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President's Letter

With a very successful and fun summer behind us, WCGS is moving forward through fall and into the new year.

Many of our members entered prize-winning items in the Warren County Fair, with member Donna Anderson taking the Well-Rounded Genealogist award for 2014. We had lots of visitors to our booth and many inquiries about "how do you start writing it down?" That is the question, isn't it? The other question is "where and how do I find…?" Our society with its programs is always trying to help individuals answer these and other questions.

Our October meeting will be a very special event…our third annual Family History Night. On October 20 we invite the community to meet with us and celebrate the history of all families. This year we will be honored to have two speakers who have wide knowledge of many aspects of genealogical research. Delpha Musgrave will share information about "the newspaper project" and Linda Greethurst will help us by "Creating a Credible Genealogy." We will have a short social period before the program where we can "meet and greet."

The first Saturday in November we are going to initiate a NEW project for WCGS. From 12 noon until 12 midnight we will offer a time and place for "family historians" to bring their projects and work on them at the Warren County Historical Museum. This means you can have lots of space to spread out your materials and get organized, use the library, commune with others, and learn. For those who bring their computers, you will be able to use it since the museum has Wi-Fi, and there will be limited access to copying. You will be asked to pay $5.00 to help defray the cost of the facilities. A light supper will be provided and if everyone brings a snack to share, we will probably do just fine. Another announcement will be sent by mid-October.

I hope all of you have a productive and happy fall.

Brenda Morgan, President, WCGS

2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership in WCGS for 2015. The cost is $10.00 a year. The form is on page 11 of this newsletter. Send it to the Treasurer at our box number.

Calendar:

Tues., Oct. 14	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting.
Mon., Oct. 20	6:30 - 9:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING Family History Night - open house and two speakers
Sat., Nov. 1	12 noon - 12 midnight NEW Event RESEARCH RETREAT - Come and get help researching your family genealogy. $5.00 charge to help cover use of the facilities.
Tues., Nov. 11	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting.
Mon., Nov. 17	7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING Newspaper Research in Warren County & Elsewhere by Marieta Grissom Election of Officers for 2015.
Tues., Jan. 13	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting.

No regular WCGS meeting in December and January.

WCGS regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (September through June, except no meetings in December and January) weather permitting at the Warren County Museum. All meetings are open to the public. Guests are welcome.

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RESEARCH RETREAT ON NOVEMBER 1

How long has it been since you've been on a sleep-over? Perhaps it's been since school days, or maybe you've been to one for scrapbooking or quilting. Remember how fun it is - good friends, good stories, good snacks… Well, let the good times roll again with a new twist – the Research Retreat!

On Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014, the Warren County Genealogical Society will hold a Research Retreat from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The new event will give everyone who attends an entire half-day to work solely on their own family's history. The Research Retreat will be held at the Warren County Historical Museum on the Warren County Fairgrounds.

All levels of family historians are welcome - from novice to experienced genealogists. If you need help getting started on your family history, there will be folks on hand to help you with your research. Learn from others about some of the best resources - from libraries and museums to websites and workshops. If you have already started on your family genealogy, bring your materials and spread out in the spacious museum. Attendees can use the WCHS library resources, and if you want to bring your computer, you can search on-line via the museum's Wi-Fi.

Cost for the Research Retreat is $5.00 to cover the use of facilities. A light supper will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a snack to share. Join us for some "R&R" at the Research Retreat. It will be a fun and informative day finding your family history.

Shupe Cemetery

The June picnic was at Shupe Cemetery with Karon King handing out brief biographies of the people buried in the cemetery. The last newsletter had a number of these biographies in it. The rest are in this issue. One of her sources was a book called Lacona, Iowa 1856-2006, by the Lacona Heritage Committee, 2006. Mary Mitchell, her husband, Don, and a woman named A. J. Breukland (now deceased) submitted some articles for this book. Unless otherwise noted, all information was compiled by Karon King.

JOHN W. SHUPE (Mar 10, 1856 – July 28, 1906) John W. Shupe was born March 10, 1856, in Ohio to Isaac C. and Nancy C. Shupe. The family moved to Warren County, Iowa, in 1858 where John grew up. John was married to Evaline C. Nossaman in Marion County, Iowa, on Feb. 25, 1878. John and Eva had eight children: Charles E. Shupe who married Julia D. Stanley in Lacona, Iowa, on June 27, 1899; Harry A. Shupe who died on June 2, 1892, at age 12; Leroy Shupe who married Iza Vera Criley in Ottumwa, Iowa, on Oct. 22, 1908; Martha I. Shupe who married Frank F. Konrad in Lacona, Iowa, on July 26, 1911; Nora E. Shupe who married William Wikle in Lacona, Iowa, on Dec. 28, 1904; Artena "Tena" Shupe who married R. Roy McCurdy in Lacona on June 15, 1910; Anna A. Shupe who married Howard I. Myers in Lacona on June 25, 1913; and John Martin Shupe who married Ruth Kent in Audubon, Iowa, on Feb. 5, 1923. John W. Shupe died on July 28, 1906, at age50. His wife, Evaline, lived to be 72 and died on July 10, 1928. They're buried beside each other in the Shupe cemetery.

[Warren County, Iowa Death Records, vol. 2, p. 21] John W. Shupe died July 18, 1906, in Lacona, Iowa, at age 50, occupation – merchant, married, cause of death- paralysis, buried in Shupe cemetery.

