



# In Times Past



Winter Cass County Genealogy Society  
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## Library Hours:

Mon, Tue.: 9:00 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wed-Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sat.: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sun.: Closed

507 Poplar Street  
Atlantic, IA 50022

The Genealogical Society Room is open by volunteers. Library policy requires a Genealogical Society volunteer be present when the room is open. Arrangements may be made to assure a volunteer is present by calling the Library at 712-243-5466, or email us at [casscgs@gmail.com](mailto:casscgs@gmail.com) with your request.

## Officers:

President: Linda Marek  
Vice-president: Carolyn Key  
Treasurer: Mary Hoegh,  
ProTem  
Secretary: Linda Herman  
Newsletter: Carolyn DeLay

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## Upcoming Events:

Find Your Hidden Past, Feb, 8  
at 5:30 pm in the first floor meeting room.

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

## Letter from the President

It is surprising to realize that the two year term as president of the Cass County Genealogical Society which I accepted is coming to a close. This will be my last newsletter. At our November meeting the slate of officers for the 2017-2018 term was presented by the nominating committee and was elected unanimously. The new officers starting in January will be:

President - Mary Hoegh  
Vice President - Cindy Sievers  
Secretary - Beth Johnson  
Treasurer - Carolyn Key

Looking back, the amount of work accomplished and the equipment purchased in the past two years is impressive. The CCGS is fortunate to have very dedicated and hard-working volunteers, both in the office and "in the field". The programs are always interesting and educational.

In September Carolyn DeLay held a workshop on photographing and cleaning gravestones properly with a field trip to the Smith Cemetery near

Griswold for a hands-on demonstration. For the regular meeting we traveled to the Iowa Genealogical Society and the State Historical Building in Des Moines to learn what is available there for research.

At the October meeting, Carolyn DeLay presented a program on "Doing Research in Today's World with What You Have" from the Fall Conference of the Iowa Genealogical Society. D. Josh Taylor was the main speaker. Carolyn is the current Region 16 representative to the IGS from our region. Library Director, Natalie Strueker, presented plans for the new Memorial Garden to be located on the east side of the library. This is in the planning stage and looks like a beautiful addition to the library and the community.

The wonderful mild weather we enjoyed this fall has changed just in time to remind us that the holiday season is fast approaching and our thoughts can turn to Christmas and

all that it brings to each of us. It is hard to believe that many years ago the days seemed to go by so slowly as we anticipated family gatherings and Santa's visit. Time certainly has sped up over the years. All the beautiful lights and familiar carols can now be enjoyed even before Thanksgiving.

The CCGS was the beneficiary of bequests and donations which allowed us to purchase needed equipment and updates. We depend on contributions to continue working on all the projects and programs currently underway and those we hope to be able to do in the future. Please consider donations to the Cass County Genealogy Society to help preserve our heritage.

It has been a privilege to serve as president the past two years. Congratulations to the new officers and looking forward to another busy and rewarding year,

Linda Marek  
President

## Research in the Room

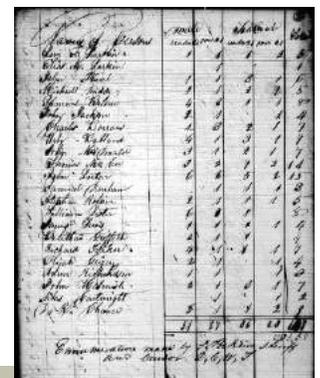
Since the last newsletter we have had visitors from Loveland, Co., Frisco Co., Kearney, NE., Griswold, Exira and Elk Horn sign into do research. Some of the names being researched are Bailey, Johnson, Kunze, Weppler, Ackerman, Berg, Rodgers, Nelson and Kaiser. Janis Fajen of Elk Horn has been researching the Atlantic Papers for information on

the Northern Railroad.

We are continuing to index our older obit files that are in the vertical file cabinets. Beginning with the June obits Linda Herman began indexing and scanning the obits directly into the computer. Anyone searching for an obit after June 1, 2016 it will not be found in the vertical file.

