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Young Historians Project-presentation at **1:30 pm**. On **May 11, 2013**, in the Mason City Room of the Mason City Public Library. **Jessica Staudt, 4th grade teacher at Harding Elementary** in Mason City, along with a few of her students, will share how historical inquiry and primary sources are helping to bring the past alive for students to create a new generation of historians. You will experience the process yourself as Staudt shares her students' projects and the primary sources they have accessed.

The Little Yellow Schoolhouse - Celebrating 125 Years of Education

Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 1:30 PM. Come and learn about this historic treasure and the stories surrounding the 125 years as a country schoolhouse and historic museum. The presentation will be led by **Ruth Haan**, of Parkersburg, who will talk about her time teaching in the Little Yellow Schoolhouse. Presentation will be at the **Clear Lake Public Library, 200 North 4th Street, Clear Lake, IA**

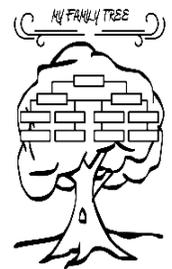


Legacy of the Clausen Family - Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 1:30 PM, at the Clausen Museum and Carriage/School House, 501 North 5th Street, Clear Lake, IA (*Behind the Clear Lake Public Library*).

In 1874, S. C. Clausen came to the United States with a dollar in his pocket and didn't speak any English. Clear Lake became his American dream, a place where he could create the life he imagined. **Sarah Clausen Mooney**, the great-granddaughter of S.C. Clausen, will be sharing details of her family's influence on Clear Lake and the North Iowa area. A tour of the historic Clausen residence and carriage house/schoolhouse will be given to share the artifacts and information about her family.

Genealogy 101: Getting Started - Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 1:30 PM.

Are you interested in finding where your family came from? Or maybe, you'd like to know who your great, great grandfather was. If so, you need to become a detective like Sherlock Holmes. How does one go about finding out this information? Anyone **interested in learning how to get started on their family tree** will need to attend this training by **Carol Tinkey** of the Society. At this first session, you will be introduced to the basic principles on how to research family members and how to use Ancestry.com.



Location to be announced.

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From the President's Desk

Hello to all members,

As I write this it seems the weekend is coming and so is rain or snow. So far for our meetings have not been on a bad weather day, our meeting in April will be outside at the Elwood-St Joseph Cemetery. We are looking forward to a great presentation. We have many good programs coming up, so please try to join us.

I did enjoy looking over the selection of books we have in the Library Genealogy Room, we have a great collection. Please sign in so we can find out where you traveled from and what you may be looking for. I have seen books that might have some information I have been looking for. There are also shelves with information by states and counties in Iowa.

If you are researching your family, check with the volunteers of the NCIQS Library Room, they may be able to help you find what you want. By asking you questions, they can direct you to the areas that will help fine tune your search. We may be able to do a bit more research for you. There is a charge for extensive research and making paper copies.

We are presently in need of a Secretary, if you have been a member for more than one year and have the necessary skills, please contact us immediately.

Thank you for now.
Allen Strand
President

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Message from the LIBRARIAN

The NCIGS Library is located on the 1st floor of the Mason City Public Library, 225 2nd St. SE, Mason City, Iowa. The MCPL and the NCIGS Library are open M/T/W/TH 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.; F/SAT 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you need help from one of our library volunteers, remember our library is staffed M/W/F 9 a.m. – noon; 1-4 p.m.

**Processing of materials purchased through the Farrer Grant has now been completed.
Twenty-two items were added to the collection:**

