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President's Notes

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Library Hours
Mon, Tu, Thr, Fri
 1:00—4:00
Saturday
 9:00-1:00
 Closed Wednesday

We need Volunteers for
 a Cammack Cemetery
 Work Day

2006 Meetings
 September 21
 October 19
 November 16
 December
 Meeting will be
 announced

1882 History Book
 Just a Few Left

Taking orders for the
 1924 Dillon Payne
 History Book

The remodeling of the Genealogy Library Room, is about completed. We have a few touches to add, but have reached the digital stage that we were after. A computer, scanner and work desk has been installed. Many thanks to the volunteers that put in time and labor on this project. We now have email available here, we can be reached at dcgs@netins.net

I have begun scanning our newspaper clipping books, and creating .pdf (adobe reader) files for archiving. We are applying for a grant to purchase a digital microfilm reader. Any donations to this effort will be accepted. The goal here is to copy the 100+ microfilms we have to a digital format, to be viewed on the computer, for ease of use for everyone. Thus eliminating the toner and repair costs associated with the current microfilm machine. Being able to archive and store materials offsite in case of disaster is a goal overall, we wish to achieve.

The fair booth was eventful again this year, there is so much family history to share just amongst ourselves. We had a few non members show items, and we also were able to enjoy the fair atmosphere, and catch up on acquaintances as they stopped by our booth. I recommend that next year you be sure to enter exhibits and volunteer time to man the booth. If all else fails, be sure to attend the

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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judging, as the judge is very informative in this topic.

Several members created a float for the Drakesville Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion. Check out page 4.

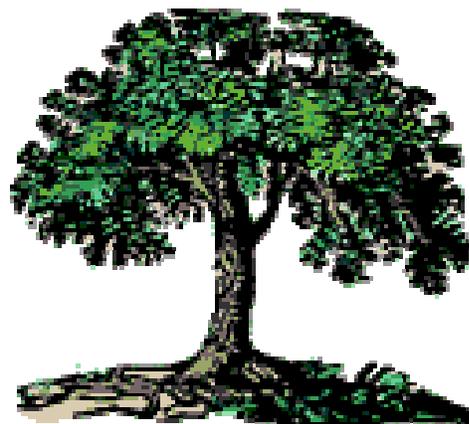
I did some extensive research on the Hiram Padget/Padgett/Paget line per a request of a descendant and have added the information to our Surname file in the library.

Again this newsletter is dedicated to Mars Hill Church and Cemetery.

The Public library has changed Saturday hours and so have we.

2006 Fair a Success

DAVIS COUNTY FAIR 2006 GENEALOGY RESULTS			
	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
Pictorial Family History	Janet Peterson	Christine Richardson	Deb Barker
Legal Documents	Alice Huffman	Deb Barker	Pat Howk
Land Documents	Pat Howk		
Family Records	Pat Howk	Janet Peterson	
Family Religious	Pat Howk	Wayne Richardson	
Family Certificates	Janet Peterson		
Pedigree	Janet Peterson	Deb Barker	Wayne Richardson
Lineage	Alice Huffman	Wayne Richardson	Pat Howk
Record Book	Deb Barker	Margarette Wilburn	Pat Howk
Picture 2 or less	Janet Peterson	Alice Huffman	Shirley Willcoxson
Picture Building	Janet Peterson	Wayne Richardson	Pat Howk
Picture 3 or more	Janet Peterson	Eileen Taylor	Pat Howk
True Story	Dewitt Shelton		
Picture of Davis County	Joan Hutchings		
Publication Article	Pat Howk		
Storytelling Display	Christine Richardson		
Scrapbook	Dale Taylor	Wayne Richardson	Janet Peterson
Written History of DC	Eileen Taylor	Joan Hutchings	
Miscellaneous	Pat Howk	Deb Barker	Shirley Willcoxson
<u>Junior Class</u>			
Photo of Self	Destiny Barker		
Davis County History	Destiny Barker		
Miscellaneous	Destiny Barker		
<u>Best of Show</u>	Dale Taylor		
Free Membership– Nancy StClair			



