



**May 20, 2017 Lee Nishimoto, Director of Family History Library
and June 17, 2017 Michelle Bryner, CCNGS President
Mark your Calendars for these MEETINGS**

The Science of Genealogy

Lee Nishimoto, Director Family History Library—Las Vegas NV

If you know Lee Nishimoto, you know her mantra is: History is Master; Map It and Do The Math.

I believe it is with these principles that Lee develops an approach to genealogy research as a science project.

Learn how to extrapolate your research; note all inconsistencies; and be able to determine the difference between primary and secondary sources, direct and indirect data.

She will show us how to prepare a worksheet to determine the Who, What and How as it applies to your research.

Check this website:

lvfamilysearchlibrary.org

Platt Maps

Michelle Bryner, CCNGS President



Maps can be in metes and bounds or township surveys (land type of measurements), and can prove our ancestors owned land in a given county, township or state.

You have probably heard the terms: Quarters, Halfs, Township. Range and or Section.

Michelle will explain how maps were developed, how to find them and how to use them in your research.

Check this website:

`file:///C:/Users/User/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/IE/OZVT0CO9/mapsgenealogy.pdf`

President's Pen



News from the Heritage Archives

By Michelle Bryner/President

Periodicals: Another great resource for your Genealogy research

So, what are Periodical you ask?

They are publications such as newsletters, magazines and journals. Many are published by genealogical societies and historical organizations. They might be published monthly, quarterly, or bi-monthly.

Did you know that CCNGS has over 800 different collections of periodicals!

We have almost all 50 states, European counties, and Family newsletters. We have these alphabetized by state and counties.

The Heritage Archive room is part of the Heritage room which means it's part of the reference library, so you can't check items out. You can make copies or take pictures with your iPad or phone. There are 2 tables with chairs to sit and do your research. This room is kept locked, so you will need to go to the reference desk to get the key.

Have you ever tried using periodicals? If not, you are missing out on some great important information.

Happy Hunting!

BOOKS, PERIODICALS , ETC.

Acquisitions March and April 2017



AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

Rejected or suspended applications for Revolutionary War Pensions

ARIZONA—History of Tuba

FLORIDA - Yesterday's Key West

GERMAN—The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide

INDIANA—

Family Maps of Marion County

The Hopewell Journey: 350 years from Immigrant Religion to Hoosier Faith –
Hopewell Presbyterian Church 1831-2003

IOWA - The First One Hundred Years -A History of Guttenberg, Iowa

IRISH—Irish place Names

NEW YORK—Biographical Sketches abstracted from Washington County New York
Its History to the close of the Nineteenth Century 974.749 Sto

NORWEGIAN—Norwegians in America, Some records of the Norwegian
Emigration to America

TENNESSEE—Tennessee Towns from Yorkville to Yorkville

UTAH— A History of Grand County



The following article is from: FAMILY LEGACIES
Winter 2016 Volume 20 Number 4

An Interview with JGSSN (Jewish Genealogy Society Nevada) member Mary Barkan



When did you join JGSSN?

I joined JGSSN twenty years when the group was formed by Carole Montello. I was the editor of Family Legacies for about the first eight years. Janet Farino was my proofreader. I needed a good one because I once printed Jew Jersey instead of New Jersey. I'm back as the newsletter editor and once again have a great proofreader in Elaine Halprin.

How has being a JGSSN member helped you with your genealogy? I have found the networking opportunities at meetings very valuable. I once sat next to Alan Goodsite at a meeting and he told me about a website he had discovered – fultonhistory.com, I found lots of family information on that site, even though I had no one who lived in Fulton County, including the only time I've located a legal name change for someone in my database. I have also enjoyed research trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It was great to discuss research successes and failures with participants at the end of the day. I often got research tips that helped further my research. We enjoy terrific programming each month at the JGSSN meetings. It is astonishing how one little tip can lead to a breakthrough. I know that programs on passports and naturalization records helped point me in new directions.

Do you use a genealogy program? If so which program?

I started using PAF (Personal Ancestor File) a free genealogy program from the LDS. Then I began using FTM (Family Tree Maker) I liked version 16 and continue to use that for my family tree. When FTM was discontinued JGSSN member Stephanie Mulliken introduced me to Legacies. That will be the program I use when my FTM finally crashes! I keep a monthly updated GEDCOM on my computer in case that happens. I could then move my work to Legacies.

What is your favorite genealogy website?

