



# In Times Past



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### Upcoming Events:

Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday of each month at  
1:00 PM.

Summer Cass County Genealogy Society  
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## Letter from the President

Spring is really having a struggle getting here this year. The cool, rainy weather and windy days make it hard to believe that June is almost here.

We have had interesting programs at our monthly meetings. In March we watched the Orphan Train video about the children who came to Iowa to find new homes with Midwest families. In April Carolyn DeLay gave a program on using Ancestry.com looking up information on family history. Many tips were given for getting the most benefit from the site. In May we plan to go to the Lorah Cemetery to decorate the veteran's graves.

One thing I have learned, which has been a great benefit in finding new or additional information on a branch of the family tree, is to include a family member's siblings when you know their names. Often a descendant of a sibling will have information to fill in for your

ancestor through their relationship in your family line. On "My Heritage" a family tree is built as you add information. You can print reports and charts and add information as you find new data. There is a sync/match feature which allows you to compare your information with another contributor and contact them by email. Since I am fairly new at more intense research, I am sure this will not be news to many genealogists. There is always something new to learn about locations and resources.

We have excellent help in the genealogy office. Mary Hoegh and Linda Herman do a great job and always seem to know just where to go to help with a search. Volunteers have been busy in the genealogy room the last few months. We have had visitors from the following states: Lenexa KS, Lincoln NE, Clive IA, Omaha NE, and Toddville IA as well as some from our local area. Some of the surnames being researched are: Smith, Waters,

Malone and Misner, Williams and Lyons, Richards, Chester, Dewitt and Grinnell. We have also had people in the genealogy room who were researching the Browning Literary Society, Civil War Soldiers and Albertson Dry Cleaners.

A family history commemorating 160 years of the Ruch family in America (2014 – compiled by Judy Killion Weber) has been donated to the genealogy library. It includes allied lines: Dreuter, Schafer and Mehlmann.

If you plan to visit the CCGS in the future, please either call us first at 712-243-5466 ext. 3 to make sure a volunteer will be available to help with your research, or email us at [casscgs@yahoo.com](mailto:casscgs@yahoo.com) with your request.

Happy researching, and stop in for a visit with our office volunteers!  
Linda Marek, President

## CCGS places flags on Veteran's graves at Lorah Cemetery

On Thursday, May 21, the CCGS went to lunch at Mel's Diner in Brayton. After lunch everyone met at the Lorah Cemetery to place flags and coins on the graves of veterans to honor them. The Lorah/Pymosa Cemetery land was deeded to township trustees in 1856 by James Mayhew and James Brinkerhoff. The first white death in Pymosa Township was a small daughter of James Brinkerhoff. She was first buried in the family yard, but her body was moved to the cemetery once it was established. The last burial in this cemetery is believed to be Frederick Stuteleberg in 1935. Unfortunately, the cemetery records were destroyed in a fire

at the trustee's home. After that last burial, the cemetery was neglected for many years and plum brush had grown up all over the place. Hogs had gotten in and rooted out gravestones. In the 1950's the 4-H clubs, in cooperation with the township trustees, took over the cemetery care with the clubs receiving tax funds for cemetery maintenance. The 1985 Cemetery walk indicated there were many unmarked graves. Unfortunately there are now many more. The cemetery currently appears very well-maintained. It is neatly mowed and generally well-kept. However, time and the elements have taken their toll. Some

markers recorded in that walk can no longer be found. One corner of the cemetery contains a pile of broken gravestones and gravestone parts.



Cynthia Sievers, far right, showing how to use some of the "witching rods" to, left to right, Carolyn Key, Linda Marek, Norma Miller, Lavonne and Eblon. Many open spaces were "Witched" with positive results.

## Who do You Think I am?



Have you ever found an old picture and wondered who it was? You turn it over and no name. You try to find out who it is because it is driving you crazy. This is especially difficult when it is a very old picture and you know it is not your family. We have recently been in possession of some of these very photographs.

The photo this month is a country school picture from the Vera (Keasey) Aldag Jipp Collection, submitted by LaVonne Aldag.

Vera (Keasey) Aldag Jipp was born in Wiota January 26, 1907 and died in Boone IA on August 24, 2005. Her mother, Bertha Myrtle Whited may be in the above picture. She was the daughter of Noman & Sarah (Smith)

Whited and was born October 5, 1877 in Polk Twp. Shelby Co. IA. She married Elmer Keasey in 1900 and died Nov. 5, 1969 in Atlantic. She lived in Wiota from ca: 1884/5 until she moved to Atlantic ca: 1929/30.

