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 Closed Wednesday

We need Volunteers for a  
 Cammack Cemetery Work  
 Day

2006 Meetings  
 June 15  
 July 20  
 August 17  
 September 21  
 October 19  
 November 16  
 December

Meeting will be announced

1882 History Book  
 Available

Taking orders for the  
 reprint of the 1924  
 Dillon Payne History  
 Book

By the time you read this I have gotten the old newsletters archived. Over 20 years of the Societies quarterly newsletters can be found online at the website. We have bound and shelved these for use in the library also. Thank you to Gerald and Cathy Carter for a few new additions, we now have Oak Hill Church records for the years 1885-1947, Eldon Forum newspapers on Microfilm, and they have indexed the 1955 Republican.

The new fundraiser to rollout for Fair time is the SSDI for Davis County, covering the years 1964-2005. Alphabetized with birth and death dates, another nice addition to our library.

The Davis County Fair is upon us, and we will need volunteers to man the booth and also the library. Be sure to come by, and show your family treasures. Lots of fun!

Available NOW! SSDI for Davis County.

This treasure is available online, but now it is all in one place for your viewing. Do you know Uncle David died in Davis County, can't remember what year? Lookup his name, and then we can use the death date to get a copy/record of the obit. Saves time!! Covers the years 1964-2005.

Did you know if a widow[er] or dependant are receiving benefits, the death is not in the SSDI database?

The SSDI is for sale for \$15.

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The Davis County Pioneer Cemetery Commission will be host to the July 8 meeting of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries at the Mutchler Recreation Center. 9:30 am Registration, Social Hour/ Coffee time; 10:30 a.m. Welcome, and Business Meeting. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Catered Lunch –Cost \$10 (proceeds to Mars Hill Church); 2 p.m. – demonstration of stone and base repair at Mars Hill Cemetery. Reservation and payments need to be made by June 30, to: Carol Hoffman, wilcar@netins.net

## Back in Time

### 75 Years Ago

Dr. C. H. Cronk was injured in an automobile wreck on the Bloomfield-Ottumwa road. Fred Sax, former Bloomfield resident and businessman, died at his home in Kelso, Wash., following an attack of pneumonia. The body was brought to Bloomfield for burial.

Those awarded letters in the chapel held at the Bloomfield High School were Harold Rogers, Gilbert Whisler, John Baldrige, Scott Wagler, Guy Walker, Wendell Hall, Glen Ware and Guy Ware. Junior college students receiving letters were Eugene Giles, Evan Evans, Paul Shafer, Harold Harris, Dale Widmer and Ralph Allen.

J. T. Whisler moved his blacksmith shop to Pulaski.

The new home of the Mutual Telephone Company was opened April 4.

W. P. Caldwell and Edward Burchett left by car for California. Caldwell plans to visit

his sister while Burchett was returning to Hollywood to work in the movie colony. Miss Helen Waggoner and Rev. C. Raymond Reed were married March 28.

Mrs. Henry C. Taylor, past president of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs, was in Kansas City attending the Kansas Federation biennial convention. Mrs. Taylor was one of the speakers on the general program.

Bloomfield High School athletes competed in a triangular track meet held in Centerville.

The A.B.C. players, an organization of dramatics from Albia, Centerville and Bloomfield Junior Colleges were presenting plays here. In the Bloomfield cast were Doran Goode, Dorothy Reeves and Lois Shields.

Mrs. Ursel Hubbartt was considerably bruised when the Austin automobile she was driving turned over between Milton and Cantril.

## Past Member and Society President of 1991 Passes On

### Watson Bumgarner

John Watson Bumgarner, Sr., 88, died Thursday, March 30, 2006, at New Haven Care Center in New Haven, Mo. He was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Sullivan County, Mo., to John Carloss Bumgarner and Ethel Watson Bumgarner. He married Eleta Ruth Crum March 24, 1940, and she survives.

He retired in 1982 after 27 years with General Motors Corporation. He was a long-time resident of Joliet, Ill., and lived in Bloomfield for 10 years. He lived in New Haven for the last seven years. He enjoyed many activities including Masonic Lodge, hunting, fishing, genealogy, church and family activities. Survivors include two children, John Watson Bumgarner, Jr. (Jack) of Columbia, Mo., and Michael Jim Bumgarner of New Haven, Mo.; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family welcomes cards but requests no memorials. A memorial visitation was held Saturday, April 1, 2006, at the Toedtman- Grosse Funeral Home, 1053 Hwy C, New Haven, Mo., with a memorial service following at 7 p.m.

