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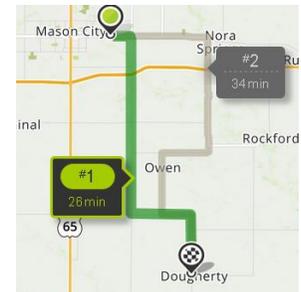
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CALENDAR



April 13 - (1:30 p.m.) – Road Trip to Dougherty, Iowa. We will be visiting the former St. Patrick's Catholic Church complex, which includes the 142-year-old church and cemetery, the rectory, the former parochial school and other buildings. The local non-profit organization S.T.P.A.T.S. acquired the property when the church was closed by the Archdiocese of Dubuque in July 2012. The site is currently used as a community center, for weddings & other festivities and as a museum to display photos, town information and artifacts. The residing nuns will offer a program on the history of the facility, the town of Dougherty and the local area. Refreshments will be served by the S.T.P.A.T.S. with a donation basket provided.



April 13 – Alternate choice. *Iowa Genealogical Society - Spring Conference 2019* Location: IGS, Des Moines IA. Speaker: Tina Beard. Tina is owner of Tamarack Genealogy and is also a Genealogy/Local History Librarian at a mid-sized Chicagoland public library. Tina lectures extensively on topics including genealogical methodology, military research and archival preservation. Session topics include: Courthouse Finds; Internet Archive for the Family Historian; Rediscover Your WWI Soldier's Experience; and Unlocking the Treasures within Midwest Archives and Repositories. Early Registration deadline is April 9. **If you are interested in attending and want to share a ride, let us know and we'll connect people who plan to attend. Carpooling long distance!**



April 27- 1-4 p.m. Open House. We hope! The NEW AND FINAL DATE FOR THE OPEN HOUSE will be SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1-4 p.m. For the people who volunteered to assist in the set up and during the open house, we decided for everyone to show up at noon on the 27th, so no need to come in on the Friday before. Refreshments can be delivered during the week or on the day of the open house. Help with clean up afterward would be appreciated.

May 8 – 11. The upcoming NGS 2019 Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri. That's just down the road from us! The Conference will offer a great and expansive program. More than 150 lectures will be presented by many nationally recognized speakers, the exhibit hall will be filled with more than 80 exhibitors, and you will be able to network with more than 2,000 genealogists. ALERT - early bird registration ends March 19th. It isn't often this national conference is so close to us, so you might want to take advantage of the proximity.



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

It's Saturday and as I look out my window I see a picture post-card (a virtual "Winter Wonder Land") of overnight snow and frost stuck on every tree, it's an awesome sight! The streets and sidewalk are like driving and walking through a tunnel of snow. I ask myself when will winter be over; it's time for some relief.



The Planet has shown us its beauty and devastation over the last few months. I can think of no other place that I can apply so many descriptive words. It is a truly remarkable place, but it's time for spring. We have cancelled two "Open Houses" and in hindsight we should have waited till spring. Put your treats on hold better weather is ahead.

I would like to thank Steve Lames, Kurt Quam, and David Yarrow, for their time in installing the internet cable and connecting the printers and computers. Thanks to them, our patrons can connect wirelessly to the internet with a good strong signal in the Genealogy Room. They were kind enough to donate their time. If you know them, thank them.

I believe we need to look beyond our nose and into the future for a permanent home. How long we can stay at this wonderful location is unknown. I would like some input!

I would also like input into future programs and possible speakers. If anyone has some thoughts on this subject, please let us know. If you would like to contribute your knowledge and time to do a program, we would welcome you to do that.

The Worth County Development Grant has been submitted by the Schillings and we should hear the results by the end of April. I am hopeful this will produce the things we need for our society to function at a professional level.

See you all at the next meeting!

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Periodical Review: Family Tree Magazine March/April 2019.

Having just arrived in the mail, I was interested in looking at the updated State Guide for Iowa genealogy research appearing in this issue of the Family Tree Magazine. If you haven't already looked at the following web sites, you might give them a glance. Iowa Digital Library (digital.lib.uiowa.edu), Iowa Documents (kinyon.com/iowa), Iowa Heritage Digital Collection (iowaheritage.org), etc. Also in this issue is a good comparison of the eight most useful genealogy websites on the Internet. Come to the library and look for our new periodical display rack. You'll find this issue (and others) displayed.

