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You'll find that I am stepping down [voted out] from the Active President role, and into the Vice Position. I have been the DCGS President for 10 years, that's a Quarter of our Years as a Society.

Several of the officers continue to hold positions & along with essential tasks. We continue to need our Memberships & Volunteers to keep the Society thriving.

We still need to maintain our Library & Collections. Volunteers are needed during open hours to service researchers & their requests, whether in person, via email or from an old fashioned letter, DCGS volunteers should take pride that our customer service to local & out of town visitors is exceptional. Volunteers may be asked to do research

at the Courthouse level. [One of my favorite types]. I love the Historical feel of the documents that you search & find while there.

Several other tasks are This Newsletter, The [iagenweb.org/davis](http://iagenweb.org/davis) web site, the Volunteer Calendar, the current years Obit Book, to name a few.

Since 2015 has begun we have not had a Quorum for monthly meetings. A member count of 5 is required for such.

Your new President will need support so that we can continue to Host the Fair Exhibits, Fundraisers & Maintaining our Society.

Please find the time to Volunteer.

Thanks to all for the job you do!

~ Deb Barker, Vice President & Editor

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## DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGY

### Transcriptions of the Ottumwa Iowa Courier

MARCH 1910

#### TOMMY'S HOME

Dear Editor:

I have not written the Junior before, so I will tell you about my home. I am a little boy, nine years old and like farm life very much. My papa has a blacksmith shop and I help him about his work some. My school is out now and I am sorry of it for I like to go to school so well. My studies are arithmetic, geography, reading, spelling and language. We gave a program the last day and all had a nice time. My papa takes the Tri-Weekly Courier, and I like to read the stories and letters to the Juniors very much. For pets I have fine goats, the mamma and her four baby goats. I have a harness for the mamma goat and can hitch her to my little wagon and driver her well. I also have a little per dog I like very much its name is Topsy.

Tommie Pottorff, Age 9, Route 4, Bloomfield

## Drakesville Cemetery Additions to 2004 Compilation

These Burials have been found recorded in sources, [No Stones] since 2004, not all new burials listed. ~Deb Barker

Hopkins, Cynthia Funk d April 2013  
 Bailey, Christine 6/10/1940 to 1/19/2007  
 Barber, Alena Maude 9/30/1885 to 3/30/1941  
 Brizindine, Infant Premature Oct 21, 1910 Record of Deaths Book 2  
 Brown, Alfred son of Dinah  
 Bryant, Martha 7/16/1846 to 6/21/1910 Bloomfield Republican  
 Calvert, Rachel Elizabeth beside husband that died 20 years ago, Apr 15, 1911: Tri Weekly Courier, Ottumwa, IA.  
 DeHaven, Nancy C 53Y d 3/2/1854 Record of Deaths Book 2  
 Goodlander, Lizzie M McConnell 12/25/1862 to 2/16/1946  
 Grant, Geo Dale 2M6D d 3/23/1900 Record of Deaths  
 Hardy, Myrtle Rose Dau of GB & MJ Aug 13 1885 7 Months  
 Hill, Avon Louise 1/25/1928 to 12/26/1932  
 Huffman, J C Wf of d 11/20/1867 22Y9M24D  
 Hule, Willis Omer d 9/30/1911 5M14D Record of Deaths  
 Irelan, James Bruce d 11/9/1915 3Y Son of Chas Irelan  
 Irelan, Elizabeth d 3/11/1917 74Y Record of Deaths  
 Lanman, RR d 11/3/1900 2M Record of Deaths [see Rouch]  
 Kelley, Augusta P d 2/10/1907 56Y Record of Deaths Book  
 Kirkham, Moses Henry 3/5/1840 to 6/14/1915 CivilWar 1915DC Republican  
 Kinsinger, Infant d 2/10/1938 Child of Wm  
 McGalpin, Chloe d 10/11/1901 7Y Record of Deaths Book  
 Moody, Dan d 10/15/1915 2Y Davis County Democrat  
 Moody, Ellen 11/23/1895 to 5/19/1916 20Y  
 Murphy, Lora K Barnes 4/5/1872 to 10/27/1925  
 Reno, Venna Henryetta d Apr 1906 2M5D  
 Rankin, Ellen 1/31/1855 to 9/29/1858 [Not Rinkley]  
 Rankin, Lana 4/24/1856 to 10/6/1858  
 Rhoades, Addie Surrilda 4/30/1912 to 10/2/1919  
 Sloan, Zella Margaret 11/21/1903 to 8/3/1924 1924 Bloomfield Messenger  
 Smith, Wilma Lorene 5/7/1904 to 1-6-1906 Bloomfield Democrat  
 Thompson, Donald d 11/30/1907 2Y Record of Deaths Book

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New Members are always welcome!



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**Surnames Researching:**

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## VENERABLE DAVIS COUNTY COUPLE ENJOY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



DANIEL COY AND SARAH MORGAN COY.

