

## 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.

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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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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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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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