

THE GENIE BUG

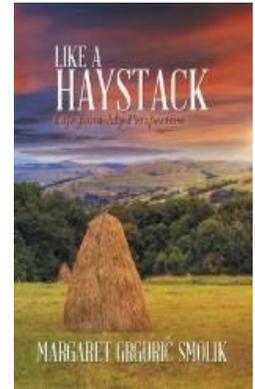
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March 14, 2105 at 1:30 pm Clear Lake Public Library.

Find out from personal experience the impact of WWII on a family. **Margaret Smolik**, Osage, IA shares her family's story as displaced persons during Hitler's War. They were forced to leave their farmland in Croatia and became refugees, living in refugee camps for a long time, and then settling in Austria. After seven years, they immigrated to the United States. This presentation gives a glimpse of every-day life in Croatia, Austria, and America in the mid-1900s, what it takes to survive war, cruelty, and suffering, and the tensions that result in adjusting to new cultures and values.



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April 11, 2015 at 1:30 pm Clear Lake Public Library.

Mary Carlson and **Sharlene Stoddard** from Northwood, IA will present a two part program on the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR: Preserving American History and How to Apply for DAR Membership. *These power point presentations will provide information about the DAR and the many ways they fulfill their goals of "promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through education."*

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Remember to WATCH this... *From roots in the Deep South to the slums of New Jersey, "Who Do You Think You Are?" follows the journeys of some of the most well-known names in American popular culture. Watch as celebrities discover unknown details about themselves and their families while researching their ancestry with the help of historians and genealogical experts.*

Tune into "Who Do You Think You Are?" starting Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 10/9c on TLC.... # 1 – Julie Chen, # 2 -Mar 15- Josh Groban, # 3- Mar 22- Angie Harmon, # 4- Mar 29 – Sean Hays, # 5- Apr 5- Tony Goldwyn, # 6- Apr 12- America Ferrera, # 7- Apr 19- Bill Paxton, # 8- Apr 26- Melissa Etheridge.

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NCIGS Board Update

Hello NCIGS members,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you who are reading the special, informative, Genie Bug a wonderful 2015. My 2015 wish for each of you, is finding that clue which will send your brick wall tumbling down. The club is starting a new year and members have elected me President to help give the club a helping hand this coming year.

As with any club, we have had our successes and challenge's in 2014. Just a few of the club's many accomplishment's this past year include, the library's accession notebook was digitized, copies of the Cerro Gordo naturalizations were completed, historical obituary indexing was completed, a grant was written, 18 additions to the were cataloged and incorporated into the library collection. One of our big challenges was finding a new meeting location after we left the Mason City Room. The new location had to be within our budget and have the necessary internet hook-up. For the present, meetings are being held at 1:30, the second Saturday of the month in the Clear Lake Public Library.

Thank you to retiring board members and a welcome to new members. As President, I will be a part of the North Central Iowa Genealogy Board. These are a group of dedicated, intelligent individuals, who will be working with me to make the club the very best it can be.

I look forward to seeing and greeting each of you at our 2015 meetings.

President, Dorothy Paul

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## 2015 Executive Board Members of the North Central Iowa Genealogical Society

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### Other 2015 NCIGS Volunteers:

Are the Library Committee, Membership Committee, Obituary Committee,  
Program Committee and Website Committee

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## FROM THE LIBRARIAN

*The NCIGS Library is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Mason City Public Library, 225 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Mason City, Iowa. The MCPL and the NCIGS Library are open M/T/W/TH 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 our library is staffed M/W/F 9 a.m. – noon; 1-4 p.m.*

*In 2014, 479 researchers signed our library's guest register. We welcomed 65 researchers from out-of-state or out-of-country. 321 of our researchers were non-members of our society. We had researchers come from Wisconsin, Louisiana, Colorado, New Hampshire, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Washington, Idaho, Washington, D. C., Massachusetts, Texas, Florida, Illinois, Norway and Canada. In 2014, documented volunteer hours for the entire society totaled 4,251 at a cumulated value of \$95,860.05.*

*Our team of library volunteers assisted people in all phases of their quest, from those just beginning their search to experienced researchers. Despite the increasing trend to conduct genealogical research online, we find researchers seek out and value personal attention and are pleased to explore our outstanding collection. Plus, the volume of information on the Internet often demands assistance for interpretation, verification and organization – skills that our library volunteers offer. Volunteering is an opportunity of “paying it forward”. With many years of research experience to share, mentoring younger researchers is truly rewarding. As a genealogical society, we need this generational connection!*

