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2011 Meetings

January 20th

February 17th

March 17th

April 21st

7 PM at the

Bloomfield Public Library

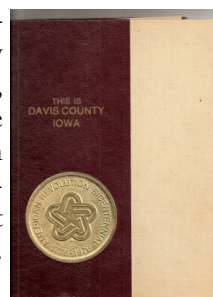
Hours of Operation

Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri

1—4 PM

Saturday 9A-1P

Like they say, no news is good news, but I must share~ DCGS with the assistance of Leah Howk, applied for a matching grant from the Davis County Community Foundation to assist with a republication of the "Davis County Iowa 1976". Unfortunately, we weren't awarded the funds that we asked for. Leah does an excellent job of writing and selling to the grant application, what it asks for. Just to read the application in its complete format, tells a story about what Davis County Genealogical Society means to Davis County. We provide the only reliable library of historical materials, we provide public access to these materials, and we give helpful and historical guidance and information to patrons whom visit our li-



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1976

brary, or write and call for information from records. We collaborate with other organizations, we teach and share our wealth of information that comes from each and every member and guest. Our accomplishments are many in number, with valuable resources tenfold. From dusty Courthouse boxes and books to Electronic Keyboards and nicky nooks, Genealogy is an art and a form, most any other hobby, will never conform.

I sincerely want to thank DCGS members and volunteers for what you do! Without your support, the very being for our existence would be distinct. Genealogy cannot become a passing fad. History cannot be lost, Please continue to support Davis County Genealogy! ~ Deb Barker

Friends of the Bloomfield Library

Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library, continue the path of a Building! The Building fund is at about \$681,000. Friends are in the planning stages, along with the Board of Trustees for the Library, and DCGS for another fun filled Auction. Slated to happen April 30th at the Methodist Church. Mark your calendar, looking for new donated goods.

The Davis County Community Foundation did grant/pledge \$25000 to this cause.

There are several other Grant opportunities available for the Building fund. The USDA, Roy Carver and Lied Foundation have been contacted. As with any other grant requests, matching funds are usually a requirement. The Library Building project is scheduled for 3 phases.

The BPL Friends are also about to embark on a brochure mailing. Look for this in your mailbox in 2011.

Winter! Never a better time to catch up on your reading.

Troy, Union Township, Davis County, Iowa

TROY.

The town of Troy was surveyed and platted by John W. Ellis, county surveyor, February 15, 1848, on land belonging to J. I. Earhart, James A. Sawyers, J. C. Ewing, and D. Haine, and named by J. I. Earhart, after Troy, Ohio, where he came from. The population of this town in 1851, was 101. Here is located the well known pioneer educational institution of Davis county,

TROY.

Rev. Ed Evans, of Beloit, Kansas, preached a very interesting sermon Sunday night at the Presbyterian church. "183" as he is familiarly known here, is one of our own Troy boys, and we are proud of him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wise, of Mexico, Missouri, are visiting at J. C. Edmondsons.

F. M. Ross is having a new side walk put down in front of his residence. If others on that side of the street would continue the work, it would be a good idea.

Decoration day will be observed here as usual. Ed R. Hulan will deliver the address of the day.

Clay, youngest child of Geo. Jennings' died Saturday night, and was buried Sunday afternoon in the cemetery here, funeral services being held in M. E. church. 1894

Troy Academy.

THE next term of this Institution will commence on Wednesday, Sept. 6 and continue eleven weeks, under the charge of

MR. JONATHAN PIPER, Principal,
Miss ADDA WOODS, Preceptress.

The flourishing condition of the school, the new House, seated in a manner superior to any in the State, the healthy location; all contribute to make this one of the most desirable situations for obtaining a thorough English or classical education. No Student received for less than half a term.

Tuition payable at the middle of the term.

Preparatory Department,	\$3.00
Higher English and Languages	4.00
Incidentals,	25

Music and Drawing extra.

Good board can be obtained in private families. Books furnished at the most reasonable rates.

JOSIAH EARHART
Secretary Board.

Aug. 14, 1854.

TROY ACADEMY.

