

Region 16 Representative Report

July 2025

Cass County - This group recently visited the Danish Museum in Elk Horn for one of their meetings as the museum has a research library. Six attended their regular meeting in May and member, Mary Hoegh, presented a program on Naturalization. For their June meeting they attended a special program at the Atlantic Library on Headstones and Cemeteries.

East Pottawattamie/Botna Valley - The group had an outing for their May meeting to visit some Country School sites in the county and held a regular meeting in June. I visited their meeting last week on July 7th. They did not have any volunteer work hours in their genealogy room in June due to vacations, etc. but will be back to work this month. They did not receive the HRDP State Historical Society grant, so they will use available memorials just received to digitize some of their Carson newspapers. They recently updated their brochure and I passed it on to Pam for our website. The group recently acquired a large, but organized family history collection for the Turner family. No descendants of the family were interested in it and BVGS does not have shelf space for family collections. I reached out to Cris about the possibility of the collection going in our library. She contacted Michelle who said we would be happy to take it. Their group is glad the collection has found a home.

Fremont County Historical Society - Our monthly Lunch & Learn programs are going well which we started in May. Around 20 attend which is a nice group for a town the size of Sidney. The programs are on history relating to Fremont County. Organizing and cataloging our library resources is an ongoing process. Members are still busy putting exhibits into our new museum space. The museum is open regular hours April through October. We have visitors wanting to research in our library on a regular basis and get email request for Fremont County family information from individuals out of town.

Pottawattamie County Genealogical Society - Last week I visited the PCGS library and spoke to Kandis Cole-Skank who is the president of the group. The library is still open every Tuesday from 10 to 3. Kandis and Jim McMullen are normally the only members who keep it open. They recently discontinued their monthly Board meetings, due to poor attendance of the members. However, they are still hosting monthly programs with the Board members in attendance. Also, the Genealogy Group still meets monthly at the library. In May the group attended a program at Walnut Hill Cemetery on cleaning headstones. In June they attended a program at Fairview Cemetery. The presenter, Marilyn Erwin, located unmarked graves.

Page County - Last month I visited the Page County Museum in Clarinda. They have an excellent genealogy library for visitors to use, plus the members do look up requests for those who live away. They also provide Page County research sources on their website: [**nodawayvalleymuseum.org**](http://nodawayvalleymuseum.org) - Their Director, Trish Bergan, said they would be happy to be connected with IGS. Would it be possible for them to be on our mailing/email list? Their email address is: [**pagecountyhistory@yahoo.com**](mailto:pagecountyhistory@yahoo.com)

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