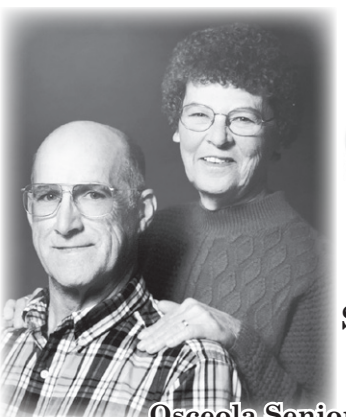


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**Attend the Church
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Assembly of God Church: Browning and Filmore Streets; William Richardson, Pastor. Sunday—9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service; Wednesday—7:00 PM Bible Study, Youth; Saturday—Radio Devotional "In the Mirror" - 7:25 AM on Creston Radio.
St. Edward Catholic Church: 104 W. Union St., Rev. Ken Halbur, Pastor. Sunday—10:45 AM Mass, Wednesday—6:30 PM devotions;
United Methodist Church: Hwy 169 South, Joel Sutton, Pastor. Sunday—9:45 AM Morning Service, ASPIRE Food Pantry Drop Off Site;

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United Methodist Church: Division and Dutcher Streets, Joel Sutton, Pastor. Sunday—11:00 AM Worship Service, Quilters meet Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00; WCF meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 2:00.

HOPEVILLE
Hopeville Community Church: Sunday - 10 AM Worship Service;

JERUSALEM
United Methodist Church: Jim W. Morris, Pastor. Sunday—9 AM Worship, 10 AM Bible Study;

LORIMOR
Church of God: Ben Turner, Pastor. Sunday - 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service;
First Baptist Church: Orville Terry, Pastor, Sunday - 9 AM Sunday School, AM Worship Service;
United Methodist Church: Joel Sutton, Pastor, Sunday - 8:45 AM Worship, 10 AM Sunday School. (No Adult Sunday School in June, July, or August)

MURRAY
Murray Church of Christ: Brian McCracken, Pastor, 9 AM Worship, 10:30 AM Sunday School, 6 PM Evening Bible Study, Wednesday - 7 PM Youth Group;
Murray Baptist Church: Alex Bauman, Pastor, Sunday School 8:45; Worship Service 10:00 AM & 6 PM, Wednesday 7:00;

Murray United Methodist Church: Pastor Sandy Smith & Lay Minister Brandon Campbell. 11:00 AM Worship Service

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Shannon City Comm. Church - Nondenominational: Pastor Al Rusk, Sunday - 9 AM Worship, 10 AM Sunday School;

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Union County
Genealogical
Society
from Jackie Shafar

The Union County Genealogical Society met on May 20, 2019, at the Gibson Memorial Library. Roger Nurnberg and Calvin Huffman presented the program on "How to Clean Tombstones." They covered cleaning techniques and products, which are available to assist in cleaning stones and bronze markers. Calvin displayed items, which should be brought to a cemetery to aid in the cleaning process and showed tombstone etchings that he had made using aluminum foil and various types of paper.

Tessa Hull called the regular business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Fifteen members and five quests answered roll call by naming their favorite cemetery.

New business included the naming of Nurnberg as the interim treasurer after a motion by Sandra Leininger, a second by Terry Madison, and a vote of those present. It was also voted that the president (currently Tessa Hull) and the vice president (currently Sandra Leininger) be added as signees for the organization's checking account at First National Bank in Creston after a motion by Nurnberg and a second by Jane Briley. It was voted that both the president (currently Tessa Hull) and the treasurer (currently Roger Nurnberg) assume responsibility of the two lock box keys after a motion by Nurnberg and a second by Kathy Parmenter.

Sandra reminded members of the South-west Iowa Genealogy Conference, which will be held on June 15, 2019, at the O'Riley Center beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Nurnberg announced that he has received four names of individuals qualifying as honorary parade marshals for the July Fourth Sesquicentennial Parade. Nominations will continue through 6 p.m. on June 14th. Nomination forms are available at the library, the chamber office, and local nursing facilities.

Jane Briley announced that there will be a free program on passenger trains at 6:00 p.m. at the restored depot.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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June 2, 2019

For maintenance purposes, our caretaker will begin removing all flowers and/or decorations remaining on grave sites the morning of June 3, 2019.

