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Davis County Iowa Genealogy

President's Notes

Calendar of Events

- Meetings
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- February 18
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July County Fair
- July 15 –Change?
- August 19
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The dog days of summer are behind us, and with the fall foliage comes the realization, that the outside activities will soon become memories as we face cabin fever. A late afternoon walk is always welcome and can turn from something well intentioned to the frenzy of surprises and mysteries. Just this weekend [Labor Day], we had enough excitement to keep us in hibernation for several months. As we took our daily evening walk, and continued the same path as always, with just one variance this time, SURPRISE! A misplaced TOMBSTONE! NO! REALLY?! YA, It reads See Page 2 to find the rest of the story.

How quickly this newsletter became past due, and if any of you noticed, the 4th Qtr letter for 2008, never got published, So the intent here is keep up the momentum, and follow behind this letter with the 1st Qtr of 2010. In the Vol 27, No 1 you can expect a current membership list and the names being researched. Glad to have old members re-join and looking forward to new! I challenge each of you to get a new membership! Whether it be a neighbor, friend, family member, someone you know must have the interest.

The Genealogy 101 classes went well. We are a group that can pull together on any thing, and do a darn good job at it. Very informational, we have the greatest panel of experts in all of Davis County!! We feel we want to continue this program and open more to the public. We gained some lifetime friends and had a great time out of the rain doing it.

The annual Christmas celebration and meeting went well. 12 members were present and 4 guests attended at the Ben and Pat Howk home of near Troy. Officers were nominated to remain the same as last year. And I must state, that I cannot win any arguments with Shirley, she put s up a tough fight. So folks, I believe I am setting a record here, on longevity as president, and I'm glad to as long as you'll have me. As Shirley says, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". We have had many accomplishments and have many projects to go. Looking forward to them all!

Deb Barker

Library Hours

Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri 1:00-4:00 Saturdays 9:00-1:00 Closed Wednesdays

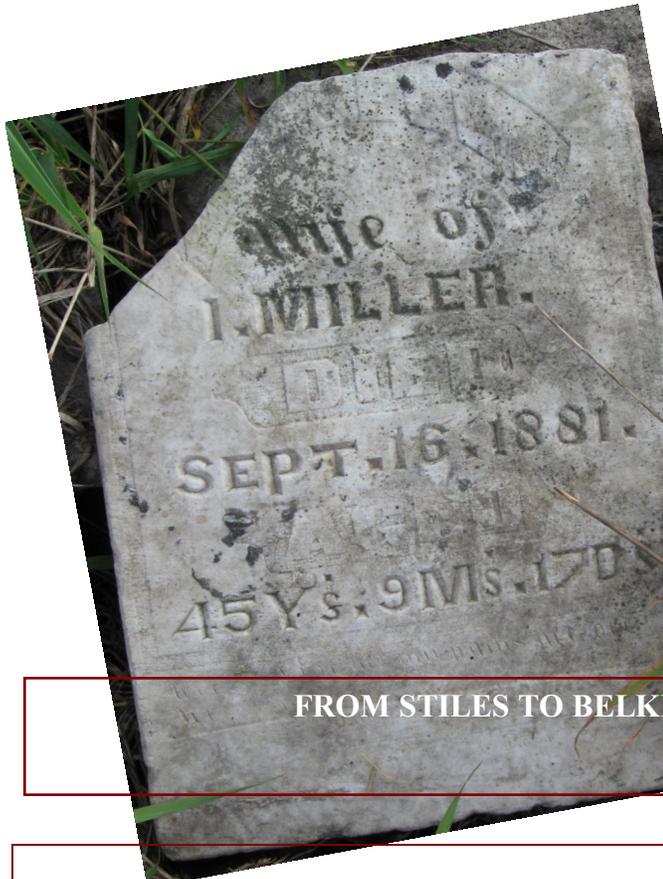
Meetings Third Thursday at 7 PM Bloomfield Library

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QUERIES

John S. Fletcher who died 1 May 1978 according to the SSDI. Cannot find the obit, does anyone else have a different death date?
-Linda Thompson, lintho@verizon.net