I'm always using ancestry.com especially now that it links to the databases found on jewishgen.org. I also search on familysearch.org. If I'm looking for records on the Makagon family, I'll start on ancestry.com and then look on familysearch.org. You need to look everywhere and all databases are indexed differently. What you can't find in one may be in the next database you search.

What genealogy website do you think is often overlooked?

I think the databases available at the library are often overlooked. With your library card you can search for free from home. I often search newspapers from the Clark County Library District's website. I'm not only looking for vital records but for items that might tell me about the daily life of an ancestor. One of the best items to find is write ups of fifty year wedding anniversaries which are often found in smaller newspapers.

What surnames and locations are in your genealogy?

Barkan (Gostini, Latvia, NYC); Gruzin (Gostini, Latvia, NYC); Cohen/Makagon (Starokonstantinov, Ukraine, NYC); Koren/Korencyn (Warsaw, Poland, NYC); Moskowicz/Moskovics (Szalok, Zemplin, Hungry, NYC); Suffis (Poland); Minin (Latvia)

What was your most surprising genealogical find? I was working on a family from Poland. They left Warsaw, Poland to live in Palestine at Jaffa. A cholera epidemic killed several family members and they decided to leave. Some of the family returned to Warsaw and some went to Paris, France. One man from the Paris branch moved to New York City. His was the family group I was researching. I discovered that he had abandoned his family in France and married again in the U.S. His family was shocked to learn this. It demonstrated to me that family history is not without startling consequences.

What was your most memorable genealogical success?

In the early 1990s I was excited to go on my first research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I had looked at the library catalogue before the trip and found microfilms for Jewish vital records in Warsaw, Poland. One branch of my husband's family was originally from Warsaw. I hoped to find the 1849 birth record for his great grandfather Wolf Koren. The records were in Polish written in paragraph form. I don't read Polish but the index was very user friendly. I was looking for a record for Wolfe Koren. I found the record indexed under Chaim Wolfe Korenczyn. A library volunteer translated the record for me. It was the first "foreign" record I had ever found and it was really exciting. I looked for other records for the Koren family but found none. I knew then that all the records were not destroyed in WWII and that with a little effort I could locate some of them.



Wolf Koren in New York City

What was your toughest genealogical problem?

I eventually ran out of records to search for my husband Barry Barkan's family in Latvia. The 1897 Russian census was the oldest record I had found. I would

occasionally use Goggle to search for more records. After about ten years my search paid off when I discovered a new batch of house and revision lists posted in English by someone doing research in the area. Not everything is on the big genealogy sites. Search far and wide and often.

What relative helped you the most and how?

My mother-in-law, Frieda Koren Barkan, helped me the most with my husband's family. She remembered a lot of information but she also had saved baby books, address books, photographs, letters, and cards. I thought her memory was just terrific. However when she couldn't remember the maiden name of a distant cousin she agreed to be hypnotized to recall the name. Hypnotism was a success but she still couldn't retrieve the name! Obviously I'm willing to go to great lengths in search of information.

What is your favorite family heirloom and why?

I have letters written between Frieda Koren and her husband Alfred Barkan during WWII. In 2010 I scanned them and made books for the children and grandchildren of the couple. It was wonderful to get a glimpse of them as a young couple. Their son, Barry Barkan my husband, was born toward the end of the correspondence and it was nice to see how excited they were to start their family even in a time of war.



Frieda Koren and Alfred Barkan



Forwarding locations can help trace the whereabouts of family members during time of war

What is your favorite family photo and why?

The photo is the 1915 wedding photo of Morris Koren and Rose Koren . It was originally owned by Frieda Koren Barkan and was a large framed colored photograph that hung in the Barkan home in Tucson, Arizona. The photo was passed on to Morris Barkan, son of Frieda and Alfred Barkan, then to Barry Barkan, oldest son of Frieda and Alfred Barkan and then to Barry's oldest son Gregory Barkan. I not only like the photo but like how it has traveled through the family.



Morris Koren and wife Rose Cohen

What is your favorite genealogical document to find? Why?

I'm partial to whatever document is in front of me at the time! Marriage record, death certificate, school report card, voting record, I like them all! I love that moment of anticipation when I first start looking to find the clues that a record may contain. How will the document enhance the information I have? Will it offer contradictory facts that will force me to rethink the information I have? Will there be information that will lead me to other ancestors and relatives? Through the years I've learned to go slowly, line by line through any record in hopes that I won't miss anything. Still I try to revisit records, especially vital records, in my files. You never know what you might have missed on the first go round.

