

IGS Report
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Region 8
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I reached out to counties in region 8 to determine the number of members in their societies/chapters who are also IGS members. I received a response from three chapters. I visited with Mark Wheeler, the newly assigned liaison between regional representatives and the IGS Board and had a thorough conversation about issues and possibilities. I started a list of museums, historical places and cemeteries within region 8 counties.

Historical Society of Marshall County, Marshalltown, Iowa
I did not get a response to my inquiries for information about membership and outreach.

Ankeny Genealogical Chapter (Polk County), Ankeny, Iowa
No response to my inquiry for information. I happen to know that many of the chapter's members ARE IGS members and they have a strong communication link with IGS through their current president and past IGS president, Ms. Liewer.

Story County Genealogical Society, Ames, Iowa
SCGS members provided a training session called "Preserving Your Family Story". Several Story County Genealogy members will discuss how they share their ancestors stories with other members of their family. This includes holding family reunions, writing stories about their ancestors and writing a book about their own life. In their last newsletter they included a large article about the IGS Library and its services.
They did not respond to my inquiries for numbers of IGS members.

Warren County Historical Society, Indianola, Iowa
Juanita Ott responded to my inquiry about IGS members. They have 230 members and do not have a record of IGS members. It is believed there are only four IGS members.

Marion County Historical Society, Knoxville, Iowa
Carl Nollen responded to be request for information. They currently have 36 paid members and 13 free members. It is believed there is only one IGS member.

Jasper County Genealogical Society, Newton, Iowa. The president, Rita Reinheimer responded to my request for information. Currently there are 12 members and only one member is also an IGS member. They don't have a newsletter and they do not have a facebook page. They use iagenweb.org/jasper as their website.