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## Saturday Seminars, Field Trips & Lock Ins

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2006:

**January 29-February 5, 2006**—Fourth Annual Research Retreat to Salt Lake City. It's not too late to join us. See article on page 2.

**February 10, 2006**—Lock In—Breaking Down Brick Walls. See the article on page 2.

**February 18, 2006**—Barbara Coakley & Lynne Darrouzet will speak to us about resources available at NEHGS and New England Research. The FGS Conference is in Boston in September, it would be a great time to visit the NEHGS Library in Boston and the conference in one trip.

**March 18, 2006**—Nygil Parker, an Archivist from the Southwest Regional Branch of the National Archives, will speak to us about the resources available at their facility in Ft. Worth. Come to the lecture to prepare for our field trip.

**April 3, 2006**—Field Trip to the Southwest Regional Branch of the National Archives. Look for details in next months newsletters.

**April 15, 2006**—Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, author of *Forensic Genealogy* will discuss what can be achieved by applying the investigative techniques of forensic science to genealogy. Her book will also be for sale at the seminar.

**May 20, 2006**—To be announced.

**June 17, 2006**—Jennifer Pitts will share her knowledge of Adobe Photoshop Elements - learn to perfect, transform, organize and share your photos like a pro.

**July 7, 2006**—Lock In—Little Used Sources. See the article on page 2.

**July 15, 2006**—Learn about 19th Century Funeral Customs from Carol Taylor, the head of a genealogy library who has been researching her family history for over thirty years.

**August 19, 2006**—To be announced

**September 16, 2006**—All Day Seminar—Lloyd Bockstruck will be speaking on Colonial Topics.

**October 21, 2006**—Thinking about joining a lineage society? Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and more will tell us about their societies and answer our questions.

**October 27, 2006**—Lock In—Using Computers in Genealogy. See article on page 2.

**November 18, 2006**—Richard Preston will talk to us about Migration Patterns.

**December 16, 2006**—Annual Show and Tell.

## Research Retreats

### 2006—Salt Lake City

The Fourth Annual Research Retreat to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will be January 29th through February 5th. The fee is \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members (includes membership). Registration deadline is January 15th. The fee includes an Orientation to the Family History Library by library staff, a lecture on U.S. Court Records by a professional genealogist, individual and group consultations with experienced genealogists, and an opportunity to use the resources of the largest genealogy library in the world.

Further information and registration forms are available on our website at [www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/).

### 2007-Washington DC

Genealogy Friends will be sponsoring a trip to Washington DC in October 2007. You will have an opportunity to research at the National Archives, Library of Congress and the Daughters of the American Revolution Library. Orientation sessions will be held at each institution. If you are interested please contact Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net). More information will be available at a later date.

## 2006 Lock Ins

Lock Ins are held at the Gladys Harrington Library. Registration begins at 5:30, the library closes to the public at 6:00. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Pizza, drinks and cookies are served at 7:00 for an additional \$4.00. Lock Ins are a great place to learn in small groups. Participate in classes, get help with a research consultation, or use the resources available to do your own research. A Plano Library Card and Internet Registration are required prior to 5:30 pm to use library computers.

### July 7th—Little Used Sources

Classes include Institution and Coroners Records; Using Newspapers for More than Obituaries; Genealogy Journals—They can be useful even if your ancestor isn't mentioned; and Hiring a Professional Researcher.

### October 27th—Using Computers in Genealogy

Classes to be determined.



The Show and Tell Meeting in December was a big hit. Thanks to everyone who participated.

## Bureau of Land Mgmt Back Online

The Bureau of Land Management General Land Office web site is back up and running online. You can search for land sales between the Federal Government and your ancestors. Once you find your ancestors land, you can also perform a search for the section, township and range and find out who their neighbors were. You can also print out an image of the land patent for properties in the Eastern United States. Patents for the Western States can be ordered from the web site. There is also a Primer on the Federal Land System (Rectangular Survey System) available on the web site that can be downloaded in .pdf format.

<http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>

## Library Lock In—February 10, 2006

### Breaking Down Brick Walls

**Friday, February 10, 2006 from 6:00 to 11:00 P.M.**

**Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano**

### Topics offered for all levels of experience:

Analyzing Your Research, Part 1 and Part 2 – Learn how to review what you have found with a critical eye to determine what your next steps should be.

