

Davis County Iowa Genealogy



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Calendar of Events

Meetings

October 21

November 18

December – Annual Christmas/Holiday Meeting

Library Hours

Mon, Tue, Thurs,

Fri 1:00-4:00

Saturdays 9:00-

1:00 Closed

Wednesdays

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At last another newsletter, scheduled to be published Quarterly and part of your membership benefits. While I tend to struggle to find content, I must tell you that there is plenty of subject in Davis County. The format that I choose to bring it to you, is the hardest part of the compilation.

To update you since the last newsletter, when the subject then was the Gilfillan Clinic, which I wish to continue here, for a couple reasons. The beautiful painting that was so gladly received by the Bloomfield Public Library, has since been placed in the Davis County Historical Society, a deserving place of presentation. So to allow History to be correct, I do not want future generations to think that the location of this painting had been reported wrong, and with this Issue, I note the current location, and as with most mysteries, I also leave out the details of how this painting has traveled around town and arrived in it 's present location. Perhaps another time. Enjoy the contents, and feel free to send items you wish for content. Issue 4 will include Holiday Preparations and Parties, What 's new at the Library? We gained a few new members, and items of extreme interest are being donated. While we Ooh and Aah, over these, they also present another project. Archiving and Indexing, so that the contents are of greatest value to our visitors. And also remember to support our Public Library, someday we could be part of that bigger picture, and be able to expand and increase our square footage, bringing to our researchers a whole new experience.

Deb Barker

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MEDICAL

The medical Profession of Davis County will take notice that the Des Moines Valley Medical association will meet in Bloomfield on Wednesday, June 24th, at 10 o'clock A.M., and also on Wednesday, June 17th; 1874. Wm McK. Findley, President Davis County Medical Society

INFIRMARY.

Prominent among the notable institutions of Bloomfield is the infirmary of Dr. E. J. Shelton. The doctor, though in the prime of life, is an old resident of the county, and a practitioner of long experience, thorough training, and extensive research. He graduated from the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, in 1855-6, and at once began practice in this county. In 1863-4, he graduated from Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons; and in 1872-3 he took a course at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. The infirmary was established in 1869. It was the natural outgrowth of the doctor's increasing practice and his reputation in the treatment of certain classes of diseases, and was designed to meet a want long felt in the circle of his practice; that is, better facilities for treating a class of patients that could not receive the proper treatment at their homes. As the doctor's success in this line of practice and the advantages afforded by the infirmary became widely known, the number of patients that came in from abroad, and the consequent demand upon his time and the capacities of the institution, continually increased. This necessitated enlargement of the building and increase of the facilities from year to year, until 1878, when a very large and elegant addition was made to the building, and improvements were made in every department. Since that time, the business of the infirmary has increased so much that another large two-story addition has been completed to accommodate the needs of the culinary department. For a number of years the doctor did not advertise; not so much as a card in a newspaper. But as his business began to increase, so as to take him from general practice, he began in a moderate way to advertise; first, by a card, and finally by a small circular simply announcing that he would treat cancer, in its various forms, hemorrhoids, fistula in ano, and nasal catarrh, and give special attention to all chronic diseases, and diseases of the eye and ear, curvature of the spine, enlargement of the bones, club foot, and the whole range of the deformities of the human figure are made subjects of special study and treatment at the infirmary. In 1875, Doctor Shelton employed Miss Sadie Toombs to take charge of the female department, which has been under her care ever since. This lady is thoroughly fitted by a long course of study for her position, and has proved an able and valuable assistant. In the past few years the surgical department of the infirmary has acquired a great reputation through the larger number of skillful and successful operations performed by the doctor, with the assistance of Doctors J. W. Caldwell, W. H. Shelton, E. K. Shelton and F. M. Fenton. The recovery of patients under surgical treatment has been greatly facilitated by their being constantly under the immediate attention of Doctor Shelton and his assistants. Doctor E. K. Shelton, son of Doctor E. J., is associated with his father in the practice. Great care and pains were bestowed upon the young doctor's education, and he entered upon the duties of his profession with a thoroughness of training and equipment which few physicians enjoy. 1882 History



**Gilfillan Clinic Series~ cont'd
from Vol27 Issue2**

Biographies or mention of the Gilfillan Brothers can be found in many publications, for Example,

1. *The Business Men of Iowa, 1953;*
2. *The Story of Iowa; Petersen 1952. Lewis Historical Publisher Company, 4 Volumes. Pgs 753-755*
3. *Who's Who in Iowa; Iowa Press Association, Des Moines, Iowa 1940*
4. *Journal of American Medicine; January 13, 1989*
5. *American Medical Directory; 1973*

Did you know the Doctors were on the Staff at Ottumwa and St Josephs Hospitals?