FROM STILES TO BELKNAP AND TO STILES AGAIN

Yes! Really, a tombstone! NO! Sure enough looking down on an uncovered stone. It was found in the place that we have passed many times. This is a wash area, and a load of fill had been placed here, to sedate the flow of water to the pond. All of the rain for 2009, must have been the reason it seemed to appear. Although not muddy, but chipped, and very legible, the stone for the Wife of I Miller, set my heart RACING! Imagine, a stone, right here on our place, and OH! the thoughts and accusations! They plowed under a cemetery! Gnarly Vandals! Who's going to believe this? I snapped a photo with my cell phone, and . . .

So with a full run, husband and dog's behind me, off to the house for more information! Still in I cannot believe this "mode". . . What! How did the Wife of I Miller, get in the ditch? Where did she belong? Oh, she doesn't have a marker, where she should BE! Who played foul with a headstone?

Into the computer as fast as I could. I started my search. Of course, from the stone, knowing she died in 1881, was she recorded in the WPA cemetery canvas? The WPA [Works Progress Administration] was done in the 1940s and is a product of an executive order to establish in the 1935s work to the unem-

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1/1/10

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1882 History Index	15.00
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Fabius Twp. Cemeteries	6.50
TOTAL SALES	304.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,565.49
EXPENSES	
Advertising	143.00
Davis Co. Fair	117.25
History Books Publishing	
1882 History	1,088.71
TOTAL History Books Publishing	1,088.71
Newsletter	57.50
Office Supplies	190.25
Other	80.00
Postage	4.13
Newsletters	42.00
Other postage	23.39
Stamps	86.00
TOTAL Postage	155.52
Printing	25.80
Rent	60.00
Sales Tax	36.00
Various	16.09
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,970.12
OVERALL TOTAL	595.37

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Pat Howk, Treasurer

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PULASKI MENNONITE CHURCH

The Pulaski Mennonite Church will observe their 150th anniversary in 2011. We are compiling some family stories and history to prepare a book for that occasion. If you know of any family groups whose story intersects with PMC's history, we welcome their comment and contributions. The church e-mail is pmc@netins.net, while phone is 675-3845 and mailing is PO Box 100, Pulaski. Thanks again. -Darrell Zook

And along that note we (DCGS) are asking for compilation's of church histories also. This will be a great addition to our library holdings. We currently have the Floris Bethlehem, Bloomfield First Baptist, and Christian Church and some on the Mark Baptist. Please contact us if you can help with this project. The Church Histories are a great reference when looking for mention of family, which leads to great genealogical finds.



Wishard Theatre

The projection room was originally sheet metal on angle irons, but later was lined with cement on metal lath. The floor is cement, covered with linoleum.

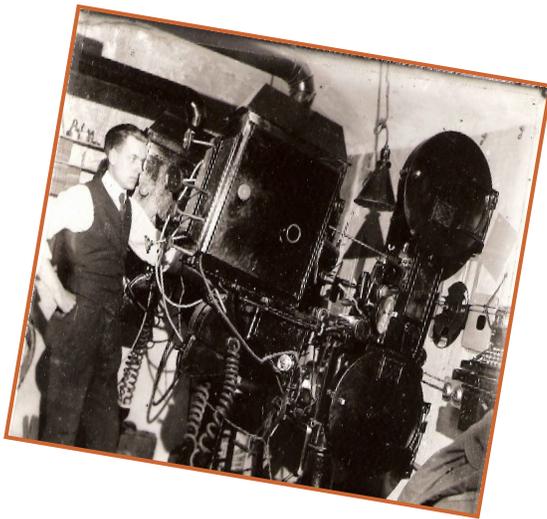
Capable of projecting a twelve-foot picture at 65 feet. A lamp house containing a 400 watt mazda, which is used to project colored light through a stereopticon lens for lighting the stage. It had a double arc 35 ampere G E motor generator set.

The switchboard above the motor generator set controls the house lights, as well as the lights of the projection room. Above this is a field rheostat and a double throw switch, capable of changing the generator to A C from a power line.