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Librarian's Update

The NCIGS Library is located on the 2nd floor of the Masonic Temple in Mason City (75 S. Georgia, Mason City, Iowa 50401). Enter the building, using the west entrance, the elevator is to the right of the stairway. The NCIGS Library is open M/W/F, 9 a.m. – noon; 1- 4 p.m.; SAT by appointment). **It should be noted, at the present time, Rod Hungerford is usually there from 9 a.m. to closing on most days, except Sundays.**

Library Committee Members: Joan Bartel, Linda Faridi, Kay Mestad, Dorothy Paul, Sandra Turner. **Library Volunteers:** Linda Faridi, Kay Mestad, Carolyn Anderson, LeNore Forbes, Gwen Miller, Rod Hungerford, Mark Suby, Mary Lou Galindo, Beth Enright, and Sandra Turner. **Beth Enright is a new volunteer assigned to work on Research Requests.**

In this report, I have tried to capture most of the work that has been completed at our new location, so it would be documented in the NCIGS Archives. If I missed something, please let me know. Thanks to all who helped, encouraged, provided money, work, ideas, etc. We can all be so proud of what has been accomplished.

The Library Committee met to discuss placement of furnishings within the new facility and review arrangement of the collection. It was decided reorganizing some parts of the collection and their storage concerns could be delayed until the shelf reading project kicks off later in the year. It was felt we needed to "live in our space" for a while. It was also felt, while monies are available for expenses entailed due to relocation, some items might be procured through grants. So the general feeling was to remain flexible.

1. Considerable time was spent discussing the TS (Technical Services) area, with many good ideas offered. After more precise measurements were taken and a lot of time spent in researching various possibilities, the semi-final design of the 12' x 15' room is to have three volunteer work stations (two for the south wall and one for the west wall). Two of the work stations were purchased from Menard's for a total of \$269.98; funds from the Relocation Fund were used. Mark Suby & crew picked them up and put them together, saving significant money. A two section range of shelving donated by the Clear Lake Public Library was placed next to the doorway to the storage area, allowing access from both sides. This shelving will be a combination of shelving and open space (to allow for box storage). The east wall has a small table for coffee/tea items & the two 2-drawer filing cabinets.
2. The two microfilm cabinets were placed within the Reference Room. One of these cabinets contains a small number of microfilms. We will leave the microfilm in place at this time, but later in the year, when we begin the annual shelf reading, we will check to see how many of these films have been digitized and remove whatever films are now searchable on line. Rather than going to the expense of purchasing and maintaining a microfilm reader/printer, if a person needs to read our microfilm, they will be allowed to check out the film by leaving I.D., such as a driver's license, and read the film at either the MCPL or at the Mason City Church of the Latter Day Saints Library. Arrangements would need to be made in advance. The Mason City Globe Gazette microfilm is owned and housed at the MCPL, so access to those records is the responsibility of the researcher, although we would be happy to assist in making access arrangements for the researcher. Beyond the two drawers of microfilm, the rest of these cabinets mostly contain supplies. During the Library Committee meeting, alternate storage possibilities were briefly



discussed; we decided to leave the storage issue until later in the year. The storage solution will be considered a relocation expense and costs for whatever solution is determined will come from that financial source or through the grant process, unless a small amount of money is involved and can come from the library budget.

3. Attention then turned to the map collection, which is currently housed in the SE corner of the Reference Room, within a filing cabinet donated by Pam Little. Since the yellow microfilm cabinet previously used for storing the maps was MCPL property, it is no longer available. Pam's filing cabinet isn't as wide as a regular map case, so the Library Committee will need to evaluate the current map storage situation. Any changes or costs for map storage will be considered a relocation expense. The need for a large flat surface to read these maps was discussed. There is ample room next to Pam's filing cabinet for a table. We decided the 5 foot table Rod had purchased would fit very well in this space. Kay Mestad donated a bar stool so people will be able to sit when they want to study the maps.
4. Linda Faridi inventoried the Plat Map Collection in 2018. There are some aspects of that project that remain to be completed. The expense for relabeling the boxes will be taken from the 2019 library budget. However, after this project is completed we hope to expand the Plat Map Collection to include copies of plat maps not in our collection that are held at the extension office. That expense would need to be addressed when such an addition to the collection is undertaken.

5. Rod Hungerford purchased another 6' table which was placed in the center of the library. Many thanks to Rod for this contribution. It should be noted Rod also purchased one of the new wheeled chairs. The other 14 wheeled chairs were purchased with the Relocation Fund Account at a cost of \$898.66.
6. Next, the committee discussed the magazine display area. We were never able to properly display our periodicals at MCPL, so this will be a new feature in our facility. A 20 space periodical display stand has been purchased from the Relocation Fund Account, at a cost of \$59.45. The card catalog has been



placed toward the front of the Reference Room. Mark Suby has offered to build a wheeled base for the card catalog, which is very heavy. This will make it easier to vacuum around the cabinet. Mark also donated a vacuum, since we are now responsible for the cleaning of our site. The reference desk was donated by Pam Little.

7. We will continue to explore possible donations of furniture & fixtures. The North Iowa Area Community College and other businesses and individuals have furniture they would be willing to donate to our society. We are in need of a small round metal table, small

storage cabinets, a couple of comfortable, cushioned reading chairs, a side table to go with them, etc.

