



In Times Past



Summer Cass County Genealogy Society
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2018



Library Hours:

Mon, Tue.: 9:00 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wed-Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sat.: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sun.: Closed

507 Poplar Street
Atlantic, IA 50022

The Genealogical Society Room is open by volunteers. Library policy requires a Genealogical Society volunteer be present when the room is open. Arrangements may be made to assure a volunteer is present by calling the Library at 712-243-5466, or email us at casscgs@gmail.com with your request.

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Upcoming Events:

Meetings are held the 4th

Thursday of each month at

1:00 PM unless otherwise

notified.

Letter from the President

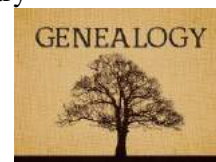
In true fashion of dedicated genealogist, Carolyn DeLay and I took a little road trip over into central IA. We were just gone for a couple days but found two cemeteries to visit. Neither of us had "people" buried in either cemetery but that didn't keep us from checking out the family names and dates on the old stones. One never knows if or when you might find your "family name" on a head stone and a whole new line to research opens up for you.

We have an ongoing

request for information regarding Henry Stone who died in Cass County. There were three Henry Stones living in Cass County. Two were in the same age group and both of these had wives by similar names. The one we have been researching since 2005 and earlier died in 1892 and is in an unmarked grave at the Wiota Cemetery. It seems several different people have him in their tree on Ancstry.com each with different information as to his wife's maiden name and the place of his death. We have been able to sort

out some of the two families. We have Osborne Funeral Home record of May 18, 1892 that states the deceased Henry Stone was buried at the Wiota Cem. We just cannot say which piece of ground he is laying under. We have his parents' names but have no idea where they are buried. The search goes on!!!!

Enjoy your fall.
Mary



Research in the Room

Some people researching in the library since last newsletter, where they live and who they are researching are: Alan Newmann from Galveston, TX researching Howard Snyder; Marge Hubert and Megan Anderson from Atlantic; Carrie Berkey, Westlake, OH, and Sarah Parker from Lincoln, NE, both researching J. A. McWaid; Michelle

Stevens, Plattsmouth, NE, researching Christensen, Disbrow and Adams; Dana Kunze, Lewis, IA, researching Jones; Mel Pins from Des Moines researching city info; Jan Jamys, Aubrey, TX, researching Berry, Lloyd and Fudge; Brad and Lorna Rasmussen, Atlantic, researching Jacobsen. Additional research has been done via email. We continue to work on

the obituary index trying to update the old files that are pasted on 4 x 6 cards and scanning the newer obituaries into the computer.

Due to printing issues those receiving this quarter's newsletter via snail mail will get a black and white copy. This affects those who receive theirs via email. So if you haven't signed up to get yours via email, please do so to get all the benefits Thank you. The Editor

Who do You Think I am?

Some early facts about Atlantic



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. This month's photo is not of a family, but rather the main street in Griswold circa 1911. Can you identify any of the present buildings remaining? If you have any old 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.

In an article elsewhere in the newsletter, there is a discussion of the first house

in Atlantic in 1868 and dedication of a plaque by the Deborah Franklin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution commemorating the event.

In planning Atlantic's Sesquicentennial it was brought to the attention of the honorable Mayor David Jones that the first house in Atlantic had been honored by a marker in 1932. He did not know that, nor where it was located, as it is not visible very well from the street. This was brought to the attention of others who thought that the marker should be restored to its original position on the corner of the block. The city was already in a beatification project and was planning to place a boulder on one of the corners of that same stret intersection. The Beautification Committee under the auspices of the City of

Atlantic has authorized and is taken care of the removal of the plaque from the inside of the drive through lattice wall and placing it on the southeast corner of the street in front of the bank where it will be seen and restored to its original position. A small additional plaque from a local company to match the original plaque has been placed with the original plaque by the Council Bluffs Chapter of the NSDAR. The original plaque will be rededicated and the new plaque dedicated at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 24, the anniversary date of the dedication of the original DAR marker on that same site. The short dedication in front of the Wells Fargo Bank will be followed by a reception in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Atlantic Public Library.

Happenings 100 years ago in History, September, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Spinnan of Galloway, Neb., were visiting relatives and friends in nad around Grant last week. They were residents of this community in the early days and Mrs. Spinnan wrote the story "The History of Detentionville" which appeared in the county newspapers some years ago. It is a true history of the happenings around Grant before the town was founded, and when the county was but sparsely settled.

