

A message from President Jay Lehmann

Welcome to a new year in the world of NCIGS. It will be an exciting year with our move back into the newly renovated library.

Many thanks to all our retiring officers and committee volunteers: Bill Bjerke, who has served for many years as the Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator for the Library and in many other capacities; Ruth Umbarger our faithful and talented Librarian; Joan Bartel, the Recording Secretary who always got it right; Nancy Marsh, who, during the past year, put together some outstanding programs and Dorothy Paul who served as Historian pro tem in 2010. Our thanks to our new officers and committee members: Ray Wenrich, our new Treasurer; Marie Thompson, our Recording Secretary, pro tem (still looking for someone to take on this task on a permanent basis). Sandra Turner for stepping in for Ruth; Gayle Snow who will serve as Historian while Dorothy Paul will be working with Christine on the Programming Committee.

Just a reminder, when we meet for the February meeting, you are welcome to stop at BestSellers Coffee (in the Library's Commons area) to purchase refreshments to take into the Mason City Room and after the meeting, we will adjourn to the Commons for conversation, a sharing of ideas and information and trying out the menu at BestSellers.

Also, the society has some items that are no longer needed. Included are refreshment supplies, coffee pots, pillows, office supplies, etc. We plan to offer them on a first-come, first-serve basis at the February meeting, with a free will donation. So bring some money and join in the excitement!

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A message from the Librarian

Library Hours

The Mason City Public Library is 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 the library is staffed M/W/F 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-4 p.m.

Library Location

Mason City Public Library, 1st floor
225 2nd St. SE, Mason City Iowa

(After entering the main entrance to the library, turn left just before you reach the service desk. Go through the doorway. Proceed just a few feet to the first door on the left. You have reached our new genealogy room. It is a very beautiful room, in a prime location).

Most of the collection is now unpacked and arranged on the shelves. Some shelving adjustments are planned for the next few weeks, so we ask your patience. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who have worked hard in arranging the library and/or manning the desk since we opened.

Once the shelving has been adjusted, we plan to offer two training sessions. The first training will be on the library collection -- how it is created, what it includes, how it is arranged and how to find the things we have accumulated. The second training will share strategies for genealogical research -- how to help yourself and others to be successful researchers. We will discuss materials in the collection and elsewhere. We will have sign up sheets for these two training components at the February 5 meeting, with training probably starting in March.

Soon we will begin to select materials to be added to the collection. We are asking each of you to offer suggestions on topics, areas of concern, specific books, etc. All of these suggestions, plus what we have already identified, will be analyzed and, if possible, purchases made. So give this some thought, jot down your ideas and bring them to the library. Please sign your written comments and include a phone number in case we need to get back to you. Thanks!

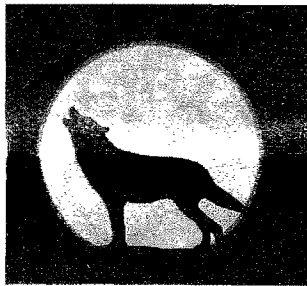
Sandra Turner
Librarian

He Killed the Wolf

-Contributed by LeNore Nelson Forbes from the Floyd County Advocate, 15 Feb1901.

Twenty-five years ago gray wolves in this section were still quite common. The sport and excitement of hunting these animals was indulged in by numerous parties in those days. Levi Schermerhorn, who now lives at Rudd, invariably had a pack of hounds in readiness for one of these hunts. A memorable hunt was held in 1877 by Levi Schermerhorn, "Boney" Simmonds, Dick Waller, M.G. Tower and one or two others.

Three miles north of town the hounds started a wolf. The gang separated, taking their stands, always with the hope the dogs would compel his wolfship to circle. "Boney", being the boy of the party, was given a muzzle loading army musket, and, boy fashion, brought along the wrong sized caps. This necessitated his



remaining near the team.

Imagine his consternation when the hounds, with deep bays, headed their quarry directly toward him. Every few rods the dogs would

overtake the wolf, and a snappy battle would ensue. How the wolf evaded all those hunters was mystifying.

