



Davis County Iowa Genealogy

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2009 Wrap Up and 2010 Beginnings

2009 was not a bad year. We were able to complete a few accomplishments. We again reprinted the 1882 history book, recaptured our items from IGS to sell and profit ourselves, Attended the Burlington library Genealogy conference, held a beginner genealogy class, pulled off the fair exhibits, started the unmarked grave database, and scanned enough newspapers digitally, to complete 2 DVDs.

It is always a good time to pull our group into a joint endeavor. I have found that we can pull off anything we set our minds to.

I want to thank the many volunteers for their many hours of service. We cannot operate without you. We continue to have many visitors and still manage to quench our own research.

2010 has broken the ice, and is full of promise. We will assist the Friends of the Library with their annual Auction this year, the fair is again around the corner, and if all of that is not enough, we intend to do our own Road Show again with more on how to classes also! Busy, and busier.

Always glad to hear from our distant members, and need to remind you of the dues renewal. This is the last newsletter, if you have not sent payment for 2010.

Take care until the next one, drop a line anytime!

Deb Barker

December Meeting Fun!

December Meeting is always looked forward to and we had good company and good food as usual. From Left Standing, Wayne and Christine Richardson, Mary Cary, Richard Friend, Joyce Sheumaker, lone Friend, Vicki Houk, Lana Doll. Sitting, Pat Howk, Shirley Willcoxon, Alice Huffman and Deb Barker.



Library Hours

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

Calendar of Events

Meetings

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July County Fair

July 15 -Change?

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

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Friends of the Library

On January 14th, Vicki Houk, Pat Howk and myself were invited and attended the Friends of the Library meeting. The Bloomfield Public library "Friends" group, has a long standing interest to "save" the library. Many years of fundraising has put a substantial amount of money together towards improving the facility. The dream is getting closer and with the Patricia Swab estate, it has helped realize that all is forthcoming. We, the (DCGS) representatives, agreed to help the Board Of Library Trustees, with another Auction. If that is what they so choose to do. The "Friends" group, has reached burn out. They are reaching for new friends, faces and possibilities. Therefore, I in turn reach out to each of you to become a Friends member for \$5. I would also like your interest in the fundraising effort. New items for auction are accepted. Baked items, and of course monetary contributions, which are tax deductible.

April 24th at the Methodist Church, Soup Supper and Auction.

The library is ready to enact on three phases of building. The newer facility will be a wonderful enhancement for the Davis County Genealogical Library holdings. We will realize great benefit from the project as a whole. Please do what you can, to assist the efforts. All correspondence, should be marked- ATTN: Friends

Dear Friends!

The organizations, Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library, Library Board of Trustees, and the Davis County Genealogical Society are hosting the annual fund raising drive for the Annual Library Auction. We are hoping to secure enough funds to continue to improve the library facility. The Carnegie Library building is in need of handicap access, along with a few other items. There has been many dollars raised in the past, and with the assistance of the Patricia Swab estate, we are very near the target amount set. Architects are designing and planning 3 phases. The reality is so much nearer. The plans include an addition and renovation. This means a much larger space for the DCGS!

To ensure success, we are assisting with the Auction and Soup Supper. Good will offering. We are asking for donations of new items. Pies and Cakes too!

The event will be a live auction. Hosted at the Bloomfield Methodist Church on April 24, 2010. Soup and Supper at 4 PM, Auction at 6 PM.

Bring a friend! Donations are greatly appreciated and are completely tax deductible.

We ask that donations be received by April 20th. Feel free to send them to any of the volunteers, or of course the library!

Thank you in advance for your considerations!



2009 SURNAME SEARCH

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**Birth & Death Registration Beginnings:
Date States require registration of records-**

Alaska	1913
Alabama	1908
Arizona	1909
Arkansas	1914
California	1905
Colorado	1907
Connecticut	1897
Delaware	1881
Florida	1899
Georgia	1919
Hawaii	1896
Idaho	1911
Illinois	1916
Indiana	B 1900 D 1907
Iowa	1880
Kansas	1911
Kentucky	1911
Louisiana	1914
Maine	1892
Maryland	1898
Massachusetts	1841
Michigan	1867
Minnesota	1900
Mississippi	1912
Missouri	1910
Montana	1907
Nebraska	1905
Nevada	1911
New Hampshire	1850
New Jersey	1848
New Mexico	1919
New York	1880
North Carolina	1913
North Dakota	1908
Ohio	1909
Oklahoma	1908
Oregon	1903
Pennsylvania	1906
Rhode Island	1852
South Carolina	1915
South Dakota	1905
Tennessee	1914
Texas	1903
Utah	1905
Vermont	1857
Virginia	1912
Washington	1907
West Virginia	1917
Wisconsin	1907
Wyoming	1909

RUM's DOINGS.

