

# CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## NOTE FROM LAVON

"I was born in 1920," says Anita Sampson, who was born that year and lived through the flu pandemic. She was hired by Facebook to narrate its latest commercial, where she shares advice with women giving birth during the corona virus pandemic.

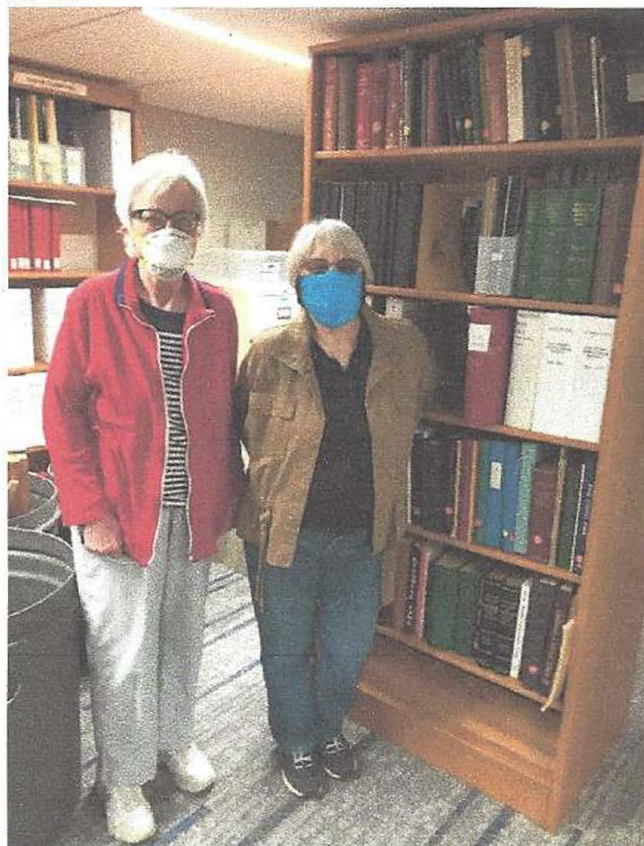
The commercial reminded me that my mother was born in March of 1920 in a small town in northwest Iowa. I wonder about their family concerns. Where were your ancestors?

December 1920 was the end of the third wave of the pandemic beginning in 1918. Soldiers in WWI had carried the virus world wide. Wearing masks and closing businesses were some of the attempts to stop the spread. Unemployment, race riots and failing economy were all part of that pandemic. The similarities between then and now are eerie.

## GOOD NEWS

Mary has told you about many of the accomplishments in the new Genealogy Room. Major moving and arranging has been completed. All of the books found shelf space even though the shelves had to be shortened to fit under the ceiling. Additional shelf space is provided by upper cupboards which were built into the room. Lower cupboards provide space for large items to lie flat.

Communication is now available by phone and newly installed computers on new desks. Questions and comments are welcome.



Carolyn Key and Mary Hoegh masked up to unload boxes of books and decide logical locations. At that time the Library was not officially open but gave permission for us to work there. We owe Michelle Anderson, Library Director, and her husband big thanks. She made sure we had our belongings and together they remodeled the shelves to meet our needs.

## MEETING?

We are contemplating having a meeting on our regular date, June 25 at 1 pm. The place is the question. We have to follow Library rules as set by the Governor. Any suggestions? You will receive more information later.

In the meantime stop by to visit during Library hours. The light will come on when you open the Genealogy Room door. 😊