The dogs ran the animal into the corner of a rail fence, where he stood at bay. "Boney" screwed up his courage, grabbed a stake out of the fence, and took a hand in the battle. The second stroke dispatched it; the lad meanwhile letting out sundry yells easily heard a mile. The discomfited hunters were soon on the spot. "Take that and that and that!" the young man was shouting, raining blow after blow on the defunct animal.

One of the party finally dragged "Boney" away, and the wolf, which proved to be a large male, was loaded in the sleigh and the gang returned to town. "Boney" was a hero for a week after.

Campaign Started to make Iowa Dry

-Copy provided by Jeanette Anderson from the Mason City Globe Gazette 4 June 1921.

DES MOINES - The intensive campaign for absolute prohibition enforcement in Iowa is on.

In an announcement issued here today by Supt. R. N. Holsapple from headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League, it was stated the statewide campaign machinery of the league had been set in motion yesterday. This is the beginning of a drive by the anti-liquor forces which is hoped to "make Iowa dry in reality" by the end of the year.

The campaign which opened this week will cover every county in the state before it terminates. The leaguers will take one or two counties at a time, sending a corps of speakers into them to tell the public of present conditions with regard to the enforcement or non-enforcement of the dry laws. These speakers will seek to obtain public backing for the absolute enforcement of the laws on the prohibition lists.

Renew your membership today!

Time to renew your membership! Please complete the enclosed application, write out that \$10 check and mail both to us OR bring everything to the next meeting and give to Ray. Your membership is a great bargain at less than \$1.00 per month and helps to make our society viable. If we do not receive your renewal by March 31, you will not receive the next issue of The Genie Bug. What a disaster!!!

*"Family faces are magic Mirrors.
Looking at people who belong to us,
we see the past, present, and
future."*

~ Gail Lumet Buckley

LDS Family History Center Update

-By Mike Gibson, Director

The LDS FamilySearch website www.familysearch.org has changed its look. They are trying to make the site easier to use and to incorporate new technology which will allow for much more material which is more varied to be accessed thru the site. For example, when the Church gets permission from record custodians, we are now putting original images of records online for free. This is like the images you get from sites such as ancestry.com but without the subscription fees. Browse the "Historical Records" and see what is already there. Some are databases and some are actual images of original records (shown by a camera icon). To see some records, you will need to create a free FamilySearch account. If you had a sign-in account under the old FamilySearch site, try that user name and password to sign in. If that doesn't work, you may have to register again.

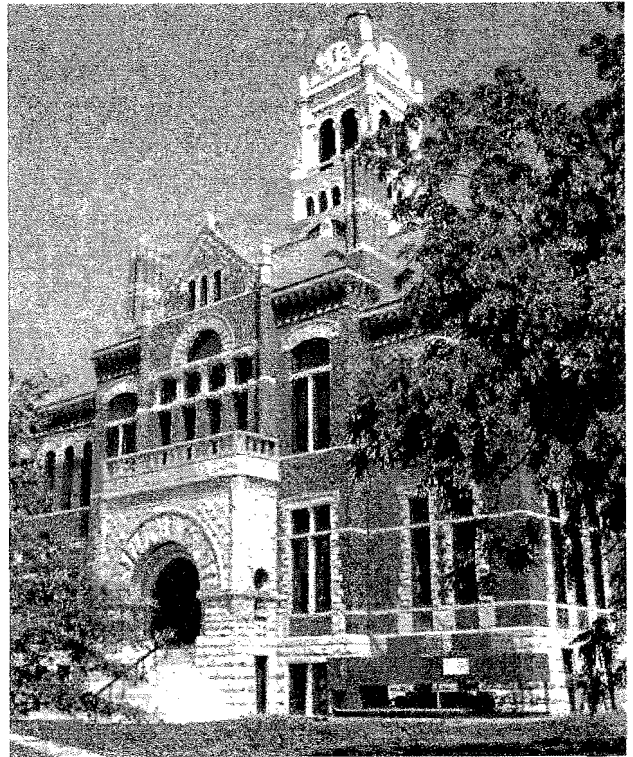
Another goal is to allow general public access to all the family tree information which has been gathered over the decades by the LDS Church thru the "Family Trees" link on the home page. There are free instructional classes and the research wiki under the "Learn" center.

