



MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
P O BOX 26  
WINTERSET IA 50273-0026  
THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2016

**MEETINGS:** Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the community room in the Winterset Public Library. We meet at 7:00 pm year round.

**DUES:** Payable January 1 of each year. \$10 per person or \$15 per family. Life membership is \$115.

**RESEARCH:** \$10 per hour plus cost of copies and postage. Send to the above address.

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<http://iagenweb.org/madison/index.html>

Summer is starting to wind down, so it's time to start thinking of some winter projects you have been putting off and put them at the top of your list.

We had an exceptional turnout at the Madison County Fair this year. A big "Thank you" to all who helped set up, helped with judging, took their turn at sitting in the wonderful air-conditioned building, and tearing down and putting things away. It takes most everyone to do their part to make it such a success. A big "Thank You" to Theresa Liewer for judging all of our projects.

If you haven't seen the schedule of programs for August through the end of the year check out the poster at the Winterset Library or keep checking the Madisonian. We have had some great guest speakers, plus some of our "own" members have graciously consented to helping out.

Another reminder, if you haven't turned in a 5 generation chart, it's time you get one done. Ask any member for help if you need it and there are charts either online or in one of the file drawers in the genealogy section at the library.

Pat Hochstetler  
MCGS President

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Winterset will be getting a Freedom Rock in the near future. Watch for it on the northeast corner of the John Wayne Museum complex. The rock will be painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorenson of Greenfield at a future date.

The Freedom Rock was donated by Byrle and Jim Algee and Mark Marean of the Peru Quarry. It is calculated to weigh 48 to 50 ton. It is a project of the American Legion Post 184 headed by Rod Beem and Steve Chandler.

Dan Patterson is providing a tractor trailer and the expertise for moving the rock to town. Tim and Shane Hunter of T & S Industries of Afton, Iowa are donating crane service to load and unload the rock. Greg Alexander has prepared the site and will do additional work after the rock arrives.

Thanks to all who have made this possible. Those interested can make a donation at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank to the "Veteran Memorial Rock".

Gary L. Walker  
American Legion Post 184

Much can be accomplished when we work together.

## 2016 Madison County Fair Genealogy and History Exhibit Results

The Madison County Genealogical Society (MCGS) gives a big THANK YOU to the 30 participants who entered 150 items displayed at this year's Genealogy and History Exhibit at the Madison County Fair. After judging, 75 blue (1st place), 34 red (2nd place), and 13 white (3rd place), along with a Best-In-Show and 4 Reserve Champions ribbons were awarded. Please congratulate all who entered for sharing.

We hope that you came by to see all the interesting items that were on display. Did your visit cause you to say "I have one of those at home!" or "I could bring ... next year."? If so, NOW is the best time to note items that you might like to enter in next year's County Fair in mid- July.

Appreciation goes to all those who planned, set up and tore down the exhibit, processed entries, noted the judge's comments and decisions, tied ribbons, and volunteered to host the room throughout the fair days. The effort of many members made this a successful showing for the MGCS.

### Division 1: Records and Legal Documents

1. DAR, SAR or similar papers
2. Bible records
3. Certificates
  - a. Birth certificate/announcement  
Pat Hochstetler, blue  
Betty Johns, red  
Cheryl Gray, white  
Ida Morse
  - b. Baptismal/confirmation certificate  
Jim Nelson, blue
  - c. Death certificate  
Pat Hochstetler, blue
  - d. Marriage certificate/Application for marriage license  
Ida Morse, blue  
Sandi Harper, red  
Pat Hochstetler, white
4. Generation chart, family group sheet  
Ken Callison, blue
5. Land grant, deed, mortgage, abstract, patents, leases, or sheriff sale  
Pat Hochstetler, blue  
Bill Keating, red
6. Military record  
Linda Smith, blue  
Armand Cason, red  
Colleen Haglan-Lynch, white  
Ida Morse, Ruth Reed
7. Will/Probate papers  
Ida Morse, blue
8. Old letter  
Stanley Jones, blue  
Jack Johns, red  
Ida Morse, white  
Sandi Harper
9. School Diploma, Report card, Degree, Award certificate  
Ida Morse, blue  
Armand Cason, red  
Liz Woods, white
10. Immigration, Naturalization/Citizenship, Declaration of Intent, or Passenger list  
Ida Morse, blue
11. Church records
12. Property tax receipt
13. Insurance policies and beneficiaries  
Joanne Cason, blue  
Ruth Reed, red
14. Family census records (3 or more years)  
Ida Morse, blue
15. Old map/ atlas/ plat  
Phyllis Jones, blue  
Betty Johns, red
16. Old contract
17. Old sales receipt/ Bill of sale  
Ida Morse, blue
18. Old auction sale bill/old advertisement  
Cheryl Gray, blue  
Ida Morse, red
19. Poem/Song/Art by ancestor  
Cheryl Gray, blue  
Ida Morse, red  
Sandi Harper, white
20. Genealogical map showing where ancestors lived