LOLA BELLE SHUPE (Aug. 12, 1889 – Feb. 14, 1906) Lola Belle Shupe, the second of three daughters born to William J. and Martha Needles Shupe, was born on Aug. 12, 1899, in Warren County, Iowa. Her father, William J. Shupe, was the son of Isaac C. and Nancy C. Claytor Shupe. Her mother, Martha E. Needles, was the daughter of Solomon H. and Martha Mumford Needles. Lola Belle had a brother, Edker Ellsworth, who died when he was 6, an older sister, Lottie J., and a younger sister, Laura A. When Lola was 16, she died on Feb. 14, 1906, and was buried in Shupe Cemetery, Warren County, Iowa.

LUCETTA SHUPE (May 28, 1843 – Oct. 28, 1881) Lucetta Ella Fogle was born in Ohio on May 28, 1843, the daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Fogle. The Fogle family moved to Lacona, Iowa, and Lucetta married Arthur David Shupe on May 20, 1869, in Warren County. Arthur D. "Art" was the son of Jacob J. and Cynthia Myers Shupe, born Nov. 7, 1843, in Allen County, Ohio. Lucetta and Art Shupe had four children: Clara V. born 1872, Jacob J. born 1874, Addison Richard "Dick" born 1877, and Frederick A. born 1879. When Lucetta was 38 years old, she died on Oct. 28, 1881, and was buried in Shupe Cemetery. Her husband, Art, married Mary E. Morris Smith on Feb. 25, 1883. Mary had five children to a previous marriage. Art and Mary E. had two daughters: Charlotte A. born 1884 and Verna I. born 1890. Mary E. and Art were divorced before 1895. Art married Esta W. Brannen Dec. 16, 1896. Art died on Jan. 25, 1916, and is buried in Carlisle Cemetery, Carlisle, Iowa.

MARGARET A. SHUPE (Feb. 11, 1843 – April 13, 1863) Margaret A. Hall was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1843, in a large family of 10 children born to Joseph S. and Catherine Hall. The Hall family moved to Liberty Township of Warren County, Iowa, in 1850 when Margaret was 7. Margaret married Emanuel B. Shupe on Feb. 16, 1862, in Warren County. Emanual was the son of Jacob J. Shupe and Cynthia Myers Shupe. Margaret gave birth to a baby girl who died on Nov. 6, 1862. Within five months, Margaret A. Shupe died at age 20, on April 13, 1863, and both her baby daughter and she were buried in Shupe Cemetery. Margaret's husband, Emanual married Anna Good on July 9, 1871, and moved his family to Kansas. He had eight children to Anna. Emanuel died Sept. 30, 1911, and is buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Harper, Kansas.

MARY F. SHUPE (Nov. 29, 1893 – Oct. 21, 1908) Mary's parents, Samuel J. and Elmira had 6 children: Estalene born 1882, Ida M. born 1884, Archie G. born 1888, Euna H. born 1891, Mary F. born 1893, and Grace born 1897. See

information on Elmira Shupe in this listing.

[Death Records of Warren County, Iowa 1906-1919, p. 45] Mary Shupe died at Liberty Center from peritonitis on Oct. 21, 1908, age 14 years, 10 months, 22 days. She was born in Iowa and was the daughter of Samuel J. Shupe and Ella [Elmira] Sargent. Mary was buried in Shupe Cemetery on Oct. 23, 1908.

NANCY C. SHUPE (Sept. 11, 1836 – Feb. 4, 1901) Nancy C. Claytor was born on Sep 11, 1836, in Ohio, the daughter of Samuel Claytor and Susan Culp Claytor. Nancy was one of at least nine children of Samuel and Susan, including: Francis, Jacob, Elizabeth Ann, Joseph, Susan, Christian, Samuel C., and David L. When Nancy was 17 years old, she married Isaac C. Shupe in Allen County, Ohio, on March 16, 1854. They had one son, John W. Shupe, in Ohio, then moved to Warren County, Iowa, where seven more children were born: Samuel J., Eliza A., William J., Clement L.V., Charles O. and Ida O. (twins), and Sarah. It is believed that Nancy's mother died in Allen County, Ohio, in 1855. Nancy's father, Samuel, married Mary Eich in Allen County, Ohio, on Dec. 1, 1859. Several of Nancy's siblings moved to Iowa and are buried in the Cochran Cemetery near Lacona, including: Jacob Claytor (and his wife, Phoebe), Elizabeth Ann Claytor Fantz (and her husband, Michael), Susan Claytor Warnock, and Samuel C. Claytor. Another brother, David L. Claytor, lived in Warren County, Iowa, and had a 1-year-old son, Amos W. Claytor, who is also buried in Cochran Cemetery. Nancy Claytor Shupe died at the age of 65, on Feb. 4, 1901, and is buried in Shupe Cemetery. Her husband, Isaac, married a Mrs. Margaret E. Bernard in 1903. Isaac died on July 22, 1910, and is buried with Nancy in Shupe Cemetery.

OSCAR J. SHUPE (March 10, 1871 – Dec. 13, 1871) "Oscar J., son of H. M. & L. Shupe, died Dec. 13, 1871, aged 9 months, 3 days" is how the gravestone reads in Shupe Cemetery. Little Oscar J. Shupe was the second child of Henry M. Shupe and Lovisa Cooper Shupe. This was Henry's second marriage when he married Lovisa Cooper on May 14, 1866, in Marion County, Iowa. Lovisa was the daughter of Lemuel and Lucy Cooper who lived in Clay Township of Marion County, Iowa. Henry M. was the son of Jacob J. and Cynthia Shupe. Henry died in 1873 and Lovisa married John Woods in 1880, Marion County, Iowa.

SAMUEL JAMES SHUPE (June 19, 1858 – July 30, 1921) Samuel James Shupe was born in Warren County, Iowa, on June 19, 1858. He was married to Elmira Sargent on Aug. 7, 1881, at Lacona, Iowa. In 1900 the family lived in Liberty Township and in 1908 he was the Liberty Township Clerk. Samuel was co-owner of the Shupe Brothers Hardware Store, with Clem L.V. Shupe and Charles Edward Shupe. He lived in Liberty Township in 1910, and died in Warren County on July 30, 1921. He and his wife, Elmira, are buried in Shupe Cemetery.