Using Indirect Evidence to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was – Can't find a document that proves the relationship you are researching? Learn how to compile information from multiple sources to prove your theory.

Getting More Out of Census Records – Census Records are a valuable record resource to document your families. Learn how to compare and analyze the information to make sound genealogical conclusions.

Finding Ancestors Before 1850– Pre-1850 many of the records we use in later time periods to prove who our ancestors were are not available. Don't despair there are ways to find your ancestors before 1850. Join us to discover for some research tips and tricks.

Private Consultations by appointment between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Internet Computers – Library Card and authorization required\*

Open Research – Use the vast resources available at the Harrington Library to research your family.

### Details:

Check-in at 5:30 P.M. The library closes to the public at 6:00.

Registration is a \$10.00 donation. Option: Pizza, cookie & beverage available for \$4.00. Additional beverages are \$.50 each.

Make checks payable to GenFriends. Pay at the door. Sorry, no credit or debit cards.

Forms are available at the library and/or print from the Gen/Friends website, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/lockins.htm>. For further information contact: GenFriends at [genfriends@comcast.net](mailto:genfriends@comcast.net)

*NOTE: To use the Internet computers, you must have a library card and be authorized by the library prior to 5:30 P.M. on the evening of the lock-in.*

## Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

Be one of the best-dressed genealogists in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts have a 3" logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural, or ash gray with a dark green logo.

T-shirts are \$12.00 for toddler through XL and \$14.00 for XXL and XXXL

Sweatshirts are \$17.00 for toddler through XL and \$19.00 for XXL and XXXL

### Collin County Historic Photographs Web Site

Members of GenFriends are contributing photographs of Collin County to the newest Gen Friends web site *Collin County, Texas Past Finders Photo Collection*.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolli3>. The web site now contains over 3,400 photographs. Categories include Cemeteries,

Churches, Schools, People, Places, and Tombstones. If you would like to contribute photos of Collin County subjects, contact Joy at [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net).

### History & Genealogy Web Site

Members of Genealogy Friends are contributing to a new web site—History and Genealogy for the Active Researcher located at <http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl>.

The goal is to expand the knowledge of those researching in Collin County and North Texas.

Check out the timeline—a daily calendar of events in Collin County through the years.

### Microfiche Readers for Sale

ELECTRIC READERS FOR SALE: C.O.M. 1200 Micro Design Microfiche Reader, good condition: dual lens, with high, magnify, low viewing. DuKane Explorer 14 microfilm reader, in good condition, with high, medium, low viewing Both were used for indexing projects. \$200 each. Phone Brenda Kellow, 972-941-9280, or email [TraceRoots@comcast.net](mailto:TraceRoots@comcast.net)

### Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

<b>NEW</b> Public Land Survey Systems	\$5
Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$40
Collin County, TX Voter Registration Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Military Investigations: Red, White & Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10

### Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column by Brenda Kellow appears in Plano Star Courier, Star Community Newspapers and DFW Community News weekly.

The column and an archives of past columns are also available at <http://www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots>.

### Book Exchange

Genealogy Friends would like to exchange Collin County books with books from other societies.

If you have an area or society you would like us to try and exchange with, please contact Joy Gough at [jfarrgo@comcast.net](mailto:jfarrgo@comcast.net).

## Collin County Bits — January Disaster

By Joy Gough

January marks the anniversary of one of the worst disasters in McKinney history. On Thursday, January 23, 1913, at 3:40 PM, the Mississippi Store and the T. J. Tingle Implement Store in McKinney collapsed, killing eight people directly, two indirectly, and injuring at least fourteen others.

The Cheeves Brothers & Co. Dry Goods Store, also known as the Mississippi Store, was located on the northeast corner of the courthouse square, on the west side of Tennessee Street. The 3-story brick building was the property of the Empire Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the store housed in the first two stories and the Lodge occupying the third floor. The building was sometimes called the Odd Fellows Building. One of the previous occupants of the store had called his dry goods store the Mississippi Store. The residents still called it that.

The Odd Fellows Building was constructed with two stories around 1874, making it almost 50 years old. The third story was added about 1889. The building was about 60 feet by 80 feet, with a 20-inch thick wall on the first two stories and a 13-inch thick wall on the third floor.