21. Newspaper research
  - Shirley Keating, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
22. Political document or record
23. Century farm certificate
24. Pioneer certificate
25. Organization Certificate
26. Any related item
  - Shirley Keating, blue
  - Ken Callison, red
  - Ida Morse, white

#### Division 2: Books and Stories

27. Old personal ledger
  - Ruth Reed, blue
28. Old scrapbook
  - Deena Hoeness, blue
  - Ruth Reed, red
29. Old diary
  - Sandi Harper, blue
30. Old autograph book
  - Ida Morse, blue
31. Old story book, book, or booklet
  - Ken Callison, blue
  - Pat Hochstetler, red
32. Organizational records or books
  - Ida Morse, blue
33. Autobiography
34. Family history book
  - Shirley Henry, blue
  - Linda Smith, red
35. Scrapbook
  - a. Family
    - Carol Bass, blue
  - b. Historical
36. Family story
  - Mary Hart, blue
  - Pat Hochstetler, red
  - Joanne Cason, white
  - Margaret Blair
37. History of Madison County or Iowa
  - Clair Hochstetler, blue
  - Joanne Cason, red
38. Family Bible
  - Ken Callison, blue
39. Book of family recipes

40. School
  - a. Old school text book
  - b. Record books
  - c. Commencement, class plays, printed programs, etc.
    - Ida Morse, blue
    - Pat Hochstetler, red
  - d. Old Year Books
    - Ida Morse, blue
41. Church
  - a. Cook books
  - b. Directories
42. Political book or story
43. Any related item
  - Armand Cason, blue
  - Liz Woods, red
  - Ida Morse, white

#### Division 3: Pictures

44. Past or present home(s)
  - Joanne Cason, blue
45. Family group photo (8x10 or larger)
  - Ken Callison, blue
46. Family group photo (smaller than 8x10)
  - Ida Morse, blue
  - Liz Woods, red
  - Phyllis Jones, white
47. Individual family member photo
  - Abby Harper, blue (Junior)
  - Betty Johns, blue
  - Pat Hochstetler, red
  - Ken Callison, white
  - Ida Morse, Sheila Caudle
48. Two or more person photo (any size)
  - Armand Cason, blue
  - Sandi Harper, red
  - Ida Morse, white
49. Pictorial family history/poster (<= 14x22)
  - Carli Clifton, blue (Junior)
50. Family photo album by exhibitor
  - Liz Woods, blue
51. Family album/ collection of family pictures
  - Shirley Keating, blue
52. Family church
  - Ida Morse, blue
53. School
  - a. House

- b. Student/students
    - Shirley Henry, blue
    - Pat Hochstetler, red
    - Joanne Cason, white
    - Ida Morse
- 54. Military
- 55. Wedding or anniversary
  - Pat Hochstetler, blue
  - Skip Greenwood, red
- 56. Baby or Child
  - Phyllis Jones, blue
- 57. Four or more generation photo
  - Betty Johns, blue
- 58. Picture of early life in Madison County/Iowa
  - Betty Johns, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
  - Joanne Cason, white
- 59. Photo depicting ancestors life in another county, state or country
  - Armand Cason, blue
- 60. 4-H and/or organizations
- 61. Political photo
- 62. Century farm photo
- 63. Any related item
  - Justin Keating, blue
  - Ida Morse, red

**Division 4 - Heirlooms and Artifacts**

- 64. Jewelry/Jewelry box
  - Armand Cason, blue
  - Cheryl Gray, red
- 65. Silverware or metal ware
  - Joanne Cason, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
- 66. Glassware
  - Joanne Cason, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
  - Betty Johns, white
- 67. China/crockery
  - Armand Cason, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
- 68. Small household item
  - Joanne Cason, blue
  - Betty Johns, red
  - Ida Morse, white
- 69. Small hand or household tool
  - Armand Cason, blue