THE NEXT TERM of this Institution will commence on the twentieth day of June (Wednesday,) and continue eleven weeks under the charge of J. PIPER, Principal and Teacher of the

GREEK, LATIN AND FRENCH LANGUAGES.
MISS M. POWERS,
Principal of Preparatory Department.

A. W. WOODS,
Assistant in Mathematics.

TERMS —Languages,	\$5.00
Higher English,	5.00
Preparatory,	3.50

No pains will be spared to make students thoroughly acquainted with all branches pursued; special attention given to those preparing to teach, also to Surveying and Book-keeping.

May 26, 1855.—no. 48-11.

TROY ACADEMY.

This school was commenced about the year 1853, and has now entered upon its twenty-eighth year with bright prospects for the future. A large number of the most prominent citizens of this and adjoining counties acquired their education within her classic halls. Prof. C. E. Foster at present has charge of the school. The trustees are B. F. Shreve, Pres. W. H. Rosser, W. M. Evans, W. Parks, and R. M. Lock, secretary.

Annual Holiday Meeting

The annual holiday meeting was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Richard Friend, in Bloomfield, on the night of December 16th. Great food and friendship was shared by all. The meeting included a vote for officers as nominated by the nominating committee. The following officers were voted in; Deb Barker ~ President, Karen Prosapio ~ Vice President, Vicki Houk ~ Secretary, Pat Howk ~ Treasurer, and Mary Cary ~ Librarian. Old business included memberships

due, and the 1976 book reprint grant. Mold has been found in the library, along with the storage of the "War of the Rebellion" series, for temporary reasons was discussed.

Guest and new member, Sheila Peterson, joined the group. She has memorabilia that most of us would love to have.

Show and tell was held after the meeting was adjourned. Ione has a beautiful quilt that was made this last

year, and tells a story, as the pieces, each hold a stitched signature of the ladies, whom initiated the quilt club, The helping hands.

Shirley is interested in the old home place photographs, Vicki has invested in new technology, the ScanWand. Capable of capturing data and images to an internal memory card, for downloading later. Richard shared an autograph book of his mothers. The contents captured the writing rhythms and poems of a time gone past.



"War of the Rebellion"

Some time ago, we purchased this set of books from the Bloomfield Public Library, in Memorial of Victor Fitzgerald. The **Massive Volumes:** Series I, 1-53; Series II, 1-8; Series III, 1-5; Series IV, 1-4 (1880 - 1901), have resided on shelves in our library, ever since I can remember. We have just recently chosen, to box and store these at the historical society, to allow for a thor-

ough cleaning of our holdings, in more ways than one. We found mold and want to eradicate what resides there. We also want to weed out unused, non resourceful information to make room for items of most importance. The books have been packed, and are awaiting transport. The shelving opened, will allow other possibilities. This collection can be

found online in its entirety at <http://digital.library.cornell.edu/m/moawar/waro.html>

Perhaps in the future, we can once again shelve them. We did find many duplicates, or more than one of some volumes, and others were in worse shape than some. We almost have the complete collection. A few were not inventoried, as existing in our lot.

A brief history of tombstones

The practice of putting stones on tombs came about from an ancient fear that the dead person might return and wreak havoc against his former community. To make absolutely sure he stayed in his tomb, they weighted the soil down with a stone. Later stones were placed on burial spots to deter animals from digging up a body.

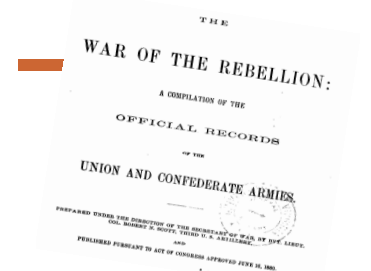
By the Victorian era in the

late 1800's, headstones became quite elaborate with more details and pictures to them, partly to preserve a person's history without the need to be able to read the stones in a society where many people could not read. Some common headstone symbols are the rose, the dove and the willow tree. The rose signifies beauty, the dove a message from God,

and the willow means resurrection. Lillies symbolize purity, while a carving of wheat represents a mature person over 70 years old in an era where average life expectancy was 50 years of age. Angels show a fascination with heavenly things, while clasped hands show the undying love of a husband or wife.