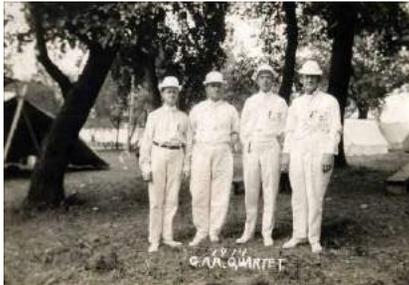
Mary and Linda

Sample 1836 Iowa Census from the Des Moines County of the Wisconsin Territory.



## Who do You Think I am? And Things That Are

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. No one identified the photo last month of the group of nurses. This month's photo is labelled "1914 G.A.R. Quartet." Could this be a barbershop vocal quartet? It comes from the photo album of an Anita family, but there is no further identification provided with it.



The photo also appears in the 1975 Centennial History Book of Anita. It has been contributed to the IAGenWeb by Dawn Wheat April, 2010, from the collection of her great grandmother, Ida Mae Petty Dilts McCord. Good luck this time identifying them. 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.

### ..... Christmas dinner at the Redwood!!!!

Thinking of having a nice steak dinner or perhaps an Iowa chop with a relish tray to snack on? Want to spend a relaxing evening with your genealogy friends? Then come to the Redwood Steakhouse in Anita on Friday night, December 9 at 5:00 pm. There will no special meal selections. You can order from menu as you like. Please call the genealogy office by Dec. 7, so we can give them an approximate number attending.



**The 1836 Census of Iowa from the Wisconsin Territorial Census of the counties of Dubuque and Des Moines which became the Iowa Territory.**

This 1836 census was the first census taken of the first settlements in what is now the state of Iowa. Dubuque and Des Moines counties were separated by a line drawn westward from the foot of Rock Island, Illinois, which cut through present day Muscatine county. To help determine the location of settler population in 1836, have a look at the [1840 Population Map](#). To further narrow-down the location, also see the [Indian Territory Accession Map](#) and accompanying text (above the map). From this information, it appears the majority of the population existed within the 1832 Black Hawk Purchase.

## Happenings 100 years ago in History, January, 1917

### Short Stories About Town

Lewis, Jan. 22 -

Mack Barnes lost a valuable cow last week; she got her neck broken.

Jim Williughby had one of his best horse kicked pretty badly Sunday morning.

Ernst Scharf shipped a load of hogs to Omaha Thursday.

Bill Schultz sold Jenkins and Stevens a car of hogs Wednesday for \$10.25 per hundred.

Ed Kunzes lambs brought

\$13.15 per hundred in Omaha last week.

Mrs. Henry Morton spent several days last week visiting in Griswold.

Art Walters is putting up a carpenter's shop on the L. C. Temple lot. He will go into the contracting business for himself this spring.

The ladies of the Christian Church in Griswold had a social at W. A. Latimer's 3 miles southeast of Lewis Friday night. Everybody had a fine time and a big crowd was in attendance.

Louie Burnside and Latimer

shipped 200 nice hogs to Omaha Wednesday.

Wm Mauk and son, Orville, were in Omaha on business Thursday.

Fred Wells and Carl Lane went to Briscoe to move some buildings down there.

H. L. Sampson of Atlantic was visiting in Lewis last Saturday.

Wm. Zike bought hay of George Roberts last Monday.

Mrs. C. Bridell was down town on Saturday, the first time since her sick spell.

**ANT, January 22, 1917**



## In Days Gone By

### Township History

Cass County is situated in the southwestern part of the State, being the second county east of the Missouri river, and the third north of the State of Missouri, and is bounded on the north by Shelby and Audubon, on the east by Adair, on the south by Adams and Montgomery, and on the west by Pottawattamie.

