

Wright County Genealogy Searchers

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Research requests are accepted & completed for a charge of \$8.00 per hour, including copies, and postage. Money goes to the Society to further their work.

What is Genealogy?

Genealogy is the study and documentation of the ancestry and descendants of specific people, often with added reference to their lives, accomplishments and life styles. It is also the study of the history of one or more families, who need not

have been prominent in any way.

Meetings are open to the public on the fourth Saturday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Clarion Public Library.

Officers for the 2014 year are President, Judy Poolman, Vice



President JoAnn Kramer, Secretary Dean Long, Treasurer Rosella Gramstad.

Join us to discover your family history.

2014 Program for Genealogy Searchers



Did you ever wonder how grandpa got to Wright County from his homeland across the ocean?

The Wright County Genealogy Searchers has been helping people learn where to look for answers to this question and more about their family & their heritage since 1974.

In 2014 we will begin a year-long project.

The program is including three work day meetings at the library in February, June and September. Members will review the resources to gain a general knowledge of what is available in the genealogy research section of the Clarion Public Library. Materials will then be updated as needed for the best presentation of all books, donations, newspapers and family histories to the library.

Our October meeting will include an open house and explanation of the Genealogy Section in the Clarion Library. You can learn to interpret a census

on the microfilm machine, read a published family history, or explore the cemetery and funeral home records.

Our members bring their knowledge to every meetings to share with those who are beginning their search and those who have spent many years gathering information about their families. Roll call topics and programs are presented by members to help hone their research skills.

We are asking all members to help with work days and completing this project. For more information call Jo Ann at 532-2055.

Wright County Genealogy Society dues is \$8.00 per year, payable to Treasurer Rosella Gramstad. Please bring your dues to a meeting, or send to POB 225, Clarion, IA 50525

Favorite websites:

WorldConnect.org
 FamilySearch.org
 IowaGenealogy.org
 USGenWeb.org
 Digital arkivet-arkivverts
 MyHeritage.com
 Mocavo.com
 Ancestry.com
 RuralConnect.org
 Geneamusing.com
 Find-a-grave.com
 Google.com/chrome
 Google.com/+google

Wright County Genealogy Searcher Meeting

The Wright County Genealogy Searcher met Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 1:30 PM at the Clarion public library. Five members braved the icy streets and answered roll call to "Name your favorite website." Attending were: Ann Hines, Jo Ann Kramer, Julia Larson, Diane Shores & Pamela Swartz.

Jo Ann Kramer opened the meeting in the absence of president Judy Poolman. There was no Secretary's minutes or Treasurer's report.

All members were sent an e-mail announcing the meeting.

Publicity was sent to the newspapers and KQWC radio.

New business

Who would be willing to do research for requests?

Pam Swartz will volunteer to go throughout the county for information, and Diane Shores will do research with some flexibility. Julia, Ann & Jo Ann, said not at this time.

Discussion was held as to what is the proper charge for researching? Currently \$8.00 hr. with money going to the genealogy society. Iowa State Historical Library charges \$15.00 a half hour with up to 10 copies, and postage.

It was suggested to contact neighboring genealogy groups to see what they are charging. We should be competitive. Pam will do this, and bring info to the next meeting for discussion.

When requests come to the Clarion Library staff, they will contact our group. Librarian Nancy Nail said we can have an area on the library website to put that information and other things about the genealogy group—meetings, etc. Will discuss next month.

Work Days—This year we will have three work days at the library...February, June & September

Purpose—to know what is available in the Gene section of Clarion Library

To update or categorize materials for better research opportunities

To determine what group efforts need to be accomplished in the future.

All members are encouraged to help with these work days—or call Jo Ann for working during the month, if unable to attend the meeting. We hope to use everyone's talents for this project.

Program volunteers. The group was asked what programs they would like to have presented and if we could have a volunteer to present a short program in June. No program will be held at the September meeting, so time can be spent completing our work day.

Program. Diane Shores gave a very interesting and informative program on "Computer techniques for researching your family tree."

**Wright County Genealogy Searchers
Meetings at Clarion Library
4th Saturday monthly (unless noted), 1:30 PM**

January 25, 2014

Roll CallName your favorite website.
Program: *Computer techniques for Researching your family tree*, Diane Shores

February 22, 2014Library Work Day (obituaries & funeral records—west section)

Roll Call How do you protect your information? Backup system?
Program: *New member packet updated*, Jo Ann Kramer

March 29, 2014

Roll CallWhat happens when you reach a brick wall?
Program: *Basic Genealogy, Getting Started*, Pam Swartz

April 26, 2014

Roll Call Why I got started with genealogy, and what I have learned.
Program: *Iowa Genealogy Society Speaker—Theresa Leiwer*

May 31, 2014

Roll Call Your military family. Who were they and their legacy.
Program:Share how you use your favorite magazines. (Bring examples with you).

June 28, 2014..... Library Work Day (labeling & organizing research materials –northwest section)

Roll Call What questions are still unanswered in your researching?
Program: need a volunteer.

July 26, 2014Outing to Franklin County Genealogy

August 23, 2014

Roll Call What is the most surprising thing you found in your family history?
Program:*Google Search*, Judy Poolman

September 27, 2014 Library Work Day (immigration, general genealogy—northeast section)

Roll Call What was your biggest mistake in researching & how did you fix it?

October 25, 2014 *Open House to showcase our Finished project!*

Roll Call How do I spread the word about our organization? What can we do better?
Program:*What’s available in Clarion Library?* Diane, Jo Ann & Ann Hines

November 8, 2014..... Planning meeting for 2015