A letter recently received from Lieut. David J. Chalmers at Camp Lee, VA, states that he expected to sail for overseas duty around September 15. He thought it likely that he would be assigned somewhere in Siberia.

B. F. Smith, who was in charge of the Methodist church here a number of years ago, has resigned his pastorate in Bradyville and purchased the greenhouse in Red Oak.

Carl Goeken and Forrest Galpin left this morning for Lincoln where they will take up a pre-medic course at the University of Nebraska.

A community rally will be held on Friday evening, September 20 at the M. E. church under the auspices of the Home Makers Club. The purpose is to have a general neighborhood visit, and to discuss plans for the betterment of the community.

Dr. Wilkin is the new head of the fire department.

Five little boys, charged with breaking into Mr. Richard's grape arbor and stealing about five bushels of grapes were before Mayor Pugh this morning.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, who was studying medicine with Dr. Emmert, is suffering from a carbuncle.

The Cass County Fair opens tomorrow with fine prospects.

A W. Wyman, from near Griswold, was arrested Saturday evening for insulting Miss Laura Bidwell at her home.

The plumber is busy shutting off the water of those that have not paid their rent.



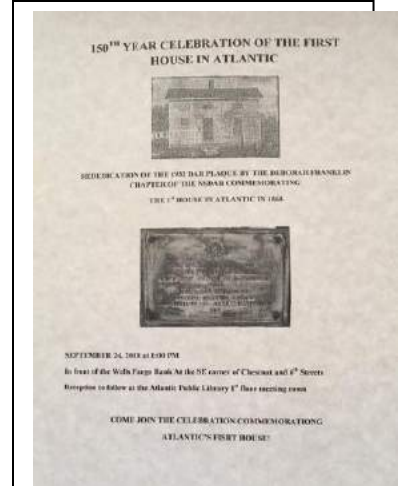
A WALK BACK IN TIME

In 1931, through the efforts of Mrs. E. P. Chase, Chapter Regent of the Deborah Franklin National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), a marker to be placed on the site of the first house in Atlantic, Iowa, was secured. On June 6, 1932, the marker was placed, and on September 24, 1932, the dedication took place with Governor Dan W. Turner of Corning as the featured speaker. The marker was unveiled Eleanor Marcy and Geraldine Neil Ash, granddaughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Whitney and great-granddaughters of Franklin H. Whitney. The house was erected in September, 1868, for Franklin H. Whitney, founder of Atlantic. It was built by Henry Millar, on the south-east corner of Chestnut and Sixth Street, where the Park Hotel, the building now used for a court house now stands. The building was sixteen feet by twenty four feet and 1 1/2

stories high and contained 4 rooms. The lumber was hauled from the mill at Lewis by T. Waller Hardenbergh, uncle of Mrs. Willis Miller, Past Regent of the Deborah Franklin DAR Regent, and by her father, Asa Hardenbergh. When the Park Hotel was built in 1871 on the site, the old house was moved to West Seventh Street. For years it was the residence of Romao Lawrence. Later a house built by the late C. A. Merideth was erected on that property and the first house was then moved to its present location. The house was again moved to 409 Birch Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets with remodeling of the house. The original walls were later coated with stucco. Whitney moved up the hill to the northeast corner of Seventh and Maple Streets at 610 Maple. That house still stands today, much as it did then. The marker, made of granite, was placed at the northwest corner of the Park Hotel. A bronze plaque was placed into the granite. The inscription reads: "Site of the first house in Atlantic, Iowa. Built for Franklin H. Whitney, 1868. This tablet is

placed by the Deborah Franklin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1931." When the Park Hotel was demolished, the Atlantic State Bank took its place in 1963 as the first bank with drive through facilities. The DAR marker was then moved. The bronze plaque was taken off the granite. The plaque can now be found mounted on the inside of the lattice brick wall on the south side of the entrance to the drive through to what is now the Wells Fargo Bank. It is barely noticeable to the public and unknown to residents who have lived in the area their entire lives. Sources:

1. *History of Cass County, Iowa Together With Brief Mention of Old Settlers* by Lafe Young, Atlantic, Iowa: Telegraph Steam Printing House, 1877, pg. 111
2. Deborah Franklin DAR Chapter, Archived chapter minutes from the State Historical Society.
3. Atlantic News Telegraph, Farm Monthly, February 26, 1972.



Flyer about the upcoming rededication of the plaque on September 24, 1:00 pm



The old and new plaques side by side.