"WAR OF THE REBELLION"

WRITTEN BY THE
U S WAR
DEPARTMENT



DAVIS COUNTY ~ IOWA
THE PLACE TO BE FROM!

WHAT'S A GENEALOGY?

Most of the Genealogists I know have a fairly liberal education. They usually can read, some without moving their lips, and all would recognize, say for example, that a stamp collector is a philatelist. But there are a lot of folks out there that do not know what a genealogist collects, despite the success of Alex Haley's ROOTS.

Jean e ology sounds like a real cool name for a shop selling second hand denim jeans. The spelling could be misconstrued as Geology, and the genetic counseling of polished or solid rocks could be a historical mistake.

Gynecology contemplates how Eve met Adam and the sapling of any ones tree.

Being bit by the bug of the Gene a Logy, is a worse curse than understanding that an incorrect spelling or pronunciation could knock you census for years to come.

Being of sound mind when the GeNealogy comes knocking will prevent you from reciting the faded words from your neighbors tombstone.

Moral of the story is knowing Gene A Logy is contagious. If you expect to run or hide, stone washed jeans are fashionable.

- Above story is not expected to make sense, it is expected to make you think it makes sense



1925 UNION TOWNSHIP CENSUS

NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	SINGLE MARRIED	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE	AGE	NAME OF MOTHER	BIRTHPLACE	AG
LOVELESS, LAFFA L	HEAD	M	39	M	IOWA	LOVELESS, M C	IOWA	70	BLACK, HETTIE	IOWA	64
LOVELESS, MABEL	WIFE	F	35	M	IOWA	ANDERSON, VICTOR	SWEDEN		LAWSON, NANCY	TENN	35
LOVELESS, EARLA	SON	M	14	S	IOWA	LOVELESS, LAFFA L	IOWA	39		IOWA	35
LOVELESS, MARJORIE J	DAUGHTER	F	8	S	IOWA	LOVELESS, LAFFA L	IOWA	39		IOWA	
SCOTT, GEO C	HEAD	M	61	M	VIRGINIA	SCOTT, S R	VIRGINIA		FANBINE, CATHERINE	VIRGINIA	73
SCOTT, FRANCIS	WIFE	F	48	M	IOWA	ALAKER, GEO	PENN		SCOTT, MERRY	IOWA	
SCOTT, GEORGE L	SON	M	22	S	IOWA	SCOTT, GEO C	VIRGINIA	61	ABAKER, FRANCIS	IOWA	48
SCOTT, MERRY C	DAUGHTER	F	20	S	IOWA	SCOTT, GEO C	VIRGINIA	61	ABAKER, FRANCIS	IOWA	48
SCOTT, DORA L	DAUGHTER	F	18	S	MISSOURI	SCOTT, GEO C	VIRGINIA	61	ABAKER, FRANCIS	IOWA	48
BRODEEN, NELS A	HEAD	M	71	M	SWEDEN	BRODEEN, A E	SWEDEN		DON'T KNOW	SWEDEN	
BRODEEN, YULA M	WIFE	F	55	M	NORWAY	YORKSON, BENJ	NORWAY		ISIK, ANNA	NORWAY	
BRODEEN, ANA	DAUGHTER	F	32	S	IOWA	BRODEEN, N A	SWEDEN	71	YORKSON, ZULA	NORWAY	55
BRODEEN, CLARENCE	SON	M	22	S	IOWA	BRODEEN, N A	SWEDEN	71	YORKSON, ZULA	NORWAY	55
BRODEEN, HANNA	DAUGHTER	F	19	S	IOWA	BRODEEN, N A	SWEDEN	71	YORKSON, ZULA	NORWAY	55
BACUS, HOWARD	HEAD	M	32	M	IOWA	BACUS, W S	OHIO	57	CRANDALL, RODY	IOWA	
BACUS, CLARA	WIFE	F	27	M	IOWA	MCDOWL, DAVID	IOWA	51	OSBURN, JULIET	IOWA	42
BACUS, LEONA	DAUGHTER	F	9	S	IOWA	BACUS, HOWARD	IOWA	32	MCDOWELL, CLARA	IOWA	27
BACUS, WALTER L	SON	M	7	S	IOWA	BACUS, HOWARD	IOWA	32	MCDOWELL, CLARA	IOWA	27
KENCHT, EA	HEAD	M	37	M	IOWA	BACUS, HOWARD	AUSTRA		ELISHON, TRACY	AUSTRA	68
KENCHT, MAUDE	WIFE	F	31	M	IOWA	KENCHT, FRANCIS	IOWA	78	PHIPS, SYLVIA	IOWA	60
KENCHT, FRANCIS	SON	M	8	S	IOWA	SCHAFFER, SAM	IOWA	37	SHAFFER, MAUDE	IOWA	31
KENCHT, CATHERINE	DAUGHTER	F	1	S	IOWA	KENCHT, EA	IOWA	37	SHAFFER, MAUDE	IOWA	31
KENCHT, A B	BROTHER	M	43	S	IOWA	KENCHT, EA	AUSTRA		ELISHON, TRACY	AUSTRA	68
KRUSE, CHAS	HEAD	M	60	M	ILLINOIS	KENCHT, FRANCIS	GERMANY		TRUMAN, ELIZABETH	GERMANY	80
KRUSE, LENA	WIFE	F	53	M	ILLINOIS	KRUSE, GEO	GERMANY		MENGE, CARLINA	GERMANY	
KRUSE, ELMA	DAUGHTER	F	30	S	ILLINOIS	BRECH, CHARLES	ILLINOIS	60	BRECH, LENA	ILLINOIS	53
KRUSE, LYLE	SON	M	24	S	IOWA	KRUSE, CHARLES	ILLINOIS	60	BRECH, LENA	ILLINOIS	53
KRUSE, OTTO	SON	M	21	S	IOWA	KRUSE, CHARLES	ILLINOIS	60	BRECH, LENA	ILLINOIS	53
KRUSE, HAROLD	SON	M	17	S	IOWA	KRUSE, CHARLES	ILLINOIS	60	BRECH, LENA	ILLINOIS	53
KRUSE, HELLEN	DAUGHTER	F	15	S	IOWA	KRUSE, CHARLES	ILLINOIS	60	BRECH, LENA	ILLINOIS	53