- 70. Needlework or quilts less than 36x36
  - Joanne Cason, blue
  - Betty Johns, red
- 71. Linens
- 72. Clothing
  - Joanne Cason, blue
- 73. Personal item
  - Abby Harper, blue (Junior)
  - Sam Keating, red (Junior)
  - Linda Smith, blue
  - Betty Johns, red
  - Armand Cason, white
  - Ida Morse
- 74. Religious
- 75. Small toy
  - Deena Hoeness, blue
  - Joanne Cason, red
  - Ida Morse, white
  - Betty Johns
- 76. Organization memorabilia (4-H, kitchen bands, church societies, scouting, etc.)
  - Ida Morse, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
- 77. School
  - a. Award item (school or extra-curricular activity)
    - Ida Morse, blue
  - b. Memorabilia
    - Skip Greenwood, blue
    - Joanne Cason, red
- 78. Military
  - a. Memorabilia
    - Joanne Cason, blue
    - Ida Morse, red
  - b. Clothing
- 79. Political Memorabilia
- 80. Advertisement items
  - Armand Cason, blue
  - Bill Keating, red
  - Ida Morse, white
- 81. Postcard/greeting card/collection of postcards or greeting cards
  - Ida Morse, blue
  - Sandi Harper, red
  - Pat Hochstetler, white
- 82. Any related item
  - JoAnn Cason, blue
  - Ida Morse, red

**Division 5 - Funeral and Cemetery**

83. Funeral memorabilia  
Sandi Harper, blue  
Ida Morse, red
84. Funeral home record  
Phyllis Jones, blue
85. Family stone photograph  
Ida Morse, blue
86. Family stone rubbing
87. Cemetery project  
Ida Morse, blue
88. Obituary one or more  
Sandi Harper, blue  
Ida Morse, red  
Liz Woods, white
89. Collection of family gravestones photos  
Ida Morse, blue
90. Any related item  
Ida Morse, blue



## **Congratulations to Names Drawn for Free Memberships at the County Fair**

Each County Fair, the MCGS has a drawing for five free memberships that last for 18 months. The lucky winners this year are:

Martha Knapp	RoxAnn Rhoads
Diane Lair	Liz Woods
Judy Morris	

Each received a welcome letter and the most recent newsletter. As a current member, please encourage them to attend our meetings.



## **Warren County Iowa Newspapers are Now Online**

The Warren County (Iowa) Historical Society received a grant to digitize old issues of 10 local newspapers ranging in date from 1857 to 1923. The online interface is identical to what is used to access Winterset papers. Start at <http://warrencounty.advantage-preservation.com/> Enjoy seeking out your Warren County connections plus lots of news from eastern Madison County.



## **The 2016 Judge's Choice Award goes to... ☆ MARY HART ☆**

Mary's County Fair entry in Division 2, Class 36, Family Story was given a blue ribbon for first place in that class. She was also awarded the purple ribbon that designates it as the **Judge's Choice**, the overall best-of-show entry.

Mary gathered together family information on Matthew McGee, her great-grandfather along with his work on the Underground Railroad. Combining her personal research with that done by volunteers for the Madison County Historical Preservation Commission, she produced a comprehensive overview of Matthew McGee's life, family, and willingness to risk it all for the Underground Railroad cause.

**We congratulate Mary on her hard work and well-earned awards.**



## Program Lineup for the Remainder of 2016

Please join us for our monthly programs that begin at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Winterset Public Library meeting room (*unless noted otherwise*). Business meetings follow.

- ❖ **September 6 – “Madison County Country Schools”** by Ron Howell. Ron had been gathering information for several years on Madison County Country schools, teachers, and students. hear what he has to share and feel free to add your own knowledge. (*Held at the Madison County Historical Museum, 815 S. 2nd Ave, Winterset*)
- ❖ **October 4 – “Rock City Cemetery”** by Beth Gray. As Secretary of the Winterset Cemetery Improvement Association, Beth has researched its history and monuments. She will walk us through its growth from the Rock City Cemetery days to the large cemetery it is today.
- ❖ **November 1 – “Family Influence on Life and Land”** by Rick Breeding. Sixth-generation Madison County resident, Rick Breeding, will discuss his local family roots, including Blair Chapel settlers and Underground Railroad activists. This heritage has inspired him to restore his land to the prairie they would have seen on their arrival.
- ❖ **December 6 – “Christmas Party”** with members and guests. Bring a finger food and a family story or genealogical find to share.

**You won't want to miss  
a single meeting!**

## Iowa Genealogical Society Fall Conference – October 7 and 8

As usual, this informative conference overlaps Madison County's Covered Bridge Festival. But you can register just for Friday or go both days and enjoy the CBF on Sunday. It will be held at the Toad Valley Golf Course, 237 NE 80th St, Pleasant Hill IA 50327-8036. Complete information can be found at [iowagenealogy.org](http://iowagenealogy.org)

The main speaker, D Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. He is often seen on PBS's "Genealogy Roadshow" and other TV shows that feature family history discoveries.

### Friday topics

- New Tools and Ideas in Research - Learn technological developments (including gadgets and gizmos); newly discovered resources for genealogical research, and more.
- Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States Between 1780 & 1830
- Camp Dodge Records by Mike Vogt, Curator, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum
- Online Library Catalogs: A Genealogist's Best Kept Secret - Go inside the pathway to a library's materials during this in-depth review of library catalogs.