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 INDEX13.00**
- VOLUME 3: 1937 TAX LIST & 1850 CENSUS 15.00**
- DRAKESVILLE CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION (PAPER & FLOPPY)..... 15.00**
- 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.AVAILABLE SOON**

MARS HILL IN WAR TIMES

Written by Mrs Dr LaForce of Eldon, Iowa, and read by her
As a part of the Decoration Day exercises at Mars Hill
Davis County Republican July 1888

It was the month of May, 1858, that I first worshipped, in the then new sanctuary of Mars Hill. I do not know the date of the organization of the church nor the names of its members, but how well I remember that day so long ago. Rev. Ferguson was the preacher. On the front "Amen seat" in the corner next the congregation, sat "Uncle" Tommy Clark, the senior deacon. Uncle Tommy was the embodiment of the "law", and woe betide the backslidden member who failed to attend the "church" meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

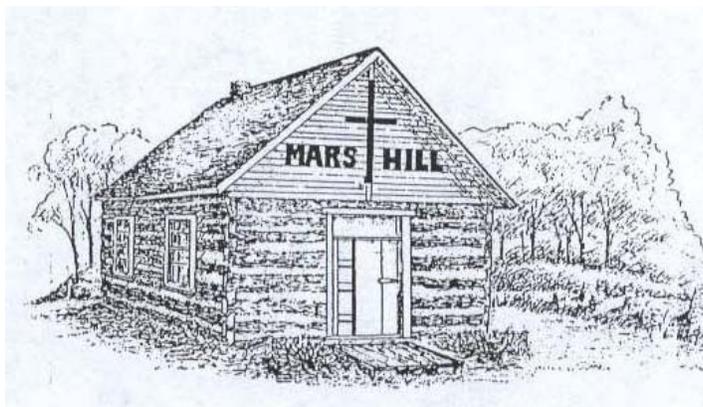
Next to him sat Archibald Smock, next Abraham Smock, a preacher of no mean ability, but not at that time, pastor of the Church. Next to him, and next to the wall, sat Uncle, (all the elderly men were called uncle) Sanders A Monroe, Junior deacon, who was then, and still is the embodiment of the Gospel. On the seat back of them sat Andrew, Kee and Thomas Clark, Wm Handy Tull and John Anderson. On the back seat sat Wm and Nulton Clark, Wm Newton Monroe, Wm Jared Smock and Charlie Smock. On the opposite side sat "Aunt" (they were old Aunts) Barbara Clark, Catharine Monroe, Sarah Smock, Hannah Smock, Debby Seaburn. On the next seat were Margaret, wife of John Anderson, and the wives of Andrew and Kees Clark, and Tom Handy Tull. On the back seat were Lucy Ann Monroe, who was married the next month to John Meek; Rachel Ann Smock and Sarah Catherine Smock, afterwards the wives of James Reynolds and Chas Smock. In the body slips sat a goodly congregation, then, as now, "part spiritual and part carnal". The little cemetery outside, had not more than a dozen graves in it. The first persons buried there were, I believe, James Clark and his little son, who died of Cholera in 1854.

We will pass over to 1861, when the great storm of war struck this devoted congregation and carried off, its members, Wm N Monroe, Wm J Smock, Chas Smock, Thos., Wm and Milton Clark. In a few weeks another call took John and Edmund Duffield and James Peden. Still another 2 sons of Aaron Smith, Wm Slaker, Hiram Hale, Green Hale and John Hale went, but not being personally acquainted with them, I am not certain as to the time of their calling. The next call, Willie Fairburn, Dan'l L Monroe, Madison Harward, Sam'l J McCaulley, Joseph Ryan and Kees Clark went. The first soldier buried here was Daniel L Monroe. He was taken sick with measles at Keokuk and was sent home to die. How well the older ones among us remember the bright haired laughing-eyed lad we laid to rest here, that cold day in Feb., 1862. How our hearts went out in sympathy to those devoted parents. Recruits were called for and Joseph McCaully, Horace Crandle, and James Reynolds went. Still another caller came; John Anderson, John V Monroe, Wesley S Monroe, John Meek, Felix T Smock, Felix M Monroe, Ben Hath, Ben Hastings, Jas W La Force, and the worthy pastor of the church, Abraham Smock went.

