



MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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MEETING: Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of most months in the Winterset Public Library meeting room. We meet at 6:30 pm year round.

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Genealogy At Home

Message from Our President

Greetings Fellow Members,

It is in the middle of a nasty cold spell as I write this, but all in all, here in Iowa, we have had a fairly mild Winter up to this point. Unlike the Winters we experienced as a child or we have heard our Elders speak about, we have had it pretty easy, this year. Have you thought about writing down some of your weather related experiences or the stories told to you as a youth and include them in your genealogical stories for future generations? These stories could be about anything you experienced or heard.

One of mine is when we got a blizzard on the last day of school before Christmas break, when we got over a foot of snow with high winds causing the school to close early. I was a freshman in high school and the next morning my Father offered me the chance to go with him and a cousin out to the cousin's farm to do chores. Sounded like fun to me! We got to the Macksburg road and turned off on the gravel to find out that the drifted snow blocked our path. We parked the vehicle (two-wheel drive, before 4-wheel days) then walked on the drifted roadway over 2 miles in 1-2 foot snow to the farm and back after feeding hay to the cows and feed to the calves. It was difficult labor but fun, and pretty much unimaginable to the younger folks today.

Imagine the difficulties of Madison County's early settlers from the mid 1800's up into the first part of the Twentieth Century! Then there are the stories of the 'Blizzard of 73'! Enough of my stories how about yours?

So what can you do when you are stuck at home in these cold snowy days? Good time to get out that long ago research and go over it. You will be surprised, now that you've learned so much over the years, at how much you might have missed when the research was new. It is also a chance to organize what you want to keep.

I have a *hint* and a *warning* for you.
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Message from Our President (Cont.)

Here is the *hint*. If you have a Winterset Library card, you may access several sites over the internet with your phone, tablet, or computer.

Just go to the Library's home page at wintersetlibrary.org. Click on the RESEARCH AND STUDY tab and choose GENEALOGY COLLECTION from the dropdown menu.

- HeritageQuest Online is a great source for federal censuses across the United States.
- For access to Ancestry.com Library Edition, read more on page 8.
- The Madison County IAGenWeb Page will give you access to all sorts of family facts and dates here in Madison County – births, deaths, marriages, obituaries and much, much more. Use the yellow search box to get you started, but be sure to investigate every link on the menu that runs down the left side. This wealth of information has been provided by MCGS volunteers over many years.
- The Madison County Gravestone Photos link will allow you to view over 30,000 Madison County gravestone photos that have been gathered by our faithful volunteers.
- Madison County newspapers since 1871 have been digitized and are searchable. You will also find plat maps, the 1984 history book, and all Winterset High School yearbooks at your fingertips.

Here is the *warning*. Please, **verify any information that you receive from the internet**, there is a lot of incorrect information that has been submitted by individuals, whether by accident or outright intentional fraud. There are ways to verify some of this information right on the internet, by looking for a photograph of the original document. Even unproven information may be useful - as it can supply a hint that may lead you to actual proof.

Get warm, stay warm, and get back in that genealogy!

God bless!

Kenneth R. Callison

President, Madison County Genealogy Society

Need a Past Newsletter?

Past MCGS newsletters can be read in a notebook in the Winterset Public Library's Genealogy Section or those, over one year old, are available to read or print from our website, madisoncountyiagenealogy.com. If you are a member and would like a past copy emailed to you, use the CONTACT US tab at our website.

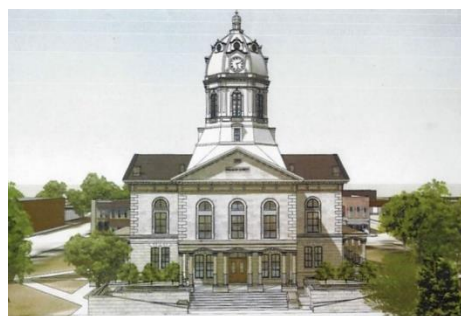
Mary (Enright) Welty Hart



February 18 1928 – November 6, 2021

Since our last newsletter, one of MCGS's relentless volunteers has passed away. Mary Welty Hart was the Madison County Recorder from 1954 until 1990 and served as Deputy Recorder five years prior to that. She knew the Courthouse and all the genealogical records it held well, where she was especially adept at land records. Her dedication to the Genealogical Society, to educating others, and to the IAGenWeb and Iowa Gravestone Photo Project sites is immeasurable. The MCGS is deeply indebted to Mary for all she contributed over many years.

