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Calendar

Monthly Meetings of NCIGS
 First Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
 Mason City Board Room
 Mason City Public Library,
 225 2nd St. SE, Mason City, Iowa

Any questions regarding NCIGS meetings should be addressed to Program Chair, Christine Kingston. Christine's Mason City phone number is 1-641-494-7723.

REMINDERS: Starting July 2011, our monthly meetings will be on the 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. Refreshments may be purchased in the Commons area of the library.

May 7 A demonstration of Family Research Sites will be offered by the Obituary Committee. Business Meeting.

June 4 TBA Business Meeting.

July 9 TBA. Business Meeting

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RESOURCES



A smart genealogist was once asked, "Which resource is the best?"

And the answer was, "The one with the information I need."

A message from President Jay Lehmann

We have finished another winter in Iowa! As the birds return, the trees leaf out and the flowers bloom, it seems a good time to begin anticipating new genealogical adventures. Let's all set some goals for things we want to accomplish in the coming months. It doesn't have to be huge achievements, but something that is important to you as a researcher.

You might want to better organize your files. You might visit that cemetery you've been meaning to search. You might want to travel to resources beyond our area, such as Des Moines, Iowa City, or Salt Lake.

You might want to attend the NCIGS library training classes or join the Obit Committee's efforts. Maybe you already have achieved your goal by watching the NBC series, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Whatever your goal(s), achieving them will require commitment and time, but the rewards for you will make the effort worthwhile.

We, as a society, have achieved a rather significant goal in that the library is now settled into *its* new location, with the shelving restructured and additional shelving installed. If you haven't visited the library for a while, stop in and see how great it looks.

And, if you see a member of the MCPL staff or board, thank them for providing us with such a great space and for making us feel so welcome. We look forward to many more years of cooperative growth between NCIGS and MCPL.

Jay Lehmann
2009-2011 NCIGS President
president@ncigs.org

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c. NCIGS, 2011

A message from the Librarian

Library Hours

The Mason City Public Library is open *MIT/WITH* 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 the library is staffed M/W/F 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-4 p.m.

Library Location

Mason City Public Library, 1st floor
225 2nd St. SE, Mason City Iowa

March/April Accomplishments

In March 108 persons signed our register; volunteer hours totaled 157 hours; collection usage is not tracked at this time.

MOVE -We are now completely moved into our new room. The restructuring of the shelving and installation of two new sections of shelving was completed a couple of weeks ago. Many people have worked hard over the past two+ years to move the collection numerous times. A big thank you is extended to all of them.

RESEARCHERS AND VISITORS- We continue to have a lot of people stopping in, some stimulated by the NBC series WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?; some because we are the "new" kids on the block, having moved from upstairs to downstairs; some simply from curiosity and some to do research.

FOCUS: DISASTER AWARENESS

WORKSHOP - The Librarian is registered to attend this workshop scheduled for April 8 from 1-3 p.m. at Clear Lake Public Library.

NCIGS LIBRARY TRAINING- The training sessions were scheduled for April 7 & 9 (The NCIGS Library and It's Contents) and April 21 & 23 (Search Strategies for Genealogy). These workshops were PowerPoint presentations, using our new PowerPoint software. Response by members was very good. It is expected a third workshop on each topic will be needed to accommodate everyone that wants to attend.

Danced and Yelled With Indians; Divorce Wanted

*-Copy provided by Jeanette Anderson from the
Mason City Globe Gazette 4 June 1921.*

Fort Dodge. June 4 --Indiscreet actions, based chiefly upon her participation in an Indian war dance in which she whooped and yelled with the braves and danced the dance of a squaw, were hurled at the plaintiff in the hearing for a separate maintenance brought by Mrs. Annie Collins vs. James P. Collins which closed in district court late Thursday.

On the witness stand Collins denied charges brought by his wife, who claimed that he was stricken with the wanderlust and that he stayed away from home as long as fifteen years at a time.

Grounds for refusing Mrs. Collins' petition for a separate maintenance were based on her actions during an Indian war dance that was staged on the Collins farm near Clare about fifteen years ago.

Indians who were encamped on an Indian holiday on the farm started a celebration, the major part of which was an Indian war dance.

"Mrs. Collins," Collins said "liked the tum tum of the drums and the whooping of the braves and squaws and at once proceeded to join them in the dance."