Mr Smock was a man of fine bodily presence, with a great warm hand that betokened the great warm heart behind it. But he was not permitted to face the enemy, but was called to his reward very soon. He died at Davenport May, 1863, and his body was brought back and laid beside the church his hands had helped to build, and for whose spiritual welfare he had labored and prayed. Of the brave men who went from this church and congregation, Wm J Smock, - Smith, Joseph Ryan, Samuel J McCaully, Madison Harward and John Anderson were buried in the beautiful cemeteries provided for her dead by the Nation, and to-day strangers lay wreaths of flowers on their graves just as we decorate the graves of those who have no kindred near to perform that office for them. Of those who returned, Edmund Duffield, Feoix T Smock, Horace Crandle, Ben Hatch, Lonie Smith and John Hale lie buried here, Kess Clark at Chequest, Ben Hastings at Pierce burying ground, Wm and Nulton Clark in far off California. It is possible I may have overlooked some with whom I was personally acquainted. Not one of the living occupy the old home whos hospitality was so profuse in those days. Of those who occupy those "amen seats" only Mr and Mrs A Monroe, Mr and Mrs Andrew Clark, Mr and Mrs Chas Smock, Mrs Sarah Smock Boas, Mrs Margaret Anderson Page, Mrs Catherine Tull Shick, Mrs Kees Clark Smith, Thomas Clark and Wm N Monroe, among the living and so far as I know only Mrs Boas, Mrs Page,

MARS HILL IN WAR TIMES, CONT'D

Mrs Smith and Mr and Mrs Smock, are residents of the State. Of the good men and true who went from other States but who have found their last resting place here are Wm Hamilton of the 3rd Pennsylvania heavy artillery, and Porter Baird, of an Ohio regiment. Let us who come to this festival of the dead, not only remember the brave strong men who went out, but also cherish the persons and memory of the good fathers, mothers and wives who set forth their loved ones to save our Nation. Strangers have tried to write the history of Wapello and Davis Counties, but I doubt if the writers knew of the existence of this log church, whose congregation never numbered over souls, but which gave to its country 35 men and whose life went out from sheer exhaustion.



Newest Burial in Mars Hill-

Lee Rupe, was born in Milton, December 7, 1928 a son of Elvy "Pete" and Dora Myrtle Morris Rupe and died June 29, 2006.

DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGY MEMBERS BUILD FLOAT FOR DRAKESVILLE OLD SOLDIERS AND SETTLERS PARADE

Wayne Richardson, Lana Doll, Pat Howk and Janice Batterson coordinated a Genealogy float for the Drakesville Reunion Parade. The day was very hot and we thank them for their efforts. Everyone had an enjoyable time.



The Drakesville Old Soldiers' and Settlers' Reunion was begun in about the year 1846. Records and memories denoted the first annual celebration were held in the "grove", an area clustered with shade in the west part of town. The celebration was arranged at the time of year when the crops were in and the spring chickens were fat. Picnic baskets of food, filled with homemade goodies; story-telling, checkers, and contests of wood chopping, pony racing, and pie eating were a common sight. The reunion eventually became a 3 day event, and the celebrations were moved to the town square. Later after the Railroad vacated, the development of a new park allowed the move of the celebration to an 8 acre tract. Trees were planted, a ball diamond has been added, dance floor and stage, and permanent seating. Campers and visitors fill the area to overflowing, and the contests have somewhat changed from the traditional ones. The celebration now has tractor pulls, a Carnival, an Ice Cream social and free Entertainment.

