

The Idaho Genealogical Society

**We are a non-profit organization, established in 1958, granted 501(c)(3) status in 1982.  
Our Mission: To become a preferred first stop for those researching their ancestry in Idaho, by reaching out to a statewide audience, preserving Idaho specific records, maximizing grant requests to fund our projects, and making member's Idaho research meaningful and successful.**

IDAHO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (IGS): BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

**1950s**

Idaho Genealogical Society (IGS) was formed in 1958  
Partnership with Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) and LDS Genealogical Society  
Acquisition of Genealogical book and microfilm collection  
Publication of the IGS Quarterly Journal initiated

**1960s and 1970s**

Formation of chapters around Idaho, continuing into 1980s  
Extractions of cemetery records, newspaper records, birth and death records by IGS members  
Extracted records published in installment form in the Quarterly Journal  
Cemetery records published in booklet form for the Genealogical library  
Publication of the 1870 Idaho Census  
Creation of surname indices for the Quarterly Journal

**1980s**

Genealogical Library moved to Territorial Prison in Boise  
Genealogical Library moved back to ISHS Library on State Street Boise  
Over 6000 titles in Genealogical Library shelf list, 250,000 cards in the surname index  
Use of computers initiated by Library staff and IGS members  
Dissolution of chapter network begins, continuing through the 1990s  
ISHS volunteers to become responsible for the Genealogical Library Collection  
IGS enters into donor agreement with ISHS  
IGS partnership with ISHS and LDS Genealogical Society dissolved  
Genealogical Library collection continues to expand under auspices of ISHS  
IGS opens office on Overland Road in Boise, Idaho

**1990s and 2000s**

Creation of Pioneer, Early Settler and Oregon Trail Certificate programs  
IGS concentration on publications – census indices and Footprints  
New logo created and used for cover of Quarterly journal  
Expansion of the Quarterly Journal  
Quarterly Journal accepted for indexing by PERSI (Periodical Source Index)  
Release of Overland Road office in Boise, Idaho  
Establishment and continued enhancement of virtual office with Website and the Post Office Box  
IGS Board of Directors meeting held in ISHS library and archives  
Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008  
Cemetery Assessment Project and DNA Project begins  
Vision & Mission & Goals Statements Revised 2010

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Nearly 200 ancestor-minded Idahoans met February 8, 1958 at the Idaho Historical Museum, Julia Davis Park, Boise, Idaho, to organize the Idaho Genealogical Society. In attendance at this meeting were genealogists from Boise, Weiser, Nampa, Caldwell, Emmett, Meridian, Mountain Home and from Ontario, Oregon.

Mrs. Joyce Owen of Boise, served as temporary chairman of the organization; she being very instrumental in starting this society. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and to nominate permanent officers. Members of this committee included Mrs. Dean Ingerham, Mrs. Frank Wilson and Mrs. Lillis Melander, all of Bise; Mrs. Jacob Jensen, Emmett; Dayton Raff and Richard L. Maus, Nampa; Mrs. Bessie Kepler, Caldwell; and Alice Hicks, Mountain Home. Mrs. Lola Stocking was named secretary pro-tem.

On March 8, 1958, a general meeting was held and the constitution was presented and adopted. The following officers were nominated and elected:

President.....Lola L Stocking.....Meridian  
Vice-President.....Earl M. McCandless.....Nampa  
Secretary.....Mrs. Jacob Jensen.....Emmett  
Treasure.....Roy B. Arnold, Jr.....Boise

Board of Directors:

Dayton Raff.....Nampa  
Joyce Owen.....Boise  
Dale Walden.....Boise  
Murray Badgley.....Boise  
Mrs. Frank Wilson.....Boise  
Alice Hicks.....Mountain Home

The objectives of this society are:

To give mutual assistance in genealogical research.  
To collect and preserve genealogical records.

The membership in the Idaho Genealogical Society is maintained through the payment of \$3.00 yearly dues for married couples; \$2.00 for single memberships. Membership in the society includes a subscription to the Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly, a publication issued quarterly.