Did you know that Homer J Sr, was interested in newspaper publication? Publisher of the "Tri-County Independent" Van Buren County, Iowa 1892

GILFILLAN, CLARENCE D. N., Pomona. Died March 30, 1962, in Pomona, aged 56. Graduate of the State University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, 1933. Licensed in California in 1936. Doctor Gilfillan was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



Note our new logo! Davis County Genealogical Society has been in existence since 1983, and has always been a chapter member of the Iowa Genealogical Society. To my knowledge we have never had our own logo. Another first for us. This design was created by Vicki Houk, a member, our Secretary & Librarian. \$12.99 Note we have a few left.



Joann C. Phillis, 87, died June 5, 2010 at the Bloomfield Care Center in Bloomfield. She was born January 8, 1923 in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Harry and Bessie Tandy Dichting. Her obituary is in VOL 27 ISSUE 2, Joann enjoyed Genealogy and shared with us her passion for the **Orphan Train**.

The **Orphan Train** was a social experiment that transported children from crowded coastal cities of the United States to the country's Midwest for adoption. The orphan trains ran between 1854 and 1929, relocating an estimated 200,000 orphaned, abandoned, or homeless children. At the time the orphan train movement began, it was estimated that 30,000 vagrant children were living on the streets of New York City. During the orphan train trip, children were accompanied by a placing agent. The trains stopped in scheduled locations. Children usually lined up in front of prospective takers on a platform or at a meeting hall. They were encouraged to look and act their best. Inspection sometimes involved poking and prodding; an attempt to ascertain their value as workers on farms or in local shops and businesses. Children that were not selected returned to the train to travel on to the another stop.

<http://iagenweb.org/iaorphans/>

New Sharon, IA 29 Jan 1904.

Some children placed were:
Harry and William Dichting,
Elizabeth Eagan, Blanche,
George and Matilda Heintz,
William Holman (placed with
W. W. Swartz), Ida Johnson,
Charles Kimmel, William
Mansfield, Samuel Picelle-
Thompson (placed with V. P.
Welch, Chicago), Ira Shongo,
Louis and Thomas Zucco and
Bessie Cocoran was placed
later.



During our County Fair Exhibits in the year of 2007, Joann won the Judges Choice or Best of Show, for the little brown coat that represented the cloth that her father wore as he arrived in New Sharon, Iowa off of the Orphan train. She was able to share with us interesting facts about the Orphan train children and about the lives and families that were effected by this historical placement of children whom resided in the New Sharon area.



Homeless Children.

THE CHILDRENS' HOME SOCIETY

HAS PROVIDED

2990 Children With Homes, in Families.

All children received under the care of this Association are of **SPECIAL PROMISE** in intelligence and health, and are in age from one month to twelve years, and are sent **FREE** to those receiving them, on ninety days trial, **UNLESS** a special contract is otherwise made.

Homes are wanted for the following children:
8 BOYS Ages, 10, 6 and 4. Brothers, all fine, healthy, good looks. Of good parentage. Brothers 6 and 4 years; English parents. blondes. Very promising, 2 years old, blonde, fine looking, healthy, American; has had his foot straightened. Walks now O. K. Six years old, dark hair and eyes, good looking and intelligent, American.

10 BABES Boys and girls from one month to three months. One boy baby, has fine head and face, black eyes and hair, fat and pretty; three months old. Send two stamps.

REV. M. B. V. VAN ARSDALE,
General Superintendent.

Room 48, 280 La Salle Street, CHICAGO.