Bloomfield, Nov. 12.—Daniel Coy is ninety years old and a good post hole digger. Mrs. Daniel Coy is the same age, and aside from doing her own housework, she makes butter and performs other duties about the hospitable Coy home. This remarkable couple was the center of a noteworthy gathering at the Coy home, one mile west of Bloomfield, Sunday, the occasion being the seventy-first wedding anniversary of the venerable pair. A jolly company of children, grandchildren and the couple's eighteen great grandchildren assembled at the home and with song and story brought back to the vision of the honored couple some of the days of the real youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coy are among the most remarkable couples of Davis county. To them was extended the heartiest wish of their numerous friends on Sunday that they would live to celebrate their diamond jubilee, which will fall on November 10, 1916. It was on November 10, 1841, near Dayton, Ohio, that Rev. David Winters of the German Reformed church wedded Daniel Coy and Sarah Morgan. In 1851 this couple moved to Iowa, locating in Bloomfield, where they remained for one year. Then they moved to their present home one mile west of the city, where they have since held forth as two of Davis county's most loved citizens. Mr. Coy celebrated his ninetieth birthday January 9, 1912, and Mrs. Coy was ninety years old on June 6, 1912. Mr. Coy has always been a republican in politics, and in 1852 he was elected to the office of sheriff of Davis county. Mr. Coy is not now affiliated with any church, but Mrs. Coy was a charter member of the First Christian church in Bloomfield, and still holds to that faith. They are both remarkably hearty and active for their age. Mrs. Coy does practically all the house-

work, gathers eggs and does other small duties, and occasionally makes butter. Mr. Coy hitches his horse to the buggy or mounts the animal, and takes the produce to the market. He worked a small farm this summer and had a good crop, doing all his own work. When seen a few days ago, Mr. Coy was digging post holes with a post digger and was making the dirt fly like a youngster of twenty. He stands straight as an Indian and walks with agility. Only once in their lives has this venerable couple been what could be termed ill.

The anniversary was a joyful occasion and was heartily enjoyed by all who attended. A dinner of the choice delicacies was partaken of. At the celebration were the three living children of the family of eleven, as follows: Mrs. Susan Coy of Bloomfield, Sam Coy of Cleveland township, and Cal Coy of West Grove township, and the following: Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer and daughter Myrtle; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brouhard, daughter Agnes and grandson Forest Brouhard; James Spicer of Ringgold county; Mr. and Mrs. A. Gableman; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Horn; Corydon Brouhard; Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Battin; Mrs. George Turpin; Grant and Jessie Smith of Floris; Mrs. Cal Coy and children Nora and Ada Lavello; Mrs. Sam Coy and children Claude and Opal; Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Coy and baby and daughter Naomi; H. C. Coy of Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMains and children Hazel and Bert and Crawford Davis.

The following relatives attended from Ottumwa:

Mrs. Charles Hendricks and children Clarence, Ernest, Ethel and Glapha; Mr. and Mrs. Will Henness, and children Lee, Freda, Delbert and Oletha; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Haines; Mr. and Mrs. Omer Haines and children Harold, Gladis and Lucille.

## QUERIES

Hello: My great grandfather, Ackley C. Schuyler, who died in 1919, as I understand, was buried but with unmarked grave. His wife, my great grandmother, Laura Middleton Schuyler is buried with tombstone in her family cemetery in Brooklyn, NY. My great grandfather had a tragic death.....I do not know why he is not buried with his wife/my great grandmother (again, she was buried in family cemetery, Brooklyn, NY). I always heard my parents say that great grandfather Ackley C. Schuyler, had an "unmarked grave"...they always wanted to put a tombstone on, never got around to do it. For spiritual reasons/family, my husband Stephen and I would very much like to get a tombstone placed at his gravesite, once we find out where he is. I did call the Brooklyn, NY cemetery, and they said they had not record of an unmarked grave related to him. I am going to try them again. His (my great grandfather's) mother, Frances b. (Phipps) Schuyler, as I have re-searched, is buried in Troy Cemetery, Davis County, Iowa.....I thought possibly he could have been buried there...

Many thanks for your possible help. Gloria Mary and Stephen Filippo

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I am Kim Gentry Pittard. I am 58 and the grt grt granddaughter of Amanda Siler. Her daughter is Talula Ellis Nelson and I loved her dearly. My grt grandmother, Gram, as I called her, has no family history. I am trying to find out about her. Just this morning, I found out her mother's name and marriage. Do you have any hints on where I could continue looking? Amanda Siler married my grt grt grandfather, Elam Bentley Ellis in Davis Co. on 1-1-1868. Thank you very much. I was born in Kansas but now live in NC.

[kgpittard@gmail.com](mailto:kgpittard@gmail.com)

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Good morning. My name is Sharon Irelan. I am married to Don iRelan and he is looking for some information about a log cabin that was owned by Goldie and Zell Irelan in Floris, IA. Later it was owned by Barry, their son. It was sold and moved in past 30 or so years. We are curious as to where it is located at this time. Do you have a contact person in Floris that might be able to help? Thanks for your help. Sharon Irelan, Creston, IA.

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[Sirelan@windstream.net](mailto:Sirelan@windstream.net)

~ Answered

*The Bloomfield Democrat, Bloomfield IA*

The newspaper ran a series of Bicentennial features that were from 100 years ago that week. They ran the series in 1975-6. The following is the one for 9 Oct 1875. Bold surnames added by transcriber.