The Cheeves Brothers & Co. Dry Goods Store was part of a chain of stores, whose home office was in Cameron, Texas. On January 23, the store was holding a ladies' white-goods sale.

The T. J. Tingle Implement Company building for many years was one-story. The second story was added several years later. It sold farm implements and surries. It was sometimes called the Bates Building.

Both buildings collapsed when their common wall fell into the Mississippi Store. About 25-30 feet of the Mississippi Store was left standing.

Counting clerks and salesmen, there were around thirty people in the dry-goods store when it fell. Most of the people rescued were found near the front of the store where the white-goods sale was being held.

The buildings fell with a terrific, grinding roar. Dust and smoke covered the entire street and square. As soon as the dust had cleared, people were climbing upon the wreckage in an effort to rescue those who were trapped beneath the brick, mortar, and timbers. A fire broke out in the center of the Mississippi Store near the stove. For a while it seemed that the flames and intense smoke would drive the rescuers from the wreckage. The fire raged for over an hour before being brought under control.

The Volunteer Fire Department was called in immediately. Ten to fifteen wagons with a score of men worked in clearing away the debris. Draymen used their wagons and teams to haul away brick, lumber, and goods as fast as the wagons could be loaded.

Electricians erected a big arc light over the wrecked buildings for the workers.

People came from Dallas and Sherman and nearby towns to help in the rescue. Volunteer firemen came from Greenville, Plano, and Van Alstyne. At one time there were as many as 1000 people working to rescue the victims and as many as 5000 people on the square watching the process.

All the men working at the Sherman-Dallas interurban traction company power house located just north of McKinney came into town to assist in the rescue. All physicians and people coming to McKinney to help could come on the interurban free.

A special train carrying two hundred and fifty people was brought in on the MKT "Katy" tracks from Greenville, and points east. About 150 people came from Greenville, including nurses, physicians, and reporters, with 75 more from Farmersville and another 75 from Princeton.

The wounded were carried to various hospitals in McKinney. By 4:45 PM, one hour after the collapse, six people had been removed from the wreckage. Among the dead were Miss Katie Lee Milligan, 20, Miss Bessie Wade, 22, and Miss Rosa Lee Welch, 30.

Shoe salesman Vernie Graves crawled out uninjured through a ventilator. One of the ladies he was waiting on, Miss Lida Moreland, escaped the same way. Another lady, Mrs. Jennie Barnett, was pinned beneath a large amount of debris near the side

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of the building where Mr. Graves escaped. She was slightly injured.

Miss Annie Curts, a saleslady, was standing near the front on the east side of the building when she saw the west wall between the Mississippi Store and the Implement Building fall forward. She fell to the floor and placed her head under a counter for protection. She was dug out from a mountain of debris, unconscious. She later recovered from her injuries.

Clerk John Thomas was rescued alive. Another employee, Miss Eva Searcy, died about twenty minutes after she was rescued.

Mrs. Wick Graves, with her daughter, Mrs. Hugh (Iva) Kistler, and her 4-year-old granddaughter, Anna Graves Kistler, were standing at the silk counter, which was the first counter on the left when you entered the store. Mrs. Graves and Mrs. Kistler braced themselves over the child. Both received serious injuries about the head and shoulders and were unconscious when found. The granddaughter, whom they had later pushed under a counter for protection, was uninjured, except for a broken finger.

A delivery boy, Luther Stephenson, 16, had just gone to the office in the middle of the first floor for another delivery when he saw the wall between the two buildings starting to collapse. He ran to the rear of the store. Too frightened to open the door, he broke the glass and crawled through the narrow passage that opened on the east side of the building. He managed to escape to freedom without getting injured. Cashier Lula Searcy, who was in the office also, went to follow him from the store. She had hardly taken a dozen steps when she was pinned under some timbers. The first men to enter the wrecked buildings from the rear found her. The heavy timbers that imprisoned her were lifted enough to allow her to be released, bruised and bleeding.

Mrs. Belle McWilliams, clerk, had just started to show some goods to a customer, and was pinned across a counter. Jack screws and saws had to be used to get the timbers from her back and again from her knees. Though crushed and burned, she talked to her rescuers and directed them in their work.