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SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 1923-1924

DELPHA ARCHER, GLADYS BARKER, CLEMMIE BARKER, EDWARD BARKER, RUTH BEGGS, HANNAH BRODEEN, REX BROOKS, CLAYTON BUNNER, GLADYS CLES, FRED ERHART, EVERETTE ENSMINGER, CLYDE ENSMINGER, FLORANCE GARRETT, GERALD HENDRICKS, HAROLD KRUSE, CLAUDE LASLEY, CHARLES LEEPS, MARION RAMSEY, MARY RECTOR, CARMEN NELL SEXTON, HERBERT WEINY, HAZELLE WHITE

ALUMNI CLASS OF 1922

GLENN CARR PARKER, DESCEASED; EDITH GARRETT, HELEN LASLEY, TEACHING AT TROY. VERLA PARKS, TEACHING AT ATKINS, IA. JOE RUBY, PULASKI AND LEONARD VANDERLINDEN, TEACHING, PULASKI, IA



SOPHOMORE CLASS

THE TROY ECHO

ALUMNI

CLASS OF 1918

HELEN HANSEN, married and teaching— Pulaski, IA; LALA WILSON, at home, Milton, IA; PAUL WARD, married and teaching, Bloomfield, IA

CLASS OF 1919

GAYLORD ARCHER, teaching, Lingrove, IA; RUBY BUCKLES, married, Selma, IA; VERA GARRETT, teaching, Rolfe, IA; ZOLA GARRETT, business college, Quincy, IL; EDITH KRUSE, teaching, Selma, IA; WENELL McMICKLE, married and teaching, North Springs, IA; JIM OLLINGER, teaching, Mt Pleasant, IA; NELL OLLINGER, stenographer, Waukegan, IL; RAY ROBY, at home, Troy, IA; LEAH WUTHRICH, married Bloomfield.