[Death Records of Warren County, Iowa 1921-1934, p. 2] Samuel James Shupe was born in Lacona, Iowa. His father was J. C. Shupe. Samuel died on July 31, 1921, in Knoxville, Iowa with mitral regurgitation cardiac insufficiency. His age was 63 years, 1 month, 11 days.

SOPHIA SHUPE (Jan. 23, 1837 – Nov. 6, 1865) Sophia DeLong was born in Pennsylvania on Jan. 23, 1837, the daughter of Ephraim and Maria Schneck Delong. The family moved to Medina County, Ohio. Sophia married Henry M. Shupe on June 20, 1857, in Allen County, Ohio. Henry M. Shupe was born on May 25, 1835, in Ohio, the son of Jacob J. Shupe and Cynthia Myers Shupe. Henry and Sophia Shupe moved to Liberty Township, Warren County, Iowa, in 1858, along with Henry's parents and siblings. Sophia and Henry had four children: Madison, Hiram, Albert J., and Arthur D. Sophia died on Nov. 6, 1865, and is buried in the Shupe Cemetery. Henry married Lovisa Cooper on May 14, 1866, in Marion County, Iowa. Their children were: Cora, Oscar J., Lemuel, and Homer O. Henry died on April 22, 1873, and was buried in Shupe Cemetery.

VIOLET MAE SHUPE (1904 – 1917) [Lacona Ledger newspaper, Friday, July 13, 1917, front page] In Memoriam-Violet May Shupe, daughter of Jacob Shupe and Rosezella Smith, was born Oct. 20, 1904. Died July 3, 1917, aged 12 years, 8 months and 13 days. Her sickness lasted just over two years. She leaves to mourn her loss, her mother, six brothers and three sisters, her father having preceded her on Feb. 6, 1915. Violet was a model of patience, always, and every day prayed that she might have strength to keep faithful. The family wishes to thank all the many callers who have so greatly assisted during this long sickness. Jesus said suffer little children to come unto me. There's a friend for children above the bright blue sky. A friend that never changes and love can never die, while our friends by nature who change with growing years. This friend is always worthy the precious name He bears. Home is the love place for children, heaven is that place. The funeral service was conducted at the Christian Church, Lacona, by Rev. Hysom. Interment was made in Shupe cemetery.

[Death Records of Warren County, Iowa 1906-1918] Violet May Shupe was born Oct. 20, 1904, and died July 3, 1917, age 12 years, 8 months, and 13 days. She died of meningitis and chronic inflammation of the intestine and was buried in Shupe Cemetery.

CLYDE LEROY SINIFT (Nov. 16, 1882 – Sept. 4, 1883) "Clyde Leroy, son of J.H. & M.L. Sinift, died Sept. 4, 1883, aged 9 months & 19 days" is written on the gravestone of baby, Clyde Leroy Sinift, in Shupe Cemetery. Clyde was the son of James Harvey Sinift (1853-1938) and Mary Lydia Miller Sinift (1858-1916). Clyde was one of five children born to James H. and Mary L. Sinift. Another brother, James Edward Sinift, was born and died in 1898 and buried in Shupe Cemetery. There was also a brother, William Orval Sinift, who was born and died in 1879, buried in Hendrickson Cemetery, Warren County, along with his grandparents, Adam and Elizabeth Sinift. A brother, Samuel Sinift, and a sister, Lelia M. Sinift, lived to adulthood. Both parents, James H. and Mary L. Sinift are buried in Shupe Cemetery.

JAMES EDWARD SINIFT (Nov. 26, 1898 – Nov. 28, 1898) "James Edward, son of J.H. & M.L. Sinift died Nov.

28, 1898, aged 2 days" is written on the gravestone of baby, James E. Sinift, in Shupe Cemetery. He was the fourth son of James Harvey Sinift and Mary Lydia Miller Sinift, but lived to be only 2 days old. His parents and his older brother, Clyde Leroy, who lived 9 months, were also buried in Shupe Cemetery.

JAMES HARVEY SINIFT (Aug. 11, 1853 – Dec. 23, 1938) [Lacona, Iowa 1856-2006, by the Lacona Heritage Committee, 2006, p. 250] James Harvey Sinift was the oldest son of a Civil War veteran. "Harve" was born Aug. 11, 1853, in Wapello County, Iowa. His father, Adam, was a private in Company F, 7th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served three years during the Civil War and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. Harve's mother was Elizabeth (Edgar) Sinift. They lived and farmed southeast of Liberty Center in Liberty Township. Harve had two brothers, John and Ellsworth, and two sisters, Martha and Belle. On Sept. 1, 1878, Harve married Mary Lydia Miller, the daughter of Nathan and Elzinah Miller. Harve and Mary Lydia lived in New Virginia for two years and in Milo for seven years before moving to the farm two miles west of Lacona that belonged to Mary Lydia's mother. They were the parents of five children: three boys who died as infants; one son, Samuel Sinift; and a daughter, Lelia. Sam married Dacre Fawcett, and they had a son, Maurice. Sam and Dacre farmed his father's land southeast of Liberty Center, Sam died in 1946 and Dacre in 1970. Lelia attended Rabbit Ridge School, but had to quit school at the end of eighth grade to care for her mother and cook for her father. Mary Lydia died in 1916 and Harve in 1938. Harve continued to live on the farm with his daughter, Lelia, and her husband, Harold Mitchell, until his death. – submitted by Don Mitchell

