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Step into another time
Always you'll be there
Memories within the heart
Life's treasures we can share

Are you ready for the Fair?

From the President

Excitement is building, we are having a genealogy fair workshop here on the 17th of May, DCGS volunteers will assist members and the public with projects and items for exhibits to enter into the fair categories. We have been showing at the Davis County Fair for about 9 years now.

The fair booth continues to bring treasures of genealogical and historical value, look us up, we have new and exciting things to show you.

And the finale of the year is coming Homecoming weekend, October 4th. We are hosting an Open House, Speakers, presenters and

Historians, the Magical surprise is yet to be announced. We know what we have in store for you, as the flyers and advertising become clear, we will share the billing for that day. The agenda promises to be fun filled, informational and unforgettable!

Mark your calendars for Fair Week, and Homecoming.

We won't let you down.

~ Deb Barker, President & Editor

IN THE YEAR OF 1974

Leon's Grocery closed. Jack & Myrtle Leon, retired. Bloomfield's other small food market, West End Grocery, closed a month prior. The building where the Leon's were located for 10 years, was built in 1871. Clyde Young had the business for about 55 years. They had an antique cash register, from when Young had the business, and he had a rolltop desk up in a loft office at the back of the store. That desk then belonged to the Jack Pirtles.

West Side Grill was sold by Bill & Lucille Tews to Jack & Beverly Woolard. Bill & Lucille had it 15 wonderful years.

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Genealogy Library Hours

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri 1-4
Saturdays 10-12

Meetings Third Thursday



Library News

We have added to our library;

Pulling on a Thread by Tim Smith, a 2 Volume set of Ava Thompson clippings by Terri Miller, Bloomfield Christian Church 2012 Directory, Family Bibles and Lost & Found Photographs.

Did you know;

Copies at the Davis County Courthouse Recorder are now \$5 each for researchers, and certified vital copies are \$20,

We have Wi-Fi & ancestry .com available. A copier that scans via email to your home inbox, for the cost of a copy.

We do research for \$10 an hour plus copy costs. Your query gets published in our newsletter, and iagenweb.org/davis is put under review and scrutiny semi annually by peers from other Iowa counties.

We are back to regular hours Tu-Fri 1-4, & Saturday 10-12.

2014 Officers

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2014 Meetings

- June 19
- July TBD
- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December TBD



To Be Kicked off at the Davis County Fair, Raffle for the P Buckley Moss Print, Drawing will be held at the 40th Celebration, this Fall.