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Family Historical Research Can Be Fun

by Clarence Stalcup

Suggestions for earnest genealogists, continued from last week.

6. Libraries can open up new worlds. I had information that some relatives lived around La Porte in Madison County. I went to a library, a museum, the courthouse, and attorney's offices, but no one had any idea where La Porte was. In the Clarke County Library in Osceola, I found that La Porte was just across the line in Madison Township of Clarke County. Then everything began to fall into place, and with maps and land descriptions in both counties, I was able to locate the actual homes or farms of a number of people. Among them, I was able to locate my grandfather's farm and sawmill in Walnut Township of Madison County. Walnut boards of his were used for a corncrib at La Porte and a house a few miles away being torn down with walnut siding. Perhaps running short of logs prompted his move to Dodge Township in Union County.

At two large libraries in Kansas City, I hit a "bonanza." I found the passenger lists on the Charitis, the ship my relative came on, and the Mercurious, the sister ship. His ship left Stockholm, Sweden, and the voyage took around five months.

They waited on the sister ship about a month, and many people were going to need more food and feed for livestock. Not having enough money, several had to give up, and they were replaced by Finnish prisoners.

They had been caught stealing Sweden logs and were given the choice of going to America or serving long prison terms.

After severe storms in the North Sea, the ship had to stop in Denmark for repairs. They followed the coastline clear around to Gibraltar. From there, they basically followed the route of Columbus, then followed north along the American coast to the Delaware. The first thing they did was build the stockade so they had a place to keep the cattle at night.

One of the next buildings was a Swedish sauna. There was a lower bench all the way around and another higher up for greater heat. It was fairly dark inside so men and women both used it. When they were fully heated, they ran outside and rolled in the snow, or if they had cut a hole in the ice, they jumped in the river, then ran back to be reheated. This may have been why the Swedes were the most healthy immigrants in America.

The ships remained until enough housing was erected for the people. The captains had not been able to buy enough tobacco and furs for profit, so they stopped in France to load up with salt. This they sold until they arrived back in Sweden.

The libraries also revealed the geographical and political features of the entire Delaware area.

7. Accept the bitter with the sweet. You have probably heard that if

you follow your family tree far enough, you'll find someone hanging on it. My first Spurgeon relative was a poor boy who was caught stealing clothes and was imprisoned. He was given the choice of going to America as an indentured servant. He grew up to be a Tory and was a colonel in the British army fighting Washington. At the same time, his wife, a patriot, was helping feed and sew for General Green's army after defeating the British in Cow Pens and King's Mountain. The Tories had been cruel to many patriots, so Spurgeon escaped to Canada with thousands of others.

The Spurgeon's son became a cruel slave owner and trader in Tennessee. When my grandmother was ten years old, her father was so upset over cruelty to slaves that he changed the spelling of his name to Spurgin, loaded his family on a flat boat and began floating down rivers to come to Iowa territory.

A Stalcup woman married to a man along the Clinch River kept a diary of their progress down the Tennessee River. I assume Grandma's boat stopped at the same boat landings and encountered similar circumstances all the way to Paducah, Kentucky. From then on, they had the normal ups and downs of frontier life and proper behavior.

Johan Stolkofta was a little rowdy as a soldier, but became a sound family man. His first log cabin is still on display at Christina State Park in Wilmington, Delaware.



It was Sunday morning and James said to his mother, "I don't feel good." Worried she asked, "Where don't you feel good?"

Quickly he replied, "When I'm in church."

One psalmist wrote, "How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God!"

What was it that made the "dwelling place" lovely? It was the presence of the Lord, but anywhere a believer is can be a dwelling place where we can find the presence of the Lord. Wherever we are, He is, and we can commune with Him and express the desires of our heart.

Many believe that God can only be found in church when they "report" for worship. For some, it may be once a week or twice a month. For a few, worship only happens on special days or occasions. Every attempt is made to "discharge" all of their obligations by making one or two trips to church in any given year.

However, if God is not worshiped seven days a week, it does not seem reasonable that we will truly worship Him one day a week or once a year. Worship that is worthy of Him is something we, who are His children, are to do consciously and constantly every moment of every day. It does not matter where we are or what we are doing. We are to offer our words and our work, our hearts, and our habits to Him as gestures of love and adoration.

Worship is not something we do; it is the way we live. Worship is presenting all that we do as a sacrifice to Him.

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