

Region 16 Representative Report April 2026

Cass County - This group has met every month this year. Their membership rolls currently show 24 members. Nick Harris was the speaker for their March meeting. He gave a presentation with Atlantic history pictures.

East Pottawattamie/Botna Valley - This group just resumed their meetings for the year last month. For their March meeting they focused on election of officers, membership and meeting planning for the year. For their April meeting member Carolyn DeLay gave a program titled "Obituaries - Where to Find Them". The program included online demonstrations. They have accomplished digitizing the Carson newspapers from 1880-1918 with memorial funds. They are now available on the Advantage Archives site. They encouraged their members to continue working on ongoing projects in their genealogy room.

Fremont County Historical Society - The museum part of our facility opened back up for the season on April 4th. We are still working on organizing and cataloging our Genealogy Library. We hoped to make more progress during the winter months but ran into many conflicts with members. We still have visitors or receive look up requests on a regular basis for Fremont County genealogy information. Our Lunch & Learn programs are still held monthly with a good response from our community.

Pottawattamie County Genealogical Society - I stopped by the Frontier Library this week and visited with Kandis Cole-Skank, the PCGS President. Kandis is keeping their library open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They collect a small fee for research and she was working on nine requests which had recently come in. They are still keeping active with programs and the Monday Morning Genealogy Group still meets monthly. The group participated in the Historic Preservation event at the Council Bluffs Library last month. They prepared folders with information for starting research on your family tree and sold them at the event. The year-to-date membership for the group is 47.

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