A necessity was the work-bench, with drill press, tool case, vise and typewriter. Also found in the room is a film cabinet, a motor-driven rewind, constructed from Simplex magazines. It re-winds 1000 feet of film in 8 minutes and stops automatically.

A curtain hanging in front of the screen to separate the stage and audience was controlled from the projection room.

Bruce Watts, Pictured.



1922



1917

Moving Picture Magazine 1922, Dennis Watts 2008

Who's Missing . . .

Jack Boatman, 93, of Bloomfield, died Oct. 14, 2009, at the Davis County Hospital Long Term Care in Bloomfield. He was born May 9, 1916, in Bloomfield to Bert and Edythe Brunk Boatman. He married Isabelle Barker Dec. 25, 1938, in Kahoka, Mo. He was a lifetime resident of Davis County and was a barber. Jack enjoyed the outdoors and was a hunter, fisherman, gardener and played golf. He was noted for raising strawberries, which he provided for the surrounding community. Jack was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He was affiliated with the Bloomfield United Methodist Church and was a past member of the Izaak Walton League and the Bloomfield Country Club. He is survived by his wife; four sons, Dr. Dennis (Kathy) Boatman of Cedar Rapids, Dr. Douglas (Jean) Boatman of Solon, Michael Boatman of Cedar Rapids, and Jack L. (Sharon) Boatman of Bloomfield; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, Max Boatman of Fishers, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, William "Bill" and Robert Boatman; three sisters, Florence Nelson, Delilah Melvin and Ethelyne Melvin. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Troy Cemetery in Troy, Iowa; Pastor Kevin Gingerich officiating.

SOLDIERS HOME ORPHAN RECORDS
Part II

Mrs Lida L Greene, Librarian at Iowa Dept of History and Archives, Historical Bldg, Des Moines, IA furnished this highly unusual record from their manuscript division. This list of all the children whom entered the Soldiers Orphan home, at Davenport from inception in October 1865 up to the 1st of January 1867. Originally published in the Hawkeye Heritage, January 1969. Reprinted in the Keo-Mah Newsletter. Extracted by Pat Howk, December of 2009; a list of local counties and their orphans, Part 1 can be found in the previous DCGS newsletter.

Name of Orphan Age Home County Parent Unit Died

Johns, David A	8	Appanoose	David Johns	IA 36th Inf	11-Sep-65
Johns, Mary E	12	"	"	"	"
Johns, Sarah A	10	"	"	"	"
Johns, Wm H	14	"	"	"	"
Long, Bennet M.	8	Davis	James Long	4 Ill Calv	1865
Long, Henry	12	"			"
McClintock, Frank	15	Wapello	John A. McClintock	Co 1 Iowa Calv	Davenport
McClintock, Jho. W	7	"	"	"	"
McClintock, Rose	9	"	"	"	"
McDaniel, Cyntha	5	Appanoose	"	I 19 Iowa Inf	7 Dec 62
McDaniel, Jas W	7	"	"	"	"
McDaniel, Letta	4	"	"	"	"
McDaniel, Moses	9	"	"	"	"
McKinney, _	12	Van Buren	Wm. McKinney	I 19 Iowa Inf	7 Dec 63
McKinney, Anna	8	"	" "	"	"
McKinney, Luther	10	"	"	"	"
Meeker, F. M.	15	Wapello	W. S. Meeker	K 9 Iowa Inf	Keokuk
Miller, Clara M.	11	Van Buren	David Miller	G 3 Iowa Calv	Miss
Miller, H. D.	5	"	"	"	"
Miller, Oscar	10	"	"	"	"
Miller, W. N.	7	"	"	"	"
Shaw, Isabella J.	14	Appanoose	John W. Shaw	G 37 Iowa Inf	St. Louis
Shaw, Jacob F.	14	"	" "	"	"
Silvers, Enoch	7	Wapello	Sam'l Silvers	K 30 Iowa Inf	Hospital
Silvers, J. Perry	9	"	" "	"	

