

Region 10 Report, 18 July 2026 Quarterly Board Meeting
Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Ringgold, Taylor, Union Counties
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Adams County

Adams County has not had a genealogy society for several years as well as an unactive Historical Society presently. The Adams County Historic Preservation Commission, meeting monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm, is currently filling that void with genealogical and historical research including:

1. Continuing the research and documentation of the counties pioneer cemeteries and family burial plots for preparation to the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Hosted an Open House, Cemetery Walk and an exhibit, Adams County Remembers: America's 250th during June. The exhibit, researched and developed by the commissioners honoring War of 1812 soldiers buried in the county and families whose ancestors served in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The exhibit was displayed at the Annual Chamber Flight Breakfast on July 4 and is currently traveling to be displayed in all of the communities until the end of the year.
3. Signage was ordered from Iowa Prison Industries to be installed at each of the Pioneer Cemeteries. Each sign includes a website address and a QR code that is attached to the Commissions webpages providing the visitor with cemetery history and family history of those buried there, including many that no longer have a grave marker.
4. Working with the Corning Public library to organize and move the genealogical research by the old Society out of storage in the basement to the libraries research shelves.
5. Working with the Adams GenWeb coordinator to add their research information to the site.
6. Continuing to keep the public informed through their website, Facebook page, newspaper articles and radio interviews and providing quarterly reports to the board of supervisors and city councils.

Clarke County

Clarke County Genealogical Society meet the first Monday of the month except in January and July at 6:30 pm at the Osceola Public Library. They have an active Facebook presence. There activities this quarter include:

1. Held a Stone Cleaning Demonstration and Stories from the Gravestones program in one of their cemeteries.
2. Developing a new exhibit each month highlighting the history of one of Clarke County's Townships for display in the Osceola Library,.

Decatur County

Decatur County does not have a genealogical society but has an active Historical Society. They have a very active GenWeb site that has added 12 new resources for researchers in this quarter.

Ringgold County

Ringgold County does not have a genealogical society, but they also have an active GenWeb site. They recently added Benton High School Graduate composite photos from 1940-1952.

Taylor County

Taylor County does not have a genealogical society, but they too have a very active and informative GenWeb site. They recently added the Taylor County 1897 Birth records to the site. Libraries for research are located in Bedford, Clearfield, Lenox, New Market and at the Taylor County Historical Society at Bedford.

Union County

The Union County Genealogical Society meet the 4th Monday of each month, except December, at 5:30 PM at the Gibson Memorial Public Library Genealogy Room, Creston.

Current ongoing projects:

1. Union County Fair Open Class Genealogy and History Department which opens with checking in exhibits beginning Friday July 24th. They are responsible with check-in and releasing exhibits, hiring the judge and manning the booth. They also hold a coloring contest for children and a Beginning Genealogy Class. This year an additional class was added, Remembering America's 250th. The Society members also provide a Hot Spot to be able to assist potential family history researchers.
2. Working with website provider to move and update their site to new software.
3. Continuing to keep public informed of activities through their website, Facebook pages, local newspaper and radio interviews.