What genealogy project are you currently working on?

I hesitate to even write this but I'm trying to organize, scan and distribute to younger family members photographs and heirlooms. I've started this project maybe a million times before but I'm determined to get it done in 2017. I've set up boxes for younger family members and I've started sorting and scanning photographs. In 2016 I started to send items and original photos to family members. My goal is to hand on everything so no one has to sort through all my stuff when I'm dead. Do I worry that items will be tossed or destroyed? Yes, but not too much. I've enjoyed all those photos for many years. It is time to send them on their way. Their future is now in the hands of other families.

RESEARCHING MILITARY RECORDS

If your research involves military records, be sure to setup a “google alert” for access to free military records during these holiday periods.

MEMORIAL DAY, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>

http://www.usmemorialday.org/?page_id=2



FLAG DAY, which takes place annually on June 14, is as oft-forgotten holiday, once called the “runty stepchild among American national holidays” in the *New York Times*. <http://time.com/4365243/what-is-flag-day/>

A collection of interesting facts, customs and how it is to be displayed can be found at: <http://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/history/old-glory/>



MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR NOT ONLY INFORMATIVE BUT INTERESTING PROGRAMS

DATE	TOPIC
May 20	Science of Genealogy
June 11	Genealogy Fair
June 17	Township maps and plat maps
July 15	Get Creative with Your Family History
Aug 19	European Ancestors
Sept 16	Journaling Principles That Work
Oct 21	Pointing Fingers at Ancestors' Siblings – Breaking Down Brick Walls with Collateral Research
Nov 18	If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War
Dec 16	DNA

2017 CLASSES

Mon., May 22

12-3pm Lunch & Learn
Digitized Books for your Research

Wed., June 21

5-7:30pm Evening Session
Part 1
Beginning Genealogy

Wed., June 28

5-7:30pm Evening Session
Part 2
Beginning Genealogy



Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society would like to offer its condolences to the family and friends of

Dorothy Rowland

Dorothy was a founding member of the Clark County Genealogical Society – Member #3.

We acknowledge her many contributions to the founding and growth of Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society as we know it today.



**CANIDATES FOR THE 2017 SLATE OF
OFFICER AND DIRECTOR POSITIONS:**

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Las Vegas Family Search Library

Linda Coble, CCNGS Member

As you all know, I teach the Life Stories Class on Fridays at the Las Vegas Family Search Library. If you haven't noticed, on the top part of the schedule is a line called ONLINE, and it gives two great links for training and handouts. I have learned so much while volunteering at the library. Even if you are not near Las Vegas, you can still access some of our training handouts.

		Patron Training Classes
EVERY DAY		Workers are available during all open hours to assist you on an individual basis with the basics for working with FS Family Tree. THIS CLASS IS A HANDS ON CLASS
NOTES		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check back regularly on the schedule as it may be altered during the month as conflicts arise. For 24/7 FamilySearch support call 866-406-1830.• If attending a FamilyTree, FindMyPast, MyHeritage or Ancestry.com class- please come with your account set up and have your username and password available.
ONLINE		Training: bit.ly/lvsltraining Handouts: bit.ly/lvslhandouts

For more information check the website: <https://www.lvfamilysearchlibrary.org/>

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Facility and equipment dedicated
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Monday & Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