Good luck this time identifying the If you have any of these photographs, think about submitting them to the Cass County Genealogical Society. We will put them into our new column of the newsletter with the hopes that someone will recognize and identify them.

after her father died in 2004. She dug up her father's grave in a scene a prosecutor compared to an Edgar Allan Poe story. She wanted to find her father's "real will" but found only vodka and cigarettes. The woman has been sentenced to 1 ½ to three years in prison.

Details may be found in the Washington Post at <http://goo.gl/3aDI2o>.

It is a macabre story at best. However, I have to ask one question: why were there vodka and cigarettes in the casket?



### Woman sentenced for Digging up Father's grave for Real Will

Apparently the probate court did not satisfy this woman's belief that she was shorted in her share of the inheritance

## Happenings 100 years ago in Cass County, 1915



### PERSONAL MENTION

T. H. Whitney and Fred L. Warren have gone to Minnesota on a business trip.

There will be an ice cream social at the Methodist church Friday evening, for everybody. Price, 10 cents.

Joe Brown and wife of Randolph, Neb., arrived last evening for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown.

Chas. Peasley, who is now working for the Burroughs adding machine (company, out of the Omaha office was in the city yesterday looking after

business • for the company. Charley was formerly employed in the Atlantic National Bank here.

**You can always buy good coal at the Green Bay Lumber Co.**

**Dr. B. K. Williams, Dentist, in Fulton Building, Fifth and Chestnut**

Price's Canning Compound and Clark, The Rexall store. Insure your property now against fire, lightning, hail and windstorm. L. R. Nelson, 4th and Chestnut Street.

**Dr. W. C. -Beers, Dentist, in new Fulton Building. Phone**

**Green 45.**

**If you want help or want a Job, use the free employment bureau of the Atlantic Commercial Club. ; Phone 476. . A**

**A number of applications now on file.**

**News taken from the Atlantic News Telegraph Thursday, July 22, 1915.**

## In Days Gone By

### Atlantic, a city of smokestacks.

That is one of the dreams of those who labor for the up building of the good old town and her institutions, a dream which bids fair to become a reality.

But, while the city has not more factories of various kinds that one can count, she has a number of very good and very beneficial industries, and the men behind them are not only contributing materially to the prosperity of the city by the money they pay out in their business, but in every instance they are men whose time and talents are ever at the disposal of the city and whose hands are always in their pockets, where the good of Atlantic is concerned.

### WHAT ATLANTIC HAS

5,000 Population.  
 Five Miles of Brick and Asphalt Paving.  
 A Complete Sewer System.  
 Splendid Water System, Municipally Owned.  
 More Typewriters Than Any Town of 5,000 Population in the Country.  
 The Best Volunteer Fire Department in the State, and a Modern Hose Wagon Drawn by Splendid Team.  
 Over a Quarter of a Million Dollars Invested In Automobiles in Its Territory.  
 The Largest Corn Cannery in the World. Municipal Light and Power Four Lines of Railroad.  
 An Electrolier Lighting System.  
 Two Million Dollars of Bank Deposits and a Determination to Do It.

### WHAT SHE IS DOING

Successfully and Profitably Operating Her Own Water and Electric Utilities.  
 Encouraging Home Enterprises in Every Possible Manner.  
 Giving Encouragement to Every Worthy Enterprise Seeking a New Location.

Atlantic wants more factories. She is prepared to offer then advantages in the shape of good shipping facilities, freedom from labor troubles, coal at a reasonable price and power at a reasonable rate. That she will get them is evident from the friendly letters and expressions of favorable impressions of the town, from those who seek locations and have inquired as to this city as a place to operate.

From: *Industrial Edition, published by Atlantic News Telegraph, Atlantic, Iowa, 1913*



Atlantic Fire Team and Wagon No. 1, circa 1909. Photo postcard contributed by Pam Fratus, October 2009, from her grandmother's collection.



According to the "History of Atlantic, 1868-1968" published by the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce for the Atlantic Centennial (pg. 50), "The Atlantic Canning factory was built in 1882 by Messrs. S. F. Martin, J. A. McWaid and R. D. Wilkin. It shortly became a leading industry employing 75 to 100 workers in season." "J. W. Cuykendall bought half interest in the firm in 1897 and later bought out his partners."