Programs that were and Programs to come

June, July and August meetings were light with no planned programs. Work days and sorting materials were done along with the business meeting.

In early 1941, the US began a national military peacetime mobilization. Company K, 168th Iowa National Guard Infantry was ordered to recruit additional members and report to Camp Claiborne in Louisiana for intensive military training. On March 1, 1941, they marched from American Legion Memorial Building (the old armory) at 201 Poplar to the Rock Island Depot at the bottom of Chestnut. Cheering wellwishers filled the streets.

After the U. S. entered WWII, Company K saw action first in Northern Africa and later in Italy. Of the 118 infantry men, 8 were killed in action and 37 were prisoners of war. Many of the men suffered injuries.

They did not receive a welcome home until June 24th of this year. Steve Livengood, with American Legion and ARISE members, organized a walk from the depot back to the armory using a volunteer to represent each Company K veteran. A reception followed the walk.

Cass County Genealogical Society members Mary Hoegh, Carolyn Key, and Linda Herman compiled 8 notebooks with information

about the Company K members. The group used genealogy room obituary files, WWII News Telegraph clippings, Armed Forces Graves Registration Records, and AHS Javelins. Online resources included Newspaper Archives, Find-a-Grave, and Ancestry.com.

At the reception, the notebooks were displayed and viewed continuously by the public.

Sunday, September 16th at 2:00 in American Legion Memorial Building, LaVon Eblen will talk about the personal stories of some of the Company K men. The event is open to the public. Submitted by Carolyn Key

Six guests from the Audubon County Genealogical Society visited our room on Tuesday August 28, 2018. They were Carma Hutchens of Exira, Doris Christensen, Mavis Lebeck, Dorhy H. Hansen, Shirley Bylund and Donna Kelly all of Audubon. I shared information about the research materials we have in our genealogy room and research that we do. They have their meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Do you have any ideas for programs or activities? Please let the members of the CCGS know.



Atlantic's Graduates --- 1904-7

1910

Beekman, Grover, C.
 (Borchardt) Sorenson, Grace
 Cornell, Winifred
 Curry, Mary
 (Dallas) Hoadley, Amy Ellen
 Dunn, Roy
 *(Fudge) Durr, Irma
 Henderson, Ethel E.
 (Horn) Reynolds, Ethel C.
 Johnson, Blanche
 (Kirk) Pollock, Lillian
 Mailander, Helen I.
 (Pelzer) Holik, Laura
 Pipgrass, Jessie
 Preston, Murray A.
 Scybert, Blanche M.
 (Townsend) Hughes, Irma
 (Weidemann) Cass, Mary E.
 Williams, Charles
 *Williams, William C.

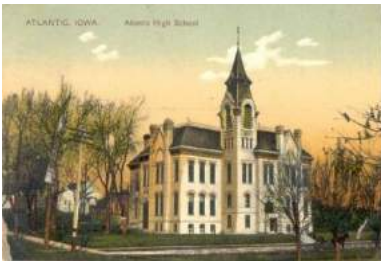
1911

Ackerman, Lester
 (Antrim) Huffstodt, Hallie
 (Cardio) Hobson, Ina
 Dixen, Wilbur
 Giffen, Reginald

(Glass) Bradford, Pauline
 Grobee, Della
 *Hamler, Earle
 (Hamler) Bailey, Lola
 Harris, Clio
 *Huffstodt, Reed
 *Jobes, Harold
 Kevan, Edith
 Lee, Grace
 Mailander, Gertrude
 (Meredith) Smith, Mary
 (O'Connell) Wyland, Edith
 Otto, Paul
 Porterfield, Jack
 *(Prall) Kinnersley, Florence
 (Roberts) Turner, Mary
 Scybert, Mary
 (Simmons) Fouts, Viva
 (Stone) McConnell, Florence
 *Swan, Harry
 Sweney, Elan
 Taylor, Beulah
 (Temple) Preston, Bertha
 Wasson, Fred
 Werner, Jessie

1912

(Beech) Lehman, Pearle
 Blakeslee, Ralph
 (Crawford) Evans, Gretchen
 *Dallinger, Martha
 (Dallinger) Whiteford, Matilda
 Demerjean, Roy
 Dunn, Edward
 (Ferguson) Stockner, Erden
 Fritz, Ralph
 *(Gillett) Jennings, Rhea
 (Gillett) Marker, Ruth
 (Gillett) Wheeler, Vera
 Graham, Xenophon
 Grazier, Marion
 (Heath) Patterson, Geneva
 (Lewis) Williams, Norma
 (Marshall) Don Carlos, Mary
 (Mountain) Steffens, Leta
 (Neff) Stetzel, Mildred
 (Pelzer) Wyant, Nellie
 Remien, Will
 Sarsfield, Grace
 Shrauger, Harold
 (Shrock) Moss, Florence
 (Simmons) Forester, Hattie
 Weidemann, Jennie
 Williams, George



Genealogists are always in a family way.