### GENEALGY CD'S FOR SALE; PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING & HANDLING

VOLUME 1: WPA GRAVES REGISTRATION & 1870 FEDERAL CENSUS FOR DAVIS COUNTY .....	13.00
VOLUME 2: PROBATE, MARRIAGE & WILL INDEX .....	13.00
VOLUME 3: 1937 TAX LIST & 1850 CENSUS .....	15.00
DRAKESVILLE CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION (PAPER & PDF).....	10.00
1882 DAVIS COUNTY HISTORY BOOK REPRINT.....	70.00
SSDI DAVIS COUNTY IOWA 1964-2005 .....	15.00
ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR THE 1924 DILLON PAYNE HISTORY BOOK REPRINT	

## 2005 Visitors to Our Library

*Those who left information*

Loyal & Marilyn Kropf	Shelbyville, Missouri	
Jeraldine Nace	Newton, Iowa	
Barbara Douglas	bdouglasRW@yahoo.com	Sutton/Sutten, Ripley
Martha Holt	Sigourney, Iowa	
Marie Van Dorin	Bloomfield, Iowa	
Robert Craver	Seymour, Iowa	
Jerry Daughtery	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Benge, Hining, Christy, Daughtery
Irma Gardner	Pleasant Hill, Iowa	Benge, Hining, Christy, Daughtery
Thelma Covert	Ottumwa, Iowa	
Ronald Rime	Memphis, Missouri	
Dean Lain	Corydon, Iowa	
Nancy Stark	Mercer, Missouri	
Pat Miller	Tupelo, Mississippi	Elmer, Harson
Joe & Rosamond Goodlander	Washington, Iowa	
Dorothy Darland	Rock Island, Illinois	
Zelma Stufflebeam	Genesco, Illinois	
Fay Melton	Ottumwa, Iowa	Ira & Dolores Kline Ohio Eby
Rodney Skinner	Ottumwa, Iowa	John E Archer West Liberty, Iowa
Larry Bachman	Ottumwa, Iowa	Colleen Stout Fountain, Padget, Hardesty
Nancy Stelting	Elgin, Nebraska	Helen Johnson Lockman, Groom
Charles Rodrigues	Old Town, Maine	Rosalee Hughes Collins, Kimble
Frances M Narmor	Lancaster, Missouri	
Marilyn Webber	9708 Overbrook Rd Leawood, KS 66206	Blackburn, Akers
Fran Cottle	Malcom, Iowa	
Jackie & Richard Mounts	Yakima, Washington	Mounts
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Lloyd Brown	31590 Champions Circle Temecula, Calif	Wilson, Brown
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Scott & Ruth Zellars	618 S 16th Parsons, Kansas	Reynolds
Rhonda Speed	Shreveport, Louisiana	Guinn, Kelley, Stevens, Probas
Sheryl Southern	Bentondorf, Iowa	
Jeanette & Carol Smith	257 Kelso Rd Jacksonville, Arkansas 72076	
Bethany Harrison	237 CR 37 Nashville, Arkansas 71852	
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Arlene Johnson	Jefferson, Iowa	McConnell, Berry, Breeding
Esther & Susan Mingee	Mississippi	Mingee
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Jim Salyard	Boring, Ohio	
Dorothy Sneed	Hastings, Nebraska	
Sheila Putnam		Clyman, Penney, Martin, Mullinex
Raymond Senar	Milton, Iowa	
Karen Helenius	1732 E 5th St Superior, WI 54880	Routh, Ager
Carol Thomson	5748 Royal Lytham Ct Dublin, OH 43017	Routh, Ager
Anna M Routh	6963 E St Rd 13 S Range, WI 54874	Routh, Ager
Dana Olson	66130 N Point Rd Iron River, WI 54847	Routh, Ager olson6@bresnanlink.net
David & Jeanne Gaylord		Humble, Riley
Justine Abrahamson	310 E Smith St Russell, Iowa 50238	
Jacqueline Sharp	Knoxville, Iowa	
Collen Phillips	4615 109th Place N E Marysville, Washington	

