

Professional Researchers List

The following persons utilize the facilities of the State Historical Society of Iowa and engage in professional genealogical (and to a smaller degree historical) research. Areas of expertise follow each listing.

All arrangements for research must be made directly with individuals on the list. Patrons and researchers should have a clear written agreement in advance as to the nature of the work to be done, whether the patron will be billed on an hourly or an all-inclusive basis (and at what intervals), and who will be responsible for the researcher's expenses.

Patrons should bear in mind that researchers charge for their time and cannot guarantee the outcome of their research efforts.

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Over 30 years worth of freelance research experiences; VP of I.G.S. 2007-08; President of Warren County (IA) GS 2012-13; full-time researcher for Ancestry.com's now-defunct ExpertConnect service. Subscribed to numerous genealogical/historical societies/libraries, with full access to related online databases; No project too large or too small; low rates. LOVE ROAD TRIPS!

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Newspaper articles especially; Polk and surrounding county records research, photographing of grave stones, building and residences; will search online computer records (send SASE for more details, or contact me by email).

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I research all counties in Iowa; federal records; family trees; military records (i.e. Civil War, Revolutionary War); DNA projects; and Native American determination. Also location services, land, will/probate and much more. Review my excellent customer testimonials available on my web site.

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Professional genealogist specializing in historical and genealogical research within Iowa. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Drake University and I am a certificate-holder in Boston University's Genealogical Research program. I hold memberships in Iowa Genealogical Society, Association of Professional Genealogists and National Genealogical Society. I do have a collection of African-American funeral programs and obituaries.

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Any type of genealogical research. Located in Polk County, but will travel, and can provide digital images of tombstones, buildings, etc.

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Look ups for Warren and Polk Counties: cemeteries, funeral homes, family history, etc.

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Professional genealogy research services. Full-time career professional genealogist (degreed/credentialed/APG member). 50 US states, 150 international countries: Europe, Canada, Latin; Ethnic, military, lineage societies; Native American, Irish/Italian citizenship, LDS, Jewish; Brickwalls, forensic genealogy, paleography, family reunions, certified Family Trees

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Highways in Jackson County and information pertaining to Jackson County. Member, Jackson County Historical Society.

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General historical, object based and genealogy research; also available for exhibit script writing. Based in the Quad Cities, but willing to research in other locations. I have a BA in History and a Masters Degree in Historical Administration and Museum Studies. I also have three plus years of experience as a museum curator in a history museum.

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U.S. and Iowa census records, vital records, cemetery records, county and town histories, G.A.R. index, World War I draft cards, Old Age assistance lists, etc.