

Independent Researchers

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.

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

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