The county was first settled by the Mormons, who established a station at Indiantown, on the Salt Lake road. The first permanent settlers were W. S. Townsend, John O. Campbell, Jeremiah Bradshaw and Peter Hedges, the latter two still residents of

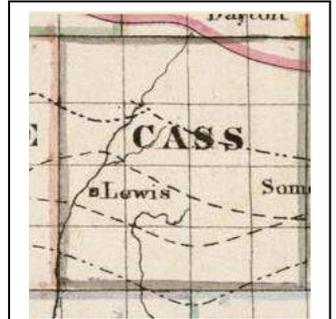
the county. It was declared organized by the State Legislature on and after the first Monday in March, A. D. 1853, and the first election was held on the first Monday of April of that year. The general surface is rolling, with fine bottom lands along the streams. The soil is well adapted to the growth of corn, spring wheat, oats and barley; tame grasses have grown well wherever tried.

There is a good supply of oak, walnut, cottonwood, maple and other kinds of timber, which is found in groves of from fifty to five hundred acres, and is well distributed throughout the county.

In the southern and western part of the county there are inexhaustible quarries of

limestone, and also of brown sandstone. In the immediate vicinity of Lewis, the county seat, both are abundant. The principal streams are the East Nishnabota River, Indian Creek, Turkey Creek, West Nodaway River, Troublesome creek and Seven Mile. Their general course is to the southwest. On these streams are several fine mill sites, although there is but one improved that is now in operation, the flouring and saw mill at Lewis. The county is divided into seven civil townships, viz.: Brighton, Cass, Edna, Lura, Pymosa, Turkey Grove and Union. The population in 1863 was eighteen hundred and twenty-three..

From the 1865 *Iowa State Gazeteer*, published by Bailey and Hair, Chicago, and as written by W. D. Waddell of Lewis.



1866 Diagram of the Public surveys in Iowa showing Cass County from the Department of the Interior. Note there is no Atlantic or a railroad going through the county. Only the roads and trails are marked. Only two main towns are mentioned at that time, Lewis, the county seat, and Grove City.

### Upcoming Programs and Things

#### FINND YOUR HIDDEN PAST!!!

Is there a Pilgrim, Pirate, Politician, Horse Thief, Cattle Rustler, or Explorer in your History? On Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 PM come to the Atlantic Public Library in the first floor meeting room and the Cass County Genealogical Society will show you the tools to get started on your Family History! Bring your own laptop or tablet and your family tree. Registration preferred. Call the APL, 712-243-5466, or register online.



Additional programs suggested for the next year include a trip to the Danish Museum in Elkhorn and DNA testing. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact the CCGS.

Remember:

**Genealogy is Going to take your whole life.**

**You will never finish it.**

**You will become obsessed with it.**

**D. Josh Taylor**

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**Reminder: Dues are due January for the upcoming year!!**

### Tips

#### BIRTH MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS:

**Birth date and location evidence.** Look for Bibles, church records and tombstones.

**Look at Poll Tax and Jury Lists.** May be evidence of legal age and if exempt, evidence of advanced age.

**Jr. and Sr. may not be related.** It could be a younger and an older man in the same area.

**Marriage records.** Witnesses and bondsman could be related to either party.

**Marriage evidence.** Look at land records. They may contain information about the spouse and children.

**Death records.** They may contain the name of the spouse.

**Death evidence.** Check for wills, guardianship records, letter of administration, probate records or final estate settlements and inventories. Check from the time of death to several years after.

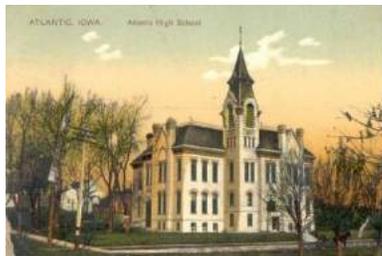
**Land records.** Use these to separate two persons of the same name in the same community.