The awning of the store had fallen over Miss Estella Russell of Farmersville and the big iron safe from the Odd Fellows Lodge on the third floor had fallen nearby. The rescuers were moving the safe out of the way, and almost dropped it on top of her, when she screamed to them that she was under the awning. They set to work and had her freed in a few minutes, only slightly bruised. After her rescue, she told them that her nephew was nearby. Little 4-year-old Russell Hight was found near the entrance to the building, crushed and mangled. He had been killed instantly.

Al Bomar was standing in the door of the Cheeves Bros. Store at the time of the collapse. He looked in and saw the west wall "heave to." Before he could get off the sidewalk, the building fell to the ground and he was hit by some bricks.

Miss Cassie Seay, Mrs. Marie "Mary" Emerson Stiff, and Mrs. W. M. Shirley were covered with brick and mortar and imprisoned beneath the front door of the building, which fell inward and across the end of a counter. Miss Seay and Mrs. Shirley were found there not seriously injured, while Mrs. Stiff, an employee, was thrown a short distance. She died after being taken from the building.

Norm Presley was found near the center of the store. A great sill lay across his back and side and large piles of clothing were around him. The pot-belly stove had overturned near him when the building collapsed, igniting the clothing around him. By the time he was released, he had died from the burns.

Mr. Presley had been waiting on Mr. Leslie Bush at the time of the collapse. Mr. Bush, the final victim released, was not uncovered until the deep hours of the night (11 PM).

Also injured was an unnamed black porter, who worked in the store.

T. J. Tingle said in an interview that he was talking to H. J. Brown when the collapse came. They were standing about twenty feet back from the front door, near the east wall that separated his store and Cheeves Bros. He heard three distinct cracking noises in the wall. The first one sounded like the cracking of wall paper when it bursts on the wall. The next one was more pronounced and the this one was accompanied by the swaying of the wall. When he realized what was about to ensue, he

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cried out for all to flee from the building. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Tingle, as well as clerks, R. H. Cogburn and Josiah Hewett, and the little son of Mr. Cogburn, made it to safety, enveloped in a shower of broken brick, timber and debris. Mr. G. J. S. Walker was standing in front of the Tingle store at the time of the collapse and escaped injury. The Tingle Implement Company had twenty five implements and surries in the store, all set up except from nine in crates. Much of its stock was damaged.

Josiah Hewett had only started work that day. He took sick a week after the buildings' collapse and died a week later from pneumonia, possibly brought on by exposure or from inhaling the dust from the wreckage.

Mrs. Lura Perry, 25, was giving birth to her first child at the time of the rescue efforts. No doctor could be found to come to her bedside. She died at about 6:30 PM, one hour after her infant son was born.

The loss of the Empire Lodge was at least \$25,000, including the building and paraphernalia. The Cheeves Brothers & Co. Dry Goods Store had about \$42,000 in stock at the time of the collapse. The loss of the Bates (Tingle) Building was more than \$10,000. T. J. Tingle's property loss was about \$6,000. The losses were total. The insurance companies declared the collapse an "act of God" and did not cover the losses.

Five days later, on January 28, 1913, Cheeves Brothers & Co. Dry Goods Store announced that it was re-opening in McKinney.

The T. J. Implement Co. re-opened the following week.

Sources:

*McKinney Daily Courier Gazette*, January 11– February 5, 1913;

*McKinney Weekly Democrat*, January 30, 1913;

*Dallas Daily Times Herald*, January 24, 1913;

*Sherman Daily Democrat*, January 24, 1913;

Margaret Hughston, spectator

## 2006 Education Opportunities

**February 4, 2006**—Obituaries: There's more "Tomb" Than Meets the Eye by William "Bill" Dow Jr. will be held from 3:00-4:30 pm in the Dulaney Room at the McKinney Library.

**February 4, 2006**—Dallas Genealogical Society presents "Methods and Sources for Online Research" by Karen Clifford, AG at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St, Dallas.

**March 4, 2006**—Dallas Genealogical Society presents "Immigration & Urban Research" by Gladys Friedman Paulin, CG at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St, Dallas.

September 29-30, 2006—Pennsylvania Statewide Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. For brochure go to [www.genpa.org](http://www.genpa.org).

**June 7-10, 2006**—The National Genealogy Society Conference In the States will be held in Chicago, Illinois. Info available at <http://ngsgenealogy.org/>

**August 30-September 2, 2006**—The Federation of Genealogical Societies and New England Historic Genealogical Society will be holding their conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Details available at <http://www.fgs.org/2006conf/FGS-2006.htm>.