SALLIE'S BISCUITS

Three good-sized potatoes, boiled and mashed fine, one tablespoon sugar, one-half pint boiling water. When cool add one cup yeast, let it rise till light, then add one quart water and flour to knead; knead half an hour and set it to rise light again before baking.
 (The Windham Connecticut Jun 2 1880) -

MRS. FISHER'S APPLE PIE

When the Los Angeles Times Food section came upon this fascinating recipe, they published in the fall of 1991. It comes from the cookbook, "What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Southern Cooking." It was the first cookbook published by an African American in

Old Time Recipes

California and was published in 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War.

potatoes in the usual way, which add one-third of the quantity of finely chopped greens. Mix them together, season with pepper and salt and serve like mashed potatoes.
 (The Windham Connecticut Jul 26 1882)



CALE CANNON
 Make some good mashed

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



Updates and other genealogy news

UPCOMING MEETING

The September meeting of the CCGS will be held on September 27 at 1:00 pm at the home of CCGS member LaVon Eblen at 51020 630th St., Atlantic. Bob Anderson of Atlantic will present a program on "Country Schools." All members are encouraged to attend. Bring your memories of your country school with you, (that is if have any and can remember).



**CASS COUNTY SCHOOL
IN THE EARLY DAYS**

In the year 1854, according to

the report of James D. EADS, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the county had ninety-seven children between the ages of five and twenty-one years. The reports of the same officer show that in 1856 our county had one hundred and fifty-eight children of the school age, and seven organized districts...

At this time there is not a neighborhood in the county, but what is supplied with a good school, for from six to nine months each year. From the annual report of James W. BROWN, County Superintendent, filed October 1st, 1858, it is learned that at that time the county had one school house, and that one was in district No. 3, Turkey Grove township, being the school house in Grove City which was destroyed by fire in 1874. The house cost \$700 and was a frame structure. There were no schools in Lura and Pymosa townships. In Turkey Grove there were three; in Brighton 1; Cass, 2; Edna, 1. Total number of children in the county over five and under twenty-one years

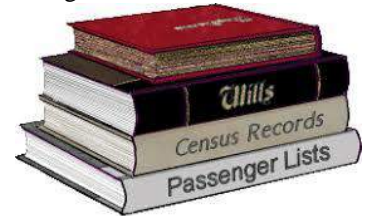
of age 376. The two schools in Cass Township were taught 60 days each during the year, while the others were taught from 45 to 65 days each.

The first school houses in Pymosa were built in 1858 or 1859. Four were built the same year. The old settlers disagree as to who taught the first school. One says Miss Ellen LORAH (now Mrs. Peter D. ANKENY, of Des Moines) taught it, and another ascribes the credit to Miss Hannah GOODALE, (now Mrs. H.C. JOHNSON).

At an early day school was taught in Wm. S. TOWNSEND's house at Edna Grove, by Reed DONAHOUGH, who is now dead. Mary DICKERSON and Gertrude HOPLEY were also among the early teachers.

From *the History of Cass County, Iowa Together With Brief Mention of Old Settlers* by Lafe Young, Atlantic, Iowa: Telegraph Steam Printing House, 1877, pg. 68-69.

19th Annual Iowa Country School Conference will be in Winterset, Sept. 28 & 29, 2018
A VANISHING HERITAGE: Preserving Country Schools and Bridges



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.



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

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

Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

Many additional chapters from the 1906 Compendium of History and Biography were transcribed this summer. ALL chapters in the "History" section of this book have been transcribed, making all names mentioned in those chapters available to the site-wide search engine. If you haven't searched for your ancestor's surname recently, you might want to try doing so!

The book's index is not comprehensive for ALL name references, so having full chapter transcriptions online and available to the search engine should be very helpful for researchers.

The Biographical section of this book (pages 247-576) is not yet fully transcribed, and the "Special Index of Person, Towns, Institutions, Etc." is not yet fully linked for the

new materials recently transcribed and added. However, work on transcribing and linking continues. If your ancestor's biography has not yet been transcribed, and you do not have easy access to it, please contact the County Coordinator and she will prioritize getting it online.