Legacy in Stone Update



The Madison County Courthouse Restoration project, called Legacy in Stone, is halted for the winter. But a completion date of the 2022 Covered Bridge Festival should provide Iowa's oldest limestone courthouse with all new wooden windows, a water-tight roof, easy open doors, new steps and sidewalks, and an ADA-compliant south entrance with two ramps leading up to the portico. What a lovely place for Covered Bridge festivities and many other events!

If you would like to contribute or make a multi-year pledge toward the remaining fund-raising goal of \$300,000 by June, 2022, please visit madisoncountyhistory.net.

Charles Marion “Manney” Moore

In recognition of February’s African-American History Month, member JoAnne Walker provided her research on Charles Marion “Manney” Moore, who was born in Winterset in 1878.

Let’s begin with a little history of how the Moore family came to Winterset. Charles “Charley” Moore, Manney’s father, was born a slave about 1838 in Tennessee. The elder Moore came to Madison County via the Underground Railroad and was hidden in the attic of the home of Matthew McGee in Section 15 of Douglas Township before he was taken to the next station on the way to Canada. He had returned to Winterset by 1874 and later visited the McGee home again, telling of hiding in their attic where he cracked and ate hazel nuts. (Mary Welty Hart of the article on Page 2, was the great-granddaughter of the McGee’s. and helped uncover this research.) To read more of Charley’s escape to freedom and the placement of his gravestone in the Winterset Cemetery in 2016, visit <https://madisoncountyhistory.net/freedom-seekers/>

Once Charley returned to Winterset, he lived here for 50 years until his death in 1920. He operated a livery stable and trained and raced horses in Winterset. One of his stables was located 1.5 blocks north of the northwest corner of the Courthouse Square. In the late 1800s, West Green Street was often used as a race track.

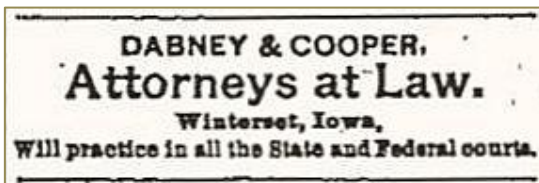


Charley married Mary Glover June 2, 1872 in Page County, Iowa. He and Mary had one son, Charles Marion “Manney” Moore born July 19, 1878 in Winterset. Mary died in October, 1886, and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Winterset Cemetery. Charley’s mother, Jane Robinson Moore, died here November 10, 1890 and was thought to be 100 years old. She is also buried in an unmarked grave in the Winterset Cemetery. An early Winterset Cemetery burial ledger notes “she was born a slave.” Charley married again in Winterset on January 24, 1900 to Martha (Jeffers) Kay. His marriage was front page news in all three Winterset newspapers and the public was invited to their wedding in the old armory.

Charles and Mary’s son, Marion or Manney, was the first black student to graduate from Winterset High School. As part of the Class of 1896, he participated in Class Day Exercises where he gave an oration on *English Literature of the Nineteenth Century* which was “loudly applauded.” He also performed a vocal solo and sang in a mixed quartet, which are hints to his future career.

Manney “read law” in the office of attorneys Dabney and Cooper for his last two years of high school and one more after graduation. In September, 1897, he enrolled in the senior law class at Drake University. In October 1898, a Des Moines newspaper prints that he is contemplating a return to law school that winter to finish his degree. While in Des Moines, he sang in the St. Paul Methodist Church choir.

CLASS OF 1896.	
Programmes of Commencement Exercises of the Winterset High School.	
The following is a roll of the mem- bership of the class:	
LATIN COURSE.	
Nina Benge,	Leigh E. Milholland,
Wallace D. Gillis,	Nell Rhyno,
Flora Lancaster,	Pearl Darnall,
Wilda Clopton,	Alice Knight,
Marguerite Sipple,	Marion Moore,
Nell J. Whedon,	Emily Porter,
Mamie Polk,	Ella May Barrus,
Harry W. Cooper,	Philip G. Young,



In 1899 Charles Moore and Marion Moore sold Lot 5, Block 16 of Pitzer & Knight Addition for \$50. This was on the northeast corner of North 4th Avenue and West Buchanan. In January, 1901 they were living in a rental home, owned by Judge Frederick Mott. The house burned to the ground with all their belongings in a thunderstorm with severe lightning. Marion’s piano was ruined by the fire and the water.

