

Independent Researchers

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Des Moines Metropolitan Area

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<p>Ricki King Roots To Branches Genealogy, LLC 950 65th St Windsor Heights, IA 50324 Email: ricki@rootstobrancheogenealogy.com Blog: https://www.rootstobrancheogenealogy.com/blog Website: https://www.rootstobrancheogenealogy.com/</p>	<p><i>Roots to Branches Genealogy</i> specializes in Forensic Genealogy cases involving identifying unknown or missing heirs, probate cases, and family history research. Most people want to learn about their family history but don't have the time or know where to begin. We research for you.</p> <p>Ricki holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Drake University, a Certificate in Genealogical</p>

	Research from Boston University's Center for Professional Education, and a Certificate of Completion in the ProGen Study Program. In addition, Ricki holds memberships in the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, Iowa Genealogical Society, and various other genealogy societies. She is a published author and has given presentations as part of the State Historical Society of Iowa's Iowa History 101.
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Eastern Iowa

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Western Iowa

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<p>Josh Jenkins AncestorStalker Columbia, MD 21044 www.ancestorstalker.com services@ancestorstalker.com</p>	<p>I research all counties in Iowa; federal records; family trees; military records (i.e. Civil War, Revolutionary War); DNA projects; and Native American determination. Also location services, land, will/probate, and much more. Review my excellent customer testimonials available on my web site.</p>
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