**MARS HILL BURIALS**

<u>SURNAME</u>		<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>	<u>AGE</u>
<b>ANDERSON</b>	PHEBE ELLA    DAU OF J & M G	15 JULY 1880		2M5D
<b>AULGER</b>	JOHN	NOV 1872		60Y5M
	MARY [MRS J]			62Y
<b>BAIRD</b>	CHARLES P	10 JUNE 1884		38Y
<b>BERRY</b>	JOHN	12 APRIL 1876		
<b>BILLHYMER</b>	SARAH J            WIFE OF E G	21 FEB 1806?		51Y
<b>BROOKS</b>	EMMA    DAU OF A A & M P	1879	16 NOV 1887	8Y
	MARY P            WIFE OF AA	15 NOV 1887		27Y10M20D
<b>BROWN</b>	JOHANNA        WIFE OF G	12 MAR 1861		40Y3M9D
	FREDERICK E    CHILD OF S G & M E	10 APRIL 1880		2M4D
	SARAH            WIFE OF G	7 JULY 1868		39Y5M29D
	ELIZABETH      DAU OF G & S	16 JAN 1868		3Y5M12D
	JOHN G            SON OF J G & J C	22 JAN 1882		26Y3M21D
	JOHN G	23 AUG 1820		February 8, 1905
	BESSIE	1868	1934	
	WM W	1859	1934	
	SAMUEL O	1876	1947	
	JOSEPH B	1881	1960	
<b>BRYANT</b>	LYDIA ELLA    WIFE OF A J	2 OCT 1871		21Y
<b>BUCHANAN</b>	SARAH [MRS SAMUEL]	1865	65	
<b>CASSILL</b>	HERMAN D	March 10, 1909		January 16, 1979
	BERTHA	August 23, 1907		
<b>CLARK</b>	JOHN    SON OF T & B	12 OCT 1846		4Y7M6D
	WILLIAM W    SON OF J & M	12 APR 1851		2Y1M5D
	NINA E        DAU OF A & R C	5 APRIL 1863		1Y1M11D
	THOMAS W    SON OF A & R C	JAN 2, 1862		1Y6M1D
<b>CRANDLE</b>	AMANDA	18 AUG 1880		66Y
<b>CROUSE</b>	MARGARET L	1932	1978	
<b>DARNEILLE</b>	TOMMIE        SON OF C F & S A	March 15, 1916		November 30, 1918
	S ANISE	12 DEC 1877		August 12, 1962
	CHARLES F	JUNE 25, 1856		March 22, 1923
<b>DOMMER</b>	MESHELL L	March 18, 1963		
<b>DONALDSON</b>	LAURA	1867	1960	
	MILTON	1852	1926	
	MARY D	16 APRIL 1890		74Y4M4D
	SARAH E	1871	1891	
	CORA C	1869	1884	
	HOMER P	1879		
	EDMUND S      SON OF JP & SE	AUGUST 17, 1873		1 MO
	SUSAN EMELINE SMOCK	1852		MOTHER
	SGT JOHN      COL 4TH PA CALV			
	KEITH E	1924	January 20, 1982	
	RUTH	1907	1956	
	RICHARD	1903	1978	
	SARAH E        MRS H	MARCH 4, 1881		28Y
<b>DUFFIELD</b>	WM    SON OF WC & B	NOVEMBER 23, 1861		19Y10M28D
	WM D	SEPTEMBER 24, 1887		89Y4M14D
	BARBARA        WIFE OF WM	JAN 2, 1877		71Y
	EDMUND        CIVIL WAR	1837	SEPTEMBER 15, 1869	32Y5M1D
<b>DUNNING</b>	JOHN WESLEY	1871	1937	
	SARAH A	28Y5M1D		
<b>ENGLAND</b>	DAVID S        SON OF HS & MJ	NOVEMBER 8, 1878		11Y5M19D
<b>FAIRBURN</b>	MOSES	JULY 1, 1871		68Y8D
	JAMES T        SON OF M & S	27 JULY 1869		5Y7M1D
<b>FITZGERALD</b>	SAMUEL C	1861	1939	
	ELIZABETH      WIFE	1863	1922	

