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On **May 9, 2015, "Greek Immigrants"** the North Central Iowa Genealogical Society's guest speaker will be **Jamie T. Zanos** of **Clear Lake Public Library**. Mr. Zanos will present a 30 minute video highlighting the history and accomplishments of the Greek immigrants of our area. Some of the topics covered in Mr. Zanos' presentation will include why Greek immigrants came to Iowa, how they were recruited in their home country, the establishment and influence of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church of Mason City, Greek neighborhoods, the annual Greek Festival, and much more.

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June 11, 2015, "Daughters of the American Revolution," Preserving American History; How to Apply for DAR Membership, at 1:30 pm **Clear Lake Public Library**. **Mary Carlson and Sharlene Stoddard**, members of the Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will present a two part program about the DAR. Mary will discuss the organization, their meetings and their goal of "promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through education." Sharlene will review the requirements for membership and the process potential applicants must use to become a member.

Introductory Information: Mary Carlson lives in Lake Mills. She is a member of the Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter of the DAR at Northwood. Mary is a long-time member and officer of the chapter. Sharlene Stoddard, who lives in Northwood, is a member of NCIGS. She has served as the NCIGS Publicity Officer for many years.

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July 11, 2015, Tracking and Locating your Native American Ancestors, Part II at 1:30 pm **Clear Lake Public Library** will be more information. I will provide a Brief Synopsis with regard to: *Native Americans, Part 2.* 'Meanwhile, back at The Ranch.... *The Feds and the States' People have to figure out a Means to distribute the Monetary Payments plus the Monthly Food/Personal Items (Blankets, Cooking Stuff, & etc.) and Any Other Items to the Tribes' Members. Therefore, a Now-Unknown Accountant (Bean Counter) Bureaucrat with the #@*! Bureau of Indian Affairs suggested: **Again more from Rod Hungerford**, do not miss this information continued on back, page 8.*

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NCIGS Board Update



Hello **GENI BUG** Readers,

At last we can put away those winter things and turn our thoughts to some of the summer plans that were made during those cold winter days. Perhaps the summer auto trip has been designed to allow you some time researching at a library. Or, perhaps walking some of those wonderful country cemeteries are in your summer plans. Yes, plan your library visits, don't forget all the goodies that can be found right here in our Mason City Library.

Our society has been running smoothly for many years, thanks to all the volunteers, and volunteers continue to keep our library up to date. We have purchased a scanner and have completed the scanning of NCIGS and Paf-Ways material. Shelving continues to be at a premium in the library room, and now after scanning the material, the boxes of old originals can be disposed of.

The program committee has been working putting together interesting, entertaining programs for our monthly meetings. We have coming up a program on Greek history, the DAR, a picnic and a road trip to another city. Make sure to get all these dates on your calendar.

One of the challenges we continually face is new genealogy members. We all know someone who is interested in their family history, so stop and pick them up on your way to the meeting and introduce them to an afternoon with the Genealogy Club.

I look forward to seeing you May 9th.

Dorothy Paul
NCIGS President

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

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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.

**Library Committee Members:** Ruth Umbarger, Joan Bartel, Linda Faridi, Kay Mestad, Dorothy Paul, Sandra Turner (Chair).

**Current Library Volunteers:** Linda Faridi, Kay Mestad, Carolyn Anderson, LeNore Forbes, Gwen Miller, Rod Hungerford, Marie Thompson, Carol Tinkey and Sandra Turner (Librarian).

**Note:** Some of you, for personal reasons, have had to stop volunteering at the library. You have been missed and will be warmly welcomed back when circumstances allow. Others of you might want to become new library volunteers. If so, please contact Sandra Turner, Librarian (641-380-0339).

### PROJECTS:

- Obituaries: Carol Tinkey continues her obituary work; as time permits, Marie Thompson is completing the 2012 MCGG obituary indexing.
- Periodicals: Evaluation, re-cataloging and shifting of classified periodicals continues.
- Scanning:
  - ✓ An instructional manual for SnapScan has been prepared for use by volunteers who wish to undertake scanning projects. A variety of collections need to be scanned and made searchable. If interested, contact Sandra Turner, Librarian (641-380-0339).
  - ✓ Training on SnapScan has been completed by Carolyn Anderson and Rod Hungerford.
  - ✓ All Mason City Globe Gazette obituary indexes held by the library have been upgraded into a searchable data base. The data base is available on the society's laptop. Kay Mestad will be developing written instructions on using this data base. Hard copies of the indexes remain on the library's shelves. A copy of this data base has also been placed in the society's Drop Box for off-site, long term security.
  - ✓ Board permission was granted to establish an archival retention policy for society records. A two-year hard copy retention was implemented. Exceptions to the two-year limit for hardcopy will be on an individual basis. All eligible NCIGS/PAF-Ways archives have now been scanned. The time-frame of electronic NCIGS Archives generally runs from 1972-2012; hard copy holdings run from 2013 to the present. Electronic PAF-Ways archives generally run from 1985-2006. Copies of the scanned archives are stored in the society's Drop Box.
- The publication of the NCIGS tri-fold brochure is awaiting the board/society decision on membership and research fees. A survey of local society fees was included in the February issue of THE GENIE BUG.
- The update and printing of our business card was completed.
- The new NCIGS secretary, Larry Paul, was given an introduction to library operations as related to board members. Included was an explanation of how the society's secretarial records are compiled and stored.