MARY LYDIA SINIFT (July 23, 1858 – Jan. 24, 1916) [The Lacona Ledger newspaper, Feb 4, 1916, front page, col. 1] Mary Lydia Miller was born in Keokuk County, Iowa, July 23, 1858, and when 2 years old, came to Warren County, where she grew to womanhood. On Sept. 1, 1878, she was married to James Harvey Sinift. To this union five children were born, William Orval, Samuel Glenwood, Clyde Leroy, James Edward, Lelia Marie; three of which passed away in infancy leaving Samuel and Lelia to comfort their parents. She professed faith in her Savior and was baptized into the church of the Brethren during the summer of 1881, and by a consistent life manifested a call for the cause of the Master and a warmth of devotions to the church. She was a kind mother and a loving companion. Her affliction was of long duration and was borne with Christian fortitude. Realizing her physical condition she manifested a complete submission to our Heavenly Father's will and passed away Monday, Jan. 24, 1916, in the triumphs of a living faith, age 57 years, 9 months, and 1day. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., conducted by Rev. W. W. Folger, of Ankeny, Iowa, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Shupe Cemetery.

[Death Records of Warren County, Iowa 1906-1918] Mary Lydia Sinift was the daughter of Nathan Miller and Elzina Shupe. She died of cancer on Jan. 24, 1916, age 57 years, 6 months, 1 day, and was buried in Shupe Cemetery on Jan. 26, 1916.

CHARLES C. STEMEN (Nov. 17, 1853 – May 8, 1939) Charles Christian Stemen was born in Allen County, Ohio, on Nov. 17, 1853, the second son of John Bertram Stemen and Mary Jane Myers Stemen. When Charles was twelve, his father died. His mother, Mary Jane, married Joel Fogle and the family moved to White Breast Township of Warren County, Iowa, in 1864. Charles began farming and married Lucetta Brower in Indianola on April 10, 1873. Charles and Lucetta had seven children: Bertha E., Sylvan O., Ross B., Mary E., Bermettie, Emma, and Vera L, however; two children died at a young age: Ross B. at age 4 and Vera at 3 months. Lucetta died on July 3, 1893. Charles married Mrs. Martha Mitchell on Aug. 18, 1897, in Virginia Township of Warren County. Martha's maiden name was Weaver. She was first married to Phillip Mitchell, who died May 3, 1896, in New Virginia, Iowa. Martha and Phillip Mitchell had three children: George F., Ida M., and Jesse L. Charles and Martha Stemen lived in Virginia Township then moved to Osceola, Clarke County, Iowa, around 1903. Charles was a farmer all his life. Martha died in1928. Charles died on May 8, 1939, in Osceola and was buried with his first wife, Lucetta, in Shupe Cemetery, Warren County.

LUCETTA STEMEN (Dec. 13, 1851 – July 3, 1893) Lucetta Brower was born Dec. 13, 1851, the daughter of Enoch Brower and Elzina Shupe. Lucetta had a brother, Emanuel, and a sister, Cynthia. Their father, Enoch, died June 7, 1854, when Lucetta was 3 years old. Her mother married Nathan Miller, on Aug. 23, 1857, in Allen County, Ohio, and that same year the family, as well as Elzina's parents, Jacob and Cynthia Shupe, all moved to Warren County, Iowa. Lucetta married Charles Christian Stemen in Indianola, Iowa, on April 10, 1873. They had seven children: Bertha Ethel, 1874; Sylvan Oliver, 1875; Ross Bertram, 1878; Mary Elzina, 1879; Bermettie "Mettie," 1884; Emma, 1887; and Vera Lucetta, 1893. Lucetta died on July 3, 1893, at age 42. Charles married Mrs. Martha Mitchell on Aug. 18, 1897. He died on May 8, 1939, at age 86, and was buried beside Lucetta in Shupe Cemetery.

ROSS B. STEMEN (Jan. 12, 1878 – Jan. 8, 1883) Ross Bertram Stemen was born Jan. 12, 1878, in White Breast Township of Warren County, Iowa, the third child of Charles C. and Lucetta Stemen. Ross was only 4 years old when he died on Jan. 8, 1883, missing his fifth birthday by only four days. He was laid to rest in Shupe Cemetery.

VERA L. STEMEN (May 13, 1893 – Aug. 17, 1893) Vera Lucetta Stemen was born on May 13, 1893, the seventh child of Charles C. and Lucetta Stemen. Vera only lived on earth to be 3 months old. Her mother, Lucetta, died on July 3, 1893, and little Vera died on Aug. 17, 1893. Vera was buried in the same lot with her mother and her father who died May 8, 1939.

2014 WARREN COUNTY FAIR

All of the pictures in this Fair article were taken by Juanita Ott.

Helen Phillips, Judge

This year for the first time we had a Kid's Korner for children to color and do a simple genealogy chart if they were old enough while their parents or grandparents looked at the entries.

Division Winners

The following are the ribbon winners in the Genealogy competition of the Fair:

Senior Division 58: Photographs

1 Ancestral Portrait or Photo - 1st Melissa O'Brian; 2nd Juanita Ott; 3rd Charlene Craig
2 Family Group Photograph - 1st Mary Jack; 2nd Donna Anderson; 3rd Megan Staude
3 Ancestral Home, Barn or Homestead Photograph - 1st Brenda King; 2nd Megan Staude; 3rd Melissa O'Brian
4 Pictorial Family History Poster or Display Board - 1st Virginia Wheeldon; 2nd Megan Staude; 3rd Melissa O'Brian
5 Family Photo Album - 1st Virginia Wheeldon
6 Ancestral Church, School Building or Organization Photo - 1st Donna Anderson; 2nd Melissa O'Brian
7 Miscellaneous Photograph that doesn't fit any other class - Donna Anderson; 2nd Melissa O'Brian; 3rd Brenda King