GILFILLAN CLINIC BLOOMFIELD DAVIS COUNTY IOWA

<u>Physicians</u>	<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Dates of Service</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Byun, Tai S	OB?GYN	1974		6/10/1937	
Caster, Phillip W	Medical Doctor	1969		11/20/1941	
Croxdale, Michael B	Dermatologist	1972		12/18/1940	
Finneran, John	General Surgeon	1972-1990			
Gilfillan, David N	Orthopedics	1946-1957	1957	1/1/1906	3/30/1962
Gilfillan, Edwin	Internal Medicine	1951	1973	9/17/1909	1991
Gilfillan, George Wm		1946-1951		10-29-1899	3/28/1951
Gilfillan, Homer J	ENT	1946	1/1/1986	3/9/1912	1988
Haufe, David W	Medical Doctor	1949		4/2/1905	
Jaskiewicz, Richard D	Pediatrics				
Jaskunas, Stanley	Obstetrics	1946-1966		3/27/1905	
Mahannah, Harry A	Psychiatry	1969		2/12/1937	
Meyers, Paul T	Radiologist	1951		12/11/1905	
Mincks, James R	Surgeon	1958-1990	10/31/1990	6/11/1924	
Myrom, Ronald C	Cardiology				
Pabst, Mark	Pediatrics	1968		6/1/1936	
Perea, Jaime E	OB/GYN	1968		3/9/1935	
Perry, Henry M	Gastroenterology	1963-1990	10/31/1990	12/28/1921	5/15/2007
Schiebe, John R	Medical Doctor	1950		1914	
Schoonover, Richard	Urologist	1946	1975	7/29/1915	
Walton, F Richard	Surgeon				

Dr. Henry M. Perry, 85 of Bloomfield, Iowa, died May 15, 2007 at the Long Term Care Facility at the Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield, Iowa. He was born December 28, 1921 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to John E. and Regina Miller Perry. He graduated from Ithaca, New York High School in 1940 and Franklin and Marshall College of Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1944. Dr. Perry served in the United States Army during WW II from 1943 to 1946. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1949. Upon completing his internship and gastroenterology residency at the Robert Packer Hospital-Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, Pennsylvania; he joined the staff from 1952-1962. He married Elaine Hazelton January 5, 1957 in Greentown, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Perry joined the Gilfillan Clinic in Bloomfield, Iowa in 1963 and practiced internal medicine and gastroenterology at the Davis County Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa. He retired from his medical practice in 1990. He was a member of the Bloomfield United Methodist Church, the Iowa Medical Society and the Davis County Medical Society. He was a member of the Davis County Fine Arts Council, Rotary Club and a strong supporter of Davis County Dollars for Scholars. In 1998 he received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and 50 year member of the Rural Amity Lodge #0070 in Athens, Pennsylvania.



H.J.
Gilfillan, M.D.



C.D.N.
Gilfillan, M.D.,
Founder



James R.
Mincks, M.D.,
General Surgery



Richard
Schoonover, M.D.,



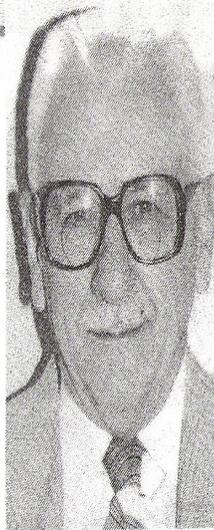
Richard N.
Jaskiewicz, M.D.
Internal Medicine
& Pediatrics