She, according to Collins' testimony, danced the dance as the Indian squaws did, emitting loud whoops at various times to add to the reality of the dance.

Collins is the owner of more than 800 acres of land valued at approximately \$125,000.

Mathison Butcher Shop by Margaret Mathison Romeo

-LeNore Nelson Forbes suggested her column include articles appearing in the centennial publication Crystal Lake, Iowa 1898-1998. Our thanks to Marlene Bushman, Crystal Lake History Book Committee, for granting reprint permission.

Ole Mathison operated a butcher shop in 1917. He built his shop with living quarters on the second floor. Some people felt sorry for us because we had to live upstairs. True, the summer heat was stifling under the flat roof. but people took uncomfortable temperatures for granted in those days. Summer was hot and winter was cold. That's the way the world was made.

We liked living upstairs. My father liked being close to his work. My mother liked the ready supply of ice for her icebox. My sister and I could go down to see Papa whenever we wanted to.

It was also convenient for the customers. All they had to do any time of the night, on Sundays or on holidays, was climb the stairs, knock on the door and my father would open the shop and sell them what they wanted, on credit if they lacked the cash.



Crystal Lake had about three hundred people. There was no city water system and no electricity. The nearest doctor, dentist and library were ten muddy

miles away.

On Saturday nights, all the farmers brought their families to town and all the stores stayed open. The butcher shop was the last to close. After they traded their eggs for groceries, tried on hats and shoes, ate ice cream cones and visited with friends, they packed their children in the car and came to buy their meat. They had to wait that long. Meat didn't keep.

Saturday was a long day for Papa - early morning until midnight. On Sundays, he opened up for an hour before church and any other time that someone got un-expected guests or decided to have a wiener roast by the lake.

I remember the front shop with its counter, cash register, two heavy meat blocks, one round and one square and the sawdust on the floor. I remember the flat laundry stove in the back room Papa used for heating water and boiling fat rings of bologna.

I'll never forget the icebox. It was such a contrast to the refrigeration of today. Made of varnished wood with small, glass doors, it looked like a built-in cupboard.

Around the corner was the walk-in door. It was a foot thick and hard to open. I was never allowed inside, but when Papa went in, I could feel the delicious blast of cold air and get a glimpse of the quarters of beef hanging on hooks along the walls. Like the kitchen iceboxes of that time, it was cooled by real ice in a chamber on top. Unlike the kitchen icebox, it held a wagon load of ice instead of one cake. Water from the melting ice ran into a cistern and was piped to the shop's back room and up to our kitchen sink. There were no facets to turn on; only small, people powered pumps.

After the hardest freeze of the winter, men with horse-drawn bobsleds would bring load after load of ice from the lake to fill our ice house.

Ice was put into the shop icebox through a small door opening onto the alley – a process known as "icing up." Papa would back his Model T truck up to the icehouse, load it with ice, and park under the door of the icebox. There was a small platform under the door. It must have been at least eight feet above the ground. With huge tongs, he would hoist each cake of ice up to the platform, then scramble up and push it in. It must have been back-breaking work for him.

It was fun for us. We like to suck on the slivers of ice that dropped in the alley, to put them in our drinking water or in our lemonade and down each others' necks.

My father's business was strictly a one-man operation. Before he left the shop to ice up, salt hides or go to the farm to butcher, he would cut a supply of chops, steaks and roasts for my mother to sell. Bacon, ham, wieners, and lunch meats came from the packing house in Mason City. Everything else he produced himself. He drove his Model T truck with all the necessary equipment to neighboring farms to butcher cattle and hogs. He did all the skinning, cutting and grinding himself. People came from all the towns around to buy his sausage and bologna. It was common knowledge that Ole's bologna never got cold. It was always sold and eaten before it had a chance to cool off.