## Ancestry.com

At the April meeting of the CCGS Carolyn DeLay presented a live internet based power point program on ancestry.com. The program can't be reproduced here, but a few pointers from it can be shared.

In addition to its flagship site, Ancestry.com operates Archives.com, Fold3.com, ProGenealogists, 1000memories.com, newspapers.com, Genealogy.com, MyFamily.com, and Rootsweb.com. findagrave.com, and Family Tree Maker software developed and marketed by the company is advertised as "the #1 selling family history software". Ancestry.com also offers DNA testing for a more in-depth look at your ancestors.

### Why Start a Family Tree?

Starting a family tree on Ancestry.com is one of the best ways to get ahead in your research. Family trees help you organize your research, find new leads, and connect with other researchers. And best of all, they're totally free.

### Getting Started

Not sure where to start your family history journey? Check out our First Steps series of online classes. They'll teach you what you need to know to get the most from Ancestry.com.

[First Steps #1: Getting Started on Ancestry.com](#)

[First Steps #2: Tips for Successful Searches](#)

FirstSteps #3: Now What? How to Use Your

### Discoveries to Make Your Next

You've got the basics, but what's next? These articles will give you some tips that go beyond the basics and will help you grow your tree.

[Census Search Secrets](#)

[Four Ways to Make Ancestry.com Work for You](#)

[Family Tree Maker: TreeSync](#)

[Member Connect](#)

[Searching for Common Surnames](#)

- [13 Sources for Birth Information](#)

If this interests you, give ancestry.com a try or check out other programs available. The Atlantic Public Library has a library edition of ancestry.com that you can use on site for

## Tips

Have you utilized records from the National Archives in your genealogical search? Federal records of military service and benefits, homestead records, land patents, land warrants, and other items held at the National Archives may hold the answer to your genealogical mysteries, such as:

Land Warrant Applications, United States Consular Registration Certificates, A Homestead Application that includes a naturalization, Migration documented in a homestead application

These plus many more resources can be found at:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/>

**If you have a genealogy tip that you would like to share with others in the newsletter, please contact the CCGS, or email [cdelay\\_68164@yahoo.com](mailto:cdelay_68164@yahoo.com)**

## Atlantic's Graduates --- 1892

Taken from the Cass County Iowa GenWeb Project

### 1893

( WHITE ) CALLOWAY, Mae ..... Atlantic, Iowa.

CAVENAUGH, Harry .... Atlantic, Ia. .... Citizens' Savs. Bank.

DALY, Marguerite, Atlantic, Iowa.

DICKERSON, Helen O. . Cedar Falls, Iowa .... Student.

EVERITT, Ella ..... Atlantic, Iowa.

GRIEST, Mayme R. .... Omaha, Nebraska .... Teacher.

HARLAN, Roy . Barnum, WY

HEDGES, Clarence .... Atlantic, Iowa .... Liveryman.

( HENSHAW ) GREENLEAF, Bessie ..... Massena, Iowa.

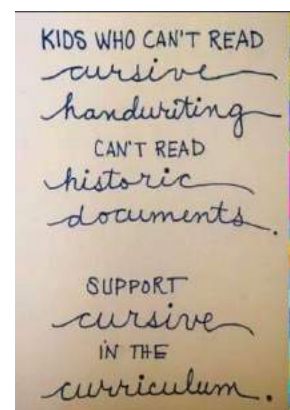
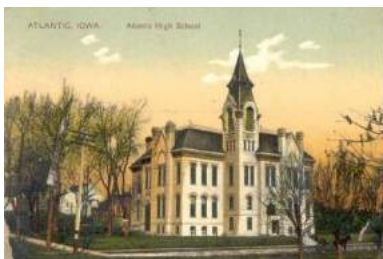
LOUIS, Ed ..... Iowa City, Iowa .... Student.

( RINEHART ) BALL, Cora ..... Stuart, Iowa.

SMITH, Everette ..... Atlantic, Iowa.

WHITNEY, Thomas .... Atlantic, Iowa .... Citizens' Savs. Bank.

WALKER, Nellie .... Atlantic, Iowa.



*“Genealogists never die, they just lose their roots”.*

### WARNING!!!

**GENEALOGY POX:** very contagious to adults. Symptoms: continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at the mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides phone bills from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange,

faraway look in eyes.