HOMICIDE AT FLORIS

One more of Whisky's Victims and Satan's Satraps Passes in His Cheeks

On Sunday morning, Mark Box, of Floris, brought the news to this place that a man had been shot dead at that place the previous night. A reporter of THE COMMONWEALTH visited Floris that day, for the purpose of eliciting the facts in the case, and learned the following:

The dead man's name was George Rodgers. In company with two other men, all evidently card sharps and bad characters, he came to Floris on the train Saturday afternoon. The three had been drinking freely during the day, and at night became very drunk and quarrelsome. They then repaired to a house of prostitution in the southwest part of town, known as the "Buzzards' Roost." Which adjoins on the west the house in front of which Rodgers was eventually killed. About half past ten, the man who did the shooting, Isaac Lockridge, was unhitching his horses from a wagon in front of his house, he having just returned from a trip to Centerville. While he thus engaged the three men came out of the "Roost," came down to where he was, and asked whether they could get accommodation for the night. Lockridge, informed them not, and then started with his horses to the barn, about thirty yards distant. The men followed him a part of the way, which alarmed him; so, when he started back to his house, he called a neighbor to go with him. About the time the two reached the front gate, the three men again came up. The dead man, Rodgers, told Lockridge that they intended to stay with him that night. Lockridge told him that they could not, as he had no accommodations for them. Rodgers then said "You d-d son of a bitch, we will stay," and, with an open pocket knife in his hand, advanced toward where Lockridge was standing, just inside the front gate. Lockridge warned him to keep away; but he continued to advance, cursing and swearing that they would stay. Lockridge, then, seeing that his own life was in danger, drew an eight inch navy, which he had taken with him on his trip, and fired at Rodgers, the ball, from the position of the wound, evidently passing near, if not through, the heart. Rodgers turned, exclaiming: "Oh! You d-d son of a bitch, you've shot me," and started away, his two partners immediately taking to their heels. He walked about five or six steps, to where the ground made a sudden descent of about a foot to the roadbed, and then pitched forward on his face, and died in a few minutes.

Some cause or other, the body was left lying in exactly the place it fell on the face, in the road, until Sunday noon, a guard being placed over it. The impression seems to prevail that no one had a right to touch the dead man until the coroner had held an inquest on his remains. Mark Box came to this place in the morning for the purpose of obtaining the coroner; but, learning from legal authority, that, in so clear a case, where there were several witnesses to establish the fact of the shooting, and where it was admitted by the man himself, and also where it was so evidently a justifiable homicide, there was no need of taking any legal steps in the matter, further than could be readily done by a justice of the peace down there, he returned to Floris and had the body removed to his house. It was interred the same evening.

Lockridge gave himself up, but was released. He is a man about twenty-eight years old, and has a reputation of being a hard working citizen, bearing a tolerably good reputation. The two partners of the dead man, after running away, came in a roundabout way back to the "roost," where they passed the night. In the morning they were arrested, and also the two woman occupying the house; but, there being nothing against them, they were all discharged. At first, the two men denied any previous acquaintance with the dead man; but finally said that he was from Marshalltown, and that his parents lived in New York.

Rodgers, the deceased party, was about thirty; of medium height, as near as we could judge, and very broad and square shouldered; with auburn hair, and a moustache of the same hue, though it had recently been dyed; the little finger on the right had missing; and one of the heads seen on one man in a hundred- very high and full forehead, and generally well developed. But little could be told as to the general cast of his countenance, discoloration having set in when we saw it; but, as to his head, we should say that it stamped him as a man of no ordinary ability, and one that could have made an honorable name among his fellow-men, by pursuing a different life. About nine-teen dollars in money was found upon his body, and several letters, which were put in the possession of Mark Box, to be held in case of any future use for them.

Much ill-feeling prevailed against the saloon at which the men got drunk, and which bears a hard name among the Floris people. It is thought that the hell hole be closed, as also the "Buzzards' Roost," which, for the good name of the Floris people and of Davis County, it is to be hoped will be done.

One of the prostitutes mentioned above, says that Rodgers was shortly to marry her; or so, at least, we were informed by a gentleman of Floris.

We heard but one opinion from the residents of that place, and that was that Lockridge was clearly, justifiable in the shooting.