In 1900, Marion played left guard on the Winterset Tigers club football team. At that time, the football field was marked out on the fairgrounds which were in the vicinity of the current Aquatic Center, west of 8th Ave. Late in 1900, Marion moved to Omaha, Nebraska and worked at a music publishing company, writing compositions for guitar and mandolin.



His next move was to Chicago in 1907 where Marion met Georgiana “Georgia” E. Fowler. Georgia was a soprano with the Sterling Jubilee Singers and Marion joined the Singers in 1908. The Jubilee Singers were a well-known black singing company with several troupes that travelled across the United States as part of the popular Redpath Chautauqua circuit.

Manney and Georgia married on August 18, 1908 in Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri. The couple was well-travelled. Georgia had spent two seasons singing in Europe. In 1910, the couple was travelling with the Canadian Jubilee Concert Company, but returned to Winterset later that year to stay during their “off season.”

On September 13, 1918, Marion registered for the draft in Utica, Oneida County, New York. He was described as tall, stout, with black eyes and hair.

In 1920, they were living in Utica, Oneida County, New York where they worked in a mattress factory, Manney as a laborer/operator and Georgia as a seamstress. In 1930 they were living in the Roxbury neighborhood, a center of Black culture, in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Manney’s occupation was listed as an unemployed electrician and Georgia did laundry for a private family.

In the 1931 Boston City Directory, Georgiana is listed as Charles’ widow, so Manney died in either late 1930 or early 1931. Georgianna can be found in Boston city directories listed as a “domestic” until she is 65 year old in 1943. She continues to be listed until 1962. I could not find a date of death or place of burial for either of them.



Editor’s note: It’s pretty amazing that so many facts of a life can be gathered from the comfort of a computer at home or in the Winterset Library. Newspaper digitization has opened a world of details of lives lived long ago. Census and city directories are both readily available and help build a timeline for locations and occupations. What’s waiting for you to discover about your ancestors?

Getting Ready for the 1950 Census

Every ten years, the hearts of genealogists across the land go a’flutter because the US government releases a census from 72 years ago. This year the 1950 Federal Census will be released in April, 2022. It will not yet have all the search capabilities we are now accustomed to with earlier censuses. A project to index each name is currently underway with an army of volunteers and will, hopefully, be available to us via Familysearch.org or Ancestry.com later in 2022.

But while you wait for surname searches to be developed, you will be able to browse the 1950 census. To save that from being a time-consuming eye strain, a webpage is under development at IAGenWeb.org/madison under the CENSUS menu that will give you the steps to find your Madison County ancestors. Armed with the Madison County enumeration districts and your families’ addresses – either in a town (using images from a 1948 phone book) or in a rural area (using images from a 1950 rural directory) - you can narrow down the pages you need to browse.



Currently the page is under construction while images are being made for the two resources. Check back before April so that you can mine the 1950 Federal Census data from Madison County soon after its release.

A Records Checklist

Have you ever questioned how complete your family research has been? Or have you hit a brick wall and just can’t think of another place to look? The Records Checklist on the next page, free to download from the *Family Tree Magazine* website, just might help you fill in the holes or be what you need to jumpstart your research. Find it at <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/free-genealogy-resources/> or make a copy for each family, store it with their documents, and let it guide your research plans.

Records Checklist

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

- ☐ apprentice and indenture records
- ☐ company newsletters
- ☐ doctors' and midwives' journals
- ☐ insurance records
- ☐ merchants' account books
- ☐ patents
- ☐ professional licenses
- ☐ railroad, mining and factory records
- ☐ records of professional organizations
- ☐ Social Security applications (SS5)

CEMETERY AND FUNERAL HOME

- ☐ burial records
- ☐ grave-relocation records
- ☐ tombstone inscriptions

CENSUSES

- ☐ agriculture schedules (1850–1880)
- ☐ American Indian
- ☐ Civil War veterans schedules (1890)
- ☐ defective, dependent and delinquent (DDD) schedules (1880)
- ☐ federal censuses (1790–1940)
- ☐ manufacturing/industry schedules (1810–1820, 1850–1880)
- ☐ mortality schedules (1850–1880)
- ☐ school censuses
- ☐ slave schedules (1850, 1860)
- ☐ social statistics schedules (1850–1880)
- ☐ state/territorial and local censuses