*We always need more volunteers. There are so many projects waiting for someone to take on. If you are interested, please call Sandra Turner at 641-380-0339 or e-mail her at [ncigso@gmail.com](mailto:ncigso@gmail.com). Volunteering is a wonderful way to become familiar with our collection, share your interest in genealogy with other people and learn new research possibilities.*

*During the past three months a lot has been accomplished at the library:*

- *Carol Tinkey continues to work on compiling obituaries under the new system.*
- *Carolyn Anderson completed her work of scanning obituary indexing. Two years of effort and success achieved! Thank you, Carolyn, for all your work.*
- *Subscriptions and/or memberships were expanded and/or renewed as well as work continued on the evaluation, re-cataloging and shifting of the classified periodicals collection. Two of our long-standing memberships, National Genealogical Society and New England Historic and Genealogical Society were enhanced to include access to their websites. Detailed instructions on using these new sites were prepared and will be shared in *THE GENIE BUG*.*
- *Supplies were inventoried and orders placed for depleted items.*
- *LeNore Forbes has been inventorying the indexes contained within *HAWKEYE HERITAGE*. This periodical, published by the Iowa Genealogical Society, contains such valuable information; we thought better access to the indexes would facilitate using this tool. We hope to scan the indexes and make them searchable using our Fujitsu ScanSnap. We will let you know how this works out.*
- *A \$1000 grant request was submitted to U.S. Bank to purchase an all-in-one PC, a laser printer, a router and an external hard drive as well as provide for set up expenses and the purchase of supportive materials.*

*Additions to the collection:*

- Funeral Cards of Mason City, Iowa and the surrounding area circa 1960-2014. Compiled by Patricia Sheehy; donated by Rita Goranson. Kay Mestad has alphabetized these items and placed them in a 3-ring binder.
- Also, Kay organized a collection of Funeral Cards of North Central Iowa (primarily of Hancock & Wright Counties), circa 1970s-2000s donated by Jim Rogers on behalf of JoAnn Burgess. The collection was gathered by JoAnn's mother. This collection is also housed in a 3-ring binder.
- Cahalan Family Reunion – This family reunion publication of a Cerro Gordo County family includes individual family members with accompanying photos. Birth, marriages and death dates are included when appropriate. Donated by Sherry Becker
- The Life and Times of Pa and Ma Kramer – A family history of the Dutch settlers, Jake and Gertie Kramer, who came to America in 1913, settling in Rockwell, Iowa. Donated by Sharon O'Neill
- Bound for Idaho – Julius Merrill's diary covers his 1864 journey to the gold fields of Idaho. Later, Julius settled in Floyd County, living in the area until his death in 1912. Donated by Kathy Carter
- Boys Life on the Prairie – This novel depicts what it was like to grow up on a farm in northeast Iowa in the years just after the Civil War. – Donated by Kathy Carter
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Mason City, Iowa) – This quasiquicentennial celebration book (1873-1998) contains a brief history of the church, photos of various events and photos and addresses of current members. Donated by Sherry Becke
- Genealogical Dictionary of New England – A genealogical dictionary of the first settlers of New England, showing three generations of those who came to the colony prior to May, 1692. Donated by Don Pauley
- Kentucky Gazette, 1787-1800 – The Kentucky Gazette contains genealogical and historical abstracts of newspaper articles 1787-1800. The book is indexed. Original spellings of names & places were retained. Donated by Don Pauley
- Mayflower Ancestral Index, V. 1 – This index covers the descendants of the families of eight Mayflower passengers: Eaton, S. Fuller, White, Chilton, More, Rogers, Soule and Brewster. Each entry gives the name of the descendant, together with spouse, plus a reference number to be used to trace lineage. Donated by Don Pauley
- American Military, Insignia, Medals, and Decorations - Illustrations and historical data regarding the insignia, medals & decorations used by the US Military and the service personnel who wore them. Donated by Jeanette Anderson

*Just a reminder about our inclement weather policy: Volunteers are not expected to report for duty when weather or roads conditions are dangerous. We follow the Mason City Community Schools decisions, so if you are considering doing research at the library and the roads or weather are marginal, turn on the TV or radio and check out what the schools have decided. If they go with a 1) delayed opening, 2) an early closure or 3) are not going to have school, the genealogy library will not be staffed.*

*Our volunteers have done, and continue to do, a great job! Next time you see a volunteer, let them know their efforts are appreciated. Thanks.*

*Sandra Turner, Librarian*

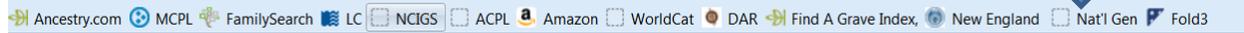
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Instructions for using our subscription to National Genealogical Society

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

Our membership to the National Genealogical Society includes access to their online databases. Access requires being in the library.