E.E.
Gilfillan, M.D.,
Founder



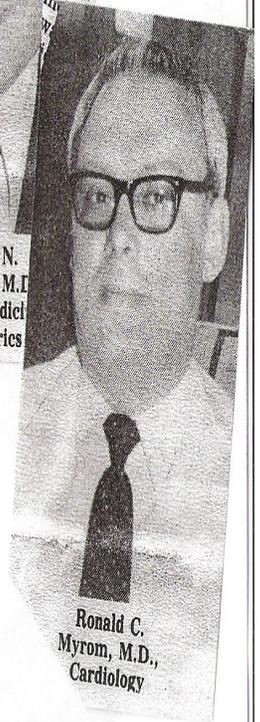
G.W. (Bill)
Gilfillan, M.D.,
Founder



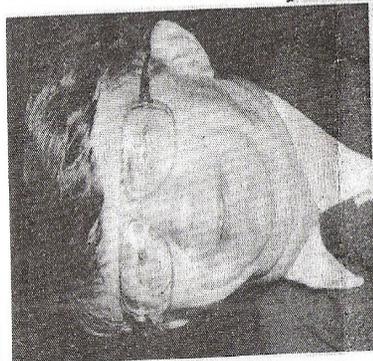
W. David
Haufe, M.D.,



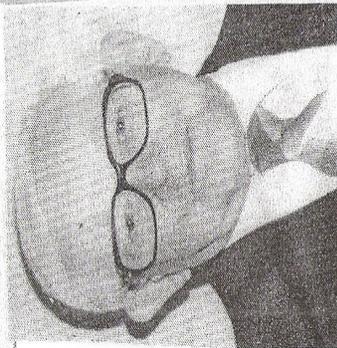
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Gilfillan, M.D.,
Joined In 1951



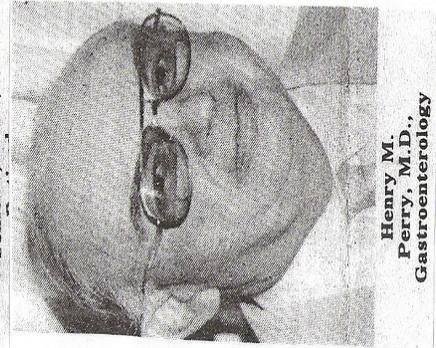
Ronald C.
Myrom, M.D.,
Cardiology



F. Richard
Walton, M.D.,
General Surgery



John R.
Schiebe, M.D.,



Henry M.
Perry, M.D.,
Gastroenterology

Davis Co Genealogical Society Fair Results

This is the 8th year the Davis County Genealogy Society has sponsored a booth of exhibits. Judging, by Jay DeYoung of New Sharon a person familiar with genealogy and history research. This exhibiting year there were **13** exhibitors with a total of 43 separate exhibits in 21 categories. The exhibitors must be a resident of the county or a member of the local society.

The Davis County Fair board supplies the ribbons and volunteer pins and the Davis County Genealogical society pays the judge and provides the premiums. Judge 's Choice award went to Deanna Pitman for her Research book. The following are the results of the 2010 fair:

- 2a. Land Legal Document—Pat Howk, Blue
- 2b. Legal naturalization Document—Deanna Pitman, Blue Clark Barker, Red
- 2c. Legal Document- Marriage, Pat Howk, Blue
3. Family Records—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Alice Huffman, Red; Pat Howk, White
4. Family Religious—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Janet Peterson, Red
5. Family Certificate—Alice Huffman, Blue
6. Pedigree/Anccestor chart—Kate Batterson, Blue; Deb Barker, Red
7. Lineage Chart—Deanna Pitman, Blue; 8 Generations
8. Genealogical Record Book—Deanna Pitman, Blue and Best of Show
9. Research Material—Deb Barker, Blue; Pat Howk, Red
11. Photo 3 people or more—Kate Batterson, Blue; Janet Peterson, Red; Richard Friend, white
12. Ancestral Building—Alice Huffman, Blue; Deanna Pitman, Red
13. True Story- Junior Division, Montana Hill, Blue- My dog CheChey
14. Article from another publication—Pat Howk, Blue; Miner
15. Storytelling display—Alice Huffman, Blue; Frank & Alice photographs
16. Photo depicting Davis Co. history- JoAnn Hutchings, Blue; Dr Garrett Home, Troy
17. A written Davis Co. history—Deb Barker, Blue; Gilfillan Memorial Clinic
18. Scrapbook collection—Deb Barker, Blue; Junior Div. Montana Hill, Blue
19. Document or Certificate relating to Davis County History- Deb Barker, Blue
20. Display of 2 or more documents related to each other—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Deb Barker, Red; Richard Friend, White
- 21.