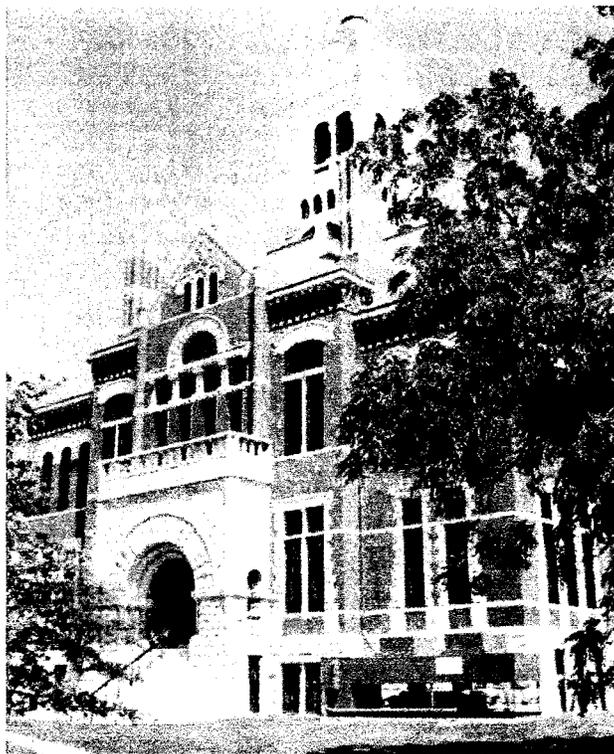


I do have happy memories of that time, but I am not a nostalgia buff. I'm glad, although our sausage is less tasty and our bologna gets cold, that the time is past when a butcher had to lug heavy blocks of ice and heavier quarters of beef and work from dawn to midnight every Saturday.

LDS Family History Center Update

..By Mike Gibson, Director

Mike Gibson suggests you call him prior to your visit to the library. Mike's phone number is Mason City, 641-423 8255. Usually library hours are: Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Address: 1309 S. Kentucky Avenue, Mason City.



Resources in the NCI.GS Area- Franklin County

-Continued from the February 2011 issue of The Genie Bug. Information provided by Marian Sanders Smith, the-late Burnie Greimann, Connie Meyer and Dolores Bennington with a lot of additional help from a variety of individuals and organizations.

We continue the series of articles featuring selected resources from each of the nine counties which make up our area of responsibility. Additions, suggestions and corrections are encouraged and welcomed.

Franklin County Historical Museum (con't)

School yearbooks: Ackley, Ackley-Geneva, Hansell, Latimer, Franklin Community, CAL, Hampton, Geneva, Chapin, Sheffield. Township School Records: Richland, Ross, West Fork, Ingham, Mott, Washington, Reeve, Geneva, Osceola, Grant, Oakland, Lee, Marion, Scott, Morgan, Hamilton. Franklin County "County" School Records 1859-1948.

Bound newspapers: Hampton Chronicle: 1930-1932; 1938-2004; Hampton Times 1942, 1979, 1984-1999; Franklin County Recorder 1914-1929.

The museum has a locked room with files and one-of-a-kind books, as well as a copy machine. If

anyone would like to research these items, they need to call ahead to be sure someone with a key will be there.

School Records: Richland, Ross, West Fork, Ingham, Mott, Washington, Reeve, Geneva, Osceola, Grant, Oakland, Lee, Marion, Scott, Morgan, Hamilton. Franklin County "County" School Records 1859-1948.

Franklin County Historical Society

P.O. Box 114, Hampton, IA 50441

Phone: 641-456-5777

M 2-4 p.m.; T 9 a.m.-noon; 1-4 p.m.; W-F 1-4 p.m.

For genealogical collection holdings see Franklin County Historical Museum.

Hampton Public Library

4 Federal Street South, Hampton, IA 50441

Phone: 641-456-4451 Fax: 641-456-2377

hplibrary@mchsi.com

M/Th 10 a.m.-5:30p.m.; T/W 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; F/Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

A sampling of the holdings of the collection includes: microfilm of all U.S. & Iowa Census containing information on Franklin County area; 1880 farm census; extensive cemetery records for cemeteries in Franklin County. These records are kept current. Also available is the WPA Franklin County cemetery records in card format.

Microfilm of Franklin County newspapers as follows: Hampton Chronicle 1876-2003; Hampton Times 1940-2001; Hampton Globe 1890-1913; Franklin Reporter 1868-1869-1873; Franklin Recorder 1859-1862; portions of 1872; 1873-1879; Franklin County Recorder: 1880-1891; 1884-1930; Hampton Free Press 1870-1888; Hampton Daily Record 1880; Latimer Star: 1901-1918; Latimer Advertiser 1935-1942; Dumont Journal 1870-1880; 1974; German newspaper published at Breda Iowa, East Freisland obituaries 1884-1951;

Microfilm of Franklin County Marriage Records: 1855; 1876-1891; 1889; 1891; 1902; 1905; 1912; 1925; Birth Index 1880, 1915, 1937; Death Index 1880-1904, 1906-1921, 1941; Franklin County Old Age Assistance tax records, 1930s (gives names of parents, where born); Naturalization Records 1914-1929.