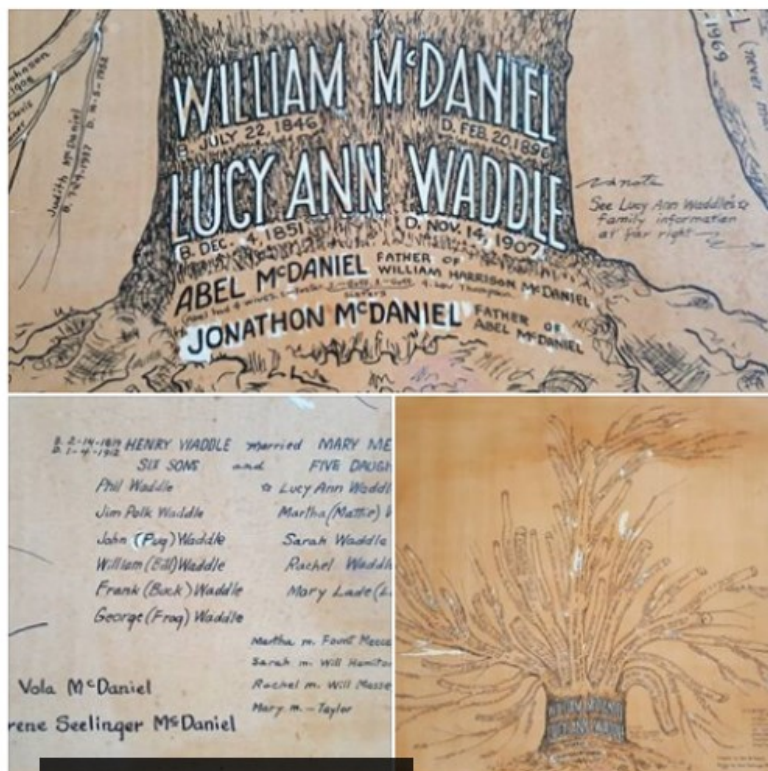
Phone: 702-382-9695

FAMILY TREES FOUND

By Linda Coble - CCNGS member

In 2008 I received a letter from San Diego which included a funeral program for my cousin Wilma. The writer was her daughter Jini who had found a couple of letters from me among her mother's things. "I didn't know anything about you," Jini wrote. She added that she also found a large family tree drawn by my mother. "Would you like me to go to Kinko's and make a copy for you?"

Found this family tree for McDaniel and Waddle family in Wade and Armina Harper's old house.
Anyone connected to these families and would like this print message me on Facebook
We recently purchased this property and my son found this in a closet.
Teresa Whitaker Nix