WPA

WPA or Works Progress Administration was a relief measure, established in 1935. This project offered work to the unemployed. There were Five districts in Iowa. What we know the project for is several state wide works. Such as the Old age assistance tax, and Grave registration project. Seventy-Six counties were canvassed for cemetery recordings, Twenty Iowa counties were NOT completed.

Available for your viewing in the DCGS Library is a *Manual of Instructions; Iowa Graves Registration and War Records Survey. August 1938.*

In the foreword is mention of the scope to locate and register the graves of all United States war veterans who were buried in Iowa. So the correct name for the Graves Registration in Iowa is War Records Survey. Co-Sponsored by the American Legion.

The manual, discusses data from a variety of sources, used to secure the accuracy of the information that was obtained.

In the preface, there are instructions to the fieldworker; Use of the manual is preferred as first reference. Indexed so that to anticipate various questions. The Table of Contents is very thorough. A description and Purpose; results and benefits to citizens of Iowa. Definition of a "Veteran of United States War", enumerations of all wars, and sources for information.

Of course the necessary forms, and instructions for accuracy!

And no job is complete without the necessary daily work report. Along with the job at hand, workers were required to prepare and mail at the close of each day worked, a daily work report, showing the number of individuals working, and the number of man-hours, by type of work, chargeable to each field worker. There were weekly and monthly work reports also. There were instructions on how to order supplies on the correct form, and a one-page report was due on the first of each month showing the working location of each worker.

Work procedures were outlined, recommending that cemetery records furnish the bulk of the information for the surveys. The simplest method for securing an accurate file is to what was called "bringing in the cemetery". This procedure was to prepare an alphabetical list of all burials therein. In the better organized cemeteries, information could be taken directly from the records. In the older cemeteries, usually the names had to be taken directly from the tombstone, when the epitaph was legible.

In many counties there had been published, from time to time, official histories which were found to be almost invaluable. Many of them contain a complete list of the veterans, for instance, who served in the Civil War. To assist in establishing a registered veterans' service connection, is the official Roster of Iowa's soldiers who served. There is also the bound "*Ex-soldiers, Sailors and Marines Living in Iowa, 1886*". Another source the field workers could check was the local records of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Accuracy in the work on this survey could not be overemphasized. Workers were expected to handle sources of materials, with utmost care. Under no circumstances were they to mark or deface ANY books or newspaper, with which they must work.

Since most of the field work was research, workers were expected to perform their assignments in accordance with instructions.

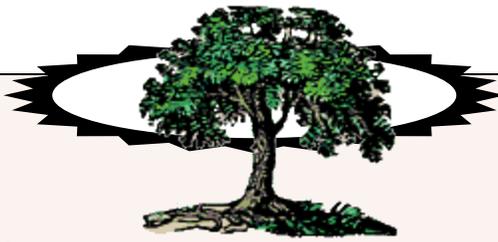
The Appendix contains copies of the forms used and the instructions for each said form.

One of the chief aims of the Graves Registration Survey is to locate the unmarked graves of deceased veterans. And, it is by means of an application (O.Q.M.G. Form No. 623) that suitable headstones could be obtained with out cost from the federal government. The only costs involved are those of erection at the grave, which is usually done by a local group. The application was mailed direct to Washington, D. C.

Burial is a public necessity, as a matter of law. Therefore the records of all cemeteries are open to public inspection and on the same principle of law, as are the county records of all other property. The State of Iowa through the Adjutant General publishes what is known as a ROSTER OF IOWA SOLDIERS. It is for this reason that the cemetery associations or officers in charge thereof, shall, at all times, as public servants, divulge all the reasonable information in regard to burials within their property.