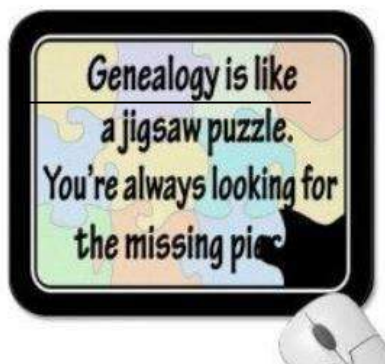
### NO KNOWN CURE!!!

**TREATMENT:** Medication is useless. Disease is not brutal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in their house where he/she can be alone.

**REMARKS:** The disease is unusual in that the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it!



Thanks go to everyone for submitting articles for the newsletter. All your help is greatly appreciated. Carolyn DeLay.



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 Thank You Tack Kuzinorm  
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## FamilySearch Adds More Than 9.8 Million Indexed Records and Images

FamilySearch has added to its collections more than 9.8 million indexed records and images for Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Jamaica, Peru, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the United States. Notable collection updates include 2,983,594 indexed records from the [Croatia, Church Books, 1516–1994](#) collection; 57,446 indexed records and 1,785,969 images from the [Jamaica, Civil Registration, 1880–1999](#) collection; and 1,087,758 indexed records from the [Costa Rica Civil Registration, 1860–1975](#)

collection. See the table below for the full list of updates. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at [FamilySearch.org](#). Searchable historic records are made available on [FamilySearch.org](#) through the help of thousands of volunteers from around the world. These volunteers transcribe (index) information from digital copies of handwritten records to make them easily searchable online. More volunteers are needed

(particularly those who can read foreign languages) to keep pace with the large number of digital images being published online at FamilySearch.org. Learn more about volunteering to help provide free access to the world's historic genealogical records online at [FamilySearch.org](#).

*FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church*

*of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources for free at [FamilySearch.org](#) or through more than 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.*

### **Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb**

A transcription for Wiota/Franklin Lutheran Cemetery has been recently added to Cass IAGenweb and can be accessed via "What's New" or the main cemetery page. Many thanks to Carolyn DeLay, Mary Hoegh and the Cass County Genealogical Society for this great contribution! Coming soon, also courtesy of Carolyn and the CCGS, a transcription and map of Brighton/Marne Cemetery! Additional selections from the 1913 Industrial Edition should also be online soon.

#### **OVERVIEW OF IAGENWEB**

IAGenweb is comprised of

99 individual County Projects and 9 Special Projects: 1) Iowa Civil War Project; 2) Iowa Gravestone Photo Project (GPP); 3) Iowa State Census Project; 4) Iowa Family Group Sheets Project; 5) Iowa Old Press Project; 6) Iowa WPA Gravestones Registration Survey; 7) Iowa in The Great War; 8) Iowa in WWII; and the 9)Iowa History Project and its sub-project, the Iowa Orphan Train Riders. If you haven't visited the various Special Project websites recently, spend some time browsing through them! The Special Projects are organized by special topic, and contain records/data for ALL

counties. For example, Iowa Old Press contains 1890's-1944 Scrapbook of Cass County news clippings, and Iowa in the Great War contains records of many Cass County soldiers. Be sure to check out ALL the Special Projects - there's sure to be something of interest to everyone!

#### **JOIN OUR TEAM**

IAGenweb is made possible through the efforts of volunteers from all around the country: contributors, transcribers, committee members, technical team members, and county and project coordinators. There are opportunities to help for

For anyone who would like to contribute. Check the IAGenweb Volunteer Primer for further info (<http://iagenweb.org/state/primer.htm>). Contributions are always welcome!

Cheryl Siebrass maintains the Cass Co. web pages, and also serves as IAGenweb County Coordinator for the neighboring counties of Audubon and Shelby. Cheryl can be contacted at: [casscocoordinator@comcast.net](mailto:casscocoordinator@comcast.net)



## CCGS Military Veterans Project

Cass County Genealogical Society (CCGS) members are updating records for military veterans buried in Cass County cemeteries. The project will help individuals searching for Cass County ancestors. In addition, it will serve as a reminder that the burial sites of those who served and fought for our country deserve respect.