### DOCUMENTED STATISTICS JANUARY - MARCH, 2015:

- **Library Usage:** 95 researchers, 45 of whom were non-members. 10 research requests were completed.
- **NCIGS Volunteer Hours:** 1,535 hour @ \$22.55 per hour totals \$34,614.25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Turner



- **APRIL updates**

**US** – The *Plainfield Public Library* of Plainfield, New Jersey has put online two new resources that will be of interest to genealogists. First is a collection of 75 local city directories that span the years from 1870 to 1982. The early city directories cover Rahway and Plainfield New Jersey, while the most recent directories appear to cover all of Union County.

This is an incredible resource for anyone who wants to track the exact address of their ancestors over many decades. The second resource is a collection of seven different early Plainfield newspapers that span the years from 1868 to 1916.

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 Brady George, laborer, h 125 W Front  
 Brady John H, farmer, h Randolph av  
 Brady Sarah Mrs, h 76 Somerset  
 Braider Benjamin S, salesman, h 17 Manning av  
 Brand James, h 4 W 3d  
 Breen Frank J, clerk, h 61 Duer  
 Breen Philip, detective, h 61 Duer  
 Bremer George, cutter, h Greenbrook av  
 Brennan James, laborer, h 9th opp 1st pl  
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 Briant John, h 84 Park av  
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incorporated in April 1869, so these two resources cover much of the area's history. Access is free. [[Plainfield City Directories](#)] [[Early Plainfield Newspapers](#)]

**US** – FamilySearch.org has indexed another 1.4 million records from their collection of New York City passenger lists from 1820 to 1891. These records can be searched by first and last name. Access is free. [[New York City Passenger Lists](#)] Since most of these records are associated with Ellis Island, it would be worthwhile reading the article [Ellis Island Immigration Records](#) to get the most out of this collection.

**APRIL - US** – FamilySearch has indexed some 1.3 million additional Texas marriage records. The records span the years from 1837 to 1977. They can be searched by first name and last name. This collection currently covers 183 out of 254 counties in Texas. A typical record lists the name of the bride and groom, date of marriage and who officiated at the marriage, as shown below. Access is free. [[Historic Texas Marriage Records](#)]





## 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.

### 2015 NCIGS Meeting Refreshment List- we need your help, please.

Although the society provides most of the refreshment needs for the monthly meetings, it is helpful to have members and visitors provide the "goodies". **We need about 4 dozen cookies or bars per meeting**, which means if two people sign up for each month, each person would be asked to provide 2 dozen cookies or bars. Everyone looks forward to the great baking provided by our members, so please participate.

**Your contribution is very much appreciated.** We need to fill three vacancies (**July, September, & October**). If you are willing to provide 2 dozen cookies at any meetings, please call Membership Chair, **LeNore Forbes @ 641-749-5505**. Thank you.

- January** – Linda Faridi, Rod Hungerford
- February** – LeNore Forbes, Sharlene Stoddard
- March** – Sandra Turner, Rod Hungerford
- April** – Kay Mestad, Donna Schilling
- May** – Joan Bartel, Rod Hungerford
- June** – LeNore Forbes, Rod Hungerford
- July** – Charlene Manwaring, ?????
- August** – PICNIC. Potluck, will need you to sign up
- September** – Jane Ginapp, ?????
- October** – Marie Thompson, ?????
- November** – Annual Meeting, it is usually potluck.
- December** – **No Meeting**

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**July 11, 2015 ..... Rod Hungerford will provide a 'Brief Synopsis' with regard to: Native Americans, Part II,** Since the Tribes' Members live on a Reservation close to one another, we should create an Annual Record to document the numbers of Family Members that will receive payments and supplies. We don't want to pay the Indians too much, each year! We should create a Supply Chain with Contractors, similar to the Army's Procurement Process. Our Agents can monitor the Process & Contractors to make sure that everyone receives their Fair Share. No Graft, Kickbacks, Slight-of-Hand Accounting by Agents, This Time, either."

Therefore, the category known as: Enrollment Record is a Subset of CENSUS. The Enrollment Record lists: Tribal Name, Clan, % of Tribal Blood, Parents' Names, Parents' Percentage Tribal Blood, Given Name, Birth Name, Married Name, Sex/Gender, Date of Birth, Date of Death(if applicable), and Probate Number. Utilizing THE SOURCE, 2006 Edition, a Person is able to locate Original Archives based upon the Last Known Location of a Tribe. The Regional Centers are located within Major Cities of the United States such as: Kansas City, Seattle, Chicago, Denver, and San Francisco.' Additional Research Sources will be provided, such as: Web Sites.