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Family Group Sheet	Husband's Full Name							
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	Birth:							
	Information Obtained From:	Marriage:						
		Death:						
		Burial:						
	Places of Residence:							
	Occupation:		Religion:			Military Record:		
	Other wives:							
	His father:				His mother:			
	Wife's Full Maiden Name							
	Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town	County	State or Country	Additional Info.
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	Marriage:							
	Compiler:	Death:						
	Burial:							
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Date:	Her father:			Her mother:				

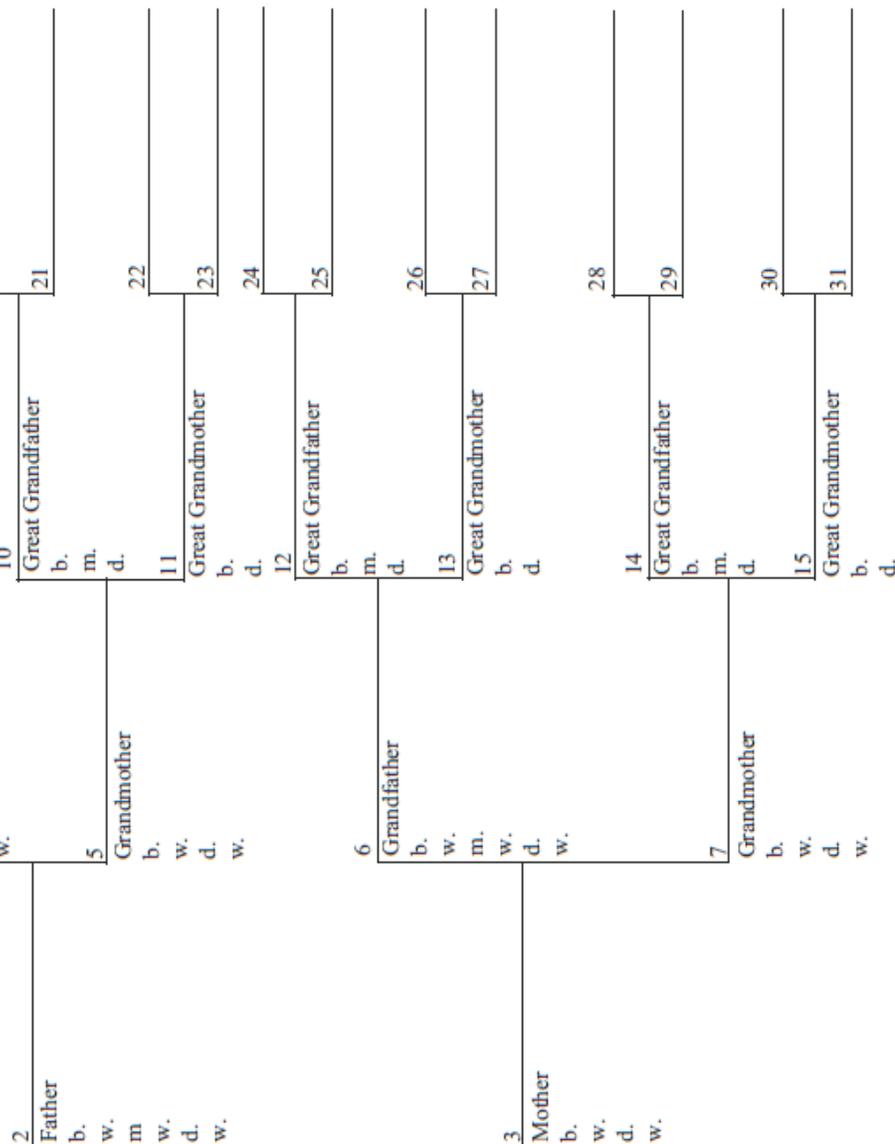
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		Marriage:							
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3.	Full Name of Spouse:	Birth:							
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4.	Full Name of Spouse:	Birth:							
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		Marriage:							
		Death:							
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8.	Full Name of Spouse:	Birth:							
		Marriage:							
		Death:							
		Burial:							

FIVE GENERATION PEDIGREE CHART

Chart No. _____

No. _____ on this chart is No. _____

on chart No. _____



b = date of birth
 w = where/location of birth
 m = date of marriage
 w = where/location of marriage
 d = date of death
 w = where/location of death

NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010
REMEMBER THE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE 10.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
Memberships Must be renewed by March 1, to receive continuation of newsletters.