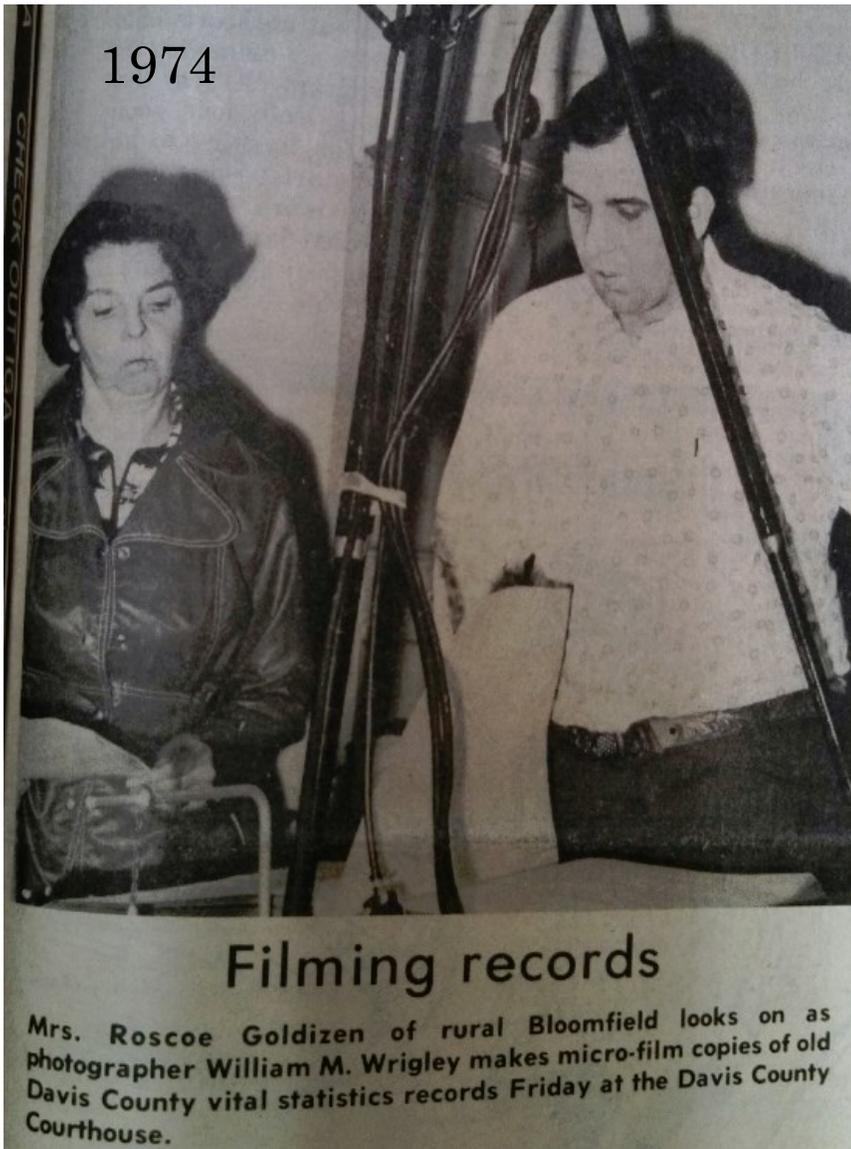
Chances are \$2.00 each, or 6 for \$10.00

REMINDER TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES, PAYABLE EACH CALENDAR YEAR

\$15.00 Send to DCGS PO Box 94, Bloomfield, IA 52537 \$15.00

Accepting Raffle Chances for members whom can't make the fair or to the Open House in October.





1974

Filming records

Mrs. Roscoe Goldizen of rural Bloomfield looks on as photographer William M. Wrigley makes micro-film copies of old Davis County vital statistics records Friday at the Davis County Courthouse.

Davis County court records were microfilmed in the old jail portion of the courthouse basement. It was thought that Later, Local residents may have personal records filmed free of charge at the Bloomfield Library. The microfilming project was arranged though the Iowa State Bi-Centennial. Dorothy Goldizen, president of the Davis County Genealogy Society, had been working toward this local filming with Velma Fry of Cedar Rapids, chairperson at the time of the Bi-Centennial. Filming had started, the photographer being William M Wrigley, with the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It was approximated it would take 10 days to film all the court records, then he was to move his equipment to the Library to film for 4 days for individuals.

Anyone who wanted free filming of personal records, like family bibles, scrapbooks, etc., were to contact Dorothy. For the previous two months, she had been col-

lecting records of local churches, schools, cemeteries and even personal histories for the filming. There was to be approximately 60 to 70 rolls of film that contain Davis County records. One copy of the film will be open to the public at Salt Lake City at the Genealogical Society Library there. Another copy is to be kept at the State Historical Society in Des Moines and still another copy will be stored in the Mormon records vault in Utah's Granite Mountain.

The Davis County Genealogical Society was to have a fund drive to buy a fourth copy, at cost of the film, to be kept at the local library or the Davis County Historical Society.

Wrigley stated this was the first time he had ever filmed records in a former jail. He usually works out of the county vault, but the Davis County vault is only about five foot wide, too small for his camera and lighting equipment. Working with him is his wife, Chris, who types the record of the operation. The had already microfilmed in Henry, Van Buren and Jefferson counties. Wrigley can take about 70 pictures an hour, is one of the 60 some micro-photographers with the Mormon Church. He is one of only 14 who worked in North America. He said his church has been preserving history on film since the first microfilm camera was made in 1937.