New Memberships-
 Lisa DeYoung 18224 280th St., Bloomfield
 Nancy StClair 25913 190th St. Bloomfield

Barbara Rasmussen, 805 N.W. Sundance Circle; Corvallis OR 97330-1550
 Phil DiMatteo, 513 Via El Encantador; Santa Barbara CA 93111-2737
 Janet Peterson 301 N. Second, Pulaski

QUERIES * * *

I'm serving as the volume editor of a book entitled "History of Nebraska Law" which will be published by Ohio University Press. Two Davis County IA natives came to Nebraska, practiced law, and moved on to judicial service. Benjamin F Good and Edward E Good. We have a good deal of information in Nebraska on Edward, but almost nothing on Benjamin. I found them in the index to PIONEER HISTORY OF DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA, discussed at pages 277, 278, & 279. [I sent the pages to him]
 Hon Alan G Gless, District Court Judge, Nebraska District Court, Seward, NE

Phil DiMatteo Wants to find the Patrick & Catherine Dowd Dawson family; believes they are Catholic and are buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Ottumwa, Wapello Co., IA. Wants location of their farm in Soap Creek Twp; Obits for both, and birth dates; Date of marriage of son John Dawson to Endora Ranies email: Happydi@aol.com

Barbara Rasmussen wants to correspond with anyone interested in the Henson/Johnson families.

PRESIDENT	V PRES	SECRETARY	TREASURER	LIBRARIAN	CORRESPONDENT
				NEWSLETTER	
1983Jerry Greene	Sue Spilman	Phyllis Thomas	Olen McMains		
1984Sue Spilman	Verle Arnold	Phyllis Thomas	Olen McMains		
1985Sue Spilman	Archie Rupe	Phyllis Thomas	Jerry Greene		
1986Mary Ellen Redmon	Archie Rupe	Phyllis Thomas	Jerry Greene		
1987Mary Ellen Redmon	Reva Rupe	Pat Howk	Pat Howk	Jerry Greene	Peggy Arnold
1988Sue Spilman	Mary Ellen Redmon	Pat Howk	Pat Howk	Dorothy Goldizen	Jerry Greene
1989Sue Spilman	Mary Ellen Redmon	Pat Howk	Pat Howk	Dorothy Goldizen	Jerry Greene
1990Reva Rupe	Sue Spilman	Mary Kay Stephenson	Archie Rupe	Peggy Arnold	Darrell Kerby
1991Watson Bumgarner	Pat Howk	Sue Spilman	Verle Arnold	Peggy Arnold	
1992Sue Spilman	Pat Howk	Alice Huffman	Verle Arnold		Daryl Kerby
1993Sue Spilman	Jerry Greene	Alice Huffman	Verle Arnold		Daryl Kerby
1994Jerry Greene	Pat Howk	Alice Huffman	Verle Arnold		Daryl Kerby
1995Jerry Greene	Pat Howk	Alice Huffman	Verle Arnold		Daryl Kerby
1996Pat Howk	Sue Spilman	Lavon Davis	Alice Huffman		Dorothy Goldizen
1997Pat Howk	Sue Spilman	Lavon Davis	Alice Huffman		Dorothy Goldizen
1998Sue Spilman	Archie Rupe	Lana Doll	Dorothy		Dorothy Goldizen
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2001Dorothy Goldizen	Archie Rupe	Pat Howk	Dorothy		Dorothy Goldizen
2002Pat Howk	Mary Kay Stephenson	Lana Doll	Dorothy	Sue Spilman	Dorothy Goldizen
2003Pat Howk	Mary Kay Stephenson	Lana Doll	Dorothy	Sue Spilman	Dorothy Goldizen
2004Deb Barker	Pat Howk	Alice Huffman	Dorothy	Sue Spilman	Dorothy Goldizen
2005Deb Barker	Pat Howk	Alice Huffman	Dorothy	Sue Spilman Jay & Marg	Dorothy Goldizen
2006Deb Barker	Lana Doll	Alice Huffman	Pat Howk	Wilburn	Dorothy Goldizen



Lets Build a Family Tree

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