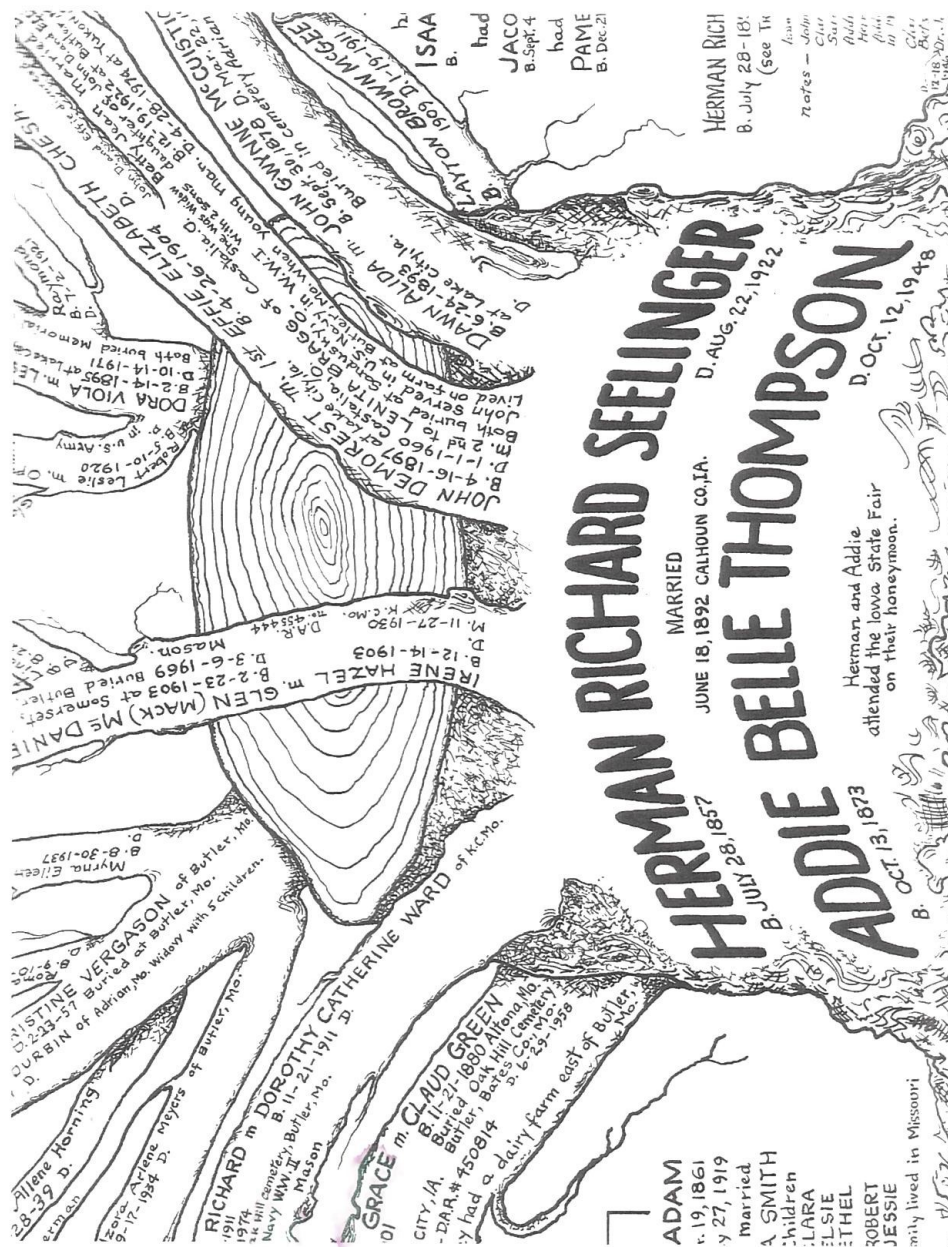


That tree of the Seelinger family delighted me but it would be two more years before I retired and moved from Florida to Nevada to be near family. I took the genealogy class at OLLI, joined CCNGS, and attended classes taught by CCNGS member Diane Sinclair. Diane took us on a field trip to the Family History Library where I became a volunteer in 2013.

On April 10, 2016 I was working on genealogy using two monitors and keeping tabs open for email and Facebook.

Suddenly there was a new posting on Facebook so I flipped over to take a look.

There were three views of a McDaniel family tree. Teresa Whitaker Nix is a relative of Wade and Armina.



She carefully packed the tree and sent it to me.



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2 people like this.



Linda McDaniel Coble Left to right: Armina Whitaker (1901-1993), husband Wade Harper (1910-1996), Zula McDaniel Hutson (1904-1984), Walter Vola McDaniel,(1911-1995) , William "Bill" McDaniel (1901-1983). July 1968 at the remains of the former home of Qualls McDaniel and Bette Massey, parents of Zula, Vola and Bill, and my father, Glen McDaniel (1903-1969). Armina was a first cousin to the McDaniel siblings.

Irene Seelinger McDaniel was a commercial artist in the motion picture advertising industry during the Great Depression. She worked at the Kansas City Film Ad where an artist named Walt Disney had worked several years before going out on his own. Somehow I feel my mother, who died in a house fire in 1982, wanted me to find these trees.





Jini and I met in October of 2009 and toured Graceland together. While we were there a tourist named Charlotte from Denmark overheard me relating my memories of being in Graceland in the sixties when Elvis was home between making movies.

Charlotte asked if she could have a photo taken with me because I am someone who had actually known Elvis. Fellow tourist Rene Edelgaard Caspersen took the outstanding photo and I use it on Facebook. Charlotte is on the left with her camera and I am on the right. I felt twenty years old again that day, the age I was when I first met Elvis during the Christmas holidays in 1960. My mother wanted to make sure I experienced train travel and bought a ticket for the Kansas City Florida Special as a Christmas present. I had now come full circle.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
SUNDAY,
JUNE 11, 2017
AFTER HOURS
GENEALOGY
FAIR - 12-4pm**

GENEALOGY VS. CYBERSPACE

By Sam Giordano

The Intersect — You've probably never heard of this creepy genealogy site. But it knows a lot about you. By [Abby Ohlheiser](#) January 12

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-intersect/wp/2017/01/12/youve-probably-never-heard-of-this-creepy-genealogy-site-but-its-heard-all-about-you/?utm_term=.2e1e0d8a3a93

Griffis: Big four genealogy sites compared Mar 12, 2017

http://www.commercial-news.com/community/griffis-big-four-genealogy-sites-compared/article_1cba011a-6309-552f-911a-355d37ba03aa.html

No secrets? Websites serving up your personal data to anyone who wants it. Check out these articles:

<http://www.thegleaner.com/story/news/2017/03/03/no-secrets-websites-serving-up-your-personal-data-anyone-who-wants/98488512/>

9 cybersecurity tips for the mildly paranoid (plus 4 for the truly anxious)

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/news/2017/03/09/wikileaks-privacy-paranoid-cia-hacking-prevention/98964384/>

Joan Griffis/Illinois Ancestors: RootsTech 2017 names prize winners Wed, 03/01/2017

<http://www.news-gazette.com/living/2017-03-01/joan-griffisillinois-ancestors-rootstech-2017-names-prize-winners.html>

Best Genealogy Software article by Amy Crow – Blogger

<http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/2017/03/17/choose-best-genealogy-software/>