The "Giving Back" Center links you to pages allowing feedback, contributing articles, or participating in "indexing." Indexing is entering data from original records to create a computer-searchable database of the record. Some record custodians require this before we can make the records available online as spoken of above. Our editor, Sandra, found a posting about this in the December 2010 Iowa Genealogical Society newsletter. You can assist to get records online.

If you really need it, there is a link to the previous version of FamilySearch in the lower right hand corner of the new home page. But the old version will eventually disappear.

Personally, my life is now upside down. I am still at the Center 11-4 Tuesdays and Thursdays but calling me in advance at 423-8255 might help me decide to be at the Center for your visit and not somewhere else.

May you find that the hearts of your fathers are turned to you as you turn your hearts to your fathers!



Resources in the NCIGS Area – Franklin County

– Continued from the November 2010 issue of The Genie Bug. Information provided by Marian Sanders Smith, the late Burnie Greimann, Connie Meyer and Dolores Bennington with a lot of additional help from a variety of individuals and organizations.

We continue the series of articles featuring selected resources from each of the nine counties which make up our area of responsibility. Additions, suggestions and corrections are encouraged and welcomed.

Franklin County Cemeteries (con't)

In an attempt to avoid confusion, the following information is provided:

- The town of Dows is on the border of Franklin/Wright County. The Dows Cemetery is located in the Wright County part of Dows. The cemetery is called Fairview.
- The town of Meservey is located in Cerro Gordo County. The Meservey Cemetery is across the county line in Franklin County, just south of the Meservey city limits.

- In southwest Franklin County, many of those residents are buried in the Hardin County town of Alden.
- The part of Ackley that includes Oakwood Cemetery and St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery is in Franklin County. The rest of Ackley is in Hardin County.
- In Reeve Township, the Redding Cemetery is owned and maintained by descendants of the Redding family.
- Three miles east of Hansell in Ingham Township was the ghost town of Union Ridge. ½ mile farther into Butler County is the Harlan Cemetery. Many Ingham Township residents were buried Harlan Cemetery before the Hansell/Ingham Township Cemetery was established.

Updates on County Office locations and holdings: Dolores Bennington, Franklin County

Genealogical Society member, provided the following updated information on recent changes:

- The delayed birth record book is now in the Recorder's Office safe.
- The military discharge records are now also in the Recorder's Office safe. A local veterans group requested the records be restricted because some of the records include social security numbers.
- The Franklin County Veteran's Affairs Office recently relocated from the court house to a building southwest of the court house. They are open most mornings. Call: 641-456-5670.
- The Franklin County Sheriff's office will soon relocate from the court house to the former Park School building. Call: 641-456-2731.
- Over 100 years ago the Franklin County Civil War Memorial Hall was built in memory of Franklin County Civil War soldiers. There are marble slabs on the inside walls with engraved names of the soldiers who fought in that conflict. The Franklin County Candlesticks Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has their book collection in locked cupboards at the Memorial Hall.

- On the courthouse square are stones listing names of Franklin County men and women who served in military service.

Libraries and Historical Societies with Genealogical or Historical Collections

Ackley Heritage Center

120 State Street, Ackley, Iowa 50601

Phone: 641 847-2201

Tues/Thurs/Fri 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Contains microfilm of hometown newspapers and news from East Friesland in the Oestriesche Nachrichten. Also included are census records, plat books, cemetery records and obituaries.

There are hundreds of photos of families, businesses and historical photos of Ackley. There is documentation of county histories, including maps and plats, church histories, and video tapes of people and events. School life is reflected in histories of Ackley schools, including students and their activities as well as photos of graduating classes.

Ackley Public Library

401 State Street, Ackley, IA 50601-1797

Phone: 641-847-2233 Fax: 641-847-2233

ackleypl@mchsi.com

M 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; T/TH 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; W/F: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ackley Public Library has a on-line computer program (only available at the library) which includes copies of newspapers, with a search component, for the following newspapers: Ackley Enterprise 1875-1989; Ackley World-Journal 1888-1917; Ackley World Journal 1916-2001; Ackley Independent 1872-1874; Ackley Phonograph 1894-1905.