8. Access to the Internet has been explored in a variety of ways. It was determined that, at this time, we will utilize the Internet access provided (at no charge) by the Masonic Association. Kurt Quam and Mark Suby have completed the necessary Internet wiring. Kurt very kindly did this work at no charge. Two router points were installed. Mark Suby donated a router & the necessary wire. David Yarrow, donating his time, completed the networking and computer set-ups on March 1st. Costs for supplies (totaling \$132.94) were paid from the Relocation Fund Account. Thanks to all for the donations of materials and labor.
9. Chuck & Donna Schilling completed and forwarded the WCDA grant. We should be notified of the WCDA decision sometime in April. A variety of items for the operation of the library have been included such as a book truck, computer software & equipment, etc.
10. Two keys to the library have been provided to the society. One key will be kept by Rod Hungerford. The other key will be secured in a lock box attached to the west entrance to the building. The code for the lock box will be issued to Mark Suby, Sandra Turner, Rod Hungerford, Kay Mestad, Linda Faridi, Carolyn Anderson and Larry Paul. Expenses for the lock box and installation were approved and will be taken from the Relocation Fund Account.
11. The Board approved purchasing new business cards at a cost of \$10.69. This is considered a Relocation Fund Account expense.

12. The expense involved in signage for the Reference and TS rooms will be considered a Relocation Fund Account expense, but will not be undertaken until the collection has been shelf read and the arrangement of the materials complete. A NCIGS sign has been posted at the west entrance of the building.
13. Of course, the most dramatic change to the Reference Room was the installation of the library shelving donated by the Clear Lake Public Library; transported and assembled by Mark Suby & crew. The success of the library shelving project was due to the many volunteers who packed & unpacked the collection and the other items we own. Considering the Librarian was on sick leave for much of this time, Rod Hungerford stepped into the role of coordinator with ease and commitment. Everyone can take great pride in a job well done.
14. Many issues remain to be resolved: Rod's outreach program, how to arrange the computers for researcher use, hours the library will be open, an inventory system for all our new "stuff", etc., but each day it seems we accomplish something to improve our service and library appearance.



NCIGS Refreshment Donation List 2019

Each monthly meeting, we need about 4 dozen cookies or bars. Rod Hungerford always provides a couple of dozen, so we need one more volunteer to provide the other 2 dozen each month. Will you please contribute? We always have the picnic in July and no meeting in December, so we won't need cookies or bars for those two months. Contact Lenore Forbes to get on the list:

lforbes@myomnitel.com OR call 641-749-5505 OR sign up using the sign up form at the monthly meetings. Thanks.

Membership Renewal

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, it's time to do so. Warning: this is the last issue of THE BUG you will receive if you don't renew your membership and you won't get my e-mail updates on society activities! We'd miss you, so please send in that renewal. The membership application is available on page 8 of this issue. If you are feeling generous, additional support beyond the \$12 membership fee would be appreciated. We'll have added annual expenses from now on. Thank you.

Benefits of membership

- Receive the North Central Iowa Genealogical Society quarterly newsletter
- Receive discounted rates on research done by society researchers
- Receive free or discounted admission to workshops
- Be eligible to vote for society officers or run for an office
- Receive help, support and friendship from fellow members and knowledgeable staff
- Learn research skills and "insider" information from our experts
- Receive notification of upcoming classes and local, state and national events
- Receive networking opportunities, participate in fundraising and special projects

February 27, 2019 - The British National Archives in association with the Office for National



Statistics (ONS) has awarded leading British & Irish family history website Findmypast the contract to digitize and publish the 1921 Census online.

This announcement is one of the most anticipated British family history developments since the online publication of the 1939 Register. The census will be published online in January 2022. Taken on the 19th June 1921, the census consists of more than 28,000 bound volumes of original household returns containing detailed information on close to 38 million individuals. It provides greater detail than any previous census. Release of this information is all the more important because there are no surviving censuses for the next two decades until 1951.

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REMEMBERING -



Joyce Hopp died January 13th. She was a devoted volunteer for the genealogy library for many years. Always willing to help out, in whatever capacity, she will be missed. Dennis L. Bryant died February 26th. Dennis was very active in Lion's Club and the board of the Kinney Pioneer Museum and a supporter of NCIGS. He had a deep interest in his family history and liked finding interesting facts of his family past.



Note: If you are aware of a member or supporter of our society who has passed, please e-mail us the details, so we don't miss honoring them. Thanks.



Hitting the Highlights



New location Details: See the February Library Report contained in this edition of the newsletter.

Budget: Mary Suby conducted and approved the 2018

audit. The 2019 proposed budget has been developed and distributed. The board approved establishing a Rental Fund; any non-designated donations will go into this fund. The rent will be due the 1st of November of each year.