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<u>SURNAME</u>		<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>	<u>AGE</u>
<b>GORDON</b>	CHARLES	21 AUG 1827	May 26, 1909	
	MARY HIS WIFE	20 MARCH 1835	September 8, 1921	
<b>HALE</b>	WILLIAM B	SON OF G & H	SEPTEMBER 21, 1872	25Y10M
	G	CO E 36TH IA INF	FATHER	2 JULY 1898
	HANNAH	MOTHER	7 FEB 1894	70Y
	CATHERINE	WIFE OF WM F	OCT 23, 1859	33Y
	CATHERINE	MRS WM	1853	33Y
	HIRAM	CIVIL WAR	JULY 9, 1872	34
	MARY A		August 6, 1905	
<b>HAMILTON</b>	WILLIAM		OCTOBER 31, 1868	50Y2M
<b>HANCOCK</b>	INFANT	SON OF FD & 0M	March 19, 1908	
	RUFUS		1880	1950
	LAURA M			
<b>HAND</b>	JAMES A		JUNE 2, 1879	50Y
	HANNAH J	WIFE OF JA	NOVEMBER 30, 1870	30Y10M22D
	SIDNEY C	SON OF JA & HJ	OCTOBER 9, 1870	1Y2M6D
<b>HANMER</b>	WILLIAM H		JANUARY 31, 1872	69Y1M18D
	MARY F	DAU OF WH & S	JULY 26, 1879	1Y7M17D
<b>HARNESS</b>	GERALD A		July 3, 1911	November 28, 1913
<b>HARPER</b>	DANNY LEE		March 23, 1955	May 23, 1978
<b>HARTWIG</b>	PAULA A	WIFE OF CHAS	JUNE 19, 1894	June 22, 1922
<b>HARWOOD</b>	JERUSAH ANN	DAU OF G & N	NOVEMBER 1, 1862	2Y3M9D
	JOSEPH		JULY 22, 1859	16Y7M
<b>HATCH</b>	THOMAS	SON OF G & H	MAY 7, 1871	28Y
<b>HITT</b>	HALSTEAD	SEPTEMBER 29, 1821	JUNE 7, 1897	
<b>HEADY</b>	INFANT	SON OF MS & MQ	AUG 6, 1893	AUG 8, 1893
	HAROLD W	SON OF MS & MQ	JULY 27, 1896	November 5, 1908
	RAYMOND	SON OF MS & MQ	June 27, 1901	July 4, 1901
	MILDRED	SON OF MS & MQ	November 18, 1906	Dec-06
<b>HOPWOOD</b>	HARRY MILTON		April 22, 1928	February 10, 1967
<b>HOUK</b>	DAU OF VS & RN		July 4, 1933	
	SON OF VS & RN		April 19, 1944	
<b>HOUSTON</b>	JAMES F		January 12, 1905	March 10, 1905
<b>HOWELL</b>	NEWTON R		February 15, 1905	April 14, 1905
	ADDIE M	WIFE OF NR	April 27, 1903	25Y10M26D
<b>HYMER</b>	SARAH J		FEB 21, 1895	81Y
<b>JESSOP</b>	RONALD LEROY		1949	May 2, 1905
	RICHARD WAYNE		1960	1960
	MARVELLE MARIE		1914	November 17, 1938
	WILMA M		1939	
	MARY MAMIE		1905	1933
	MAGGIE M		1888	1923
	MARY		January 5, 1918	January 5, 1918
	HARRY B			
	LEONARD			
	ELSIE J		March 31, 1934	21Y
	GREGG		March 20, 1938	
	ROSA		March 1, 1931	
<b>LAUGHRIDGE</b>	SARAH L		1888	1929
	HATTIE R	DAU OF GW & SA	MAY 17, 1891	3M17D
	GEORGE W		1860	1924
	SARAH A	WIFE OF GEORGE	1882	1934
<b>LAVEREIN</b>	CLEMENT		NOV 12, 1881	9Y
<b>LOY</b>	JOHN H		1852	1917
	EMILY LOY POST	WIFE OF JOHN C POST	1855	1917
<b>McCAULEY</b>	CHARLES E	SON OF J & EJ	JULY 9, 1877	9Y4M6D
	LORA A		NOV 30, 1878	1Y11M
	SAMUEL M		JULY 31, 1876	1Y10M17D