CLASS OF 1920

ESTER BONAR, married, Keosauqua, IA; TERESSA CASADY, teaching, Douds, IA; MARVIN DUVALL, at home, Troy, IA; HIFF ENSMINGER, at home, Troy, IA; GLADYS HANSEN, married, Pulaski, IA; HAROLD MOTT, in college, Cedar Falls, IA; VEVA MILLER, teaching, Selma, IA; JEWEL ROBERTS, married, Douds, IA; MARIE RODGERS, teaching, Rose Hill, IA; CLARENCE RODGERS, in college, Iowa City, IA; GEORGE WEINY, teaching, Bloomfield, IA; HELEN WEYER, at home, Troy, IA.

CLASS OF 1921

HAROLD BROWN, teaching, Milton, IA; REVA DARNELL, teaching, Troy, IA; HAROLD DAY, teaching, Troy, IA; MABLE ENSMINGER, teaching, Douds, IA; CLAYTON HAMM, in college, Iowa City, IA; HOYT MOTT, in college, Cedar Falls, IA; BERNICE SULLIVAN, stenographer, Monrovia, California; ROWENA PARKER, teaching, Belknap, IA; HILDA VORHIS, teaching, Troy, IA; IONA VORHIS, teaching, Troy, IA; CLELL WARRINER, in college, Iowa City, IA; FREDA WARD, teaching, Pulaski, IA



CONDUCT VORHIS RITES AT TROY

66-year-Old Troy Man

dies Monday Night at His Home

John B Vorhis, 66 of Troy, died about 9 o'clock Monday night at his home in Troy.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, at the Troy Methodist Church with W R Noland conducting the service. Burial was at the Rouch Cemetery.

Surviving Mr Vorhis are his widow and two daughters, Mrs Iona Puckett of Peoria, Ill., and Mrs Hilda Brown of near Milton.

McCormick's Restaurant

FOR COOL, SOFT DRINKS
ICE CREAM, CANDY, CIGARS
TOBACCO, BREAD, and PASTRY
GROCERIES, SUNDRIES
WARM LUNCH AT ALL HOURS

S. N. McCormick
TROY, IOWA

Summary

12/18/09 Through 12/17/10

1/10/11

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Category Description	12/18/09- 12/17/10
INCOME	
Copies	267.50
DC Fair <i>donated back from</i>	8.75
Donations	161.40
Copier-printer	52.25
TOTAL Donations	213.65
Family sheets & charts	3.95
Membership dues	557.50
Dues for Equipment Replacement	152.50
TOTAL Membership dues	710.00
Miscellaneous <i>redeposit 'seed' money</i>	100.00
Other Inc <i>Revenue Sharing \$38.60</i>	66.77
Research	160.50
SALES	
1856 Census Vol 1	10.00
1856 Census Vol 2	10.00
1856 State Census Index	6.50
2004 Drakesville Cemeteries	11.50
CD's individually	79.00
Cleveland Cemeteries	10.00
Death index 1880-1900	10.00
Fabius Twp. Cemeteries	19.75
Grove Cemeteries	20.00
History Books	
1882 History book	150.00
1924-27 History book	150.00
TOTAL History Books	300.00
Index to Pioneer History	5.00
IOOF Cemetery	20.00
Roscoe Cemeteries	16.50
T shirts	99.00
TOTAL SALES	617.25
TOTAL INCOME	2,148.37
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00
Advertising	89.88
Cleaning supplies	19.82
Computer	21.39
Davis Co. Fair	219.56
Library Auction	240.71
Office Supplies	270.02
Other Expense	23.50
Postage	
Newsletters	30.80
Other postage	4.33
Stamps	70.40
TOTAL Postage	105.53
Printing	128.25
Purchases For resale <i>T-shirts</i>	149.79
Rent	40.00
Sales Tax	83.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,391.45
OVERALL TOTAL	756.92

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12-16-10 \$3910.15



NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN/RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011
THE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ~ January to December ~

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED: _____

- I would like my newsletter electronic
- I would like to share my email address

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ MAIDEN NAME: _____

SIBLINGS: _____

PARENTS: _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

SPOUSE: _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

CHILDREN: _____

COMMENTS: _____

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