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

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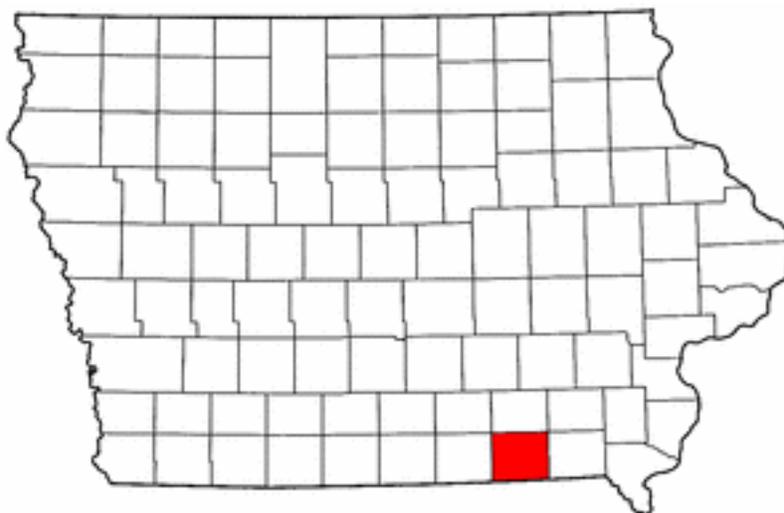
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[Cont'd from page 2] STILES AND BACK . .

I used the WPA records, [available on CD for \$13] to search for “M”>“Mi”>Miller, I; and there is the information I need! MILLER, ISAAC 1831 TO 7-20-1908. STILES CEM. ROW 4 STILES. WIFE ISABEL 1835 TO 9-16-1881. The stone dates match! She, Isabel was in Stiles Cemetery in the 1940's. How did she get here since then? Well, gather the husband, WE JUST GOTTA! Load the stone, and the camera, get it down there, she has been unmarked, since I don't know when?! And the WPA even tells us what row she should be in. Imagine the excitement of hauling a gravestone in the truck, and hoping we weren't the ones stopped and accused of grave robbing. Who would believe this?! Again, the wonders, of how, when, what happened, to have gotten her stone clear to Belknap. Why hadn't we seen it before? It was almost dark, as we arrived in the Stiles area, having been there times before, but another story, as the standing old schoolhouse is deteriorated in just a few years, due to neglect. Pulling into the cemetery and trying to figure where row 4 was, and looking for Isaac Miller. Well someone has since been buried between the fence and row 1, making row 4 of the 1940's row 5 of the 2009s. There were found Isaac AND on the same stone, Isabel. She was never unmarked! When Isaac died after Isabel, the family must have gotten them a “together” stone, and had no need for her single marking. We were more than happy to see that she was never really lost. The old stone was laid against the permanent marker for the two of them, and we felt we had done right by them. Lesson here is to incorporate the changes of life into one solid lasting memory.

I do not know if any of their descendants remain in the area, I do not know if the stone was just “landfill”. I do know that it was found on this farm in 1940ish, leaning against the barn, when Roy and Marie Hunt became the landowners. For lack of any answers to them at that time, of what to do with it, they cast it aside to lay hidden for me to find! Almost 60 years later, a puzzle, a mystery, a game of chance, Who would have thought, I had gotten bit by the bug, years ago, and this is what determined how I reacted that day. Isabel and Isacc now hold a special place in my thoughts. Someday, I will determine if I know them in any other way, as they did have children and grandchildren, so the Census does say, . . . Of course not my direct line, or are they?

Like some of the other families we write about, i.e., The Smalls from the IOOF Burial, perhaps I will followup on the Millers, and include them in a future newsletter.



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