Elephind can be a great FREE resource for anyone who wishes to search old newspapers. <https://blog.eogn.com/2017/03/22/search-historical-newspaper-archives-with-elephind-co'm/>

CLOUD STORAGE – Facts and information about Cloud Storage:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/dropbox-vs-google-drive-vs-onedrive-cloud-storage-best/>

CCNGS GENEALOGY DO OVER STUDY GROUP

By Barb Stoebner

The “Do-Over Fellowship” met again to support and encourage the efforts of our members. During our first two months we pursued setting our previous research aside and establishing base practices and guidelines by coming up with five procedures to use in conducting our research. Moving into month 3, we prepare/ conduct both self and family interviews. Creating a family group sheet for oneself and/or the individual to be interviewed is a great starting point. A self-interview will likely focus on memories of important life events. The family interview is an opportunity to review family group sheets and check them for accuracy. We looked at a biography of Thomas MacEntee. A research summary sheet can be used to identify information that might be sought for inclusion in the interview. Websites that might be helpful in preparing are:

117 questions to ask your family

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2017/03/117-questions-to-ask-your-family/>

10 tips for interviewing family members

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2013/06/10-tips-for-interviewing-family-members-2/>

How to capture a loved one’s personal history

<https://legacytale.com/how-to-interview>

Remember you can follow the process at your own leisure. You will find that there is much support available on the web:

Geneabloggers has support pages:

<http://www.geneabloggers.com/tag/genealogy-do-over/>

MacEntee has his own pages:

<http://hidefgen.com/presentations/genealogy-do-over-year-learning-mistakes/>

MacEntee’s book is available from Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.com/Thomas-](https://www.amazon.com/Thomas-MacEntee/e/B004G9HO62/?encoding=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&linkCode=ur2&tag=geneabloggers-20)

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Or do a web search of “Genealogy Do-Over”



New Book Releases in the Marketplace by Sam Giordano

A Letter from Ireland Volume 3: Stories from your Irish Ancestors. Paperback – March 11, 2017

New Mexico Baptisms: San Miguel del Bado Church, Vol. I: 1829-1844 Paperback – March 7, 2017 by Eloise Arellanes (Author), Margaret Leonard Windham (Compiler), Evelyn Lujan Baca (Compiler)

Tracing Your Ancestors Through Letters and Personal Writings (A Guide For Family Historians) Paperback – March 17, 2017 by Ruth Alexandra Symes (Author)

The Family Tree Historical Atlas of American Cities Hardcover – April 14, 2017 by Allison Dolan (Editor), Family Tree Editors (Editor)

My European Family: The First 54,000 Years by Karin Bojs (Author) This Title will be released on May 30, 2017

Tracing Your Ancestors' Lives: A Guide to Social History for Family Historians Paperback – July 19, 2017 by Barbara J. Starmans (Author)



If you have a story, article, ancestral memory, book review, website, or research tips/tricks, please send this to: ccngs.lv.nv@gmail.com

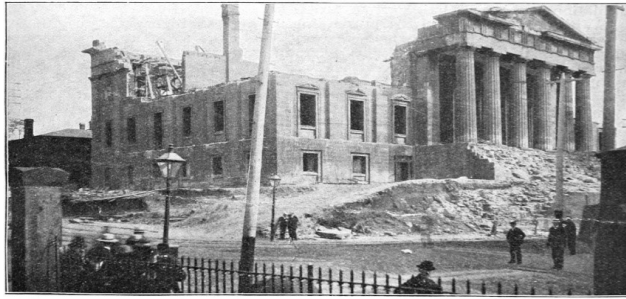


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Iowa Courthouses that Burned

By Michelle Bryner

Several Iowa counties have dealt with a loss of records due to courthouse fires, floods, and theft.