Senior Division 59: Books and Legal Documents

8 Diary, Ledger or Letter - 1st Charlene Craig; 2nd Melissa O'Brian; 3rd Brenda King
9 Vital Statistic Certificate or Record - 1st Donna Anderson; 2nd Virginia Wheeldon; 3rd Charlene Craig
10 A Land Record - 1st Brenda King; 2nd Charlene Craig
11 Military or Military Pension Record - 1st Melissa O'Brian; 2nd Donna Anderson; 3rd Virginia Wheeldon
12 Will or Probate Record - 1st Donna Anderson
13 School, Church, or Organization Records - 1st Melissa O'Brian; 2nd Charlene Craig; 3rd Donna Anderson
14 Best Collection of Documents - 1st Megan Staude; 2nd Donna Anderson
15 Poster or display - 1st Brenda King; 2nd Megan Staude
16 Any document that doesn't fit above classes - 1st Donna Anderson; 2nd Rosemary Hoover; 3rd Melissa O'Brian

Senior Division 60: Genealogical Research Material

17 Pedigree or Family Tree Chart - 1st Megan Staude; 2nd Emma King; 3rd Brenda King
18 Collection of Research Material (including clippings or photocopies of clippings, internet items) - none
19 Research Notebook - 1st Melissa O'Brian; 2nd Virginia Wheeldon; 3rd Donna Anderson
20 Genealogical Record Book - 1st Mary Mitchell; 2nd Charlene Craig
21 Lineage Chart - 1st Donna Anderson; 2nd Brenda King; 3rd Melissa O'Brian
22 Time Line - 1st Megan Staude
23 Genealogical Map - 1st Megan Staude; 2nd Brenda King; 3rd Charlene Craig
24 Family Census Records - 1st Brenda King; 2nd Virginia Wheeldon; 3rd Donna Anderson
25 True Story, Biography or Autobiography - 1st Brenda King; 2nd Emma King
26 Miscellaneous Research Item - 1st Donna Anderson; 2nd Brenda King; 3rd Juanita Ott

Senior Division 61: Heirlooms and Artifacts

27 Book - 1st Melissa O'Brian; 2nd Brenda King; 3rd Emma King
28 Piece of Glassware or China - 1st Rosemary Hoover; 2nd Donna Anderson; 3rd Melissa O'Brian
29 Small Household Item or Tool - 1st Melissa O'Brian; Megan Staude
30 Needlework item - 1st Megan Staude; 2nd Donna Anderson; 3rd Charlene Craig
31 Personal Item - Charlene Craig; 2nd Donna Anderson; 3rd Melissa O'Brian
32 Bible, other Religious Item, or Bible records - 1st Megan Staude
34 Artifacts with central theme (souvenirs, documents, keepsakes, etc, example: military collection, school, religious collection) - none
35 Simple display with genealogical theme to include items from multiple divisions easily visible in 1 eye shot - none
36 Item of Interest - 1st Megan Staude

Senior Division 62: Iowa Heritage

37 Historical Poster depicting the history of an Iowa town, township, organization, or event - 1st Donna Anderson; 2nd Mary Mitchell; 3rd Megan Staude
38 Historical Poster depicting the history of a method of lost art, craft, trade or custom common to Iowa - none
39 Photograph depicting life in early Iowa - 1st Virginia Wheeldon; 2nd Melissa O'Brian; 3rd Megan Staude

Junior Division 63: Ages 12 and Younger

40 A Pedigree or Lineage, made by the exhibitor (Pedigree is ancestors or descendents of one person; Lineage is direct line between two persons) - none
41 A Family Picture (one photo) - none
42 Family Record Book (include family group sheets, other items of interest) compiled by the exhibitor - none
43 Genealogical Poster (family group sheets, photos, maps, clippings, documents, etc. for a family) - none
44 Map showing where Ancestors lived - none
45 Photographs showing present home or barn and an ancestral home or barn - none

Senior Division 64: Digital Display

46 Digital Display (power point or other program) - 1st Megan Staude; 2nd Juanita Ott

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Diary, Ledge or Letter - Div 59 #8 - White Ribbon

By Brenda King

This is a letter that was written to my paternal great grand-father, Charles T. Clark, from his brother Isaac Clark. This letter made me laugh when I read it. Here is Uncle Isaac telling Charley that he is not the only one that is feeling bad. Evidently Issac came to visit Charley and hurt his ankle when he was there and it was out of place and he didn't know it until days later. Isaac had a man haul some wood to his house and when the man was unloading it "helter skelter" a block of wood hit the same ankle and broke the bones all loose. So he ended up going to the doctor to get it set right and he said that it was a good thing that the block hit him so he could get his ankle straight again. He mentions to his brother Charley, that maybe if he had a few knock-downs that he would feel better too, but maybe he shouldn't try it because it might not work on him.

There are a few clues that I got from this letter to further my research. It starts out listing Charley as his brother, so I have a definite relationship that is tied. It lists that the letter was written from Sturgis, SD, so I can do further census research on that line of the family. Isaac also mentions a lady by the name of Mary (which I take as his wife or daughter), so there is another relationship I can research.