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<b>McKAY</b>	RALPH	DEC 26, 1882		74Y
<b>MEEK</b>	CAMINO	DEC 18, 1859		1M5D
	DAU OF J W & L A			
	WIFE OF JW	JAN 9, 1860		
<b>MONROE</b>	WILLIAM	MARCH 24, 1863		74Y4M2D
	CIVIL WAR			
	PHEBE PARDAM	AUG 21, 1881		87Y3M19D
	WIFE OF WILLIAM			
	J W	MARCH 24, 1839		5Y10M10D
	SON OF S A & C			
	DANIEL			
	SON OF S A & C			
	CO D 15 IOWA			
	IDA L	JANUARY 1821		3Y
	CHILD OF W S & M E			
	EVA S	DEC 21, 1820		7Y
	CHILD OF W S & M E			
	DAUGHTER	JAN 11, 1825		20Y
	CHILD OF W S & M E			
<b>NILES</b>	FRANCIS E	MAY 1, 1862		January 20, 1909
<b>OWSLEY</b>	INFANT	MARCH 11, 1863		
	SON OF M & S A			
	WM H	JUNE 3, 1865		10M16D
	SON OF M A & S A			
<b>PARKER</b>	JAMES M	1875		1961
	ELIZA M	1871		1953
	HARRY W	May 7, 1902		November 5, 1918
	SON OF J M & E M			
<b>PATTERSON</b>	MARY A			
	WIFE OF JOHN C POST			
<b>PHERIGO</b>	STELLA MAE	1896		1952
	WENDELL E	JAN 20, 1894		February 17, 1967
	PFC 63RD ARTILLARY			
<b>PILCHER</b>	ELIZABETH	NOV 21, 1847		March 19, 1921
	WIFE OF T J			
	T J	MARCH 4, 1848		January 4, 1903
	CARL C	May 5, 1907		October 28, 1908
	SON OF H E & C M			
	MARY	February 3, 1917		
	H B	JUNE 24, 1882		68Y
	CHARLES A	DEC 7, 1884		JULY 2, 1885
	FRANK	DEC 23, 1891		July 21, 1913
	SON OF J W & V			
	VINNIE	FEB 5, 1871		1898
	WIFE OF J W			
	JESSIE	MAY 10, 1890		November 9, 1908
<b>POST</b>	CHARLES E	1918		1974
	HUBERT DEAN	1942		1942
	FLORENCE	1884		1944
	WM	JAN 18, 1839		May 3, 1918
	CIVIL WAR			79Y
	GLEN	June 26, 1903		June 15, 1959
	JOHN A	1873		1954
	EDWARD	APRIL 19, 1880		November 23, 1962
	ABIGAIL	APRIL 11, 1886		October 12, 1940
	INFANT	December 5, 1905		December 18, 1905
	SON OF J N & MYRTLE			
	ISABELL	JAN 2, 1837		June 29, 1910
<b>RAMBO</b>	ELIZABETH	MARCH 9, 1873		73Y
	MRS JOEL			
	JOEL M	FEB 26, 1872		83Y
<b>RESCHKE</b>	ANNA L	SEPT 8, 1878		59Y10M17D
	WIFE OF M			
<b>ROBERTS</b>	CHARLES	1920		1968
<b>RULMAN</b>	CHILD	JUNE 25, 1895		3Y
	CHILD OF G W & M E			
	CHILD	DEC 2, 1893		5Y26D
	CHILD OF G W & M E			
<b>RUPE</b>	JOHN M			
	CO E 39TH IA INF			
	MARY J			
	WIFE OF JOHN M			
	DORA M	1905		
	ELVY	1898		1962
	LEWIS	10Y11M3D		
	SON OF JOHN M & M J			
	GUY	JULY 8, 1872		JUNE 3, 1895
	SON OF J M & M J			
	MARY	MARCH 22, 1898		72Y8M6D
	WIFE OF L			
	L Z	MARCH 24, 1896		72Y1M20D
	DANIEL	MARCH 21, 1879		16Y5M21D
	SON OF L Z & M M			
	ALMYRA M	OCT 27, 1859		March 28, 1922
	ADDISON	1853		1935
	WAYNE	NOV 16, 1868		November 11, 1914
	ANNA MAY	MAY 23, 1868		October 11, 1960
	NELLIE	March 15, 1902		1M
	DAU OF W & A			

