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FROM THE PRESIDENT / EDITOR

Not sure where this past summer has gone. The tree leaves insist on turning magnificent foliage colors and reminds one self that we are also here as a cycle in life.

With the birth of a new grandson in July, just another reminder that I have put off another project. Wish I had kept a diary, something to leave to my descendants, as I think of the things that I have seen and done in my lifetime, that the grandchildren will not be able to fathom, just as I wonder about the things that my gr-grandparents must have had to do to survive.

Fairs and family reunions behind us, and cabin fever ahead, perhaps we all have a project we have been a bit procrastinate about. Sharing the load, always makes it much more manageable. Perhaps a neighbor, friend or family member has the same interest.

Mother Nature has had her fits for 2008. Hope that your years of genealogy is not gone in seconds. Be sure to plan for disaster and recovery of your files. Whatever your next endeavor, I wish you joy from start to finish.

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BEGIN RESEARCH WITH OBITUARIES

Obituaries can be a goldmine for information on family units, including siblings, parents, spouses, and even cousins, as well as the date of birth and death and place of burial. Obituary notices may also help lead you to living relatives who can provide further informa-

tion on your family tree. There are several things to do to archive your obituary after you have found it. Make sure to transcribe it online to the appropriate geographical area genealogical societies, that have web sites, and or obituary projects. Someone search-

ing in later times will be very thankful that you took the few minutes to share the information, to make it into digital format, and whom knows, perhaps someone may contact you, that has more to share. Many times the real reward is giving.

Who's Missing . . .

Charlotte Stober of Clear Lake died August 17, 2008. Funeral Services were held at Reece Funeral Home in Ottumwa. Charlotte was instrumental in the restoration and maintenance of the Dahlongea school and cemetery in Wapello County. A fellow Genealogist, whom I must admit, was dedicated to the hobby.

Jay Wilburn, 78, of Bloomfield a previous DCGS society member. Instrumental in the remodeling of our genealogy room, a few years back. He died Oct. 9, 2008, at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. He was born April 22, 1930 in Van Buren County, Iowa to Evert Ray and Julia Keo Batterson Wilburn. He married Margaurette Aeschliman July 22, 1950 in Bloomfield, Iowa. He graduated from Selma Consolidated Schools in 1947. He worked for Louden's/ACCO in quality control and served in the National Guard. He was a member of the Bloomfield United Methodist Church, the Vice President of the Davis County Historical Society, served on the Senior Citizens Board and was also on the Board of Adjustment for the city of Bloomfield. He is survived by his wife; three sons, Mike (Marilyn) Wilburn of Concord, Calif., Carl (Karen) Wilburn of Glidden, Iowa, Tony (DeAnna) Wilburn of Taylorsville, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Spees of St. Charles, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Keo Baker and Opal Klicker. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Iowa with Pastors Kevin Gingerich and Eric Schumacher officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Frances E. Fenton, 87, of Fort Madison died on Monday, October 6, 2008, at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital. She was born in Davis County and was married to the late Russell Fenton. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at 7 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison. A graveside service were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, at IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Iris M. Wilkinson, a believer of angels, became one on Sept. 30, 2008. Born near Troy, Iowa, in January 1921, she was the first born of William and Henrietta Brown. In January 1942, she became the proud bride of J. Robert Wilkinson and a permanent resident of Ottumwa until 2006, when she moved to Glendale, Ariz., to be close to her children. Bob, or "Wilkie" as he was known to all his friends in Ottumwa, predeceased her in 1993. Together, they had three children: Sharon (Don) Roberts of Phoenix, Ariz., Janet (Mick) Christensen of San Diego, Calif., and Gary (Mary Lou) Wilkinson of Glendale, Ariz. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Tara Stockton and Eric Christensen, two great-grandchildren, Vincent and Lorelei Christensen, numerous nieces and nephews, and her many, many friends in Ottumwa and Glendale, Ariz. She is also survived by a brother, Howard Brown in Florida. She graduated from Troy High School in 1938 and attended Bloomfield Junior College. When she met Bob, she was a schoolteacher in Davis County, and "retired" after the birth of their first child. After all their children left home, she became a sales associate at Ottumwa's Spurgeon's and later J.C. Penney. Her hobbies over the years included fishing, bowling, square dancing, playing cards and, of course, family activities. Iris' ever-present smile and good nature traveled with her throughout life and brought sunshine to everybody she met. A private service will be held at a later date.

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O R Parks of Centerville, has in the past been instrumental in the erection of these ghost town monuments in Appanoose County. He approached the DCGS seeking funds to apply to this marker, that would be placed near Albany, any member wishing to donate; Send donation to POBox 94, Bloomfield, IA 52537 ATTN: Albany We will see that the donations are sent on!! Thank You.