Category A: Research Material

Genealogical Collection: 3-ring Binder, Notebook, Scrapbook, etc.
(UNpublished.)

Compiled Research: summary of research. Includes Ahnentafels & family group sheets. (May be published.)

Genealogical Proofs: copies or transcriptions of original research on one family or one line.

Two or more documents relevant to each other, ie: birth/death, marriage/divorce, enlistment/discharge, etc.

Genetic Genealogy: finding from DNA testing.

FAIR CATEGORIES

DAVIS COUNTY FAIR JULY 15-20

Category B: Stories and Articles

True Story: biography, memory, etc written by exhibitor. Typed, may include photos. Not to exceed 700 words.

Storytelling Display: timeline specific with photos.

Article from publication other than local.

Written Davis Co History: church, school, place, event. Typed, may include photos. Not to exceed 700 words. Need not directly relate to exhibitor.

Blue Ribbons & Bright Lights

Category C: Charts

Pedigree/Family Tree Chart: number of generations and completeness within those generations is considered.

Straight-Line Lineage Chart: relationship between 2 people: ancestor & descendant

Collateral Lineage Chart: relationship between 2 people, ie: Arnold Schwartzenegger & Maria Shriver.

Exhibits Due Monday 14th

Category D: Personal Documents

Records: diary, letters, ledgers, school, etc.

Religious: baptism, confirmation, bible, etc.

Certificate: birth, wedding, membership in organization, etc. (not government records)

Document or Certificate relating to Davis Co History. Need not directly relate to exhibitor.

Judging @ 5 PM

Category E: Legal Documents

Vital Statistics: birth, marriage, or death.

Will or Probate

Land: land grant, deed, mortgage, lien, etc.

<http://daviscountyfair.org/events/2014/Genealogy-Rules-2014.pdf>

Military Record: discharge, pension, award, etc.

BLUE \$1.50

Misc Court: immigration, divorce, guardianship, civil, criminal, etc.

Category F: Photos

Two people or less.

Three people or more.

Pictorial Family History: poster or organized photo collection.

Home: homestead, house, barn, farming, family business, etc.

Community: school, church, cemetery/gravestones, organizations, events, etc.

Photos depicting Davis Co History. Need not directly relate to exhibitor.

Category G: Miscellaneous

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RED \$1.25

WHITE \$1.00

Category H: Junior Projects

Map of Ancestors: where they lived.

Immigration. National origin of ancestors.

Family Tree or Pedigree: can be creative

Family Photo

Timeline: life of an ancestor with historical events Art/Craft project depicting an aspect of family history.

Cultural or Historical Display pertaining to exhibitor's heritage.

Art/Craft project depicting an aspect of Davis Co history. Need not directly relate to exhibitor.

Feb. 17, 1977

Eleven members present approved
Sec. report given and accepted
Treasurer report #425.

Old Business

1. Books will be delivered by members
2. Discussed Library Board - micro-filming of newspapers

New Business

1. Editorial to Davis Co. Newspapers on preserving records in Courthouse - Dorothy Holdingen
2. Man library in Des Moines - Jan 26.
(Glee Spilman, Lois Jones, Phyllis Thomas)
D. P. Evans, Marguerite Luke, Doris Thomas

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Greene
Seconded by Mrs Wilson.

In the year of 1978

April 20, 1978 Davis Co. Genealogical Society.

Met for first time in ~~basement~~ Genealogy Room at Library 835.70
Secretary & Treas. reports given and approved & accepted ^{Receipt \$0.00} ^{Book} 769.57266
To have a bake sale May 13th 8:30 West Side Grill
Sue & Dorothy to prepare price list. Beverly make posters.
Ernie read article on how to raise money.
Map Committee reported Eye Range Bank donated 25 maps.
Beverly & Jack Horn preparing them. (marking all Davis Co. cemeteries)
Rowena Haselhoffe presented the program on History of Decatur Co. Ia.
to continue with it at May meeting.