Since its beginning, CCGS members have walked cemeteries to determine and document gravesite locations. Continuing that practice, Glenn Fleming, Carolyn DeLay, and Cynthia Sievers walk Cass cemeteries to verify locations of veterans' graves or find graves which have not been recorded. Sometimes they must remove leaves, grass, and soil to unearth buried grave markers. Graves that have not been recorded will be added to the information the Atlantic Library genealogy room has for veterans buried in all Cass cemeteries - including one veteran who served in the War of 1812.

To make it easier to find that information, Linda Herman, Mary Hoegh, and Carolyn Key have created Excel databases which sort the veterans

by name, war, and cemetery. In addition, they are indexing volumes of WWII veterans, which contain both the branch of service and also news clippings. Altogether there are over 3000 records for veteran information plus volumes for Lewis Civil War, WWI Cass County, and WWII. The Anita. Genealogy room books include information about WWII; Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska Civil War veterans; and Revolutionary War veterans buried in Iowa.

The military indexing project should be completed and submitted to the Cass County IAGenWeb Project site soon.

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### *A Trip into the Past*

How far can you trace your direct lineage into the past with documented proof? Have you started or do you all the things ready, but have never organized them? Norma Miller, Cass County Genealogy Society member, submitted a couple of articles illustrating this. A February 10, 1982 article of the ATN gave a tribute to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Frank H. Whitney. It stated that he had traced his family back to when a

John Whitney, who was born in 1589, brought his family to Massachusetts in 1635. Mr. Whitney had been a central figure in Cass County since 1865 until his death in 1896. It was at that time that the grandson of Mr. Whitney gave a \$150 donation to the Cass County Genealogical Society to honor its work and his grandfather. The grandson stated, "I wonder if other folks could be stimulated to use family milestone anniversaries to give funds to the society...Invitations to other families to contribute biographical items and funds for their preservation might be welcomed." The younger Whitney said he wished the society continued growth and success in helping people trace their sources and in developing records of lives of Cass County records.

In another article of October 29, 1983, issue of the ANT stating the Boseck family roots go back to Germany where C. W. Boseck I was born in 1819. In 1852 the family left Germany. They landed in Venezuela where they stayed until 1856. They came through New York going to relatives in Chicago. Family members fought in the Civil War from Illinois, survived the Chicago fire. In 1875 the Bosecks moved to Cass County farming near Griswold and then

moving into town. Copies of the Boseck History and their family reunions were donated to the Atlantic and Audubon libraries.

As you can see these articles were 40 years old. Surely we have stories that can equal or top these. If you have any stories from your family or others here in Cass County, please share them with the CCGS and we will share them with others. Let's further our genealogy work and help others get excited by a trip into the past.



**Have you come to a roadblock in doing family research? Can't find that side road that will get you back on track? Submit your queries to the newsletter or to one of the genealogy members for additional help. Sometimes a fresh set of eyes or new resources can work wonders in finding that "lost" piece of information. Email your question to "Query" at the CCGS or to the newsletter.**

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**Membership Dues: Jan.1- Dec. 31. Renewal is due January 1, 2015, which includes the quarterly newsletter. New memberships received after Oct. 1 will extend into the following year.**

# CCGS Research Request Form

Please fill out the form below with as much information that is known.

(Please print)

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIAGE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below the records that you are requesting.

Birth Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Death Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Marriage Record	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Naturalization Record (list year if known)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Obituary copy from newspaper (if available)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Other (History, Cemetery, Military, Ancestral records, etc.)	_____	\$5.00 each	_____

Records such as Probates and Wills, Land Records and Certified Copies of Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce may be obtained from the Cass County Recorder's Office <http://www.casscountyiowa.us/offices/recorder>. Information and application forms may be downloaded from this site

Sub-Total of Copy and Court House Records Request:

**ONE HOUR MINIMUM RESEARCH FEE (include on ALL orders)** \$10.00

TOTAL PAYMENT enclosed for research & all copies requested above: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

YOUR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(We will contact you with questions and/or to notify you that we are sending out your request)

Additional questions or other information:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cass County Genealogical Society, % Atlantic Carnegie Public Library 507 Poplar Street, Atlantic, Iowa 50022-1241. Phone: 712-243-5466

PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED LEGAL SIZED ENVELOPE.

(If your request entitles more than 3 pages, please include additional postage.)

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507 Poplar Street  
Atlantic, Iowa 50022-1241

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Membership Application    New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames being researched in Cass County \_\_\_\_\_