The Real Village of

ALBANY



**APPANOOSE
HISTORICAL
MARKER**

The village of Albany was located about 1/2 mile south of the 4-corner intersection of Appanoose, Monroe, Wapello, and Davis Counties. An early settler from near Albany N.Y. is thought to have started the settlement. The area had been opened for homesteading and the abundance of deer, wild turkey, squirrels, and white oak timber attracted settlers. The settlement soon spread out, occupying the edge of appanoose and Davis Counties. In 1856 there were 40-50 homes and a two story hotel. The village was platted with 46 lots in 1850. Eventually there were two stores, a blacksmith shop, and a brick kiln added. There was a post office on the Davis County side known as Soap Creek. In 1856 it was moved to the Appanoose County side and renamed Albany. It was discontinued in 1902 with the mail going to Ash Grove in Davis County. No record exists of any school or church located in Albany. The nearest school was called Mt. Hope, about one mile S.W. of Albany. The Mormon Trail passed just north of Albany during the years 1846-1852. When the railroads were built in surrounding areas, they bypassed the hilly Soap Creek area and signaled the demise of Albany. Today most people have never heard of the town and all that remains is a remote well kept cemetery about 1/4 mile west of where Albany stood.

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21 Clues in an Obituary

You can dissect an obituary for anyone. The below example is for my great-grandmother who died on Tuesday, 13 January 1914, and whose obituary was published in the *Rome Tribune-Herald* in Rome, Georgia, on Wednesday morning, 14 January 1914.

I have pointed out the important clues in the text

and have added commentary, and pointed out the errors (her age, place of birth and a daughter's name).

There are a minimum of 21 clues and pointers in her obituary, plus the names of all 11 surviving children. Interestingly, nowhere in the obituary was Mrs. Holder's name, which was Ansibelle Penelope Swords.

Her name is listed as Mrs. G.B. Holder since her husband is living. Were he deceased, her name would be listed as Mrs. [her forename] Holder. In this obituary, her given and maiden names are never provided.

Home address can indicate the correct person, could point to property records.

Inconsistent with the age implied by date above. This needs to be resolved.

Seek other records for her from 1867 to 1915, including land and property records, will and probate records, and other documentary evidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Holder had a total of 12 children. The obituary indicates that one has pre-deceased her and that child should be identified.

This turned out to be a widowed sister, Mrs. Caroline "Cal" Minton. Not only was her nickname used, but her surname was misspelled. A fruitless search in Georgia census records for a Calvin, Calbert and Calvert Menton and Minton failed to turn up any matches.

Mrs. George Black was easily found in Cedartown, Polk County, Georgia, and records for her and her husband provided links to the women's parents in the 1860 census.

A check of the 1913 Rome City Directory showed that Reverend Cooper was the minister of the Primitive Baptist Church.

**MRS. G.B. HOLDER
PASSES AWAY**

Mrs. G.B. Holder, aged 71 years, an old and honored resident of Rome, died Tuesday night at 11:10 at the family residence, 808 South Broad street, after a brief illness of pneumonia.

The deceased was born at Rock Creek, Alabama, in 1848. She married in 1867, G.B. Holder, of this city, and has since resided in Rome. Her husband is a prominent business man of the county. Mrs. Holder was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and always took an active part in the church work.

She is survived by 11 children, five sons and six daughters. The sons are Ed Holder, Will Holder, Scott Holder, Brisco Holder and Charlie Holder. The daughters are Misses Isa Holder, Anna Holder and Emma Holder, Mrs. A.D. Starnes, Mrs. Walton Weatherly and Mrs. Wyatt Foster. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Cal Menton and Mrs. Davis of Alabama, and Mrs. George Black, of Cedartown.

The funeral services will be conducted from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Rev. J.W. Cooper officiating. Interment will follow in Myrtle Hill cemetery.

The following pall-bearers will meet at 2:30 o'clock at Daniels Furniture Company: honorary, J.G. Pollock, B.F. Griffin, Capt. J.H. May, M.W. Formby, H.V. Rambo, Tom Sanford. Active: J.M. Yarbrough, G.G. Burkhalter, Sanford Moore, W.A. Long, Dr. R.M. Harbin, C.B. Geotchius.

Pallbearers met at the furniture company to take delivery of the coffin, which was made by that company.

Capt. May was the father of William Ira Holder's wife, Emma May.

J.M. Yarbrough was a son-in-law of G.B. Holder's older brother, Scott Thomas Holder.

Implies that her birth was c. 1843.

Cause of death.

Seek information about her birthplace, which was actually Rock Falls, Alabama.

Seek marriage record in the county courthouse [Floyd County, Georgia].

Seek other information about G.B. Holder.

Look for records of the church, particularly membership records that may indicate the name and location of the church elsewhere from which her membership may have been transferred.

This is an error; the name should be Ida.