Cemetery	Township	Sec #
Adams Cemetery	Marion	28
Amish Mennonite Church Cemetery	Prairie	24
Anderson Cemetery	Salt Creek	13
Armstrong Cemetery	Prairie	5
Arney Cemetery	Union	33
Baer Cemetery	Soap Creek	7
Bailey Cemetery	Marion	7
Baptist Cemetery	Fox River	23
Bell Cemetery	West Grove	5
Bethel Cemetery	West Grove	14
Bethlehem Cemetery	Salt Creek	16
Bloomfield South Cemetery	Cleveland	30
Bragg Cemetery	Wyacondah	1
Breeding Cemetery	Soap Creek	29
Bridwell Cemetery	Wyacondah	14
Brown Cemetery	Roscoe	
Burgher Cemetery	Fabius	29
Brumley see Hubbard		9
Cammack Cemetery	Cleveland	21
Clark Cemetery	Union	33
Catholic	West Grove	18
Collins Cemetery	Grove	34
County Home	Cleveland	4
Chequest see Rouch	nee Dutch Flats	
Cupp	Union	20
Davies Cemetery	Cleveland	24
Dooley Cemetery	Wyacondah	32
Drakesville Cemetery	Drakesville	8
Dunnville Cemetery	Lick Creek	32
Edwards Cemetery	Cleveland	36
Evergreen Cemetery	West Grove	18
Fenton Cemetery	Wyacondah	32
Fiedler Cemetery	Lick Creek	16
Fountain Cemetery	Union	31
Fite see Litgner		
Floris IOOF	Lick Creek	14
French Cemetery	Grove	5
Glasgow Cemetery	Salt Creek	22
Glassburner Cemetery	Marion	28
Gore	Perry	
Hamman Cemetery	Fox River	2
Hamson Cemetery	Marion	21
Harbour Cemetery	Soap Creek	26
Heidlebaugh Cemetery	Salt Creek	36
Hemm Cemetery	Salt Creek	25
Hetzler Cemetery		
Hopkins Cemetery	Fabius	25
Horn Cemetery	Fabius	30
Howell Cemetery	Wyacondah	8
Hubbard Cemetery	Roscoe	
IOOF Cemetery	Cleveland	24
Inskeep Cemetery	Wyacondah	1
Jackson Cemetery	Salt Creek	33
Jay Cemetery	Lick Creek	26
John Cemetery	West Grove	32

Johnson Cemetery	Fabius	3
Kelley Cemetery	Wyacondah	6
Kingdom Cemetery	Soap Creek	25
Knights of Pythias Lodge Ceme...	Prairie	18
Lester Cemetery	Cleveland	14
Lister Cemetery	Grove	11
Litgner Cemetery	Salt Creek	4
McConnell Cemetery	Fox River	1
McCormick Cemetery	Lick Creek	12
Morgan Cemetery	Wyacondah	30
Mount Gilead Cemetery	Salt Creek	28
Mount Moriah Cemetery	West Grove	7
Mounts Cemetery	Marion	21
Money see Bethlehem		
Newton Cemetery	Fabius	11
Padgett Cemetery	Salt Creek	29
Pansy Hill Cemetery	Prairie	2
Paris Cemetery	Fox River	8
Parrott/Peden Cemetery	Lick Creek	2
Patterson Cemetery	Grove	18
Pella/Pelly Cemetery	Fox River	
Rewter Cemetery	Perry	
Pierce Cemetery	Salt Creek	18
Pollard Cemetery	Cleveland	33
Pleasant Hill	Cleveland	29
Pulaski Cemetery	Prairie	7
Rater/Rader Cemetery	Grove	1
Richardson Cemetery	Union	35
Rime Cemetery	Soap Creek	1
Roland Cemetery	Soap Creek	26
Rouch Cemetery	Union	5
Round Grove Cemetery	Roscoe	9
Rudd Cemetery	Soap Creek	17
Runkle Cemetery	Fox River	23
Savannah Cemetery	Wyacondah	10
Sherman Chapel Cemetery	Soap Creek	10
Shinn Cemetery	West Grove	7
Shunam Cemetery	Perry	15
Small Cemetery	Wyacondah	3
Spence Cemetery	Lick Creek	8
Stark Cemetery	Perry	2
Stiles Cemetery	Grove	34
Stringtown see Richardson		
Sullivan Cemetery	Cleveland	1
Swinney Cemetery	Lick Creek	29
Troy Cemetery	Union	26
Union Cemetery	Grove	34
Washington Cemetery	Fabius	11
Wesley Chapel Cemetery	Marion	13
Wesley Chapel Cemetery	Wyacondah	22
West Grove Cemetery	West Grove	35
West Union Cemetery	Fox River	10
Wheaton Cemetery	Prairie	3
Wheeler Cemetery	Marion	24
White Cemetery	Perry	1
Wilson Cemetery	Lick Creek	25



LAST CALL FOR RENEWAL

**NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010
THE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR**

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED: _____

I WOULD / WOULD NOT LIKE MY EMAIL SHARED WITH OTHER SOCIETY MEMBERS.

I WOULD / WOULD NOT LIKE MY NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____

SIBLINGS: _____

PARENTS: _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

SPOUSE: _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

CHILDREN: _____

COMMENTS: _____

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