### Saturday Topics

- The Modern Genealogist: Timesaving Tips for Every Researcher - Learn time-saving techniques to make the most of every minute (or hour) you are researching.
- Lawyers, Judges and Trials: Using the Law in Genealogy - Emphasis is put on both online and offline sources to help integrate legal context with genealogical research.
- Land Records to the Rescue! by Alice Hoyt Veen, Certified Genealogist - Learn techniques for getting the most from your ancestor's property as an essential step in understanding your family and solving genealogical puzzles.
- Essential Technology for Genealogists - Come see the list of technology every genealogist should own.

## McDonald – Chase Cemetery History

by Linda Griffith Smith

The McDonald - Chase cemetery is located in Section 20 of Douglas Township, about six miles northwest of Winterset. It is composed of three portions: 1) "Original Cemetery", deeded by Thomas McDonald in 1875, 2) "Chase Addition", deeded by William and Viola Chase in 1932, and 3) "Foster Addition" deeded by John, Michael, and Susan Foster in 1987. There are approximately 330 graves.

Its story is a long, continuous history of care by the families associated with it. Older generations passed the responsibility down to younger generations, which continues today.

### Original Cemetery

The original burial ground was a small patch given by Thomas McDonald (b: 1817) in 1875. The first person buried in this small burial ground was his grandson, a 5-month-old baby, Francis Burt McDonald (1 Mar 1875 – 16 Aug 1875), son of William Scott McDonald and his young wife, Barbara Combs McDonald. William was 27 years old, Barbara was just 19 years old, and they had been married for less than three years. The baby had been interred earlier in the family yard until this plot had been prepared with a rail fence enclosing the small gravesite.

Thomas McDonald gave more land in connection with this small cemetery and the men of the neighborhood cleared the land and enclosed the space with a board fence, which in later years was replaced with a steel fence.

In 1895, Thomas formally deeded the land (Deed Rec No. 38, page 265) which appointed the following group to care for the cemetery as long as any of them lived:

- Marion Bruce [and wife Harriet M. Templeman]
- Bob McDonald [and wife Leah Catherine Ruth]
- William Scott McDonald [and wife Barbara Ellen Combs]
- John Ruth [and wife Jennie Francis].

### Chase Addition

The Chase Addition was given by Mrs. William Asa (Viola Rutledge) Chase, through the expressed wish of her husband who died in 1920. Viola didn't actually create a deed (#1849) for the land until 1930, three years before her death. At this time there were but seven plots left in the original cemetery. She also stipulated the following conditions:

- Trustees would plat the land and sell lots with proceeds going to a special fund for upkeep and improvement of both the old and new parts.
- Cemetery Trustees were to fill any vacancies and to maintain a written record of all proceedings, sale of lots and expenditure of funds, to be opened to inspection by the Township Trustees.
- There would be no discrimination in the sale of lots. The deed states: "all persons, irrespective of religion or race may have a right to buy said cemetery lots." Such a stipulation was unusual for the time.

The first person buried in the new addition was Hubert Clark, son of Vern and Alice Clark, a young boy who was accidentally shot and died of blood poisoning just before his 16th birthday. (2-4-1916 to 1-5-1932).

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## McDonald – Chase Cemetery History (continued from page 7)

### Responsibility is Passed On

Staying true to Thomas McDonald's directive to care for the cemetery as long as they lived, the last survivor of that group, John Ruth (1847-1938), appointed these men as directors. From that time until today, descendants of these same Madison County families continue to serve on the McDonald-Chase Cemetery Board of Directors.

- Vern Clark (1893-1970) – His grandson Steve and grand-daughter Nancy serve on the current board.
- Frank McDonald (1878- 1962) and Wallace McDonald (1886-1954) – Current McDonald family members on the board are: Jared, Susan, Ken; Jane McDonald Dawson, and David Casson.
- Lee Chase – (1883-1968) Today, his great-niece Linda Griffith Smith is on the board.
- Lee Laizure (1888-1968) – Lee had three daughters who married and moved outside of Madison County. No descendants are represented on the current board.

### Other Milestones

In 1951, the McDonald-Chase Cemetery Association was incorporated and by-laws written. Annual meetings are held and announced in print.

In 1973, limestone posts and gates were erected at the cemetery entrance.

In 1994, the McDonald-Chase Cemetery Association established a perpetual care fund and placed a large three-panel stone at the entrance with the names of those who contributed.

*Sources: July 20, 1956 Winterset Madisonian; McDonald-Chase Board of Director minutes and photos; iagenweb/Madison/ - obit, burial records; iowagravestone.org for McDonald-Chase Cemetery; Madison County Courthouse Records of Deeds*