Mis- *As always a BIG Thank You to the volunteers, the exhibitors, Our Judge, the Fair goers and The Davis County Fair board. Another successful year! Welcome to the new members and looking forward to next year, never too early to start your projects.*

HOUSEHOLD CENSUS OF IOWA

1850- Name of each member of the household, age, sex, color, occupation, value of real estate, birthplace, literacy of persons over age 20

1856- A special state census~ Name, age, sex, marital status, birthplace, occupation, whether native of voting age, whether owner of land, years in Iowa

1860- Name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, value of real property and personal property

1870- Name, age, sex, occupation, whether father & mother were foreign or native born, value of real & personal property

1880- Name, age, sex, marital status, occupation, birthplace and birthplace of Father & Mother; Soundex available, coded index of families with school-age children, 10 years old & younger

1885- A special state census~ name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, religion, if served in the military, what company & regiment, whether entitled to vote, if subject to the military

1895- A special state census~ name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, religion, if served in the military, what company & regiment, whether entitled to vote, if subject to the military

1900- Name, age, month & year of birth, marital status, years married, number of children born to wife & number now living, birthplace of parents, year of immigration to U S, whether naturalized, occupation, literacy, rent or own home or farm; Soundex available, coded index of all households & singles living elsewhere

1905- A special State census~ name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, ownership of home and its value, schooling, marital status, years in Iowa and years in U S

1915- A special State Census~ listed alphabetically within each county; name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, church affiliation, parents birthplaces, marital status, years in Iowa, Years in U S

1925- A special state census~ The most descriptive of all the previous; name, sex, age, relationship to head of household, marital status, home owned or rented, if naturalized, number of years in Iowa, number of years in U S, birthplace & names of Mother & Father, as well as where married, ages of parents if living, military service, occupation classification, church affiliation

The Iowa Forms / Templates are available for download here~
<http://iagenweb.org/census/ictempl.htm>

Volunteer for Iowa State Census Records

<http://iagenweb.org/census/icvol.htm>

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Served as Deputy Clerk of District Court, Davis County, and Clerk of District Court, resigning to enter the military service. Served in the Medical Administrative Corps in World War II being discharged as 1st Lt. Served as Davis County Auditor from 1947-1948, resigning to become the first Davis County Assessor, serving in that capacity until 1951, resigned to become Business Manager of the Gilfillan Clinic in which capacity he has served since that time.

Charter member of the Bloomfield Jr. Chamber of Commerce and past president; member of the Bloomfield Greater Chamber of Commerce, and past president, member of its Industrial Committee; past Master of Masonic Lodge #14; past Noble Grand of Bloomfield I.O.O.F. Lodge #123; charter member of Bloomfield Lions Club and past president; member of Bloomfield County Club and past president; member of local American Legion Post #78 and past Post Commander, past 5th District Commander of American Legion and past State Commander of Iowa Department of the American Legion.



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Articles from the 1976 This is Davis County Chauncey Francis 1911-1986

Chauncey Francis

BLOOMFIELD — Former Davis County auditor and assessor Chauncey A. Francis, 75, of Bloomfield died Dec. 15, 1986, at his home.

He was born June 26, 1911, in Pula-ski to Fred and Mammie Tippett Francis. He married Helen Nadine Brown July 12, 1929, in Missouri. She died April 30, 1985.

A Bloomfield resident most of his life, he was a member of Bloomfield Christian Church. He served as deputy clerk of Davis County District Court from 1935-38, and clerk of the court from 1939-43. He was a Davis County auditor, and the first county assessor, serving in that capacity until 1951.

The business manager of Gilfillan Clinic for 25 years, he was a charter member and past president of the Bloomfield Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a member and past president of the Bloomfield Greater Chamber of Commerce. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the medical administrative corps.

He was a Past Master of Masonic Lodge 14, Past Noble Grand of Bloomfield IOOF Lodge 123, a charter member and Past President of Bloomfield Lions Club, a member and Past President of the Bloomfield Country Club, and a Past Post Commander and member of American Legion Post 78. He was Past Fifth District Commander and a Past State Commander of the Iowa Department of the American Legion.

He is survived by two granddaughters, Dana Pherigo and Darla Basterson of Ottumwa; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lowell Francis, and a daughter, Shirley Laughrige by a daughter, Shirley Laughrige July 9, 1979.

The service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wagler Funeral Home, the Rev. Don Macy officiating. Burial with military rites will be in IOOF Cemetery.

The casket will be closed as the service begins.

Visitation is open at Wagler Funeral Home.

A memorial has been established to the Avenue of Flags.

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