription of Pleasant Township Cemetery!

The IAGenWeb depends upon volunteers to help make these genealogy resources available online for everyone.

Thank you for all your help!

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



Every year about this time, most people spend some time spring cleaning the house to organize things and get rid of clutter. A lot of people find the task a bit overwhelming, but have a great sense of accomplishment in the end. Just as rewarding (but perhaps even more overwhelming) can be a spring cleaning, genealogy style! Spring is a great time to go through all of the family history information that you've accumulated over the past year. Now is the time to go through your file marked "Miscellaneous" and start organizing. When everything is organized, you'll be able to make better, more effective use of your research time. As A.A. Milne said, "Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up." You know you should get and stay organized, so why don't you? Here are some of the most popular excuses for not getting organized and ways to help you get over them..

"Everything is too messy, I wouldn't know where to start!"

Even if you have more piles than files, organizing your research is just a matter of getting started. Some people like to start with the most daunting task and work from there. Once you've filed away 100+ pages from the "Miscellaneous" folder, other spring cleaning tasks seem small. Other people like to start with the smaller tasks, (say, backing up their family file to disk) so that they feel a sense of accomplishment right from the beginning. Either way, try making a list of specific spring cleaning tasks that you can check off along the way.

"Organizing is a waste of time -- I'd rather be researching."

The more organized you are, the more effective your research will be. If you're disorganized, you're more likely to feel overwhelmed and research will be less fun. Don't think of organizing as putting a halt to your research, think of it as a way to help you research faster and smarter. For example, as part of your spring cleaning, you may consider entering your most commonly used sources into your family history software. Or, taking the time to scan in and organize your photos will give you the opportunity to attach faces to the names in your family file. And while you're at it, you might just discover some new information.

"What's the point? It is nearly impossible to stay organized."

It is easier to stay organized if you [personalize your filing system](#) . If you are more comfortable filing by first name rather than last name, do so. If you want to organize your census image printouts by geography instead of by date, go ahead. The more intuitive you make your filing system, the more likely you are to stick to it. One other way to make organizing easier is to think about where you usually find piles of papers. Do you like to do your research at the kitchen table but keep your filing cabinets in the den? If that's the case, you probably end up with piles of papers in the kitchen rather than in the filing cabinet where they belong. Why not move your filing cabinets into the

kitchen? That way, you'll be more likely to file your papers as you finish looking at them.

What to Do With What You Have

In spring cleaning, deciding what to do first is sometimes the biggest challenge to getting started. Here are some small things you can do to get started.

Donate Research Findings You Don't Need

Have you ever gotten started researching a person only to find out later that he or she wasn't really related to you? You don't want the information to go to waste, but you really don't need to keep it around. Now is the time to donate research like that to people who can use it. One way to make sure that your research goes to good use is to post the information to a [surname message board](#) so that other people can benefit from your work.

Go Through Your Magazines and Journals

Have old issues of the National Genealogical Quarterly laying around that you don't need? You can donate those to your local genealogical society or library. If you only need 5 pages of a 250-page magazine, you can keep yourself organized and cut down on paper by scanning those pages on a scanner. That way, you can keep the pages on your computer for later reference and other researchers can benefit from a "like-new" magazine.

Sort Your Internet Bookmarks

Lots of researchers bookmark genealogy sites as they come across them online fully intending to check them out later. As part of your spring cleaning, don't just delete them! Why not take an hour or two to go through those bookmarked sites and see what you can find? Then, you can organize the ones that you think you can use into folders by topic so that you can use them later.

Backup Your Family File and Upgrade Your Software

Everybody knows that they should backup their family file on a regular basis but not everybody does. As part of your spring cleaning, take the time to copy your family file to a separate disk or CD-ROM and put it in a safe place so that you'll know where to find it. While you're at it, why not look into upgrading your family history software to the latest version? There might be some features that will help you stay organized all year long.

Organize and Scan Your Photographs

Organizing photographs is a job that takes some time but is always very interesting. As you organize and attach captions to photographs from decades past, you get to see how members of your family dressed and lived. This particular spring cleaning exercise is always more fun if you think of it more as an opportunity to time travel than just a clean-up task.

Genealogy.com

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)

Additional questions or other information:

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(If your request entitles more than 3 pages, please include additional postage.)

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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_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Telephone number_____ E-mail_____

Surnames being researched in Cass County_____