Published items include an extensive collection of plat books and farm directories, local and county histories, school yearbooks,

general genealogy books, etc.

Unpublished items include family histories and charts; area DAR records and other specialized documents.

For many years the genealogical society has compiled obituaries primarily from Hampton and Iowa Falls newspapers. Copies of the obituaries are maintain in an alphabetical card format. In addition, a card file of children death records are available.

Sheffield Public Library

123 S. 3rd St., PO Box 616

Sheffield, IA 50475-0616

Phone: 641-892-4717 Fax: 641-892-4248

<http://www.sheffield.lib.ia.us>

M 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; T-F 1:30-6:30 p.m.;

Sat 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sheffield Public Library has very little genealogical or historical materials. They have some school year books, newspaper microfilm, and some videos and booklets.

Funeral Homes in Franklin County

Ackley

Linns Funeral Home

903 Cerro Gordo Street, Ackley, Iowa 50601

Phone: 641-847-2569

Sietsema Funeral Home

510 10th Avenue, Ackley, Iowa 50601

Phone: 641-847-2333

Dows

Elledge Funeral Home

100 North Lee Street, Dows, Iowa 50771

Phone: 515 852-4134

Hampton

Sietsema & Vogel Funeral Home

306 Central Avenue E., Hampton, Iowa 50441

Phone: 641 456-3232; Fax: 641 456-5247

E-mail: office@sietsemavogelfuneralhomes.com

Latimer

Willim-Ewing Dugger Funeral Home

320 East Street, Latimer, IA 50452

Phone: 641 579-6278

Sietsema & Vogel Funeral Home
 303 South Donovan Street, Latimer, Iowa 50452
 Phone: 641 579-6413
 Sheffield
 Retz Grarup Funeral Home
 203 Maple St, Sheffield, IA 50475
 Phone: 641 892-4241

First Christian – Hampton
 First Congregational (U.C.C.)- Hampton
 First Reformed Church – Alexander
 First United Methodist - Sheffield
 Geneva United Methodist – Geneva
 Gospel Hall -Hampton
 Grace Baptist Church - Sheffield Hampton
 United Methodist - Hampton Hansell-West
 Fork United Methodist Church
 Hansell
 Immanuel United Church of Christ - Latimer
 Lee Center Church-rural Lee Twp
 Lighthouse of Life – Hampton
 Lutheran Dows
 Lutheran Church of the Living Word-Hampton
 Morgan Church (Methodist)-rural Dows
 Nazareth Lutheran Church (Danish) - Coulter
 Neighborhood Bible- Hampton

Churches of Franklin County

Abundant Life Chapel Dows
 Ackley United Methodist Ackley
 Bennezette Wesleyan – rural Aredale
 Blake's Grove Chapel - Closed
 Calvary Assembly Church- Closed
 Church of Christ-Hampton
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints -
 Hampton
 Church of the Living Word, LCMC - Hampton
 Faith Baptist Church- Hampton

Welcome to New Members (to March 31, 2011)			
Anderson, Robert	1109 S. 35th Avenue	Omaha, NE 68105	402-510-7875
Frackman, Roger P.	3641 sr,innaker Dr.	Anorage, AK 99516-8622	907-345-8622
Francis, Mark W, Sr.	4112" NW	Mason City, IA 50401	
Iverson, Nacy	16970 Whitewood Av	Prior Lake, MN 55372-8113	612-747-1630
Jensen, Arnold	15692 Lake Av	Mason City, IA 50401	
Jorgen,James	410 1st SE, Apt 2	Mason City, IA 50401	641-424-2860
Kuntz, Marsha	1116 470 th St.	St. Ansgar, IA 50472	641-736-4445
Lorenz, Andrea H.	109 Alder Lake Road	Manitoush Waters, WI 54545	715-543-2712
Peterson, Marjorie	1033 19th SW, Apt 4	Mason City, IA 50401	641-423-5028

Membership Application

Membership includes: monthly programs, quarterly newsletter, and free query.
 Membership dues are \$10.00 for a calendar year (January through December).