Dec. 20, Sturgis, SD

Dear Bro (Brother) Charley,

A line I got your welcome letter was glad to here (hear) from you. Sorry you felt so bad now you ant (aint) the only one that has ben (been) felon (feeling) bad, I have ben (been) felon (feeling) bad to (too). You no (know) how I kiked (kicked) with my ancle (ankle) when I was there. It was out of place and I did not no (know) it till just 20 days ago. I got a man to holl (haul) me a lode (load) of block wood. These block was bout (about) 12 in. thick. He throde (thrower or threw) them heter (helter) chelter (skelter) and one of them hit that ance (ankle) and broke the bons (bones) all luce (loose). So I got it set rite (right) this time and I have just comence to walk on to day but I wont haft (have) to wair (weabrase (brace) any more so I gesss (guess) it was a good thing the block hit me. I got my ankle strate (straight) a gain (again). Mabe (maybe) if you had a few nock (knock) downs you would feel beter (better) to (too), but don't try it I may not work on you. Will rite (write) soon, I will stop and Mary finish, so good by to every body.
Isaac

Book - Div 61 #27 - White Ribbon

By Emma King

About the Author
Charles Major is my cousin, five times removed, on my maternal side of the family. He was born on July 25, 1856, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was the son of Stephen and Phoebe Major (Gaskill). Charles was educated in the public schools of Shelbyville and Indianapolis where his hobbies were English literature and history. He graduated from public school in 1872 and entered the University of Michigan for 3 years studying law. He graduated from the University in 1875. His line of work in court matters was mostly of the settling of estates. On Sept. 27, 1883, he married Miss Alice Shaw of Shelbyville. She was the daughter of Daniel Shaw, for many years one of the Shelbyville's leading merchants. Charles and Alice had no children. Though he devoted most of his time to his law practice, reading English and French history of the Renaissance period was one of his passions. His first novel by the name of "When Knighthood Was in Flower" won him instant fame. On Feb. 13, 1913, at 8:00 a.m. Charles Major's life had come to an end from a long battle with liver cancer. Even though he is gone, his legacy still lives on.

When Knighthood Was in Flower (1898); The Bears of Blue River (1910); Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall (1905); A forest Hearth (1903); Yolanda, Maid of Burgandy (1905); A Gentle Knight of Old Brandenburg (1909); He Little King (1910); The Touchstone of Fortune (1912)

Small Household Item or Tool - Div 61 #29
Blue Ribbon
By Melissa O'Brian

Grandma's Thimble
Sarah Jane "Jennie S" Wood Curl (IL 1855-1938 IA)

When I was a girl, I knew about my great grandma's sewing basket. And as I had never been taught to sew, I had little idea what a thimble was all about.

It was made of wicker, dark brown, & very enticing. After all there was a large plastic, brown hoop on the top, that helped one open it. Though I was never allowed to do that. It was kept in the secretary glass door.

Inside were all kinds of interesting things, threads, projects, hoops, snap cards, darning needles, crochet or tatting tools, etc. And there were several thimbles. This was the fanciest thimble I ever saw. No one else had such a fancy thimble in the family. And it became my favorite.

I've no idea how old it is, it may have been her mother's (Mary Ann Longland (EN 1825-1920 IA) thimble. If so it would have come from Braceby, Lincolnshire, England, in 1849. And it is possible, as she lived here with her daughter Jennie S in Indianola from 1916 till her death here in 1920.

Lineage Chart - Div 60 #21
By Virginia Wheeldon

Lineage Chart – Trobaugh Family

My paternal 12th great-grandfather Jost Drorbach was born in 1473 in what is now Germany. When his descendants came to America, they seemed to change spelling whenever they moved. If they returned to the first area they lived, they reverted to the original spelling. Most families had many children whose surnames were spelled two or three different ways. It sometimes made it difficult to keep up with them. They also had a habit of every child giving their children the same first names. That meant using middle names and birthdates to keep them organized.

Imagine my surprise at the shape of this chart. At first I was stunned. It took quite some time to sort it in my head but I finally figured out my 3rd great-grandfather married his father's sister's granddaughter. WOW!

As well as the spellings on this list, I found Trobough and Troboy as well as others.

In 1999 I contacted a lady in California who was born Trobaugh. She sent a floppy disc which I printed. It filled a 1 1/2" 3-ring notebook. I have not used much of the info yet because I wanted to find what I could myself. Most of what is on the internet has only been available in the last five years. Almost everything on the internet and the floppy disc is verified with extracts of German church and LDS records.

Several of my 2nd great-grandmother's brothers and their family members are buried in New Virginia Cemetery.

Jost Maurer Trabach
Claus Maurer Von Trabach
Johann Von Trarbah
Johann Burkhard Trabach
Hans Burkhard Trabach
Hans Peter Trarbach
Wilhelm Trarbach
Michael Drorbach
Maria Elizabetha "Morrillis" Trarbach & Nicholas Henry Trobaugh siblings

Catherine Lingenfelder	Jacob Trobaugh
Nancy Kerbaugh	Catharine Malinda Trobaugh
Catharine Malinda Trobaugh	John Harmon Clary Jr.
John Harmon Clary Jr.	Bessie Ann Clary
Bessie Ann Clary	Orville Clifton Sill
Orville Clifton Sill	Virginia Anne Sill
Virginia Anne Sill	

Family Group Photograph - Div 58 #2 - White Ribbon
By Megan Staude

This photograph of my grandparent's (William H. Hebl and Mary Ann Hebl) and mom parent's (Margaret A. Hebl Staude) wedding went through a house fire in 2006 in Iowa City. Only a few pictures survive the house fire and this is one of them. The wedding was June 21, 1956, at St. Wensclent Church in Iowa City, Iowa. My grandmother, MaryAnn Lynch Hebl, told me that it was a very hot day. She said it was in the 100s. The bride in the picture is my grandmother, Mary Ann Lynch Hebl, and the groom is my grandfather, William H. Hebl. The best man is my great uncle, Bert Hebl; he is one of my grandfather's younger brothers. The maid of honor is my great aunt, Doris Marie Hebl. She is one of my grandfather's younger sisters and she is next to the bride. The bridesmaid in the photograph is my great aunt, Ann Hebl. She is another younger sister of my grandfather, William H Hebl. The guy next to great aunt, Ann Hebl, is my great uncle, Glen Lynch. He is the oldest brother of my grandmother's, Mary Ann Lynch Hebl, side of the family. He walked my grandmother, Mary Ann Lynch Hebl, down the aisle because my grandmother's father, Edward Frederick Lynch, passed away early in her life (April 15, 1958). Next to great uncle, Bert Hebl, is another great uncle. He is great uncle, Maynard Hebl, and he is another younger brother of my