1. Using the library's laptop, Click on Mozilla Firefox (our preferred Internet connection at the library) 
2. Go to the Bookmarks Toolbar close to the top of the screen.



3. Click on Nat'l Gen. This will take you to the National Genealogical Society website. On the right hand side of the screen is our LOGIN box. Click on the LOGIN red box.
4. Note the LOGIN information changes to LOGOUT. Please remember to LOGOUT when you have completed your search.

Login

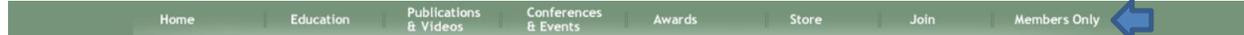
E-mail address:

Password:

Please provide your complete e-mail address and password to login.

[Forgot Password?](#)

5. Now go up to the menu bar and click on Members Only. That action will take you into the restricted portions of the website.



6. On the left hand side of the screen will be a directory of the Members Only portion of the website. Click on any of these sources and explore what is available on the website. For example, by clicking on the Publications Archive, you can choose various periodical/data base options:



National Genealogical Society Quarterly - Published quarterly since 1912, the issues contain material concerning all regions of the nation and all ethnic groups including compiled genealogies, case studies, essays on new methodology and little-known resources. Articles show how to cope with name changes, burned courthouses, illegitimacies, and other stumbling blocks; how to interpret records that do not mean what they seem to say; how to distinguish among individuals of the same name; how to identify origins of immigrant ancestors; how to research a variety of ethnic groups; how to find a way through the maze of records at the National Archives; how to conduct research in specific states; how to compile solid genealogies, etc. The NGS is digitizing its issues of the Quarterly as time and staffing permits. So far they have on line 1962, 1965–74, 1976–current. Their search component is copied below:

NGSQ Index Search

Instructions: Enter search parameters as known in the text fields below and hit submit. The search performed is a 'LIKE' search and an 'OR' search between textfields to return the best possible set of results.

Author Name

Article Title

Article Category

Bible Records

Family History Writing Contest Winners

African-American Features

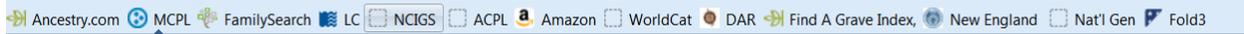
NGSQ Award of Excellence Winner

Reviews

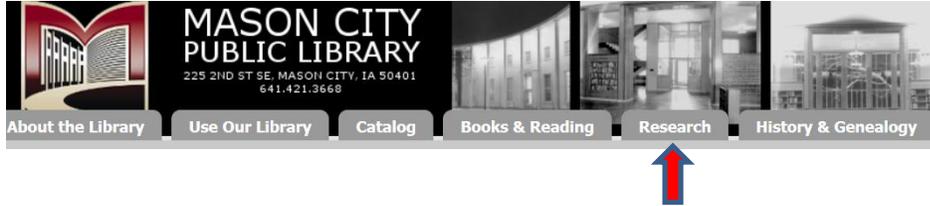
This is a rather limited index. To search for a word, name, or subject contained within issues of the Quarterly, it is better to go to a different on-line index, the Periodical Source Index, better known as PERSI. The PERSI index, which is produced by the Allen County

Public Library, is available using the MCPL Heritage Quest database. The Heritage Quest database is a subscription purchased by MCPL and can be used in the library or at home (as long as you have a MCPL library card). Below are the instructions:

1. If you use the gen. library laptop, go to the Bookmarks Toolbar close to the top of the screen and click on MCPL.



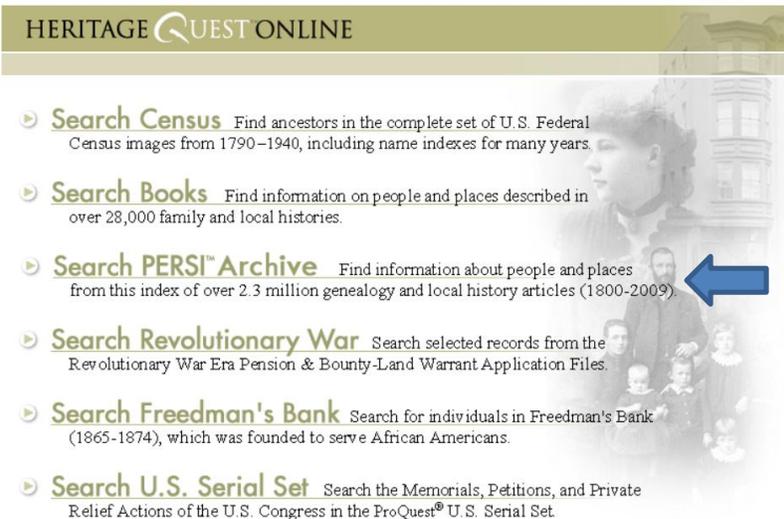
2. When site comes up, click on Research.



3. Click on Heritage Quest.



4. Click on PERSI Archive.



5. Execute your search in PERSI. When you find the word, name, or subject you are interested in, then go back to the National Genealogical Society Quarterly to read/print the article.



Descriptions of the other databases included in the NGS website include:

National Genealogical Society Magazine – The second periodical we received through our membership is the *NGS Magazine*. Each issue includes informative articles that "show and tell" readers how to do effective genealogical research. A typical issue features

such topics as migration, immigration, courthouse records, adoption resources, records preservation, or a case study that illustrates problem-solving techniques. Regular columns discuss the National Archives, beginning genealogy, technology, family history writing, and reviews of books and software. The issues are on-line at the NGS website - 2005 to the present. I could not locate any index sources for this publication, either self-indexed or otherwise. There was an entry in FamilySearch.org catalog indicating NCS Magazine was indexed in PERSI under AMNS, but it no longer appears to be included in PERSI.

National Intelligencer - Abstracts from 1800–1850. This database is a fully indexed abstracted database of marriage and death notices from this early Washington D.C. newspaper. The name index to the database is fully searchable including assistance with name variations and misspelled names.

NGS Bible Records - Collection is currently being indexed and digitized. A large percentage of the Bibles, but not all, have an every-name index. The index to the database is fully searchable. Images of most of the Bible pages have been scanned and are available for download in PDF format.

NGS Member Ancestry Charts (MACs) - The massive collection of family group sheets sent in by NGS members since the 1960s is being indexed and digitized. A full abstract of all (1,000,000+) names on every MAC, along with dates and places, has been completed for more than 66,000 MACs sent in before 1995. Work continues on MACs received since then.

In addition to the databases, NGS also offers on-line courses in genealogy. The newest offering is as follows:

The National Genealogical Society recently released its newest Continuing Genealogical Studies (CGS) course: Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors. Developed by military records expert Craig Scott, CG, FUGA, the eight module course introduces numerous U.S. based records related to those who fought for independence, including compiled service records, prisoner of war records, and pension files. Scott will also teach strategies to identify and locate information about ancestors who lived at the time of the Revolution. For more information or to register, visit the [NGS website](#).

NGS Educational Trips - The National Genealogical Society provides family historians with opportunities to come together and learn about genealogical research—whether they are hobbyists or professionals. In the coming year, NGS will offer the following research trips:

- **18-22 August 2015:** Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana
- **1-6 November 2015:** National Archives, Daughters of the American Revolution Library, and Library of Congress in Washington D.C.
- **24-31 January 2016:** Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah

Registration opens February 18 for the research trip to the Allen County Public Library. For more information or to register, [visit the NGS website](#).

Please come into the library and try this on-line subscription service. It might contain exactly what you need.



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[DAR -- Supporting Documentation Now Available for Purchase Through GRS](#)

The Genealogical Research System (GRS) of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has gotten even better! Previously you could purchase Record Copies (e.g. applications for \$10 each) for those who had previously applied for DAR membership. Obtaining Record Copies helped to locate ancestors who “served” or the descendants of someone who served. Now, you can purchase the Supporting Documents associated with applications for \$20. The documents may include family bible records, deeds, wills and other materials used to prove lineage to a patriot of the American Revolution. Keep in mind, both Record Copies and Supporting Documents, will not include vital or sensitive records unless they are over 100 years old.

