

**CASS COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**
Newsletter August 2022

Hello Genealogists and friends,

Thursday, August 25 is the next meeting of the Cass County Genealogical Society beginning at 1 pm at the Atlantic public Library. Invite your friends.

Nick Harris will tell us how he finds pictures and information to post on Facebook.

President CCGS,
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NICK HARRIS

Nick Harris gathers the information which he shares on his "Around Atlantic" Facebook page. If you are on Facebook you might like to check out his page.

"Around Atlantic" goes beyond Atlantic to the Midwest. Pictures and stories will take you back in time but sometimes current happenings are included.

BRYON YORK - TELEPHONE

Bryon York, Atlantic 4-er, has a passionate interest in history. When he refinishes, renews, or renovates an antique, his first step is to investigate how, when and why it was used.

He didn't just refinish the outer appearance of this wall hung phone, he took all the working insides out to renew them.

Bryon's exhibit was chosen to go to State Fair by Cass Fair judges. Local Nishna Valley Questers also recognized his outstanding work. State Questers give awards and his came in third place. This is an awesome accomplishment.

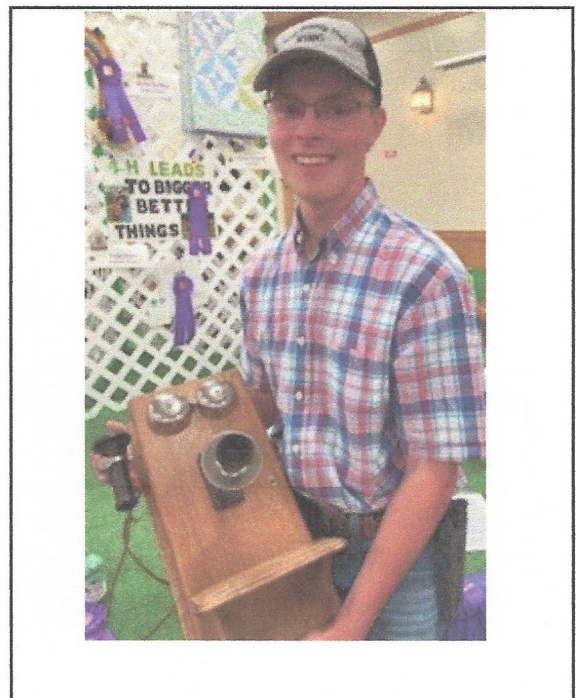
FACTS ABOUT IOWA STATE FAIR

Beginnings The first Iowa State Fair was held in Fairfield, in southeast Iowa, October 25 to 27, 1854. This was 20 years before America's great westward movement began, when a streaming tide of countless thousands of people migrated from the east in white-topped prairie schooners to settle in what had been called "The Great American Desert."

In 1879, the Fair moved to Des Moines and remained there, although it took six years to persuade the Legislature to appropriate the money. In the meantime, according to historian George Mills, the Fair took place on the west side of Des Moines, now a residential site.

In 1965 Andy Williams (of Wall Lake, Iowa) performed for five nights in the Grandstand. The Osmond Brothers also appeared with him.

The largest attendance was in 2008 with 1,109,150 folks; next highest in 2011.





THE OAKS 501 OAK STREET May 3 1912

Pictures with no names or information associated with the picture show up in the genealogy room all the time. These were two of those pictures. I finally found an article in the May 3rd 1912 *Atlantic News Telegraph* that mentioned the pictures. I haven't been able to find who the members of the club were. "The Oaks" was located at 501 Oak Street where the old hospital is located. Today that building has been turned into apartments. Doing some research on E. F. Jones and his wife. Jones was born in Atlantic to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones. Edward married Florence Woolsey. They were the parents of two daughters and one son. Florence was the daughter of Henry Woolsey and Mary Ellen Comer Woolsey. Ed died in April 1919 and Florence went on to marry William B. Talty. Florence died October 11, 1934.

HELD CLOSING MEETING

Ladies of H. T. L. Club Entertained At May Day Celebration at "The Oaks," Home of Mrs. E. F. Jones.

May first marked the successful closing of another year of literary work by the ladies of the H. T. L. club and a May day celebration was given at "The Oaks," the home of Mrs. E. F. Jones, in honor of the club. The day was an ideal one in every way and the spirit of May Day was in the air. The day was begun with a four course breakfast, served to the guests who were seated at one long table in the dining room. The Mayday scheme was carried out in the decorations, the place cards being May blossoms of pink and white, the club colors. A small May pole with streamers of pink and white served as a center piece. Smilax and pink and white carnations were also used in the decorations.

The presence of two non-resident members, Mrs. S. G. Hunter, of Des Moines, and Mrs. W. P. Hynes, of Council Bluffs, added much to the pleasure of the company. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and in the singing of old time songs. Finally it was suggested that games be played and all hands joined in "Drop the Handkerchief" and for a time at least all present were children again. The crowning feature of the day was a dance on the green and, while some of "the girls" have "silver threads among the gold," all entered heartily into the spirit of the day. A picture of the club members present was taken and when going home time came those in attendance separated with reluctance, being unanimous in the opinion that Mrs. Jones is a hostess royal, and happy in the thought that their closing meeting was in the nature of a housewarming for their hostess, it having been the first large company she had entertained in her new home. The next meeting of the club will be October first when another year's work will be begun.

We have two volumes of *Notice to Paupers Record* in the genealogy room. The very first record was dated 16 April 1888. The County Supervisors had contacted Wapello County Auditor to say that no such person named Edwin Gelbing had ever resided in Cass County and that Cass County was not responsible for any relief to be furnished to said Edwin Gelbing. The records are very interesting to read and some of the records are very sad. The last record is dated 1st day of April 1959 and declares that a woman named Katie has been notified to depart permanently from Cass County and that she would not, under any circumstances, be permitted to acquire a settlement within said county.