- **Adair County Courthouse** – Courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1889. Most Court Records were destroyed.
- **Adams County Courthouse** – The Courthouse was destroyed by fire on February 1, 1888. Some early records were destroyed.
- **Benton County Courthouse** – The Courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1853. The county records were rescued by three courageous men who were seriously burned and died from their injuries three months after the blaze.
- **Buena Vista County Courthouse** – On January 1, 1877 the courthouse was destroyed by a fire. Most records were destroyed
- **Calhoun County Courthouse** – The Courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1884.
- **Carroll County Courthouse** – In 1886, this courthouse was damaged by a fire
- **Cass County Courthouse** – In March 1932, a fire destroyed the courthouse, but the county records were saved
- **Chickasaw County Courthouse** – The Courthouse was totally destroyed in a fire on March 26, 1880. Many irreplaceable documents were lost, but many more were saved with the help of the “Hook & Ladder Co.,” and concerned citizens.
- **Decatur County Courthouse** – The Second Courthouse was destroyed by a windstorm before it could be finished. The 3rd Courthouse was destroyed by a fire on March 31, 1874 (One book from the auditor’s office and one book from the clerk’s office survived). The 4th Courthouse was blown up on April 1, 1877 destroying the entire west side of the courthouse.
- **Des Moines County Courthouse** – The Courthouse, along with some of the county records, was destroyed by a fire in 1873.
- **Dickinson County Courthouse** – The Courthouse was destroyed in a fire in November of 1871, some of the county records were destroyed.
- **Fayette County Courthouse** – The Courthouse burned in 1872 when a prisoner set fire to the courthouse during an escape attempt.

Iowa Courthouses that Burned

(continued)

- **Floyd County Courthouse** – One June 7, 1874, a terrific thunderbolt struck the courthouse (The important county records were saved). The courthouse burned down in 1881, destroying nearly all county records.
- **Fremont County Courthouse** – The 2nd Courthouse was damaged by a gunny sack full of dynamite in 1863. In 1888, vandals poured Coal oil throughout the building and set a fire (A steel vault saved most of the records).
- **Guthrie County Courthouse** – In 1857, in the cabin of the county clerk, a keg of gunpowder blew all the county records to pieces. This Courthouse burned to the ground on March 3, 1882 (A heroic clerk saved most of the court records). In November of 1963 courthouse was destroyed by fire (some records were destroyed).
- **Hardin County Courthouse** – The first courthouse was destroyed that same year by in 1856.
- **Harrison County Courthouse** – The first courthouse was destroyed in a fire in September 1854, all of the county records were destroyed.
- **Howard County Courthouse** – The courthouse at Cresco burned down on December 1, 1876. Few records survived.
- **Ida County Courthouse** – On January 12, 1877, the courthouse burned, along with most of the county records.
- **Jones County Courthouse** – The courthouse built in 1848 and vacated in 1864 was destroyed by fire in 1875.
- **Lee County Courthouse** – In 1911, fire damaged the courthouse
- **Madison County Courthouse** – In 1875, a fire destroyed the building in less than four hours.
- **Muscatine County Courthouse** – The courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1864 (No records were lost in the fire, as far as can be determined).
- **Page County Courthouse** – The Courthouse and the records were destroyed in an 1858 fire.
- **Ringgold County Courthouse** – On June 8, 1858, a cyclone blew down the courthouse and many records disappeared.
- **Sac County Courthouse** – The Courthouse burned down in 1888.
- **Story County Courthouse** – The courthouse was destroyed by fire on New Year's Day, 1864.
- **Union County Courthouse** – The first courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1893.



Iowa Extinct Counties

By Michelle Bryner

- **Bancroft County:** Was created by act of the Legislature in 1851 from a portion of old Fayette and embraced the twelve northern townships of what is now Kossuth County, extending to the Minnesota line, making an area of four hundred four square miles. The county was named in honor of George Bancroft, the historian. In January, 1853, it was attached to Boone County for election, revenue and judicial purposes. In 1855 by act of the General Assembly it was made a part of Kossuth and Bancroft County ceased to exist. The county was one vast level prairie through which the east fork of the Des Moines River flowed and its lands in early times were considered too wet for profitable cultivation but in later years the soil has been found to be exceedingly productive and has been converted into fine farms of increasing value. No county-seat was established during the brief period that Bancroft had an existence and no organization of a county government was performed.
- **Belknap County:** Was created by act of General Assembly in 1874, embracing townships seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-six and seventy-seven in ranges thirty-eight, thirty-nine and forty in the eastern portion of Pottawattamie County. In compliance with the Constitution of the proposition to establish this county was submitted to a vote of the electors residing in the county of Pottawattamie which it proposed to divide and at this election was rejected so that Belknap County ceased to exist. The name was given in honor of General William W. Belknap, a distinguished Iowa officer in the Civil War and afterwards Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President U.S. Grant.
- **Buncombe County:** Was established in 1851 and named for an officer in the War of the Revolution. It was the extreme northwestern county in the State. While bearing this name, there were no permanent settlers within its limits but for eleven years it appeared on the map of Iowa as Buncombe County until at the extra session of the Ninth General Assembly in September, 1862, it was changed to Lyon.