Last week, we met Mr. W.P. **Fox**, a geologist working under a commission from the Governor and the Centennial Board of the State, who assured us that Davis County contains mineral deposits, in addition to the coal known to exist here. Mineral paint, potter's clay and salt are the most prominent. The salt basin in this county is of the same general characteristics as those of Syracuse, N.Y. and Saginaw, Mich. One of our citizens offers to be one of a club of 10, or more, who will give \$500 each, to determine whether the salt basin of this county can be advantageously worked.

The Fair begins to-day.

The school board has purchased two hundred and sixteen new double desks for use in the public schools.

It's a good and clean hotel that Mrs. **Roberts** and her two sons are keeping at this place-the **Wilson** House. We have recently interviewed the quality of the hash they furnish and were satisfied fully.

If you are a boy, and you are if you know what's good for you, you're no boy at all if you haven't laid in a supply of "hickernuts" sufficient to winter you and that black-eyed girl you love and fear so much.

By the kindness of William J. **Hamilton**, the efficient secretary of this school district, we are enabled to present to our readers the following statistical items in reference to the late school census taken by him: Total children in the district, 722; boys, 340; Since last year thirty-two dwellings (sic) have been added to the district, the number of children has increased seventy-four, additional number of families, nineteen, increase of population in the district, one hundred and fifty-five.

Election next Tuesday. Come out.

**Priests** have new six-ton platform scales at their new mill.

Owing to bad weather, the Fair was postponed to-day.

Sam **Priest** has been in Missouri the past week buying several carloads of wheat for use in the Bloomfield Mills.

The Drakesville sun and the Odd Fellows Banner have consolidated. **Wood** and **King** propose conducting an evening daily, here.

The Republicans of this county are scared. The Commonwealth says in all the emphasis of capital letters "every vote is needed for the success of the Republican ticket."

A French scientist says that beer is the least offensive and thirst quenching of drinks. There are vast numbers of people who will have great respect for the opinion of the French scientists.

O. **Martin's** American saw filer is a new invention by a citizen of Bloomfield, by which any saw can be filed by simply clamping it to a plate and turning the crank of the machine. It is a model of mechanical skill.

## Help From Harold

For the Davis County Fair Genealogy competition in the category Genetic Genealogy: finding from DNA testing, I realized that I did not have enough knowledge of the subject to put together a display.

I do possess the results of having my DNA tested by one of the premier genealogical testing groups but, wanted something more than the printed report. Thus my trip to the local library for some reading material on the subject. I asked the librarian for some help in selecting some books. She identified several available in the library and went to pull them for me. Checked them out and on my way to DNA knowledge.

The first book selected was from the junior reader section entitled “DNA & Genetic Engineering” by Robert Snedden. It did not take long to realize that the terms and language were far beyond my ability to pronounce, remember or identify what in the world they were describing. It quickly became not DNA but **Deoxy-ribonucleic Acid**. The next sentence contained “**Nucleus, Eukaryote Cells and Chromosomes** “. The next few pages brought in “**Enzymes, Catalysts, Organism, Gene Expression, RNA ( Ribonucleic Acid ), Messenger RNA, Cytoplasm, Regulatory Proteins, Polypeptides and Ribosomes**. At this point I realized that this book and perhaps this subject were well beyond anything that I could learn and understand.

This brought me to book two recommended by the librarian. “The Genetic Strand—Exploring a family History through DNA” by Edward Ball. This is a very easy to read book that traces a South Carolina family with their inter-family marriages, children and lifestyles through about 200 years of family members and incorporates the science of DNA to help tell their story. One of the most interesting facets of this book to me has been one of the habits of this family in the time period 1775 to 1875. This was the collecting and keeping of hair samples of family members. Some of these samples were merely identified to the individual and saved in an envelope. Other samples were woven into jewelry that was worn by other family members. ( A long lock of hair from a child that died young and was woven into a bracelet worn by a broken-hearted parent.). What struck me so much with this habit is that in my archives of family items handed down to me are multiple hair lockets fashioned the same way. My personal issue is that my family items are not identified to the person the hair was from. As stated in the book—this was a families method of keeping a permanent record of a family member before there were photographs. This author who inherits multiple samples of family hair now takes some of these to DNA testing laboratories to have them analyzed to prove parenthood and to understand why so many of the children died at very early ages. ( Poisoning in their systems). This is a great read to understand what can be found with the science of DNA without taking you into the depth of the subject that the laboratories understand and use.

Since I have my direct family line documented back into the 1600s, my goal with DNA testing is to identify and confirm family members that split off from one family as they made their migrations from the early settlements in Virginia and North Carolina as some migrated to Illinois and Iowa. To that extent, I have joined two family groups ( McLaren and Patterson ) that are using the same DNA testing laboratory to find potential and probably family members. Our Patterson’s originated in Scotland and were a part of the clan McLaren. Looking forward to seeing where this next chapter takes my family.

Harold Patterson is a current member of DCGS, active in local Family research & History.

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