CHURCH

- ☐ baptism and christening records
- ☐ confirmation records
- ☐ congregational histories
- ☐ marriage banns
- ☐ meeting minutes
- ☐ membership, admission and removal records
- ☐ ministers' journals

COURT

- ☐ adoption records
- ☐ bastardy cases
- ☐ coroners' files
- ☐ criminal records
- ☐ custody papers
- ☐ estate inventories
- ☐ guardianship papers
- ☐ insanity/commitment orders
- ☐ licenses and permits
- ☐ marriage bonds, licenses and certificates
- ☐ military discharges
- ☐ minute books
- ☐ name changes
- ☐ naturalizations
- ☐ property foreclosures
- ☐ voter registrations
- ☐ wills
- ☐ wolf-scalp bounties

DIRECTORIES

- ☐ biographical
- ☐ city
- ☐ occupational/professional
- ☐ telephone

HOME SOURCES

- ☐ baby books
- ☐ baptism and confirmation certificates
- ☐ birth certificates

- ☐ checkbooks and bank statements
- ☐ death records
- ☐ diaries and journals
- ☐ family Bibles
- ☐ funeral/memorial cards
- ☐ heirlooms and artifacts
- ☐ letters and postcards
- ☐ medical records
- ☐ photographs
- ☐ prayer cards
- ☐ recipe books
- ☐ school report cards
- ☐ scrapbooks
- ☐ wedding albums
- ☐ wills
- ☐ yearbooks

IMMIGRATION

- ☐ alien registration cards
- ☐ citizenship papers
- ☐ passenger lists
- ☐ passports and passport applications

INSTITUTIONAL

- ☐ almshouses
- ☐ fraternal associations
- ☐ hospitals
- ☐ orphanages
- ☐ police registers
- ☐ prisons
- ☐ schools
- ☐ work-farms

LAND AND PROPERTY

- ☐ deeds
- ☐ grants and patents
- ☐ homestead records
- ☐ mortgages and leases
- ☐ plat maps
- ☐ surveys
- ☐ tax rolls
- ☐ warrants

MILITARY

- ☐ draft records
- ☐ pension applications
- ☐ records of relocation and interment camps
- ☐ service records

NEWSPAPERS

- ☐ birth announcements
- ☐ classified advertisements
- ☐ engagement, marriage and anniversary announcements
- ☐ ethnic newspapers
- ☐ family reunion announcements
- ☐ immigrant ship notices
- ☐ gossip and advice columns
- ☐ legal notices
- ☐ local news
- ☐ obituaries/death notices
- ☐ runaway notices (slaves, indentured servants, wives)
- ☐ unclaimed-mail notices

PUBLISHED SOURCES

- ☐ compiled genealogies
- ☐ genealogical periodicals
- ☐ local histories
- ☐ record abstracts and transcriptions

VITAL

- ☐ amended birth certificates
- ☐ birth certificates
- ☐ delayed birth certificates
- ☐ death certificates
- ☐ marriage licenses and certificates
- ☐ stillbirth certificates
- ☐ divorce/annulment decrees

At Home Genealogy – Short Tasks and Long Projects

Here in Iowa, warm weather has packed its bags, moved south, and isn't tempting us to venture outside. But the cold weather months provide a perfect opportunity to work on genealogy. For some, the colder months are the time to dig into a long project that may end up covering an entire desk or table. For others, short tasks to fit a short attention span are desired. But there is always the chance that a short task leads to a long project. We never quite know where our genealogy trails will lead us, do we? Below you will find some short tasks and accompanying long projects. Choose the size that fits you best.

Short Task – Separate Your FAMILY Papers from Your GENEALOGY papers

This task can help you focus your time. When the two types are intermixed, our research can become more jumbled. Separated, we can access what we need more quickly. Pick a surname and try it.

FAMILY PAPERS are original items created by your family members that you have collected or have been passed down to you. They may consist of Bible records, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks, business records, original birth or marriage certificates, graduation announcements, wills, photo Christmas cards, military discharge papers, funeral folders, address books, etc. Separating out family papers not only protects them, but makes them easier to find. They are your “book shelf” (or plastic tub!) of original sources to check when you have a genealogy question.