- *Forensic Genealogy*; A guide to applying the principles of forensic science investigation to genealogical research.
- *DNA & Genealogy*; Provides basic information necessary for understanding DNA, the history of DNA progress, and a description of the practical applications.
- *Virginia Historical Index*; An index to all information relating to Virginia and Virginians (and early West Virginians) in seven serial publications devoted to Virginia genealogy and local history. The serials were published between 1619-1929.
- *New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*; This 2nd edition provides maps of the six major administrative divisions in which all major Irish record sources are organized: counties, baronies, civil parishes, dioceses, poor law unions and probate districts.
- *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*; Revised 5th edition serves as location guide to public resources, repositories, libraries and genealogical societies in the six New England states.
- *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry*; Author, Kathleen Cory, updates her 1990 publication with information on the reorganization of local archives, including the digitization and accessibility of old records.
- *Polish Roots*; The bulk of the book focuses on research in Poland, detailing church and civil records, where to locate them, time-frames and content. Also examines Polish-American sources.
- *In Search of Your German Roots*; 4th edition, updated with new websites and email contacts, this book is designed to aid researchers in finding ancestors in areas that now are or once were part of Germany.
- *Finding Italian Roots*; 2nd edition focuses on using sources in the US to identify the places of origin of Italian ancestors as well as identifying repositories in Italy. Includes glossary of Italian words an American is likely to encounter in research.
- *Tracing Your War of 1812 Ancestors*; A compilation of genealogical and historical information used to trace the War of 1812 ancestors. Included in this 200 year anniversary are references to U.S., British and Canadian records, cemetery & census records, militia service & pension, Prisoners of War records, etc.
- *Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada*; Transcribed records of people who arrived from Ireland to Atlantic Canada. Information was taken from ships' passenger lists, newspaper articles, census, regimental, church, prison and marriage records, burials, tombstone inscription, etc. Covers 1751-1863.

- *Pension Roll of 1835*; War Department records in 4 volume set.
- *Iowa Colonels and Regiments*; A reprint of the 1865 publication, this book is a history of Iowa regiments in the War of the Rebellion, including a description of the battles in which they fought.
- *Bibliography of Iowa Newspapers, 1836-1976*; The Iowa Pilot Project's goal was to produce a bibliography of every title for each newspaper published in Iowa. The list contains 6500 titles.
- *Fredericksburg School Memories*; Sesquicentennial publication captures memories about the Chickasaw County town of Fredericksburg.
- *Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes*; While this genealogical guide relates to the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole nations, it also includes historical background and describes the complexities of minority and Native American genealogical research.
- *Plains Bound: Fragile Cargo*; A series of interviews with orphan train riders and their descendants.
- *Waifs, Foundlings and Half Orphans*; Two brief, but moving, first-hand accounts precedes an examination of the impact of mass migration, orphanages and institutions, and research and resources.
- *The Orphan Trains: Placing Out in America*; Using oral histories, institutional records and newspaper accounts, the author, Marilyn Holt, focuses on the placing out system – from its creation to its demise (1853-1929).
- *Swedish Passenger Arrivals in U.S. Ports 1820-1850*; Concentrating on the ports of Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans and Philadelphia, this book documents the arrival of early Swedish arrivals. Includes information from the National Archives and Swedish Archives.
- *Naturalizations of Foreign Protestants*; Contains copies of naturalizations of foreign Protestants from North & South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Jamaica covering the years 1740-1772.
- *Ultimate Search Book*; This “how to” manual details useful records and resources, including extensive websites helpful for searching for adopted children, birth parents, missing persons and others, in all 50 states and 200 countries.

Also added to the collection this month are the following items:

- *DAR Patriot Index*; Donated by June Neighbors. In addition, Joan Bartel went through the DAR books contained in the library, offering advice on which items to retain. As a result of Joan's advice, some re-cataloging and withdrawal was undertaken. This project is now complete.
- *Archdiocese of Dubuque 1837-2012*; Donated by Rita Gorenson. This book celebrates the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese. Covers people, parishes, church buildings, colleges, hospitals and social service agencies of the Archdiocese.
- *The Wellemeyer Book*; Donated by Bruce J. Hanson. Klemme, Iowa history as well as family histories from the Klemme area. Covers early 20th century.
- *The Carmack Family Genealogy*; Donated by Charles Wesley Peckham. In this 1198 page book is a chapter explaining the CARMACK Surname DNA project.

The following is an extraction from this chapter:

Sometimes there are genealogical questions that cannot be answered by research because no records exist to support or refute the claim. Having DNA tested on people with the same surname can provide answers to those questions of kinship that the records cannot. Each person has a distinct DNA code. Individuals with close kinship have similar markers on this DNA code. The more DNA markers that match, the closer the genetic possibility is for familial connection.