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<b>SEDORE</b>	MARY E	DAU OF H & E J	FEB 21, 1877		12Y23D
<b>SHANKHARRY</b>			SEPT 15, 1886	July 22, 1971	
	INFANT		1941		
	JOHN ROBERT		February 16, 1924		
	SMITH ANTHONY		OCT 28, 1870		67Y4M20D
	CAROLINE R		FEB 14, 1881		
	JACOB		1862		
	LEWIS CIVIL WAR	SON OF A & MA	1864		
<b>SMOCK</b>	DELLA L	DAU OF F T & B		11M25D	
	F T CIVIL WAR		MARCH 31, 1870		
	WILLIAM J	SON OF A & S CO I 1ST IS CALV	JULY 14, 1864		
	ABRAHAM	DIED IN SERVICE	JULY 28, 1818	JUNE 3, 1863	
	CHARLES		MAY 15, 1889		45Y11M3D
	RACHEL	WIFE OF SAMUEL	OCT 28, 1861		
<b>SNELLING</b>	DAISY AGNES		1887	1970	
	BENJAMIN C		1888	1951	
	GEORGE W		1909	1972	
<b>STADTER</b>	HENRY	SON OF F W & M L	FEB 7, 1875		15Y11M3D
	EDWARD	SON OF F W & M L	APRIL 25, 1865		3Y7M1D
	JOHN	SON OF F W & M L	AUG 22, 1864		1Y
	EMILY	DAU OF G W & M L	APRIL 15, 1865		6M
<b>TALLEY</b>	IRENE		1895	1895	
	INFANT	DAU OF F & E	1898	1898	
<b>TAYLOR</b>	JAMES		JUNE 28, 1820	DEC 11, 1895	
	STARLING	WIFE OF JAMES	AUG 14, 1846	June 20, 1901	
<b>THOMAS</b>	HARVEY		1897	1898	
	GEORGE		NOV 12, 1892		25Y3M4D
	EFFIE M	DAU OF G W & S A	SEPT 2, 1888		1Y5M22D
	MARY MRS B		March 18, 1912		86Y
	B THOMAS		May 12, 1904		94Y
	IRRIE URVIE	SON OF GRANT & AMY	January 13, 1903	February 15, 1903	
	WILLIE		1917	1918	
	RAE		1904		
<b>TURNER</b>	EDWIN R	SON OF W F & MARY	MAY 18, 1898		17Y3M2D
<b>WALLER</b>	GEORGE		1900	1963	
<b>WAYLAND</b>	WALTER		1870	1933	
<b>WILLIAMS</b>	ELLEN				
	VIRGEL				
<b>WILLIS</b>	JOHN E	SON OF W S & N	SEPT 9, 1878		34Y5M12D

**Mrs Mary E Pilcher**- Mary Ryan Pilcher was born in Ohio, Oct 16, 1844, and died February 3, 1917, aged 73 years 3 months and 18 days. She came to Iowa with her parents when a small girl and settled on a farm near Floris, where she lived until she married to Havila Pilcher. Her husband preceded her in death some 36 years ago, leaving her with a large family which she kept together and raised to manhood and woman hood. Those living are; Sylvester, Charles, Hugh, Thomas, of Floris; John and Mrs Alice Pottorff of Ottumwa. 2 daughters, Mrs Emma Robinson and Mrs Addie Howell, and 1 son, Henry Pilcher, preceded her in death. She leaves one brother and sister, Minerva Rhyne of Oklahoma, Rebecca Rhyne of Carbon, Jane Rhyne of Ottumwa, Mrs Pilcher of Eldon, to mourn her loss, also a host of other friends and relatives. The funeral services were conducted by Rev Williams of the Floris Christian church. Interment was made in the Morris [Mars] Hill cemetery.-

"Fairfield Ledger", Wed., Aug. 22, 1934, Pg. 3, Col. 5 Mrs. Sarah A. LAUGHRIDGE of Eldon died Tues. Services were held at Mars Hill Church; burial in Mars Hill Cemetery.....





OTTUMWA — Five people have been charged with arson in connection with the Mars Hill Church fire March 9.

All are Ottumwans and were taken into custody Wednesday by the Wapello County Sheriff's Office are: Dawn Wilson, 15; Angel Long, 15; Stephanie Ybarra, 16; Aidan Miller, 19; and Joshua Johnson, 18.