140 YEAR MYSTERY

Ransom Longfellow) was raised in Davis County, Iowa. Margaret Humphries was his neighbor. In 1861 they were married in Schuyler County, Missouri – just 10 miles from home, but across the state line because at 14 Margaret was too young to marry in Iowa. She became pregnant on her wedding night.

The Civil War was raging, and Ransom enlisted in the 30th Iowa Volunteers and was mustered into service on August 27, 1862 at Keokuk, IA – 12 days after his daughter, Sarah, was born.

Ransom, along with his regiment fought at Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post and Vicksburg. Ransom received a minor injury attacking the defenses of Vicksburg on May 22, 1863, but returned to his regiment in time to see the surrender of that rebel stronghold on July 4, 1863.

Like many of the soldiers on both sides of the conflict, Ransom became very sick with dysentery and was hospitalized in Iuka, Mississippi in September of 1863. He remained in hospital until May of 1864, when he was transferred to a hospital in Keokuk, Iowa to be closer to home

Shortly after arriving in Keokuk he was visited by his young wife, who was six months pregnant. It seems that there had been a strange rooster in the hen house while Ransom was in the hospital in Mississippi! Ransom left the Keokuk hospital and deserted from the Army. He was last reported in Kansas and, apparently headed further west.

Margaret waited a respectable period of time (7 months) and then had Ransom declared dead and she married David Worley. It is interesting to note that before the war David also grew up in Davis County, and must have known both Margaret and Ransom. David resigned from the cavalry on December 3 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Little Rock was only a few days away from home and was easily back by Christmas that year (and it was at Christmas that someone impregnated Margaret – just guessing, but David is a good guess).

After the war the whole Worley family moved from Iowa to Kansas, including David and Margaret and Margaret's two children. David accepted her children and even had their names entered into the Worley family bible. Then Margaret and David had two more children in 1867 and 1868. David became a Circuit riding minister and was gone from home for weeks at a time, tending to his extended flock. During one such absence in early 1870, Ransom Longfellow "returned from the grave" and showed up at the Worley's door.

He convinced Margaret to run away with him, back to Iowa and to bring all four children. The Worley family legend says that the two lovers and the children escaped by train. Apparently Ransom got off at a scheduled stop to buy something, and did not return to the train in time. Margaret, believing that he would catch up, continued on to Iowa – but Ransom was never seen again.

Margaret died on March 28, 1870, supposedly of a "broken heart". After her death David Worley came to Iowa and retrieved his two children and returned to Kansas where he married again in 1873 and had a bunch more kids.

I do not believe that Ransom Longfellow went to the trouble of coming out of hiding after five years, find Margaret and talk her into returning to him. I find it hard to believe that he would buy train tickets for all six to Iowa, and then get cold feet and disappear a second time, leaving his family on the train. I find it reasonable to believe that David Worley, or a few of his eight brothers, caught up with the train and when they saw Ransom get off they took their revenge for stealing David's wife and children. I can't prove this last part, but I am looking for any information about the characters in this story.

Contact Roger Hunt with any information, hunt@bluestaram.com

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Like us on Face Book, Join our competition. In search of a 40th Year Theme or Catch phrase. Deadline June 1.

See what's new on IAGenWeb

Franklin No 1 Rural School Photo 1905

6 July 9, 1974, Davis County Republican, Bloomfield, Ia. Second Section



Franklin School No. 1

Pictured above are the students attending Franklin School No. 1 in Fabius Township in 1905. The teacher was Grover Morgan (extreme right). Students were (from left): First row, Dewey Clark, Ted Matthews, Ronald Hensen, Oscar Foster, Gladis Dabney, Ernest Barnett, Orphie Veatch and Ethelyn Veatch. Second row,

