

CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter March 2019

NOTE FROM LAVON

The mail will soon deliver my DNA KIT. Many of you have already taken that step and have put the information to use. I'm excited.

Do you know about the health portfolio provided by 23andMe? The Food and Drug Administration approved 23andMe's report on consumers' risks for developing colorectal cancer. In 2017 approval was given for predisposition for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and in 2018 breast cancer risk. The most recent addition is a customer's percent chance of developing Type 2 diabetes.

While 23andMe has said these reports are meant to empower consumers and help them control and improve their health as much as possible, experts have cautioned customers against relying on them for make health decisions, given the complicated equation of determining chronic disease risk.

Customers should take any health-related prognostication information to a medical provider that they trust.

Of course the fee is higher than the basic request. Do you know anyone who has received these special additions?

"A great genealogist is a time unraveler."

"There is a fine line between a packrat and a serious family historian."

"Eventually all genealogists come to their census."

MARCH 27 – GENEALOGY MEETING

An elementary school in Council Bluffs is named Bloomer Elementary. Have you ever wondered why the name was chosen?

Attend this month's meeting 1 pm at the Atlantic Public Library to meet Amelia Bloomer AKA Carolyn Delay.

NEW RESOURCE

Where do I begin? What resources are available? How do I put all the information together? A new set of DVDs can answer questions.

Discovering Your Roots: An Introduction to Genealogy is a series of 15 topics each about 30 minutes. They don't have to be seen in order. The topics are:

- >Interviewing Kin and mining Home Sources
- >Genealogy Online –Gems and Junk
- >The Library-Shelves of Family History
- >Military Served & Homestead Records
- >How to Build Historical Context
- >Ancestors in Ship Passenger Lists
- >Ancestors in Naturalization Records
- >The Genealogical Proof Standard
- >Ancestors in the County Courthouse
- >Ancestors in State Records
- >How to Write Biography
- >Dos &Don'ts of Writing History
- >Searching Ancestors' Backyards
- >Assembling an Account of Discoveries
- >Extending Family Tree Overseas

Some of the topics may be used as monthly programs. Would you like to view any of the programs?

Message from the Executive Director-Mary Hoegh

The Library Director has reported there was 81 sessions by 45 different users who viewed the on line Advantage Newspaper Collection during the month of February. It is exciting for us to know it is being used. FYI, the Anita paper, Griswold, Elliott and Lewis papers and Walnut papers are searchable on line as well. One hardly has to leave their favorite chair to check on old obituaries, marriages or family reunions. A situation came up recently where the WPA Records listed a gentleman who died in 1923 as being buried in the Atlantic Cemetery. The Atlantic Cemetery has no records of this person. Checking his obituary I found he was taken overland after the funeral services to be buried in the Avoca Cemetery.

MARY CONTINUES THE STORY-FROM MONTANA TO MASSENA

Cindy Sievers presented our February program using information from the diary of George Irons' Family journey down the Missouri River in 1895 from Great Falls MT to Massena IA. This information was given by Kenneth Irons who was a grandson of George Irons and his third wife. George Irons, his wife Mary Hall Irons and their two daughters Myrtle Hallie and Jessie Agatha made the trip in four months and seven days. It was a distance just over 3,000 river miles as the river ran in 1895. George was a brother of William E. Irons, who was Editor of the Massena paper from 1892-1897. Mr. Irons changed the name of the paper to "The Echo." George Irons' wife divorced him upon their arrival in Massena. Mary then ran the hotel in Massena called the Buckley Hotel. Mary Hall Irons was born 1861 and died in 1909. She is buried in the Massena Center Cemetery.

Myrtle Hallie Irons born 1888 in Nebraska and died 1914 is buried in the Massena Center Cemetery. Myrtle married Arthur Pigg of Massena. They had one son Ronald O. Pigg born

13 September 1911. Atlantic News Telegraph 7-30-1945 head line reads: **FORMER MASSENA LOST IN SINKING OF PRISON SHIP.** Capt. Pigg, age 33, died last December when a Japanese ship carrying American prisoners of war from the Philippines to Japan was sunk by American forces near the Philippines. He graduated from the school of engineering at Iowa State College. Capt. Pigg was employed as an engineer in building Corregidor fortifications and was taken prisoner by invading Japanese forces in 1941. He continued to work in a Jap labor battalion after being captured. *Findagrave.com* shows his death as January 28, 1945 with burial listed Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila Philippines. A.R. Pigg of Massena applied for a stone or marker for an unmarked grave. A flat Bronze Marker with a Latin Cross was ordered and placed at the Massena Center Cemetery in memory of Capt. Ronald Orville Pigg whose body was never recovered.

Find A Grave



Photos added by Farrell "Butch" Siever.



Capt Ronald O Pigg

BIRTH 13 Sep 1911
Iowa, USA
DEATH 28 Jan 1945 (aged 33)
BURIAL Manila American Cemetery and Memorial
Manila, Capital District, National Capital Region,
Philippines
MEMORIAL ID 56790400 - View Source

Family Members

Parents
Arthur Rodney Pigg 1888-1965
Myrtle H. Irons Pigg 1888-1914

Spouse
Ruth H. Siever Whitelid 1913-1994

Siblings
Ronald Orville Pigg 1911-1945

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