Other holdings include local family histories, high school year books (incomplete), plat books, some telephone books, as well as a few published histories.

Alexander Public Library

409 Harriman, PO Box 27. Alexander, Iowa 50420

Phone: 641-692-3238; Fax: 641-692-3238

director@alexander.lib.ia.us

M 8:30 a.m.-noon; 1-5 p.m.; T-TH 2-5 p.m.; F 3-6 p.m. Sat 8:30-noon

The collection includes Alexander Cemetery records (completed in 1985), school yearbooks as well as photos of graduating seniors (ca. 1940-1960); several locally generated scrapbooks and some local family histories.

Coulter Public Library

111 Main Street, Coulter, Iowa 50431-0087
Phone: 641-866-6798

T-TH 1-5 p.m.; F 1-6 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-noon.

Special historical and genealogical items include scrapbooks created about Coulter history, events and people; some original Coulter newspapers, school year books (incomplete), and photographs. Notes used for the compilation of the Coulter centennial publication are also in the collection.

Dows Public Library

114 W. Ellsworth Street, Dows, Iowa 50071
Phone: 515 852-4326

M 1-6 p.m.; T 1-5 p.m.; W 10 a.m.-noon; F 1-5 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-noon

Historical and genealogical items include scrapbooks created about Dows' history, events and people; some original Dows' newspapers as well as microfilm of earlier newspapers. School year books (incomplete), and photographs. Other published items such as centennial, plat books, etc.

Franklin County Genealogical Society

Hampton Public Library, 4 Federal Street South
Hampton, IA 50441

See Hampton Public Library for collection information.

The following Franklin County publications are for sale through the Franklin County Genealogical Society.

- Index to the 1883 Franklin County History
- Old Settlers of Franklin County, 1911 and earlier
- Maps of Franklin County: 1882 with name index; 1920 with farm owners

Franklin County Historical Museum

Franklin County Fairgrounds

Hampton, Iowa 50441

Phone: 641-456-5777

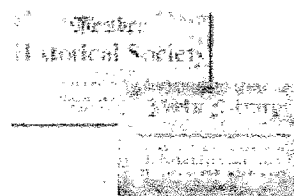
Mid-February to mid-November: M 2-4 p.m.; T 9-noon; 1-4 p.m.; W-F 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekends S/S 1-4 p.m.

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A sampling of holdings include: Folders on churches, cemeteries and rural schools 1882-1915; Franklin County families, 1858; 1895 farm census; ghost churches of Franklin County, cemetery records for all Franklin County cemeteries and some surrounding counties; file of Franklin County child death records; area obituaries are filed in notebooks housed in the Genealogical room. In addition, the Burnie Greimann Collection is being placed within the Museum sometime in the near future.

File of Chapin area family information; file cards for individual soldiers who served in WWI and II. Map showing school district boundaries; 1973 map showing highways and school districts.

Books formerly at the Franklin County Court House include: deed records 1855-1882; deed records 1881-1923; abstracts 1855-1923; mortgage records 1868-1931; index book of town plates (early dates), town lot listing, Franklin County towns 1930-1956.



Resources

Will records 1898-1918; township records 1937-1956; affidavit, warrant, account and bond records 1859-1950; justice dockets of select townships 1875-1952;

supervisor minute books 1861-1962; justice dockets of select townships 1855-1973; 1867-1963; Franklin County financial reports 1902-1983; Soil surveys of Franklin County 1938, 1980; township assessor books 1859-1888

Index for book of Franklin County wills; Franklin County marriages 1873-1880; Marriage licenses 1857-1899; 1900-1920; Marriage license ledgers 1884-1913; Marriage certificates 1892-1895; 1906-1908; Birth certificates 1913-1915; Births and deaths 1907-1908; Death certificates 1882-1902; Birth records 1880-1909; 1921-1948.