Name ----- **Telephone** -----
 Address ----- **County** -----
 City _____ Street _____ Box _____ Zip _____
 Optional: E-mail address _____ Fax _____
 Amount enclosed _____ Cash _____ or Check _____ Today's date _____

Note: If you wish to receive your membership card in the mail, you must furnish a SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope) or include postage. Give to attendant or mail to: North Central Iowa Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 237, Mason City, IA 50402-0237

Facts Contained in Population Schedules: U.S. Federal Census, 1870-1930

based on a fact sheet provided by the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan
(Most federal census records for 1890 burned in 1921.)

	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930
Name and Address							
Name of individual; age or age range	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Street name and house number		***	***	***	***	***	***
Dwelling and family numbers							***
Family Origins	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930
Relationship to head of household		***	***	***	***	***	***
Month of birth, if born within the year	***	***		***			
Birthplace; sex; color/race	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Marital status		***	***	***	***	***	***
Age at first marriage							***
Whether married within the year	month:	***	***			-	
Number of years in present marriage				***	***		
Number of children born during year				***	***		
Number of living children, if a mother		-	***	***	***		
Birthplaces of father and mother		***	***	***	***	***	***
Whether father or mother of foreign birth	***	***	***	***	***		
Education & Health	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930
Mother tongue / language before came to U.S.					***	***	***
Whether able to speak English			***	***	***	***	***
Whether able to read/write; attended school/college	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Whether temporarily or permanently disabled		***				-	
Whether suffering from acute or chronic disease			***				
Whether crippled, maimed, or deformed		***	***				
Whether deaf, dumb, blind, or insane	***	***	***		***		
Welfare & Occupation	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930
Occupation/Industry	***		***	***	***	***	***
If employer/wage earner/self-employed; employed now		***	***	***	***		***
Time unemployed during the census year		***	***	***	***		
Value of personal estate	***						
Value of real estate or monthly rent	***						***
Own or rent; if home/farm free of mortgage			***	***	***	***	***
If live on a farm; if own a radio							***
Whether a pauper; convict; prisoner or homeless child			***				
Whether a veteran, which war							***
Whether a soldier, sailor, or marine in the Civil War (USA or CSA). or a widow of one			***	***	***		
Residency and Citizenship	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930
Number of years in the United States			***	***	***	***	year
Naturalized or alien; papers taken out			***	***	***	year	***
Male citizens by age group; over 21 unable to vote	***						

Iowa was part of the Missouri Territory from 1812-1821. Between 1824-1834 Iowa was unorganized territory. Iowa was part of the Wisconsin Territory between 1836-1838. A Sac & Fox Indian Census was taken in 1847. The 1890 Federal Census records for Iowa were completely destroyed by fire, including the special Veterans and Widows Census.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Bylaws being updated

Ruth Umbarger and Randy Opheim are joining forces to update the bylaws of the society to better reflect its current operation. After some discussion, it was suggested the membership be solicited for their input. A few changes are presented here to begin the dialogue.

- *As increasing the membership should be a priority to keep the society vibrant, it may be better to elect a membership secretary for the committee and add the position to the Executive Board. This will keep this important task in the forefront on the society.*
- *At the Budget Committee is made up of the Executive Board, it may be more efficient to have the Treasurer recommend a budget for the Executive Board's consideration and eliminate the Budget Committee.*
- *It doesn't take a committee to audit the Society's financial records. It may be more appropriate to appoint a competent person and detail what the audit should include.*
- *Under the standing rules, the Surname Index could be deleted as it isn't being kept current. Also, the meeting place should be updated to reflect the library's renovations.*
- *After Jim Rogers' presentation on posting obituaries on the website, the Publication Committee's description could be more definitive of the responsibilities. Ruth and Randy would like input from the current committee members on this.*

Copies of the By-Laws may be obtained from our website www.ncigs.org or check the file folder in the library entitled By-Laws. The file folder is in the bottom drawer of our file cabinet. If any member wants to give Randy and Ruth feedback on these ideas or other changes they think are needed, please email them to rumb@net.cop.x.net or ropheim@q1masoncity.net. Your thoughts and ideas will be greatly appreciated. Together we can improve the bylaws and make the Society stronger. Thanks for your help.