Some of you may be wondering if anything is ever going to come of these projects??? Well, if you have logged into the NCIGS.org website lately, you will have noticed a totally new look to it. As of the middle of January, it is still a work in progress. Jay Lehmann has been working very hard to get it set up, but some areas still need a little tweaking or changes made to them. He has been very patient with someone who knows what they want it to look like, but has absolutely no idea how to do it. Our new website address is now in place: www.northcentraliowagenealogy.com. Thanks are extended to Loren Toomsen who kindly paid for a two year website subscription. On the new site you will notice across the top the different tabs, or pull-downs. Click on each tab to see what you will find under each heading. The members section is password protected using the old sign-in information.

Sandra Turner has been very busy preparing the grant from the Worth County Development Authority to fund the obituary project. Last fall several members met with Keith and Kevin Brunsvold about designing a web application for our obituaries. When writing the grant, Sandra found we needed to include more detailed information and a cost bid. The two of us, Sandra giving input as to the perspective of the library and me, the area of entering the obituaries from the newspapers into the database, met twice with the Brunsvolds. We are confident they can design a product that will fit our needs. They provided the information needed to complete the grant application. Now, all we have to do is wait patiently until April 15th when the grants will be awarded. Wish us luck!

2014 Yearly NCIGS Financial Report

INCOME		EXPENSES			
NCIGS Inc.		NCIGS Exp			
2014 Dues	480.00	Genie Bug	279.86		
2015 Dues	560.00	Gifts	16.18		
2016 Dues	60.00	Library	307.79		
2017 Dues	24.00	Misc.	449.98		
Copies	5.00	Office/Officer	349.21		
Donation	225.50	PO Box Rent	56.00		
Donations	51.55	Program	50.00		
Misc.	0.40	Program/Speaker	124.90		
Research Fee	386.50	Research Expense	24.28		
Sponsorship	70.00	Subscript/Member	125		
		Web domain	179.88		
Totals	\$ 1,862.95	Difference -(100.13)	\$ 1,963.08		
				Summary of FUNDS	
				Balances 12/31/2014	
				Society Funds	\$4833.35
				Farrar Grant	999.29
					\$5832.64
				Restricted Donation	\$ 550.02
				2016-2017 Dues	84.00
					\$ 659.02
				Spendable Money	\$4174.33

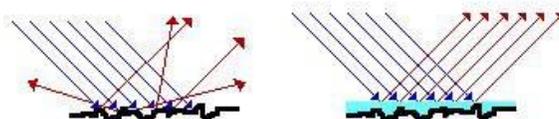
A Simple Way to Read Old Tombstones

Old tombstones are often worn and difficult to read. Here is a simple trick to help you overcome this common problem. The next time you go to the cemetery take a bottle of water with you. Pour the water over the face of the tombstone. It won't hurt the tombstone. What it will do, however, is to help make indents on the surface stand out more.

Basically, this simple trick will make it much easier to read the remains of chiseled letters on old tombstones. Give it a try and you will be amazed at how much it can make old letters pop out.

Technically, what is happening is that the surface of a worn and faded tombstone presents what is known as a *diffuse reflection* surface. This means that light reflecting off the tombstone tends to scatter and move in different (diffuse) directions. This makes it difficult for the human eye (or an image taken by a camera) to discern the pattern of faded letters chiseled into the surface.

When water is added to the face of the tombstone, the water will fill in the letter crevices and make the surface more reflective. Scientifically, this is known as a *specular reflection*. In essence, the application of water to the surface of the tombstone helps convert it from a diffuse reflection surface to a specular reflection surface, as shown in the image below. The lining up of the light rays in a specular reflection makes it much easier to discern the pattern of letters on a faded tombstone.



Diffuse reflection is shown on the left. Notice how the light gets scattered. This makes it hard to read the underlying letters on the tombstone. When water fills in the crevices (as shown on the right) a specular reflection is formed. This helps line up the rays of light making it easier to discern the underlying pattern of the chiseled letters.

This technique is particularly useful if you want to get good photographs of old tombstones. It is always a good idea to wet the tombstone first.

Now the next time you meet up with your genealogy friends you can impress them with your scientific knowledge as to why pouring water over an old tombstone can make it so much easier to read.

- See more at: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/a-simple-way-to-read-old-tombstones.html#sthash.oZxvOiWH.dpuf>

NCIGS past Program > HIGHLIGHTS

Some interesting 'Stuff' from 'The Presentation' on January 12, 2015 by Rod Hungerford.

...Quoting THE SOURCE, more than 90 Tribes inhabited the **North American Continent & the Tribes' Members** did not get along with one another.