Also included in the collection are: Hampton telephone directories 1955; 1961-2001; 1908 standard atlas of Franklin County; plat books and farm directories 1921-1993 (incomplete); maps of Franklin County towns, Hampton maps, railroad maps (1870-1975). (*To be continued in the May 2011 newsletter*)

Facts Contained in Population Schedules: U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1860

based on a fact sheet provided by the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

Name and Address	1790-1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
Name of head of household	***	***	***	***	~	~
Name of individual	~	~	~	~	***	***
Age or age range	***	***	***	***	***	***
Family Origins	1790-1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
Birthplace	~	~	~	~	***	***
Sex, color	***	***	***	***	***	***
Whether married within the year	~	~	~	~	***	***
Education & Health	1790-1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
Whether able to read and write	~	~	~	***	***	***
Whether attended school within the year	~	~	~	***	***	***
Whether deaf, dumb, blind, or insane	~	~	***	***	***	***
Welfare & Occupation	1790-1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
Occupation/Industry	~	***	~	***	***	***
Value of personal estate	~	~	~	~	~	***
Value of real estate	~	~	~	~	***	***
Whether a pauper	~	~	~	~	***	***
Whether a convict	~	~	~	~	***	***
Pensioner for Revolutionary or military service	~	~	~	***	~	~
Residency and Citizenship	1790-1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
Naturalized or not; papers taken out	~	***	***	~	~	~
Slave or free	***	***	***	***	~	~
White males by age group	***	~	~	~	~	~
White females by age group	***	~	~	~	~	~

Iowa Censuses

Territorial censuses were taken in 1836, 1838, 1844, and 1848. However copies exist for only a few counties. State censuses were taken in 1847, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915 and 1925.

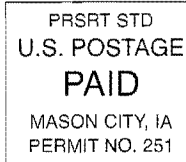
Welcome to new members (to January 15, 2011)

Long, John J.	309 S. Lake Mariam Drive	Winter Haven, FL 33884-1526	863-324-6307
Tinkey, Carol	27 N. Willowgreen Ct.	Mason City, IA 50401	641-423-5965
Walker, Nancy	9550 Cannoneer Ct. # 204	Manassas, VA 20110-7086	703-257-0596

Address change

Kuhlman, Jim	275 N. Taft Avenue, Unit 118	Mason City, IA 50401	641-423-3572
Norlinger, Lea	275 N. Taft Avenue	Mason City, IA 50401	641-494-7614

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



“A Historical Perspective of the Railroads of Manly” will be offered by our guest speaker, Daniel R. Sabin, at the February 5th meeting to be held in the newly renovated Mason City Room of the Mason City Public Library starting at 1:30 p.m. Dan, owner and President of the Iowa Northern Railway Company, bought the struggling line in 1994 from on-line elevators. The railway is made up of remnants from the former Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railway Company. Iowa Northern, established as a short line in 1984, is headquartered in Cedar Rapids. The railway is a 163-mile short line railroad which runs diagonally from north to south from Manly to Cedar Rapids. When purchased in 1994, the railroad handled 12,000 revenue cars and the average track speed was less than 10 mph. By 2006, traffic surged to 40,000 revenue cars and the average track speed was increased to 30 mph. Additionally, Dan has managed the partnership and location of two ethanol plants on the line, as well as other various industries and economic development initiatives. In October 2006, the Iowa Northern and the Keiwiet Group Companies broke ground on Manly Terminal, LLC; a joint venture - first of its kind ethanol and bio-fuels storage and trading facility in Manly, Iowa.

Prior to the Iowa Northern, Dan was co-founder, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Iron Road Railways based in Alexandria, VA, which owned and operated various short line operations including the former Bangor and Aroostook System. Dan also has experience as co-founder and President of his own transportation consulting firm, as well as from his days with CSX Transportation, Canadian Pacific Railway and the Rock Island. Sabin is also owner and operator of the Hawkeye Express, under contract to furnish shuttle train service to Iowa Hawkeye home football games.

Dan is a graduate of Grandview College and Southwest Oklahoma State University with degrees in Economics and Business. He and his wife, Colleen, reside in Coralville, Iowa.

This program is free and open to the public. Please join us on February 5th for this exciting and interesting program.