## New Additions to the Genealogy Collection, Gladys Harrington Library

The following books, CD's and microfilm are now available in the library:

- The Dead Men Wore Boots: An Account of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Texas Volunteer Cavalry, CSA, 1862-1865 GEN 973.7464 DUA
- Cemeteries of Wayne County, Kentucky GEN 929.50976964 COF
- Descendants of Jasper Blake: Emigrant from England to Hampton, NH, ca. 1643; 1649-1979 GEN 929.2 BLA
- Jett Trails West GEN 929.2 JET
- Pioneer Pond People Plus Robinson and Allied Families GEN 929.2 PON
- John Pond of North Carolina GEN 929.2 PON
- Some Ponds of Southampton County, VA and Their Relations GEN 929.2 PON
- Children and Descendants of James and Rebecca (Washburn) Tuttle, Part 4: James Tuttle, 1767-1860 GEN 929.2 TUT, V. 04
- Solomon Tuttle of Old Mt. Comfort and His Descendants GEN 929.2 TUT
- Descendants of Henry Tuthill, 1612-1650 GEN 929.2 TUT
- Horse Grove and Its Pioneers GEN 977.7274 CRA
- Some Descendants of James Simmons, Natchez District, 1777 GEN 929.2 SIM
- Some Descendants of James Simmons, Natchez District, 1777 GEN 929.2 SIM
- Wayne County, Kentucky Marriages, 1801-1850, V. 01 GEN 929.376964 WAY
- Rutherford County History of Tennessee GEN 976.857 HIS
- Lincoln County History of Tennessee GEN 976.8624 HIS
- The White family GEN 929.2 WHI
- French and British Land Grants in the Post Vincennes (Indiana) District, 1750-1784 GEN 929.3772 SMI
- Pennsylvania German Marriages GEN 929.3748 IRI
- Illinois Census Returns, 1810 and 1818 GEN 929.3773 NOR
- Directory 2003-05 Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry GEN 929.373 ORD
- Texas Forgotten Ports, Vol. II GEN 976.41 GUT
- Texas Mortality Schedules, 1850-1860 GEN 929.3764 DAV
- Some Nacogdoches Citizens 1835 GEN 929.3764182 ERI
- Index to Complete Probate Records of Nacogdoches Co., TX, 1837-1917 GEN 929.3764182 IND
- Navarro Co. TX Marriage Records, Book A, 1846-1855 GEN 929.3764282 MCM
- Index to Probate Cases of Texas, No. 146 Liberty Co., Dec. 9, 1850-July 28, 1939 GEN 929.3764155 IND

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| • Liberty Co., TX Marriage Records, Book A & B, 1875-1899   | GEN 929.3764155 ING |
| • Liberty, Liberty Co., and the Atascosito District   | GEN 976.4155 PAR    |
| • Marriage Records of Fannin Co., TX, 1838-1870   | GEN 929.3764265 ING |
| • Archives and Pioneers of Hunt Co., TX, Vol. II  | GEN 929.3764272 ING |
| • Armstrong Co., TX Marriage Records, 1890-1910   | GEN 929.3764833 CRA |
| • Confederate Pension Applications of Fannin Co., TX  | GEN 929.3764265 ING |
| • Caldwell Co., TX Marriage Records, 1868-1873, V. II   | GEN 929.376433 ING  |
| • History of Polk County  | GEN 976.4165 HAY    |
| • Slaves in the Family  | GEN 975.7915 BAL    |
| • Bill's Creek Baptist Church: 200 Year History, 1782-1982  | GEN 286.1756913 LU  |
| • Major James McGregor Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century                                      | GEN 369.12 NAT      |
| • Nacogdoches Headrights: A Record of the Disposition of Land in East Texas and in Other Parts of That State, 1838-1848 | GEN 929.3764182 ERI |
| • Tales From the Santone River Bottom: A Cultural History, Vol. II  | GEN 976.4 OCO       |
| • Nacogdoches – Gateway to Texas, Vols. I & II  | GEN 976.4155 ERI    |
| • Navarro County History, Vols. I & II  | GEN 976.4282 NAV    |
| • Ancestors of Charles Glen Johnson of Texas  | GEN 929.2 JOH       |

Thanks to Lynn Day for providing the information on new genealogy materials.