Y-DNA testing is relatively new to genealogy search. Y-DNA is passed from father to son only, though the generations, with minimal (random) changes. This Y-DNA "signature" can be used to prove or disprove lineage and, when compared to the Y-DNA signature of a "cousin", to possibly trace back to a "Most Recent Common Ancestor".

If you are a CARMACK you can help this study. If you're still searching for an ancestral place of origin, perhaps the study can help you. Our objective is to determine whether CARMACK families are related, and if so, how closely. We suggest to test Y-chromosome DNA at 37 marks, and when close matches are found, then add additional markers up to 67. Families are eligible to join if they bear any variation associated with the surname. Male CARMACK's may participate directly. Females do not have the Y-chromosome. However, they can participate through a male CARMACK relative (father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin).

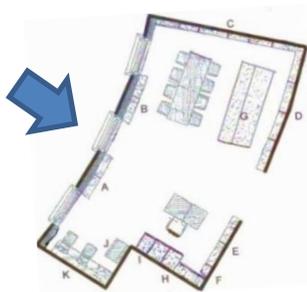
To join this CARMACK project click on <http://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Carmack>. You will then see a description of this project. Scroll down to the bottom and click on the specific tests. That is all there is to it. For helpful information and resources regarding how YDNA Genetic Genealogy works see DNA FAQ page at <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/carmack/>

Each participant must request a test kit from the website and return the kit to Family Tree DNA for analysis. FTDNA will provide the necessary instructions with the kit. Payment can be made by check or credit card.

In addition to the Carmack family history, the library recently purchased a couple of books dealing with new technologies in genealogical research. Have you browsed through these books in the New Additions area? DNA & GENEALOGY by Colleen Fitzpatrick (GEN 929.1 FIT) or how about FORENSIC GENEALOGY by the same author and call number.

Have you had your DNA checked? Perhaps, as a society, we should organize submitting our DNA for testing and then develop a program to discuss what we learned. Just a thought!

Sandra Turner
Librarian



Mason City Public Library NCIGS Genealogy Library

RESOURCES ~ A - Section 1 Shelf # 6

GEN929.21BRE - GEN 929.21FAM

RESOURCES ~ A - Section 2 Shelf # 1

GEN929.21FIN - GEN929.21HAN

Let's learn what books are here to help us!



GEN929.21BRE	The Brentners Family, 1992- Descendant Chart
GEN929.21BRO	They Came to Iowa from Ireland, 1982- Biography of Wm Brown & Isabella Porter
GEN929.21BUL	Seth Bullard, A Soldier of the Revolution, 1930- Early years & colonial condition for his life
GEN929.21BUL	Ahnentafel for Sarah Bulkey, 2008- Covers 18 generations
GEN929.21CAM	Forrette Coat of Arms, 2008-Reference source of Crest
GEN929.21CAM	Campbell Contacts in America, 1979-1982-Publications in 2 volumes through 1986
GEN929.21CAM	Green Prairies, Blue Skies, Campbell, Kew, Moorhead & Juhl, Family Tree stories
GEN929.21COC	The Cochran Family, 1800-1982- Documents and genealogy
GEN929.21COF	The Coffin Family Tree, 1962- 1 volume
GEN929.21COO	The Genealogy of Francis Cooke, 1988- Wisconsin Society of Mayflower descendants, 1899-1911
GEN929.21COT	Genealogy Report of William Frank Cottrell, Howard County, IA
GEN929.21CRE	Cree History, 1981 Update- Family Tree
GEN929.21CRE	The Cree's in America, 1980- Collection of Historical information on descendants of Robert Cree
GEN929.21CRO	The Genealogy of the Crooks Family, Publication
GEN929.21DIE	Diepenbrock Family History, 1991- Story of John & Reindert - moved to Illinois, Iowa & Kansas
GEN929.21EGG	The Eggin Family Tree, Descendants charts
GEN929.21ELD	Where the Elders came from and when, 2011- Research back to Thomas Elder
GEN929.21ELI	The Eliason-Varo Family, 1976- Of Vaerlandet, Norway
GEN929.21ERI	Erickson Family of Worth County, IA, 1990- Family Group Sheets
GEN929.21FAM	Family File Notebook, On several Surnames, 2 volumes