Iowa Extinct Counties (continued)

- **Cook County:** Was established from territory originally embraced in Des Moines County, on the 7th of December, 1836. It included a portion of Scott County and other territory not clearly defined. The county was never organized and the following year the territory was divided among other counties created by act of the legislature of December 21, 1837. The origin of the name given is not known.
- **Crocker County:** Was created by an act of the Legislature of 1870, embracing the northern part of Kossuth County which had at one time made the county of Bancroft. It was named for General M. M. Crocker of Iowa, a distinguished officer of the Civil War. The county-seat was located at Greenwood and the organization was completed in October, 1870, by the election of the following officers: George V. Davis, auditor; Cyrus Hawks, clerk; William Gibbon, treasurer; A.J. Garfield, recorder; J.H. Coffin, sheriff; Sarah A. Littlefield, superintendent of schools. In December, 1871, the Supreme Court of Iowa declared the act creating this county a violation of the constitution, which in article eleven declares that no new county shall be created which contains less than four hundred thirty-two square miles. Crocker County ceased to exist from and after the rendition of that decision and its territory reverted to Kossuth.
- **Fox County:** Was created by act of the General Assembly in 1851 and named for the Fox Indians. It was attached to Polk County but never organized under that name. In January, 1853, the name was changed to Calhoun.
- **Grimes County:** Was created by act of the Sixteenth General Assembly in 1876, embracing twelve townships lying in ranges thirty-eight, thirty-nine and forty of Pottawattamie County. The act provided in compliance with a provision of the Constitution, that the proposition should be submitted to a vote of the electors of 1876. The division of the county was defeated at that election and the new county was never organized. It was named for Ex-Governor James W. Grimes, for many years a distinguished member of the United States Senate.
- **Kishkekosh County:** Was created in February, 1843, and named for a famous Fox Indian chief. It was organized in July, 1845, when E.S. Rand, Israel Kister and J.A. Galligher were appointed commissioners to locate the county-seat. They chose a site where Albia now stands, and a town was laid out named Princeton. On the 1st of August, 1846, the name of the county was changed to Monroe and the county of Kishkekosh ceased to exist.

Iowa Extinct Counties (continued)

- **Risley County:** Was created in 1851 and embraced the territory now constituting the county of Hamilton. It was attached to Polk and afterwards to Boone for election, revenue and judicial purposes. In the same month, by an act of the Legislature, the county of Webster was created embracing the territory of both Risley and Yell counties by which act these two ceased to exist. An act of the same session which took affect before the union of these two counties, changed the name of Risley to Webster, so that for a period of five months and nine days the former county of Risley (now Hamilton) was Webster County. This came from the fact that the act changing the name of Risley to Webster took affect upon publication January 22, 1853, while the act consolidating Yell and Risley did not become a law until the first of July following.
- **Slaughter County:** Was created in January, 1838, and embraced a portion of the territory now included in the counties of Louisa, Muscatine and Henry. It was named for William B. Slaughter, Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin. The county-seat was located at Astoria where the first courts were held in 1837 by Judges Irwin and Williams. the citizens of the county were dissatisfied with the name which had been secured through the manipulations of the obscure official whose name it bore and, upon petition the Legislature relieved them by changing the boundaries of the county and naming it Washington.
- **Wahkaw County:** Was created in 1851 by act of the Legislature from the territory originally embrace in Benton when that county extended to the Missouri River. The bill which created this county when reported to the Senate gave the name of "Floyd" in memory of Sergeant Floyd of the Lewis and Clark expedition who died in camp in 1804 and was buried on the east side of the Missouri River south of Sioux City. The Senate passed the bill as introduced but it was amended in the House by striking out "Floyd" and inserting "Wahkaw," an Indian name. An act of the Legislature approved January 12, 1853, provided for the organization of the county and selected commissioners to locate the county-seat, the name of which should be Sergeant's Bluff. A later act of the same Legislature changed the name of the county to Woodbury, and on 22nd of January, 1853, Wahkaw County ceased to exist.
- **Yell County:** Was created by an act of the General Assembly in 1851 and embraced all of the present territory of Webster except the north tier of congressional townships. It was named for the second Governor of Arkansas, Colonel Archibald Yell, who was killed at the Battle of Buena Vista in the Mexican War. The county had never been organized up to 1853, when by act of the Legislature it was incorporated with the new county of Webster. This county was formed by uniting the former county of Webster, which had first been named Risley, with Yell County, making thirty-two congressional townships, to which the name of Webster was given. By this act the county of Yell ceased to exist.

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