**Death records.** They may

### Atlantic's Alumni --- 1899

Taken from the Cass County Iowa GenWeb Project



BALLARD, Frank ..... Winterset, Iowa.	Atlantic, Iowa. HARVEY, Fred ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Clerk.	McWAID, Myrle ..... Atlantic, Iowa. NEFF, Ada ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Teacher.
BELL, Winfred ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Teacher.	HARTSHORN, Edith ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Teacher.	OUR, Etta R. .... Atlantic, Iowa .... Teacher.
BRADBURY, Bessie ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Teacher.	(HEDGES) STRUT, Hattie ..... Denver, Colorado.	(PELLET) SAVERY, Olive ..... Atlantic, Iowa.
DALLAS, Dorothy ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Teacher.	JENSEN, Lena . Atlantic, Iowa.	SMITH, Ray ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Postal Clerk.
GLASS, Ethel ..... Atlantic, Iowa .... Teacher.	KOLB, Anna ..... Jacksonville, Iowa.	STANLEY, Mamie ..... Des Moines, Iowa .... Student
GILBERT, Oscar ..... Iowa City, Iowa.	MARVIN, Anna ..... Atlantic, Iowa.	
HARDING, Grace E. ....		

*Genealogists don't get Alzheimer's, they just lose their census.*

### Old Time Holiday Recipes

**1747 Plum Pudding**

Take a Pound of Suet cut in little Pieces, not too fine, a Pound of Currants, and a Pound of Raisins stone, eight Eggs, one half the Whites, the Crumb of a Penny-loaf grated fine, one half a Nutmeg grated, and a Tea Spoonful of beaten Ginger, a little Salt, a Pound of Flour, a Pint of Milk; beat the Eggs first, then one half the Milk, beat them together, and by degrees stir in the Flour and Bread together, then the suet, spice and Fruit, and as Milk as will mix it all well together and very thick; boil it five Hours..

From: Hannah Glass: *Art of Cookery Made Plain and*

*Simple*

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**Hot Port Wine Punch.**

Should a hot drink be desired, one may always depend upon the "hot port wine punch" that "The Only William" esteemed as the most appropriate of Christmas tipples. To prepare it mix a quart of claret with a quart of Rhine wine and two quarts of port wine, and put them over the fire, with two pounds of sugar. Let them heat slowly, for they must not be permitted to boil, and stir them sufficiently to assure the sugar being dissolved. When the mixture has

become very hot pour it into a tureen in which there shall be the juice of four lemons, and half a bottle of the best arrack; stir for a moment and serve. For a Christmas Eve or Christmas night party, no hot drink can be better.

From: *The New York Times*:  
December 15, 1907

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



## Recent Happenings

In September Donna Knight and Carolyn DeLay presented a workshop on Cleaning and Photographing Gravestones. They gave tips for photographing and cleaning gravestones, and also cover how to load the photos online to Iowa Gravestones and [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com). In the afternoon they went to the Smith Cemetery in Griswold for a hands-on demonstration and practice on some old gravestones. In the picture below they are relaxing before the presentation. Left to right: Connie Fenn, Linda Marek, Hillary Varness Rex, Lisa Varnes Rex, Mary Hoegh. Back Row Eric Gunderson and Donna Knight



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 New Region 16 Representative for the Iowa Genealogy Society, Carolyn DeLay, presented a program, "Doing Research in Today's World with What You Have," at the October meeting of the Cass County Genealogical Society. She shared some ideas presented by D. Josh Taylor at the recent Fall Conference in Des Moines of the Iowa Genealogy Conference and adapted for the local society. D. Josh Taylor is a nationally known and recognized author, lecturer, and researcher and a frequent speaker at family history events across the globe. He has been a featured genealogist on "Who Do You Think You Are?" At the present time Joshua can be seen taking

as a host on the popular PBS series "Genealogy Roadshow."



At the November meeting Librarian Natalie Strueker presented to the CCGS the plan for the new meorial garden to be plced on the East side of the Library. Plans are in the beginning stages. Monies are still being raised to finance the construction. In the photo below Linda Hermann, left, with Beth Johnson, right, join Natilie, center , at the CCGS meeting.



**Remember, if you need research done, please contact the CCGS via email or leave a phone message if no one is in the office.**



Don't forget to check us out on Facebook!!!!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/447580845313345/>

## Latest News from Cass County IAGenweb

Contributions to Cass County IAGenWeb over this past quarter include a number World War I news clipping transcriptions, the Albert T. Harris Family Bible Register, and many more family photos, obits, and marriage notices from the Malone extended family tree, all courtesy of Carl Malone and transcriber Eileen Reed.