Long Project: Identify each item in your family papers. For example, write what you know of the date, place and people on the edge of the back of each photo. Write up an index card to stick in a Bible with what you know about its owner and timeframe. Smooth out papers and organize them by type or family and place them in a marked folder. If there are family papers you check frequently when researching, make a copy and add it to your genealogy papers.

GENEALOGY PAPERS consist of papers you have created yourself or gathered from non-family sources. They include family group or pedigree charts, items downloaded onto your computer such as censuses, copies of birth and marriage certificates, letters with genealogy info from a relative, copied pages from a book, your (scribbled?) research notes, etc. Yep, the “stacks on your desk!” Usually, they are a mixture of materials that you have created plus what you have copied.

Long Project: Organize the genealogy papers by surname, family, and document type. This can be done in a 3-ring binder or a system of folders/accordion files. An accordion file per surname with folders per family is a good place to start. If you have gathered information across many generations for a single surname, you may want to make a first division (accordion file) by location, such as: Jones-England, Jones-Virginia, Jones-Iowa. Each family folder can hold birth records, marriage records, photos, etc. Then your genealogy papers will be at the ready to review, update, add to, make a research plan, or take a trip,

Short Task –Inventory your Family Heirlooms

Your phone, or a phone belonging to a family member, has the ability to record a video. With just a click or two in a photo app, you can begin recording as you walk around pointing out family heirlooms and narrating what you know about them. Plan a bit so you know which cupboards, drawers, or closets you would like to visit. Enlist a family member to hold the camera while you move from place to place. Be sure to explain what is seen, recording what you know about the people who used the item, when and where, and how it came to you. Once you have the recording finish, copy it from the phone to your computer and to a flash drive, as a backup. Provide it to your heirs, so they can find it if your computer is not accessible. And DON'T worry about how you look or how your explanations come out – just DO IT!! Your descendants will be so glad you did.

Long Project: Write that same information on an index card and attach it to the item. What to record can vary, but usually includes a description, original owner, use, dates, how it came to you, any information on who or what company made it, and who you would like to pass the item onto after your death.

If you like to use your computer for this task, you can make a form with the fields listed above, take a photo, upload it to your computer, copy it into the inventory page, and place them all in a 3-ring binder. This might be a good project to engage a grandchild, both for their computer skills and to teach them a bit about family history.

Item Name	Photo
Red Heirloom	
Item Description	
Item Location	
Item Date	
Item Owner	
Item History	
Item Value	
Item Status	
Item Notes	

Madison County Genealogical Society Project Updates

Fall Cemetery Walks

Member Pat Hochstetler walked and updated the documentation for three more cemeteries this fall. You can find updated burial lists – alphabetical and row-by-row – for all three cemeteries in the Genealogy section of the Winterset Public Library (in the southeast corner of the building). Photos of any new gravestones plus updated ones for existing gravestones have been uploaded for viewing at iowagravestones.org.

- Wight – Webster township, Section 15, 220+ burials. The gravestone of infant Claude Benson, who died 1896, is shown at right.
- Gordon – Lincoln Township, Section 10; 85+ burials.
- Hamblin – Monroe Township, Section 8; 235+ burials.

Once Springtime arrives in Madison County, Pat and the crew of MCGS cemetery walkers assembled in 2021 will be looking for volunteers to join them as they visit more cemeteries to update documentation and photos. We hope you join the fun – it never ends with 55+ Madison County cemeteries!



Honoring Civil War Veterans Without Gravestones

As announced in the previous newsletter, MCGS members Kent Transier and Colleen Peterson are working together on this project. Kent researched Madison County data and burials to identify Civil War veterans buried in Madison County who have an unmarked grave. Colleen takes that list and completes additional research – Civil War service records, death records, location in local cemeteries, etc. – to meet the stringent criteria of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). If those documentation requirements are met, the VA will have an engraved gravestone made and shipped here, at no cost. To the left is an example of a gravestone in its shipping box. Doug Jurgens, of Vintage Iron Shed in Winterset, has graciously offered to store multiple 150-pound gravestones until they can be set.