FAMILY HISTORIES - Section 2

GEN929.21FIN	Finnegan Family, 1988- Irish Ancestors Genealogy migrated from their native country
GEN929.21FLI	Flint, 1982- Researched Ancestors Genealogy
GEN929.21FOL	Follett, England & Scotland ancestors - Follett's of Maryland
GEN929.21FOR	Ford, Andrew, 1968- First six generations
GEN929.21FOR	Forret, 2008- Register Report
GEN929.21FOW	Fowler, 1950- Large clan of ancestors & genealogy information
GEN929.21FOX	Foxes, The Word book of Foxes, genealogy ancestors
GEN929.21FRI	Frisbies, 1972-1983- 4volumes of Frisbie/Frisbee Family
GEN929.21FRI	Frisbie, 1975- In the Revolutionary War
GEN929.21GAR	Gardner, 1993- Compilation of genealogical data with family stories
GEN929.21GAR	Garnsey, Guernsey, Gurnsey, 2005- Genealogical dictionary
GEN929.21GIL	Gillette & Ford, 1978- Genealogy information with ancestor lists
GEN929.21GIL	Gillette & Ford, 1982- Genealogy data with family stories
GEN929.21GOR	Gordon Kinship, 1973- Photos & history of ancestors
GEN929.21GRA	Grannis, 1962- Memoirs of New Hampshire to Minnesota
GEN929.21GRO	Groose, Hunholz, Holmer & Holz Families, 1999- Pomerania & America
GEN929.21HAN	Hanson Heritage, 2 volumes- Norwegian Immigrants came to Iowa (To be continued in the next issue - Lea Norlinger)

United States, Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards

(FamilySearch Historical Records)



This article describes a [collection](#) of [historical records](#) available at FamilySearch.org.

Access the records: [United States, Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards,1907-1933](#).

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Record Description

The collection consists of an index and images of cards used by the Bureau of Pensions and Veterans Administration to record the payment of pensions to veterans, widows and other dependents. The collection is part of RG 15 Records of the Veterans Administration and is NARA microfilm publication M850.

A pension card was created for every veteran or veteran's widow who received a pension. There were four types of cards kept, which are referred to as:

- Army invalids
- Army widows
- Navy invalids
- Navy widows

The form for the four types of cards is practically identical. On the front of the cards for invalid veterans are recorded the name of veteran, his certificate number, his unit or arm of Service, the

disability for which pensioned, the law or laws under which pensioned, the class of pension or certificate, the rate of pension, the effective date of pension, the date of the certificate, any fees paid, the name of the pension agency or group transferred from (if applicable), the date of death, the date the Bureau was notified, the former roll number, and 'home.' On the reverse side of the form appears the name of the veteran, his certificate number, and the record of the individual payments. The army and navy widow's cards are similar to the invalids' cards with the addition of the widow's name and occasionally information regarding payments made to minors, but they do not indicate if the veteran had a disability.

For a list of records by surnames currently published in this collection, select the [Browse](#).

Citation for This Collection

The following citation refers to the original source of the information published in FamilySearch.org Historical Record collections. Sources include the author, custodian, publisher and archive for the original records.

"United States, Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933." Index and Images. *FamilySearch*. <http://FamilySearch.org> : accessed 2013. Citing NARA microfilm publication M850. Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

A full bibliographic record is available in the [Family History Library Catalog](#). [Suggested citation format for a record in this collection](#).

Record Content

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Army Widow (Front)

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Navy Widow (Front)

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Army Widow (Back)

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Navy Widow (Back)

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Army Invalid (Front)

Front of U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card for Charles A. Howles, Army Invalid. The card includes fields for name, rank, service dates, and pension details. It is dated 1927.

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Army Dependent (Front)

Front of U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card for Anderson, Army Dependent. The card includes fields for name, rank, service dates, and pension details. It is dated 1922.

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Army Invalid (Back)

Back of U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card for Charles A. Howles, Army Invalid. The back contains a detailed table of pension payments and a 'DEAD' stamp.

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Army Dependent (Back)

Back of U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card for Anderson, Army Dependent. The back contains a detailed table of pension payments and a 'FATHER' stamp.

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Navy Invalid (Front)

Front of U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card for Powell, Navy Invalid. The card includes fields for name, rank, service dates, and pension details. It is dated 1907.