Transcriptions of additional blocks from Evergreen Cemetery in Anita and a cemetery map were also added, courtesy of Carolyn

DeLay. An interesting 1883 newspaper article on "The Crooked Creek Gang" was contributed by Kathy Cardoza which documents the final days of two of western Iowa's most well-known desperadoes. Most recently complete transcriptions of the 1860 Federal Census records for Breckenridge, Brighton and Edna Townships were added. More 1860 census records and the remaining blocks of Evergreen Cemetery will be coming soon!

IAGenweb is made possible through the efforts of volunteers from all around the country: contributors, transcribers, committee members, technical team members, and coordinators. There are opportunities to help for anyone who would like to contribute. Check out the IAGenweb Volunteer Primer for further info (<http://iagenweb.org/state/primer.htm>) for further details. Contributions are always welcome!

IAGenWeb is now on Facebook! Please Like us! We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/iagenweb/>

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



**IGS Spring Technology Conference: April 8, 2017. IGS will host its eighth annual Spring Technology Conference on Saturday, April 8th.**

## **Back To Your Roots**



### **J H Fonkert CGSM**

For most of his career, Jay worked as a state government policy analyst — a kind of work that required research, analysis and problem-solving. After he heard a couple of accomplished genealogists talk about evidence analysis and methodology, he was hooked. He has since attended professional genealogy education institutes in Washington, D.C., Birmingham, Alabama, and Salt Lake City, and has learned from some of the best.

Jay's family history heritage reaches back to The Netherlands, Sweden and Germany. His wife's Irish, English, German, Norwegian and Swedish origins also keep him busy. But, his favorite family is Fawkner family of Indiana and Kentucky. The Fawkners are his window on fascinating early American history.

He remains active as past-president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and is a Director of the Association of Professional Genealogists (2010-2011).

Fee: Early Registration before March 31: (Includes Lunch)

Member \$55

Non-member \$75

The day-long conference includes the following topics:

Documenting the Immigration Trail: A Five-stage Approach

Finding Your Ancestors' European Origins: A 3-Step Strategy

Why Were They There?

Use All the Sources: A Complex Case of Confounded Identity

For more information contact the IGS- [www.iowagenealogy.org](http://www.iowagenealogy.org)

## **News from the Iowa Genealogy Society**

Life is busy and sometimes, it is hard to get to IGS to do research. Open Sunday is for Members Only. Join us on Sunday, December 19th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Not a member? You can join at the door.

**Save the Date!** The IGS 2017 Spring Conference featuring J. H. Fonkert (<http://fourgenerationsgenealogy.wordpress.com/>) will be Saturday, April 8, 2017. Go to [http://iowagenealogy.org/?page\\_id=246](http://iowagenealogy.org/?page_id=246) for more information.

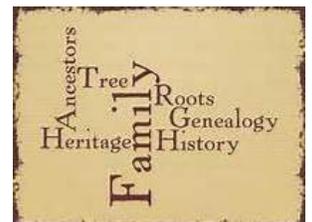
**Family Tree DNA is having their holiday sale.** Great time to buy gifts or one for yourself. <https://www.familytreedna.com/>.

**Do you need help tracing your Italians?** Our Italian Research volunteer is available the fourth Tuesday evening from 6

p.m. to 9 p.m. Stop in and get help with that Italian brick wall.

**The State Historical Society of Iowa is looking for volunteers to prepare probate cases for filming.** The job does not require standing. Contact Delpha Musgrave if you are interested. [delpha.musgrave@iowa.gov](mailto:delpha.musgrave@iowa.gov).

**Starting on January 4, 2017, the State Historical Library of Iowa will be open an additional day every week.** Both the Des Moines and Iowa City locations will be open Wednesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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# 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:

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

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

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Membership Dues: Jan.1-Dec. 31. Renewal due January 1

Membership dues are \$15 on Jan. 1 of each year, which includes the quarterly newsletter.

New memberships received after Oct. 1 will extend into the following year.

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

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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