Three surviving sisters' information might provide clues to parents' names.

The chances of finding the correct "Mrs. Davis" in Alabama are miniscule, and so this clue was set aside.

No funeral home was involved.

Seek out Myrtle Hill Cemetery records. In the cemetery administrator's office were found a burial permit, the obituary, a letter authorizing the opening of the grave, and the cemetery's interment ledger that indicated the lot, plot, date of interment, age as 71, and cause of death as pneumonia.

In the
Nebraska

Court of Nebraska County

In the matter of }
the estate of } application for the
John Small } appointment of an
deceased } Administrator.

Your petitioner says that John Small died in Auburn Nebraska about October 10th 1898; that he left no will; that he left a widow Susan L Small and that his only heir is Vanda E Boal his granddaughter who is a married woman and of full legal age; that all the debts of the said John Small have been paid and the assets of his estate have been divided between the said widow and granddaughter amicably and according to law; that certain mortgages were taken by the said John Small in his own name and which were unpaid at the time of his death and are unassessed and the parties owing the said mortgages demand that the same be satisfied and cancelled by an administrator when the same shall be paid and your petitioner asks that V M Boal be appointed as administrator of the estate of John Small for the purpose of cancelling mortgages of record and making assignments of mortgages and notes and such other duties as

May be necessary or proper and
it is asked that his bond shall be
fixed at a nominal sum as no
money will come into his hands -
Susan L. Small

Subscribed and sworn to by Susan L. Small
before the undersigned
this 8th day of March 1899 -
Claude R. Porter
Notary Public

Genealogy provides Small family information

(Editor's Note—The following is a summary of genealogy data that was written by Deb Barker, president of the Davis County Genealogy Society.)

**By Deb Barker
President
Davis County
Genealogical Society**

John Small was born in 1812, and is found here as early as 1860, along with his brother William, according to the census records. He was married to Nancy Kilgore, and she died Aug. 22, 1888. This was his first wife.

His second wife was Susannah Mills Boal, who died in 1921, and is buried in the Stiles cemetery.

John and Nancy had two sons, Cyrus and Daniel. Both sons were enlisted in the Civil War, and Daniel did not survive, as he died of smallpox in 1863. Daniel's wife remarried and left their only child to live with John and Nancy. This child, Venda, was raised by her grandparents, from the records I can extract. She married Delmore D. Boal of Stiles. Venda and Delmore had children—Eben True, Ezra Dorphan, Stella Argatha and Leona G. Boal.

The first son, Cyrus, also married and

produced offspring and lived locally in Wyacondah Township. The daughter that we can follow by using genealogy skills was named Anna. She married William McVey and lived in Schuyler County, Mo. They had several children who, in turn, married into several of Davis County's families.

Surnames found, without mentioning any of the living, are as follows: Herbert, Ritz, Noel, Padget and Carruthers. To state that Mr. and Mrs. Small do not have any local relatives is a misgiving.

The deceased in the Small Cemetery from Wyacondah Township are John and Nancy's family. After all, John Small chose to rest here in Davis County, even after living in Nebraska for a time. All roads lead home. In 1886, John returned from Nebraska to purchase his burial lot and have the vault built. His wife died two years later. In 1888, his remains were sent here from Auburn, Neb., for burial.

I believe that as preservationist of our local county histories and genealogies, we must find a way to preserve what our forefathers have bequeathed us.

Anyone interested in a full genealogy may contact the Davis County Genealogical Society at DCGS@netins.net.

estate of
John Small dead
Application to appoint
an Administrator

Mausoleum Repair or Raze ? ? ?



The Small family mausoleum at the IOOF Cemetery

Just another example of "Don't believe every thing you read." I purposefully sent the Small Genealogy to our local newspaper, to print for an interest story, all they had to do in this day and age is cut and copy, if you know what I mean. Well they got the death date for John wrong by 10 years in the printed article.

Several Articles have been brought to you here, in this format, as not to harm any copyright instances. The Small family Mausoleum has been of interest and topic in the Davis County area as of late. Last year information was requested and we at the society, (me) did an extensive research on the family. When in early spring of 2008, it was a topic again, I was able to open our family surname file cabinet, and open the file of 'S' and pull out the research that was done a previous year.

The Bloomfield City Council wants to remove the remains of John and Nancy Small, tear down their edifice, and bury them in the ground like most all of the other burials at the IOOF Cemetery.

It's all because the burial vault, called a mausoleum has fallen into a state of disrepair. The estimated cost of repair is \$10,000. So do we repair or disinter the bodies, tear down the mausoleum, and bury the Smalls in the same plot. The cost of re interment could be about half of repair.

As of this newsletter printing, I have not heard a whole lot from the public and their view. I have had contact with a couple long lost family folks, whom are in no position to monetarily help with the decision. I believe that several folks are working together to do what is best for our "historically significant burial place".

