

CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter February 2020

MARCH 26, 1 PM, NEXT MEETING

The program will be given by Carolyn DeLay. You may recall that Carolyn DeLay has given a presentation about Amelia Bloomer. To prepare, Carolyn did a great deal of research about suffrage and the 19th amendment. She will be giving a presentation at the March meeting

BORROW JANUARY PROGRAM

Would you like to see the program presented at the January meeting? Perhaps you belong to a group looking for a program. The Atlantic Historical Society did a survey of the town to identify and photograph houses and other buildings with significant history and style. The resulting set of slides was narrated by Wally Roscoe. Franklin H. Whitney Questers found a way to combine voice and pictures to produce a DVD. It is available for loan from Cass County Genealogical Society. To make a request use casscgs@gmail.com

FASHION 1910 AND 1920

Do you have some old family photos? Are they labeled with dates? If not, their clothing could give you some clues. The changes between 1910 and 1920 seem to me to be quite drastic. The fashionable silhouette in the early 20th century was with full low chest and curvy hips. The "health corset" of this period removed pressure from the abdomen and created an S-curve silhouette. Blouses and dresses were full in front and puffed into a "pigeon breast" over the narrow waist, Necklines were supported by very high boned collars. (see picture) Skirts brushed the floor.

The 1920s brought freedom from corsets and long skirts. Bobbed hair made life easier, too.



MORE ABOUT 19TH AMENDMENT House of Representatives approved the amendment on May 21, 1919 and the Senate on June 4, 1919. Finally on August 18, 1920 it was ratified by a sufficient number of states (36 which was Tennessee) to be formally adopted into the Constitution.

What about the other states? When was the last ratification passed? Surprise your friends with this information: Mississippi was the last state to ratify in March 1984! Most states not ratifying had actually rejected the amendment but managed to get it passed between 1941 and 1984.

Seventeen states gave women the right to vote before 1920. Wyoming was the first as a territory in 1890.

This March, Black History Month, the U.S. will see the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 15th Amendment enabling African American men to vote. Though enfranchisement regardless of race was declared the law of the land, many would go on to endure harassment, intimidation, and state poll taxes just to make their voices heard at the polls—and it would be another 50 years before African American women would be able to vote.

Note from Mary

Who was Dale N. Anderson and why did he call the genealogy room often with questions? Dale was born January 6, 1925 in Atlantic to Virt Anderson and Lucille Gilbert Anderson. He is not listed on the 1925 Iowa State census. Dale attended school in Atlantic and graduated from the Atlantic High School. Dale would call the genealogy room with questions like...I'm wondering what my telephone number was when I was a kid at home, or can you tell me what happened to the Hot Shot Quarter Back that went on to play for University of Iowa? Maybe the question might have been what was the name of the person who owned a particular business and was it located on Poplar Street or Walnut Street? He always had a story to share, many times it was the same one he had told each time he had called before. Did I become short with him sometimes, yes I did but I always found the information he was looking for. I was sorry to see in the Atlantic Telegraph that he had passed away January 19, 2020 in Topeka KS where he had lived for many years. The write up in the Telegraph didn't mention he was a veteran or had played sports in high school. It didn't say anything about having a wife or what he had chosen for a career. I am grateful I had the opportunity to be of service to Dale N. Anderson and that he was still interested in his youth and home town. Thank you for your service Dale.

Anderson, Dale N. Registration

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
 (Also for the registration of men as they reach the 16th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1925)

1. NAME (First) **DALE** **NORMAN** **ANDERSON** ORDER NUMBER **1182**

2. PLACE OF BIRTH (City) **ATLANTIC** **WASS** **IOWA**

3. MARRIED (Yes or No) **SAME**

4. TELEPHONE **ATLANTIC** **18** **ATLANTIC**

5. DATE OF BIRTH **JANUARY 6** **1925** **IOWA**

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KEEP YOUR RECORDS **VIRT ANDERSON** **405 MAPLE ST.** **ATLANTIC, IOWA**

7. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS **SOUTHWEST**

8. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS **NONE**

9. OTHER (If any) I HAVE FURNISHED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? If you don't know and have not done DNA it could give you hints. I have done DNA through ancestry.com and 23 and me. I am 100% European and pasty white. My husband's family were of Danish descent. My grandchildren's fathers' family were also Danish. My grandson's DNA shows he has a small percent of Nigerian in his DNA. I have connected with a woman of color and it seems we share a common ancestor 8 generations ago. I was rather excited about that as I cannot prove any lineage beyond my 7th generation grandfather. Some people say he was born in England and came to VA indentured to an Uncle around 1759 as a nine year old. Others say he was born in VA. No proof of either and the Uncle has never been identified. This could help solve the question, or not. She and I have shared family names and I cannot find one we have in common back that far.

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 Do you ever go on and on to anyone who will listen about research you do? Well I do. There is always something for me to talk about. Recently I was getting a massage and telling my "gal" about some research I was doing for someone word for word and how frustrating it was. Her comment to me was "You sound like a plot from AS THE WORLD TURNS IN GENEALOGY".

President Abraham Lincoln was in town on Sunday February 16, 2020 to visit with Atlantic Citizens. The meeting was held at the old armory. He told us about his youth and his education and also spoke to us about the War and how it progressed. One hundred twenty eight visitors were in attendance. Slices of Abolition Cake were served with coffee. During the time of the Underground Railroad slices of this cake were sold and the funds given to help support the Underground Railroad.