Colleen has over 20 veterans in various stages of the process. Some are in the research stage, some require investigating maps and visiting cemeteries to locate their likely gravesite, some need their application signed by the township trustees or cemetery associations to approve of the future installation of their gravestone, and some veterans' applications have been submitted. One gravestone has been VA approved and is already in Colleen's possession, awaiting spring for installation in the Earlham Cemetery. The VA turnaround time is at least two months, so Colleen hopes to have most of the veterans' applications submitted this winter. After summer installations, one or more ceremonies will be planned to bring public awareness to these veterans and the gravestones that finally mark their resting places. One such public ceremony will take place in the Winterset Cemetery, where four applications will be submitted.

Church Histories Online

If you have looked at IAGenWeb.org/Madison, and clicked on CHURCHES in the menu, you have noticed that in the long list of churches, only a very few have a link to their histories. Madison County churches have long been a part of life here, most of which were started in the 1800s. To provide more church information, volunteers have been recruited to type in church histories from several time periods and from several sources. There are four primary sources being used: the 1966 Madison County plat map, the 1970 Earlham Centennial book, the 1984 Madison County history book, and newspaper accounts. The history from each source will be included, in chronological order, so readers can see the church develop over time. Photos will be included when available. The picture to the right of non-existent West Star Church was provided by Gary and Shirley Allen.



Bits and Pieces

2022 MCGS Meeting Schedule

The Society meets most months on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Winterset Public Library. Some months may be skipped due to weather or if there are no project reports.

The first Tuesdays in 2022 are:

January – no meeting	
February – no meeting	
March 1	August 2
April 5	September 6
May 3	October 4
June 7	November 1
July 5	December 6

Winterset Library: Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry.com allowed home access to its Library Edition for nearly two years during the Covid outbreak. That access ended on December 31, 2021 and has returned to its previous access, only from the public computers within the Winterset Public Library. With your library card, you have access to a vast resource of digitized and searchable records of every type. Be sure to take advantage of this resource. Thank you, Winterset Public Library for subscribing!



Need Help Researching Your Roots?

If you would like assistance with researching your Madison County family history, you can:

- Mail your requests to the
Madison County Genealogical Society
PO Box 26, Winterset Iowa 50273-0026.
- Email your request to our email address:
madisoncountyiagenealogy@gmail.com

Our fee is \$10/ hour plus copying/postage costs.



Follow MadCo genealogy at
MADISON COUNTY IA FAMILY HISTORY.
Feel free to post your finds
and questions.

Iowa Genealogical Society: Spring Conference

Mark your calendar for the IGS Spring Conference on Saturday, April 9th. Speaker, Alice Hoyt Veen, will present four topics:

- Formatting a Narrative: Work that Stands the Test of Time
- Fall in! Militias and Volunteers Answer the Call
- Defending the Nation: Federal Military Records
- Fathers & Sons: A Military Tale

Details and registration will be available soon at iowagenealogy.org.

Successful Fall Review for IAGenWeb/madison

Twice each year, the IAGenWeb.org/madison website goes through a peer review from another Iowa IAGenWeb coordinator. The fall review took place in late October and the results are in!

Madison County's website passed with these comments:

It's amazing how much relevant content you have to offer Madison County researchers – 3800 links! This site is well organized, easy to read and navigate.

I like the 'New Visitor Information.' Many times people don't know what to do if they are just starting out.

I enjoyed looking at the old photos. This site has many! The Madison County Family Tree is great!

It's great that you have such a good relationship with the Madison County Genealogical Society and that you have enlisted so many volunteers to help keep the Madison County IAGenWeb site as a valuable resource for researchers.

KUDOS to all of YOU who have worked so diligently and accurately to make this such a helpful website. And thank you to Kent Transier who retired at the end of November, 2021 after serving as a County Coordinator (webmaster) for over 25 years.

St. Charles Newspapers Being Digitized

Kirk Freeland, St. Charles Public Library director, has been encouraging residents to bring in their copies of old St. Charles newspapers. What he has gathered so far are now at Advantage Archives in Cedar Rapids for microfilming and digitization. Soon they will be returned, intact, to the owners.

By the next MCGS newsletter, you should be able to view and search them at winterset.advantage-preservation.com or from the Winterset Library website, wintersetlibrary.org. If you own copies of St. Charles newspapers, Kirk would love to expand the collection.