grandfather, William H. Hebl. My grandfather told that me he was a groomsman in the wedding. The two guys next to my great uncle, Maynard Hebl, were ushers in the wedding. One right next to great uncle, Maynard Hebl, is my great uncle, Dale Lynch, my grandmother's, Mary A. Lynch Hebl, second to the oldest brother. Next to my great uncle, Dale Lynch, is another older brother of my grandmother, Mary Ann Lynch Hebl. He is my great uncle, Donald Lynch. The flower girl in front is my great aunt, Mary Rita Hebl. She is my grandfather's, William H. Hebl, baby sister. The ring bearer is my great uncle, Michael Hebl, and he is the youngest boy in my grandfather's, William H. Hebl, family.

Any Document Doesn't Fit - Div 59 #16 - Blue Ribbon

By Donna Anderson

This Flyttningsbevis (Moving Certificate) was carried by my grandfather, Cal Hjalmar Andersson, from the age of 15, when he moved to work on a farm in Rappestad Parish, Ostergotland, Sweden, until he took it to the authorities in Goteborg to obtain permission to travel to America. My grandfather died in 1925 and my grandmother put this folded document away with another document and a few letters.

When I started researching the Anderson family, all we knew was my grandfather's birth date and name and that he came from Ostergotland. I knew you needed to know the parish the family lived in to find them. My Aunt Betty got excited about helping me and we spent an afternoon going through pictures and documents my grandmother had saved.

When I unfolded this fragile piece of paper, I could hardly believe my eyes. Even though it is in Swedish, I could see that it had the following information: Ynglingen (young man) Carl Hjalmar Andersson, date of birth, place of birth and a physical description.

It also recorded the following times he moved between parishes:

1. Moved from Borg och Loth to Rappestad Parish, Ostergotland dated 24 October 1884 (age 15).

2. Written sideways: moved from Rappestad Parish to Norrkoping Parish, Ostergotland, 24 October 1889 (age 20).

3. The back of the document has a note from the pastor of Saknt Olai Church in Norrkoping that on 26 May 1891 Carl Hjalmar Andersson stated he was going to America.

This document carried to America and saved by family gave me the critical information to trace Carl Hjalmar's family in Sweden.

Genealogical Record Book Div 60 #20 - Red Ribbon

By Charlene Craig

Preface:
Over the past few years I have developed a passion for researching my family history. In trying to provide a history with more than just names, dates, and places, I decided to take a class in how to write a narrative biography through Brigham Young University. In reviewing some family material for a subject for the course, I could not find a family history for Ralph Ham, my grandfather. In some of the other family member's histories he was mentioned but with very little detail about his life. So, I set out to gather as much material as possible to put together a story about the life of Ralph. I started with his father, Thomas, and Thomas' siblings in order to paint a picture of Ralph's background and the life he grew up in. I added current events to show how they affected the family life and how this family dealt with events they had no control over.

I learned that the Ham family always managed to make the best of what they were given. They were hard-working and had strong family values which carried on over the generations. I was able to track the family as they moved and to see how their lives fit into the world around them. There are some gaps of information that still intrigue me and someday I hope to fill them. I feel it is important to continue to gather as much information and stories about the family as possible before the story tellers are gone.

I also learned the importance of verifying information. I found some items that did not make sense or were inaccurate until they were placed in context with the rest of the family research. I really enjoyed studying current events of the time and tying them to what was happening in the family at that time. It emphasized the fact that this family survived some really hard times.

At a later time, I will add the biography of Ralph's wife, Mary in order to make his story more complete. And finally, I will expand the story to include the later life of Ralph's son, my father, Donald.

I would like to thank Donald Ham and Larry Ham, his sons, for their narratives. Donald also introduced me to a journal written by Mary Ham's mother and poems written by Mary herself. This yielded a great source of material about the Ham family life. Public documents were researched and added to verify marriages and land purchases. Pictures give the visual of a truly amazing family.

Thanks to all who added a piece to their story.

The Story Begins:
This is a story about a branch of the Ham family that starts in England and ends in Madison County, Iowa. The earliest recorded family history starts in 1540. But most of this story

involves the descendants of Robert Ham and Charlotte Dibble who migrated from England to America, specifically Iowa, in the 1800s. The surname "Ham" originates from the Celtic word "ham" which means a place such as a home or farm. The Old English word "hamm" is similar, meaning an enclosed piece of land sometimes enclosed by a stream. "Ham" is also from France. There was a city of Ham in Somme, France, in 378 AD. By 900 AD the city of Ham was the capital of "Hamois" in France. In 1226 AD the city of Hamm was founded in west central Germany.

In England, where this branch of the family originates, the earliest known Hams lived in Sussex. There are still large families of Hams in southwest England, London, Essex County, Hampshire County, and Lancashire County.

This particular Ham family line is traced from Somerset, England, in the far south of England. The Ham DNA Project notes that the Somerset Hams probably originated from Norway and France before that.

Piece of Glassware or China - Div 61 #28 Blue Ribbon

By Rosemary Hoover

Since a small child I was fascinated by this colorful basket displayed in a china closet in our home. Our mother, Winifred (King) Hoover, noted any history about the collection of items stored in our china closets. She recalled this glassware being displayed in her home when she was a small child, at about age 8. Our mother was born in 1911 and raised in Lee Township, Madison County, Iowa. She wrote that it was among her mother's collection, Bridgette (McNamara) King. I have found different descriptions for this glassware. Some define it as pressed glass and carnival glass. It is also defined as a bride's basket, daisy basket, flower basket and Easter basket. I would appreciate confirmation. I display it as an Easter Basket and a May Day basket.