The Members would squabble/tussle with regard to: access to the Local Fishing Hole/River, the best place to plant Crops, who could court Certain Females, have the Right Away at the Crossroads, or just looking Cross-Eyed at Some Tribe Member.

Therefore, Tribes' Locations were varied from Initial Areas to Reservations. A Person named William P. Rogers used Genealogical Research to document 'His' connection to Cherokee Tribe Members to qualify for Tribal Membership and(Get This Item!!!) any Benefits (Annuity Payments).

The Same Will Rogers was famous for: Humor Column, Vaudeville, and Public Speeches. Also, Various Web Sites help 'track' Native Americans via Census Records and, most importantly, Enrollment Records that document: Members Connections, Tribal Member Blood Level/Line, and Locations. The 'Gene' Room at the MCPL has Hard Copy & Computer Access to the Various Tribes & Locations.

The U.S. Federal Government, via the 'wisdom' of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Cuss Phrase to Native Americans!), decided that the Present-State of Oklahoma would make a Dandy Place to create Reservations for Sixteen-Twenty Tribes.

Kind of similar to placing English, Irish, French People upon the Same Two City Blocks with Spanish People across the Street! We know how well that would have worked for the Last Three Centuries.

Just some of the Enjoyable Items that I was able to pass along, with numerous references to:

Search Clues and how people can confirm or deny Native American Connections. And of course, there was more where that information originated!!

I loved it, by Rod Hungerford.

How to Scan Old Photos for Genealogy Research

Read this step-by-step guide on how to convert old photographs to digital format for your family tree. [[How to Scan Old Photos for Genealogy Research](#)]

- See more at: http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news.html?awt_l=A02v6&awt_m=ImUHh5AXCAk.Vy#sthash.NOevLmal.dpuf



2015 NCIGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Household dues are \$12.00 per calendar year (Jan-Dec). Dues paid after October 1 will extend to the next full 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 NCIGS Library. In addition to my 2015 membership, I would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$ _____.

I am interested in volunteering as follows: Library Website Membership Programming

New Membership **OR** Renewal Today's Date _____
Name _____ Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____
Newsletter to be sent via: E-mail **OR** Post Office Amount Enclosed: Cash \$ _____
OR Check \$ _____

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



WELCOME NEW members. We look forward to visiting with you at our next meeting.

**Cheryl Bitker, Steve Honken, Rod Hungerford, Janice Easley, Carol Hugo, Susan Minor,
Charles & Donna Schilling, Jeanine Wichman, Alice Hoyt Veen, Donna & Bryon Held.**

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:

Society Name	Membership Fee	Research Fee	Comments
Bremer County Genealogical Society	\$10 per family		
Butler County Genealogical Society	\$12 per family	\$10 per hour plus expenses	
Central Iowa Genealogical Society	\$7 per family	\$10 per hour plus expenses	
Davis County Iowa Genealogical Society	\$15 per household \$12 per individual; \$15 per family	\$10 per hour plus expenses	
Decorah Genealogy Association	\$10 per individual; \$15 per family	\$7.50 per hour	\$15 advanced payment is non-refundable
Des Moines County Genealogical Society	\$12 per individual; \$15 per family	\$5 per hour plus expenses	
Howard-Winneshick Genealogical Society	\$10 per individual; \$15 per family	\$5 first 1/2 hour; \$10 per hour thereafter plus expenses	
Kossuth County Genealogical Society	\$15 per individual \$18 per family	\$10 per hour plus expenses	\$15 per hour for non-members
Linn County Genealogical Society	\$15 per individual \$25 per family	\$15 per hour (includes expenses)	\$25 per hour for non-members
Northeast Iowa Genealogical Society	\$7.50 single or family		
Northwest Genealogical Society	\$10 single; \$12 family		
Old Fort Genealogical Society	\$10 per person		
Washington County Genealogical Society			

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www.northcentraliowagenealogy.com

February 2015- -New Collaboration between FamilySearch and the New England Historic Genealogical Society

This week, FamilySearch and the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announced a new collaboration. It will see some one billion records from FamilySearch added to the NEHGS website *AmericanAncestors.org*. The records will consist primarily of US federal census transcripts (1790 to 1930), civil registrations for Italy, Germany, Scotland and the Netherlands and English parish records. In addition, one billion family tree records from FamilySearch will also be available on the NEHGS website.

In turn, members of the Mormon Church will have free accounts on *AmericanAncestors.org* to access the society's large collection of New England genealogy records. Remember we have a membership to NEHSG!

See more at: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news>.