Cheryl Siebrass,
Cass County Co-ordinator

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 and Shelby. She can be contacted at: casscocoordinator@comcast.net



Iowa Genealogy Society

The IGS Fall Conference is Friday and Saturday, October 12 & 13, 2018, at the **State Historical Society of Iowa Resource Center** with speaker, [Lisa Louise Cooke](#).

Lisa Louise Cooke is the Producer and Host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, an online genealogy audio show at www.GenealogyGems.com that has been downloaded over 2 million times. She is the author of the books *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox Second Edition*, *Mobile Genealogy*, *How to Find Your Family History in Newspapers*, and *Genealogy Gems: Ultimate Research Strategies*, and the *Google Earth for Genealogy* video series, as well as a writer, instructor and podcaster for *Family Tree Magazine*. She is a sought-after keynote speaker and presenter and has been featured at conferences and seminars such as *Who Do You Think You Are? Live in London*, *RootsTech*, and the *National Genealogical Society Conference*.

Topics are:

- How to Organize all this Genealogy Stuff
- Reconstruct Your Ancestor's Life with Google
- How Alice the Genealogist Avoids Falling Down the Rabbit Hole
- How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case
- Google Earth for Genealogy
- Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogist in Your Family

In addition: Tony Jahn, Iowa State Archivist

Breakout sessions: Open House Tour of State of Iowa Historical Library & Museum, census and Squirrels by Linda Greethurst, or International Round Tables, and many more from which to choose.

Note change in venue!!!!!!

For more information and rates see :

<http://iowagenealogy.org/>



[RootsWeb Homepages and Freepages URLs Are Working Again](#)

According to the [RootsWeb Blog](#):

“If you had a homepages hosted web site (all of which should be restored), you will find your hompages URL will work.” “If you had a freepages

hosted site (and your site has been restored) you should be able to get to your content again.”
 Details may be found at: <http://bit.ly/2wATHth>

New and updated records from ancestry.com in the last 3 months:

- [Massachusetts, Boston Archdiocese Roman Catholic Sacramental Records, 1789-1900](#)
- [U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-2018](#)
- [U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-2018](#)
- [U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-1990](#)
- [Idaho, County Birth and Death Records, 1863-1970](#)
- [Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958](#)
- [New York State, Birth Index, 1881-1942](#)
- [U.S., Evangelical Covenant Church, Swedish American Church Records, 1868-1970](#)
- [U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current](#)
- [Washington, Episcopal Diocese of Spokane Church Records, 1870-1947](#)
- [New Jersey, Marriage Index, 1901-1966](#)
- [Wisconsin, State Censuses, 1855-1905](#)
- [U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s](#)
- [Alabama, Surname Files Expanded, 1702-1981](#)
- [Kentucky, Death Records, 1852-1965](#)

Something new from familysearch.org:

Familysearch.org has a new program that you can use to compare your facial features to those of your ancestors. Upload a selfie, then upload a family portrait and compare. Neat, huh! You can try it here: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/compare>

In July of this year while researching my Applebee relatives in [GenealogyBank's](#) New York records, Thomas Jay Kemp came upon a surprising newspaper article – a story about my cousin Charles F. Applebee, who was reported dead in New York City in 1878, but was, as it turns out, very much alive.

According to this article: “William Fretzel, the proprietor of a boarding house at No. 146 avenue C, found one of his boarders, named Patrick Brady, lying in his room dead. He reported the case to the police of the Eleventh precinct, and gave the dead man's name as that of Charles F. Applebee. Sometime afterwards Applebee called at the station house and informed the police that he was not dead.”

It reminds us that we need to look in newspapers for other things other than obituaries to find out about our ancestors' past

CCGS Research Request Form

Please fill out the form and return to the CCGS address below

(Please print)

SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ MARRIAGE DATE _____

CITY/CEMETERY _____

RESEARCH FEE

Includes researching microfilm, obituaries and social files, county histories, cemetery records
Atlantic newspaper archives, ancestry.com, findagrave.com, familysearch.org.

RESEARCH FEE: _____ Hours at \$10.00 per hour \$ _____
One hour minimum

COPIES MADE IN CCGS OFFICE: _____ Photo Copies at \$0.25 each \$ _____
Includes: Obituaries, History, Cemetery,
Military and Ancestral records.

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

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

NAME _____

(Please print)

ADDRESS _____

(Please print)

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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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 _____