Wilson and Long were sent to the juvenile detention facility at Chariton. Ybarra, Miller and Johnson are being held in the Wapello County Jail on \$32,500 bond each.

All five have been charged with first-degree arson, a class B felony. It also is a forcible felony and carries a maximum sentence of 25 years, according to a release by the sheriff's office.

The church, located in Keokuk Township near the Wapello/Davis county line, was built in 1850, although reports indicate it may have been built earlier in 1846.

Locally, it is said to be the oldest log church in occupancy in the country, but no one can verify that claim.

Several other sources, including different web sites claim the church is the oldest log church in Iowa

The church is the subject of several Web sites claiming the church and the adjacent cemetery is haunted.

The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.



Margaret Thrall wrote about the church in documents prepared for the Wapello County Historical Society: It (Mars Hill Church) was one of the stations on the underground railway system used by Northerners to aid the Negroes in making their way North and (to) freedom. The Negroes were hidden in the timber by day, and then assembled at the church for further transportation. John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame is supposed to have hidden two wagonloads of slaves there during the Civil War.

On September 13, 1974, Mars Hill was entered in the State of Iowa Register of Historic Places. A document sent to the National Park Service of Washington D.C., a division of the United States Department of the Interior said, local tradition has it that the Mars Hill Church was used as a hiding place during the Civil War as part of the Underground Railroad.

In the late 1970s, occult activities surfaced in south central Iowa, and unfortunately, Mars Hill Church was the site of some of it. In June of 1985, Reva Rupe found a mutilated black cat hanging over the church altar. Satanic crosses and symbols had been painted in blood on the walls. Historic tombstones were broken off. Pews were stacked and set on fire inside the church. Later, vandals drug the remaining pews out into the lawn in front of the church, stacked them and set them on fire. Fortunately the church itself didn't burn as a result of either of these incidences. While application was made to the National Parks Service to have Mars Hill Church listed on the National Parks Service's Trail of Stations on the Underground Railroad in the spring of 2001, so far the application has been rejected. Oral tradition is an important part of any community's history, but the committee is looking for written documentation, Bible entries, personal diaries, or letters that describe specific



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Paul Juhl 832 West Side Drive Iowa City IA 52246 is in search of history concerning the mascots or nicknames of the boy's and girl's athletic teams. Also any info on the school colors town and country schools alike.

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Micro-reader and printer needed. We are in search of funding or grants to replace our current microfilm reader. We would like to purchase a new digital microfilm reader and printer. The new reader will enable users to save the article to computer and print directly to a laser printer. This would also be a direct way to archive our microfilms to digital media. By the time this newsletter reaches your mail box, we should also have a new look in our library. We are scheduling a work day to rearrange shelving to make room for a computer, scanner, and will have internet access available.

LINDA HURLBERT SHOGREN She was born November 16, 1943 in San Jose and she passed away on April 25, 2006 due to cancer. She married Stanley Shogren on June 6, 1964. She graduated from San Francisco State University in 1974. She touched many people's lives as a teacher. For the past 14 years she was teaching sewing to young girls. Service will be at Neptune Society Chapel in Belmont on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 2:00p.m. Ashes will be scattered at sea. She is survived by her husband Stanley of San Mateo, son Peter Shogren of Santa Clara, daughter Anna Elizabeth Shogren of San Mateo, sister Judy Hurlbert of Portland, Oregon, brother Jerry Hurlbert of Modena, Utah, and a niece Laurie Schaeffer of Portland, Oregon. The family requests donations in Linda's name be made to Mills-Peninsula Hospital in lieu of flowers. Published in the San Mateo County Times on 5/7/2006. Linda was a member of our society.

**IOWA TIDBITS**

- The first State Fair was held in Fairfield, on October 10, 11, 12, 1854.
- The oldest in use Iowa Courthouse is The Van Buren County courthouse in Keosauqua.
- Not a single shot was fired in The Honey War.
- Louisa County was named in honor of a woman.
- The first fresh-water pearl buttons were made in Muscatine.
- Ft Madison was burnt to the ground by the Soldiers who built it.

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8870 is the constant

18890506 (died 1889 5th month 6th day)  
710709 (aged 71 years 7 months 9 days) (subtract)  
18179797  
8870 (subtract 8870) (constant)  
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