U. S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card—Navy Invalid (Back)

Back of U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card for Powell, Navy Invalid. The back contains a detailed table of pension payments.

Key genealogical facts found in the collection are listed below:

- Name of pensioner
- Name of veteran
- Veteran's military unit
- Commencement date of pension
- Certificate number
- Veteran's death date
- Veteran's "home"
- Name of widow (only on widows cards)

Additional information about the contents of these cards is available in the Wiki Article: [Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933](#).

How to Use the Record

Fill in the requested information in the initial search page. This search will return a list of possible matches. Compare the information about the ancestors in the list to what you already know about your ancestors to determine if this is the correct family or person. You may need to compare the information about more than one person to find your ancestor.

To search the collection image by image you will need to follow this series of links:

⇒Select "Browse" link on the initial search page

⇒Select the "Surname range" category which takes you to the images.

Look at the images one by one comparing the information with what you already know about your ancestors to determine which one is your ancestor. You may need to compare the information about more than one person to make this determination.

Using the Information

Use pension payment cards to discover information about the veteran's military service, i.e. his unit, the dates of service, etc., information regarding the veteran's family, his place of residence, and any disabilities he may have had. The cards can lead to other military service records, and provide clues for further research on the veteran's family.

General Information About These Records

In 1907 the Bureau of Pensions and Veterans Administration began recording payments of pension with a card system. Pensions were granted to army invalids, army widows, navy invalids and navy widows. The nearly 2 million 5x8 cards are arranged alphabetically by the surname of the veteran or widow. In 1923 payments were changed from monthly to quarterly. Payments that extended through this period were recorded on a second card.

This collection covers the years from 1907 to 1933.

The payment cards were created as a method for the government to keep track of the pensions being distributed.

The information in these cards is generally reliable.

Related Websites [National Archives and Records Administration](#)

Related Wiki Articles

- [Union Pension Records](#)
- [US Military Pension Records](#)
- [Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933](#) (This detailed wiki article has an index of the cards)

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Send 'Query' to Editor, The Genie Bug, NCIGS, PO Box 237, Mason City, IA 50402.

Monthly Meetings are on 2nd Saturday - please check for meeting Locations!

- 11 May 2013 - - Mason City Room, Mason City Library
- 8 June 2013 - - Clear Lake Public Library, Clear Lake, IA
- 13 July 2013 - - Clausen Museum & Carriage House, Clear Lake, IA
- 10 Aug 2013 - - Genealogy 101: Getting Started

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Bob & Julie Abendschein Sara Aldrich
 - Thelma Allen, Nathan Clark

Let's reach out and share our insight and knowledge to encourage others.

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FINDING LOST CEMETERIES - published in RootsWeb Review: 27 January 2008, Vol. 11, No. 9

* Last week, Pat Bell recommended asking local fire departments and mail carriers for information on finding local cemeteries. Don't forget to also contact the local funeral home. When I asked a local funeral director about the cemetery where one of my ancestors was buried, not only did he know exactly where this very rural burial ground was located, he took us there. We would never have found it on our own. *Phyllis Leatherwood*

*I once searched for a lost cemetery in a small Connecticut community. My method was to visit the local coffee shop at breakfast time. All the "regulars" noticed me and spent time wondering who the stranger was. Towards the end of my meal I asked the waitress if she had ever heard of the cemetery or knew anyone who might have knowledge of it. Without hesitation she approached the regular crowd with the answer they sought ("Who is that guy?"), and the question I had. Within seconds I had half-a-dozen friends, the way to the cemetery, and the history of how the surrounding land developed. *Jay Powell*

*Another method while looking for "lost" cemeteries is to ask the road graders. They know the roads and sometimes the cemeteries too - it worked for me in South Dakota. *Maureen Henderson*

*Here's another suggestion for finding "lost" cemeteries: Utility companies that must string aerial or underground lines often know more than others. In West Virginia I knew a general location of a cemetery, but the local gas company gave me the exact location. *By John Roose. Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

*Our town - Canterbury, New Hampshire - takes care of all the cemeteries in town, including the little ones located on farms. Other towns may do the same, so people seeking a small family cemetery should check with town officials. The local historical society often also has a cemetery list, so make sure to check the local societies as well. *Virginia Laplante*