Website: Jay Lehmann recommended and the board approved using WORD PRESS for our website. This enhancement would allow people to utilize devices other than a computer to access stored information. Jay reported the website update and the Clear Lake Mirror obituaries are now completed.

Publicity: Sharlene Stoddard noted the Mason City Globe Gazette will no longer offer FREE announcements for non-profit organizations. If we want to have our activities noted in the MCGG, we will need to pay. Fortunately, no other news organizations have discontinued their FREE promotion of organizational activities.

Open House: **Due to inclement weather reports, the Open House was neither held on February 23rd nor March 2nd. NEW AND FINAL DATE FOR OPEN HOUSE IS SATURDAY APRIL 27TH 1-4 p.m. For the people who volunteered to assist in the set up and during the open house, we decided for everyone to show up at noon on the 27th, so no need to come in on the Friday before. Refreshments can be delivered during the week or on the day of the open house.**

NCIGS Financial Report
Jan. 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018

Income	Amount	Expenses	Amount
2018 Dues (23)	276.00	Genie Bug (only 3 issues)	187.49
2018 Dues prior to 2018 (42)	504.00	Library	52.95
2019 Dues (32)	384.00	PO Box Rent	70.00
2020 Dues (3)	36.00	Web Host & Domain	<u>147.63</u>
2021 Dues (1)	12.00	Total Budgeted Expenses*	458.07
2022 Dues (1)	12.00		
Basket Donations	91.00	Transferred to Restricted	
Copies	208.25	2019 Dues (32)	384.00
Donations - Individuals	239.25	2020 Dues (3)	36.00
- Thrivent Ins.	263.00	2021 Dues (1)	12.00
Interest	3.69	2022 Dues (1)	12.00
Memorial	50.00	Thrivent Ins. Donation	115.37
Research Fees	185.60	Equipment Fund (2017-18)	470.00
Equipment Replace (from 2017)	<u>235.00</u>	Memorial Money	50.00
Total Budgeted Income	2,499.79	Remaining 2018 Funds to savings	<u>962.35</u>
		Total Transferred	2,041.72
Relocation Donations	9,174.00	Relocation Expenses	
Total Income	11,673.79	Clear Lake Library	2.00
		Name Banner	40.00
		1 Year Rent for Masonic Temple	<u>1,200.00</u>
		Total Relocation Expenses	1,242.00
Restricted Funds as of 12/31/2018			
2019 Dues (36)	432.00	Transferred to Relocation Acct.	7,932.00
2020 Dues (3)	36.00		
2021 Dues (1)	12.00		
2022 Dues (1)	12.00	Total spent/moved from Budget Acct	11,673.79
Equipment Replace Fund (2017-18)	470.00		
Memorial Fund	145.00		
Thrivent Donations for Website	115.37		
Savings	<u>5,330.58</u>		
Total Restricted	6,552.95		
Relocation Fund	<u>7,932.00</u>		
Checking Account Balance	14,484.95		

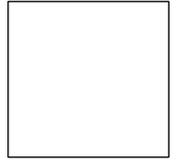
*Due to circumstances very little money was spent this year

OFFICERS for 2019:

- * *President: Mark Suby* *mcsuby@hotmail.com*
- * *Vice-President: Rod Hungerford* *hungerfordrodneym@gmail.com*
- * *Secretary: Larry Paul* *pontiacfan36@hotmail.com*
- * *Treasurer: Carol Tinkey* *tinkeycarol@gmail.com*
- * *Research Chair: Vacant (Rod Hungerford & Beth Enright are currently providing this service.)*
- * *Librarian: Sandra Turner* *ncigso@gmail.com*
- * *Publicity Chair: Sharlene Stoddard* *worthgen@mchsi.com*
- * *Website Chair: Jay Lehmann* *jay@ncigs.org*
- * *Membership Chair: Vacant*
- * *Hospitality – LeNore Forbes* *lfrobes@myomnitel.com*

Also vacant is Editor of THE GENIE BUG. Linda Muth will assist with the editing & proofing of the newsletter.

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Reminder: 2019 dues need to be received NOW!
NCIGS Membership Application

Per household dues are \$12.00 per calendar year (Jan-Dec). New member dues paid after October 1 will extend through the next year. Annual membership includes: quarterly newsletter with one free query, monthly meetings, support and friendship of like-minded folk, opportunity to participate in a variety of projects and use of the NCIGS Library. In addition to my membership, I would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$ _____.

I am interested in volunteering as follows: Library Website Membership Programming Refreshments
 Grant Writing Other: _____
 New Membership or Renewal Today's Date _____

Name _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Newsletter to be sent via: E-mail or Postal Service

Amount Enclosed: Cash \$ _____ or Check \$ _____

Mail application and monies to: North Central Iowa Genealogical Society, Box 237, Mason City, IA 50402-0237