If I remember correctly there was a mausoleum at one time in the Drakeville Cemetery, for Samuel Downing, and his wife, another project to do for me, when did that come down, and what was the controversy.

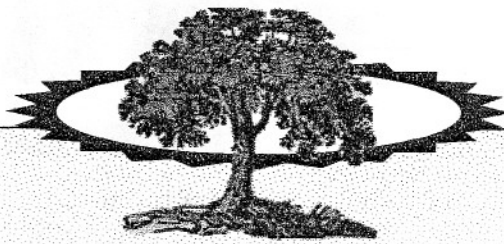
Let this be a lesson to all the rest of us, whom are living, make your own case. . .

Hence since the hoopla, and headlines; I have a correction to the Family Tree, in the estate of John is no mention of Cyrus. So, it has been researched with the help of Mr Boal, a descendant, that Cyrus belonged to a brother of John's- William, whom is buried in the Small Cemetery, Davis County, Iowa.

Descendants of Unk Small

1 Unk Small

- 2 John Small 1812 - 1898
- +Nancy Kilgore 1807 - 1888
- 3 Daniel Small 1831 - 1863
- +Elizabeth Marcus
- 4 Venda Small 1857 - 1911
- +Delmore D Boal 1851 - 1930
- 5 Leona G Boal - 1897
- 5 Eben True Boal 1886 - 1969
- +Elizabeth Maude Bachman 1890 -
- 5 Stella Argatha Boal 1888 -
- +Unk Murdock
- 5 Ezra Dorphan Boal 1891 - 1928
- +Augusta Sylvia Hougland
- *2nd Wife of Ezra Dorphan Boal:
- +Orpha Ollie French 1894 - 1940
- 5 Hugh Boal 1895 - 1913
- 2 William Small 1818 -
- 3 Cyrus Small 1832 -
- +Evaline Daughtery
- 4 Wm Small 1859 -
- +Jane Brown
- 5 Rachel Small 1882 -
- 5 Hattie Small 1884 -
- 5 Robert Small 1886 -
- 5 Walter Small 1891 -
- 5 Azariah Small 1891 -
- 4 Mary A Small 1862 -
- 4 Anna Small 1864 -
- +Wm McVey
- 5 Ora Albert McVey 1850 -
- 5 Lena May McVey 1889 -
- +Andrew Herbert 1883 -
- 6 Ola Herbert 1906 -
- +Clarence Ritz
- 7 Wade Ritz 1926 -
- 7 Offord Ritz 1927 -
- 7 Wanetta Ritz 1928 -
- 7 Doris Ritz 1930 -
- *2nd Husband of Ola Herbert:
- +Lale Goldson Padget 1907 - 1987
- 7 Ellen Padget
- 7 Neva Padget
- 7 Esther Padget
- 7 LeRoy Padget
- 7 Lester Dean Padget
- 7 Carl Padget 1934 - 1987
- +Donna Perry Leonard
- 8 Gary Padget
- 6 Omer Lyle Herbert 1914 - 1981
- +Maxine Howard
- 7 Olen Herbert
- 7 Marcene Herbert
- +Hugh Junior Pilcher 1935 - 2002
- 8 Brian Pilcher
- 8 Lisa Pilcher
- 6 Dorothy Herbert
- 6 Neoma Herbert
- 6 Lala Herbert
- 6 Dean Herbert
- 6 Doran Herbert
- 6 Harold Herbert
- 5 Alice Ola McVey 1903 -
- +Unk Gordy
- 6 Ora Albert Gordy
- 4 Almeda Small 1868 -
- 4 Alice Mahala Small 1869 -
- 4 Lydia Small 1872 -
- 4 Isom Small 1875 -
- 3 George Small
- 3 Samantha Small
- 3 Joseph Small
- 3 James Small



INFORMATION ABOUT ME
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
BY ENTERING CURRENT FAMILY TIES HERE, WE WILL HAVE A FULL FILEABLE FORMAT

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ MAIDEN NAME: _____

SIBLINGS: _____

PARENTS: _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

SPOUSE: _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

CHILDREN: _____

COMMENTS: _____

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My Family Coat of Arms ties at the back is that normal?

My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.

My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!

How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??

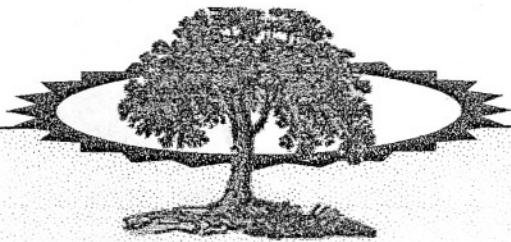
I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.

If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help . . .

Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!

A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.

A family tree can wither if nobody tends to it's roots.



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