Johnny Gableman, Vera Foster, Ethel Smith, Esther Smith, Marie Matthews, Florence Matthews, Edna Gableman and Mabel Barnett. Third row, Loma Gableman, Sylvester Smith, Ira Campbell, Nora Hayden, Edith Wiseman, Ethel Wisdom, Clarsie Johnson, Gertie Barnett, Agnes Smith, Glen Wisdom, Noel

Foster, Garl Matthews, Charley Barnes, Tom Barnes and Lloyd Foster. Fourth row, Minnie Wiseman, Ruby Barnes, Cleo Dabney, Ethel Peden, Ella Campbell, Wright Clark, Leo Foster, Arthur Barnett, Ira Hayden, Fred Smith, Warren Johnson and Milt Smith.

Banking Summary
12/21/2012 through 12/19/2013

Category	12/21/2012- 12/19/2013
INCOME	
Copies	209.25
e Scans	0.50
TOTAL Copies	209.75
DC Fair premiums pd back	20.75
Donations	174.00
Copier-printer	3,400.00
TOTAL Donations	3,574.00
Membership dues	896.00
Dues for Equipment Replacement	95.00
TOTAL Membership dues	991.00
Memorials Received	30.00
Miscellaneous	
Change redeposited	48.50
TOTAL Miscellaneous	48.50
Other Inc	42.94
Research	191.50
SALES	0.50
1860 Federal Census Index	13.00
1860 Federal Census Vol 1	15.00
1860 Federal Census Vol 2	15.00
1860 Federal Census Vol 3	15.00
Book Sale	94.00
Garage sales	147.45
History Books	
1882 History book	129.00
1924-27 History book	129.00
TOTAL History Books	258.00
Index to 1882 History	15.00
Index to 1976 History	12.50
Old Farmers booklet	20.00
Roscoe Cemeteries	6.50
SSDI, Davis Co.	15.00
T shirts	15.00
TOTAL SALES	641.95
TOTAL INCOME	5,750.39

EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00
Advertising	6.00
copies reimbursement	19.00
Davis Co. Fair Judge	75.00
premiums	100.00
TOTAL Davis Co. Fair Judge	175.00
Equipment	3,497.15
Expense Cash	40.00
Insurance	224.00
Memberships	20.00
Memorials-Flowers	58.85
Office Supplies	409.66

2014 Fundraisers

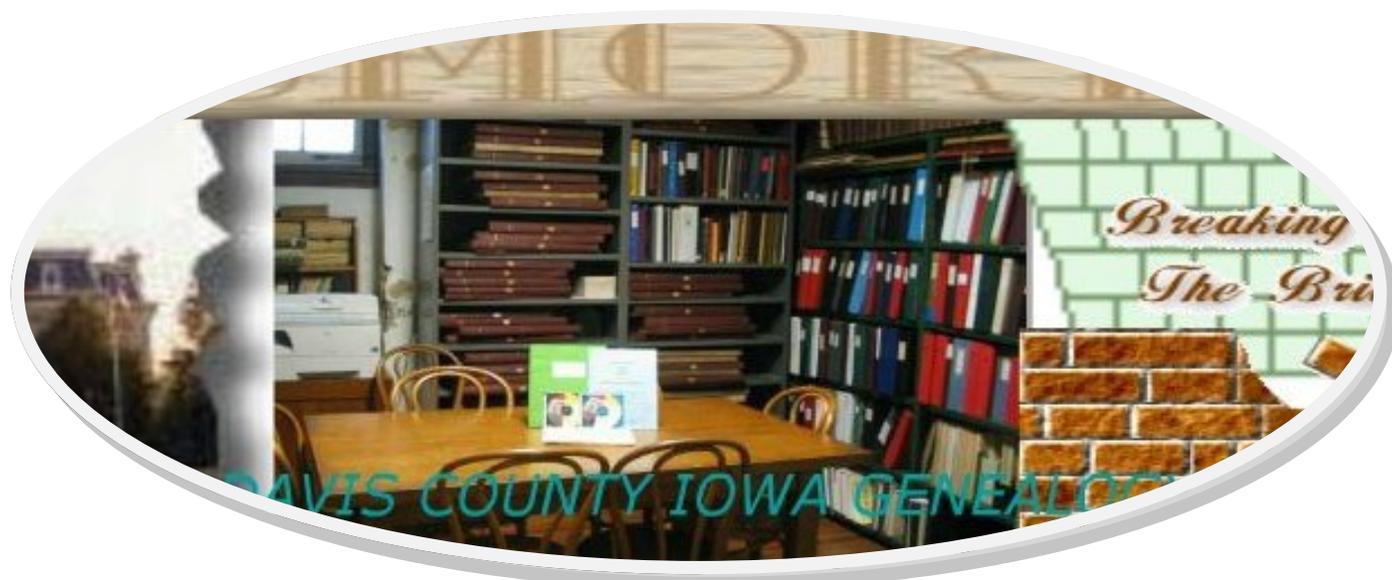
DCGS is into the 2nd quarter and we must continue to be aware of our overhead costs. Fundraising, memberships, donations, research fees, memorials and publication sales are our mainstay. This year we will have the P Buckley Moss print raffle, fair sales, and perhaps a hidden gem or two. Any fundraising ideas would be appreciated, especially if the idea comes with the volunteers to make it happen.