## Genealogy Classes at CCCC

Instructor: Lynne M. Darrouzet, JD, CG

### **Genealogy I**

February 6– April 3, 2006

### **Genealogy II**

April 10-May 15, 2006

All on Monday evenings 6:30 to 9:00 at Colin County Community College District's Preston Ridge Campus, Frisco, Texas

For more details see: [http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl/cc\\_genealogy\\_classes/cccc\\_genealogy\\_courses\\_htm](http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghl/cc_genealogy_classes/cccc_genealogy_courses_htm)

Register online at <http://www.ccccd.edu> or call 972-985-3758

## The State Archives & State Library of Iowa

The State Historical Society performs the function of the State Archives for Iowa. The State Historical Society's Library and Archives programs exist to identify, record, collect, preserve, and share research on Iowa history. Their collection, which includes the Upper Midwest, includes 210,000 volumes, 35,000 reels of microfilms, 6,000 sheets of maps, 1.5 million photographs, 4,000 autographs, 8,000 linear feet of manuscripts, 1,800 reels of oral history tapes, an extensive collection of bound Iowa newspapers, plus video tapes, and sound recordings.

There are two locations:

- State of Iowa Historical Building, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, IA 50319-0290; Phone 515-281-5111. The hours of reference & retrieval are Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Archives, photograph and manuscript collections are closed Saturdays, unless arrangements are made in advance.
- State Historical Society of Iowa Centennial Building, 402 Iowa Ave, Iowa City, IA 52240-1806; Phone 319-335-3916. Hours 9 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. The archives, photograph, and manuscript collections are closed Saturdays, unless arrangements are made in advance.

The Library Catalog can be searched online at [http://infohawk.uiowa.edu/F?func=file&file\\_name=find-b&local\\_base=iow06](http://infohawk.uiowa.edu/F?func=file&file_name=find-b&local_base=iow06). The catalog includes collections from both locations and indicates which location(s) where the item is available. The online catalog currently contains only a small percentage of the collections. For information about the Society's other collections, and for research assistance, call either of the phone numbers listed above.

- **Labor History Collection**—The State Historical Society of Iowa was awarded a grant to process and catalog its labor history collection. They partnered with the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. This collection contains oral history interviews with Iowa trade unionists and labor records (labor union records, newsletters, newspapers, and other printed materials to complement the oral history interviews. A researcher will find minutes of meetings, constitutions and bylaws, contracts and agreements, grievances, financial records, scrapbooks, photographs, and films.
- **Governors' Papers** which document the functions and responsibilities of the Office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor from 1838 to 1999. Series include Appointments, Correspondence, Criminal Records, Executive Journals, Issue Files, Proclamations, Reports, Speeches, and Subject Files;
- **Military Records** including the records of the Iowa Adjutant General from the territorial period to 1915—Iowa regiments who fought in the Mexican War, Civil War and Spanish American War. Records include correspondence, military reports, muster rolls, roster books, and volunteer enlistments; Grand Army of the Republic Post Minutes & Roster Books includes an index on microfilm; Bonus Board Case Files which record military bonuses paid by the State Bonus Board for military service from World War I through Vietnam. These files also document each individual's military service; World War I and World War II Casualty Files which contain photographs and compiled service records of men who enlisted from Iowa and died during wartime; Armed Forces Grave Registration Records which contain information on all veterans of the U. S. military buried in Iowa. This series is arranged alphabetically.
- **Land Office Records** includes Original Surveyors' Field Notes and Plats which are the written description of Iowa land as it looked when it was originally surveyed in the 1830-1850s. Most records are arranged by township and range number and an index is available; Tract Books & Patent Books which contain information about land granted from the Federal Government to the State of Iowa; U. S. Land Office Records for office in Iowa record the original grantee (purchaser).
- **Iowa Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Records** include case files, abstracts, arguments, and opinions.
- **State and Federal Census** returns are available in the reading rooms as well as through interlibrary loan and purchase.
- **Vital Records**—Birth, Marriage and Death records are available on microfilm.
- **Local Records**—County records are available on microfilm. The filming was done in conjunction with the Genealogical Society of Utah, therefore, these records should also be available through the Family History Library.

Website: <http://www.iowahistory.org/archives/index.html>

If you have researched at an archives or library and want to write an article please contact Barbara Coakley at [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net).