Glass vase

Picture to the right taken by Mick Kreidler. Juanita Ott (left), WCGS website manager, and Brenda Morgan, WCGS president, worked hard during the 2014 fair. Many thanks to Brenda, Juanita, and all the WCGS members who helped set up the book and make it a busy spot during the fair.

Family Census Records - Div 61 #24 - Blue Ribbon

By Brenda King

Picture taken by Mick Kreidler

Brenda King compiled the notebook (above) on her maternal great grandmother, Mary Jane Major Marsh, who lived near Carlisle, Iowa. The notebook has federal and state census records that document her grandmother's life 1858-1939.

Well-Rounded Genealogist Award to Anderson

This year Donna Anderson had the honor of winning Well-Rounded Genealogist. Her name was added to our plaque which is placed on display every year at the Fair. Donna was awarded a certificate to take home. Congratulations, Donna.

Cemetery Books

The walking of the east side of the Indianola Cemetery has been completed. Now comes the task of getting it ready for publication! As of October 2014, these books have been completed:

Indianola IOOF (West Side) Volume 1

Pleasant Ridge	Conklin
Calvary/Churchville	St. Marys
Wallace/Wick	Dillman
Webb	Randolph
Peck	Eberman
Scotch Ridge	Hewitt
Murray	Shaver
Moore	Liberty Center
Black	Hendrickson
Halterman	Christian Neck
Goshen	Highland

If you wish to purchase one of these cemetery books, contact Juanita Ott through the new website or write to her in care of the WCGS post office box. She can let you know the cost of the book you want.

Juanita Ott

Research Update

We have had a request from a researcher who is researching the family of Joseph Briggs Anderson. She would like to know if there is someone living in the Warren County area who might know about the family. Joseph Briggs Anderson married Mary Ann Wright, and their son was William Ross Anderson. William Ross Anderson married Olive Hall. Their daughter was Florence Maud Anderson. Florence Maude Anderson married Fred Stiffler.

If you have information about this family, please let us know at contact@warrencountygenes.org and we will put you in contact with the researcher.

Christmas Gift Idea

If you haven't quite finished (or started) your Christmas shopping, a nice gift might be the book "Looking Back: Memories and Images of St. Marys, Iowa." The book was written in 2013 by sisters, Ellen Croat Celsi and Joanne Croat Beck, who grew up in St. Marys. The book is a narrative history of St. Marys that includes family and community photos, maps, and the town plat complete with a layout of businesses and homes, street by street. The photos and illustrations accompany stories about family life and farming, as well as important elements of the community such as businesses, churches and school teams. The personal stories are fascinating and bring to life a small Iowa town. The cost of the book is $20, plus $4 shipping ($24 total.) To purchase a copy, contact Ellen Croat Celsi at 515-288-3917.

Website Update

www.warrencountygenes.com

Several names have been added to the biographies list. Most of the new ones are from a page of the 1924-1925 death records at the County Recorders Office.

Thanks to Karon King, we now have information about Warren County churches on the Web site. She spent a considerable amount of time researching the information and collecting photos of the churches.

We are still working on listing the Warren County officials from 1900-1930.

Anyone reading this can contribute to the website. You do not need any web experience. Just send me your information. E-mail attachments work fine, or if you are familiar with dropbox.com, it can be transferred that way. We'd like any family stories, family trees, etc.; anything you think would be of interest to genealogists.

Another way to contribute is to use the blog at the bottom of each page of the Web site.

Juanita Ott

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warrencountygenes.org

The Warren County Genealogical website address has changed. We are now .org instead of .com. Information on the old website will still be available for another month but we are in the process of transferring the information to the new website. The email link for the website is contact@warrencountygenes.org.

Thanks to Karon King, we have information on all of the churches of Warren County, past and present, and that is the current project for the website. Eventually the new website will contain all the information that was on the old one. As we add information, it will be tied to the biography database.

Contributions are always welcome. All we need is a digital copy of the information and the source. Don't worry about the format. We will take care of that before publishing. We would like to add as much original information as possible, and we try to be very careful about the copyright laws.

Juanita Ott

IGS News

Check out the Web site for a list of upcoming classes.

Classes at IGS
Classes are $5 for IGS members and $10 for non-members unless marked as free. Please call IGS to preregister. 515-276-0287; e-mail igs@iowagenealogy.org

Special interest groups meet at IGS:
German - 7:00 p.m. @ IGS First Monday
African-American - 7:00 p.m. First Tuesday
Irish - 7:00 p.m. Third Tuesday
Legacy Users - 1:00 p.m. Third Thursday
RootsMagic Users - 10:00 a.m. Fourth Saturday
Norwegian - 7:00 p.m. Fourth Tuesday
British/Welsh and Scottish - 7 p.m. Second Thursday.
Italian American - 6:30 p.m. Second Tuesday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 24-25 - Omaha, Neb. - Great Omaha Genealogical Society, Fall Genealogy Workshop, with Gail Blankenau, "Solving the Puzzle: Who Was My Family?" 4 - 6:15 pm on Oct. 24, and "Using Land Records in Genealogy Research," 9 - 4 pm on October 25, Nebraska Methodist College, N. 87th & Burt Sts., Omaha. www.gogsmembers.com.

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Web Sites for Warren County
www.warrencountygenes.com - gone in a month
www.warrencountygenes.org - our new Web site
www.rootsweb.com/iawarren
http://iagenweb.org/warren/
Warren County Historical Society
www.warrencountyhistory.org/genealogy
Indianola Public Library www.HeritageQuest.com (Library Card Required)

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$10 per person or family January through December
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