Banking Summary
12/21/2012 through 12/19/2013

Category	12/21/2012- 12/19/2013
Other	30.00
Phone & internet	352.61
Postage	
Newsletters	27.60
Other postage	5.50
Stamps	73.00
TOTAL Postage	106.10
Rent	1,244.00
Sales Tax	44.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,226.37
OVERALL TOTAL	-475.98

March 21, 2014 [DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGY SALE ITEMS]

1850 Federal Census	20.00	
1856 State Census Index	6.50	
1856 State Volume 1	10.00	
1856 State Volume 2	10.00	
1860 Federal Census Index	6.50	
1860 Federal Part 1	15.00	
1860 Federal Part 2	15.00	
1860 Federal Part 3	15.00	
1880-1900 Deaths, Includes addendum	10.00	
1844-1854 Marriages	4.50	
1934-1937 Tax Lists Old Age Assistance	20.00	
1976 Index to This is Davis County	15.00	
1940 Grave Registration & War Record Cemeteries, A-K	20.00	
1940 Grave Registration & War Record Cemeteries, L - Z	20.00	
1924 Dillon Payne, Pioneer History of Davis County, Reprint, 2007	70.00	
1882 History of Davis County History Book, Reprint, 2009	80.00	
Cleveland Township Cemeteries, except IOOF	10.00	
Cleveland Township Cemeteries, Bloomfield IOOF	20.00	
Drakesville Township Cemeteries	15.00	
		
Fabius Township Cemeteries	6.50	
Grove Township & Barker Cemeteries	10.00	
Prairie & Roscoe Township Cemeteries	6.50	
West Grove Township Cemeteries	6.50	
ON CD-ROM!		
CD 1. 1870 Census Records, WPA Cemetery	13.00	
CD 2. Probates, Wills, & Marriage Records	13.00	
INCLUDES Probates 1840-1934; Marriages 1844-1869; Wills 1879-1911		
CD 3. 1850 Census & 1935 Record of Payment of Old Age Tax Assistance	15.00	
CD 4. 1925 Census Index & Index to Birth Books 1&2	15.00	
NEW FOR 2012	6.50	
Probate Death Records 1844-1880	10.00	
Death Records 1897-1910 Vol 2		
NEW FOR 2013		
1903 Farmer's Biographies	Did you know you can pay for our items with PayPal? http://iagenweb.org/davis/gene_societ.htm	
	20.00	



Our Mission: to Create, Foster, Promote the study of genealogy, preserve genealogical and historical records of the past generations, and to assist one another in our constant search for ancestors and family. To Establish and Maintain a library through donations, contributions and exchange. To Support the Iowa Genealogical Society.

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