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## A New Beginning

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### 2011 Meetings

October 20

November 17

December TBD

7 PM at the

**Bloomfield Public Library**

Hours of Operation

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri

1—4 PM

Saturday 9A-Noon

### NEW BPL HOURS

Bloomfield Public Library Hours

Weekdays Open 11A—5:30P

Saturday 9 AM—Noon

Closed Sunday, & Monday

Another newsletter, representing a calendar quarter or a season of change. Summer is behind us now, children have returned to school, and I sit here with writers block. An interesting summer if I may say so myself. I suddenly found myself unemployed, a gift in disguise. I have spent many an hour over the last weeks with the grandchildren. We have had overnights, day trips and picnics. Fantastic plays in the park, swimming, movies, popcorn, and kool-aid flavored popsicles. And since school has started, I must once again, remember

my grown up duties, and share with each of you here, the responsible things this grandma did this summer. DCGS hosted another fantastic Fair booth. Our volunteers are the best! And we can and do anything we put our minds to. Just ask the group, when it comes to folding and sealing the newsletter for example. DCGS is once again raising the possibility of another road show, like we did several years ago. If there is interest, please, speak now!

Enjoy this edition.

Deb Barker

## Friends of the Bloomfield Library

Last I had information on the Library expansion project, things were on schedule. We, DCGS, have spoken as a group about how we will be effected. Looking at a later date [possibly spring] for a book sale of our less used items. While we treasure everything in our collection, we must thin out the resources that have become obsolete, available elsewhere or that no longer pertain to Davis County History or Genealogy. Available to members only, prior to public offer. Thoughts?

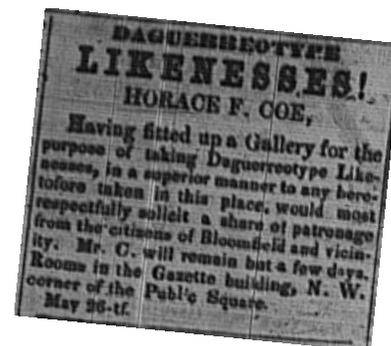
## T A Dunlap Estate

Said properties owned by the deceased, known as;

The East 22 feet, more or less, of Lot (8) Eight in Block (19) Nineteen, original town, now city of Bloomfield, Iowa; and has been conveyed to Kate Dunlap, the other properties described as;

Lot (4) four and the West one-third of Lot (3) in Block (19) Nineteen, and also a business building described as; Commencing at the center line of a north and south brick wall, twenty-one feet, six inches, more or less, West of the southeast corner of Lot (8) Eight in

Block (19) Nineteen in the original town, now City of Bloomfield, Iowa, running thence North one hundred forty-two feet, thence west twenty feet, thence south one hundred forty-two feet, thence East twenty feet, to place of beginning; was conveyed to Maude D Collins, an heir, by executor's deed.



### Newsletter Duty



## Rentals of the Real Estate

Mr Dunlap, had several rentals, and prior to the sale of such, his estate encountered the following rentals on the buildings, over a 9 month period from April 1st 1935 to December 31st, 1935;

Mrs Hunter, rent, 9 mos., 31.50.

Clyde Young, rent, 9 mos., 225.00

Trenton Fine, rent, 9 mos., 72.00

Mrs McGregor, rent, 9 mos., 54.00

Elmer Quigley, rent, 9 mos., 58.50

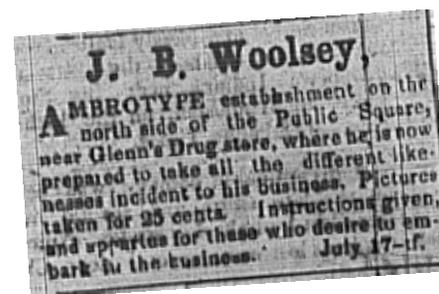
Cozy Corner Café, rent, 9 mos., 252.00

Jennie Burgess, rent, 6 mos., 31.50

Tom Higbee, sum of Cash \$39.00, credit on Ins premium, \$19.50, total 58.50.

In the matter of notice for hearing on the final report of the estate of the deceased, T A Dunlap, a return of service, State of Iowa, Davis

County, posted true copies of the public notice in three public places in Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, on April 22nd, 1937, said places being as follows: One at the East door of the Court House; one on a pole in front of the Bloomfield Kleaners; and one on a pole at the front of the Post Office, at the southwest corner of the Public Square. By T A Goodson, before the notary public, Lena Richard-



#### You know you are a Genealogy Addict when....

- ...You brake for libraries
- ...You hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
- ...You would rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.
- ...You would rather read census schedules than a good book.
- ...You are more interested in what happened in 1699 than in 2009.
- ...Eenrum, Baflo and Groningen are household names, but you can't remember what to call the dog.
- ...You store your clothes under the bed (or wear the same two outfits to save space), because your closet is full of books and papers.
- ...All your correspondence begins with "Dear Cousin".
- ...You have traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, you have it documented and still don't want to quit.
- ...Your most important social life is meeting people who you run into while searching a family line.

## “SNAP SHOTS”

Harold and Anne Patterson were summer guests here in Davis County. Harold a descendant of the well known local Patterson Family, has been a member of our society, and a genealogy buff for many years. He contributed as an exhibitor while here during the 2011 County Fair, and left us with a published copy of his book titled “*Descendants of Joseph Patterson and Sarah Simmons 1730-2010*”. You can find it in our library, Thank You Harold for coming back to Davis County, We’ll welcome you and the Mrs anytime!



### ED REEVES DEAD

One of Bloomfield's Business Men Succumbs Saturday Morning.

Ed M. Reeves, for many years one of the prominent figures in the local business world, died at his home in Bloomfield early last Saturday morning after an illness that has confined him to his home for the past few months.

Mr. Reeves was a photographer and was probably known to more Davis countyans than the average business man of the town. He delighted in drollery and enjoyed nothing better than to imitate the peculiarities of others, but never in a way to bring offense or criticism.

A few months ago, he was forced by illness to close his place of business and remain at home. His fellow citizens assumed that his place would be closed but a short time and that he would soon recuperate and again resume his work, but his condition grew steadily worse until the end came to relieve his suffering.

He leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. Verne Schlegel and little Miss Dorothy. One daughter preceded him in death.

The funeral was held at the home Monday, conducted by Rev. G. E. Purdy of Oskaloosa, formerly pastor of the local Christian church. Interment was made at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Did you know prior to 1933, there was a pickle business on the edge of town?

Courtney Pickle Factory

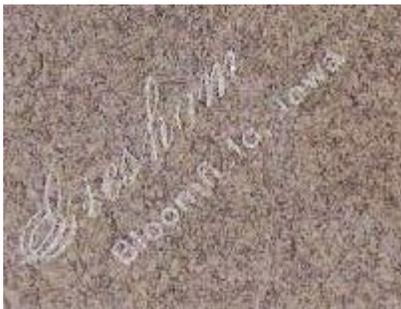
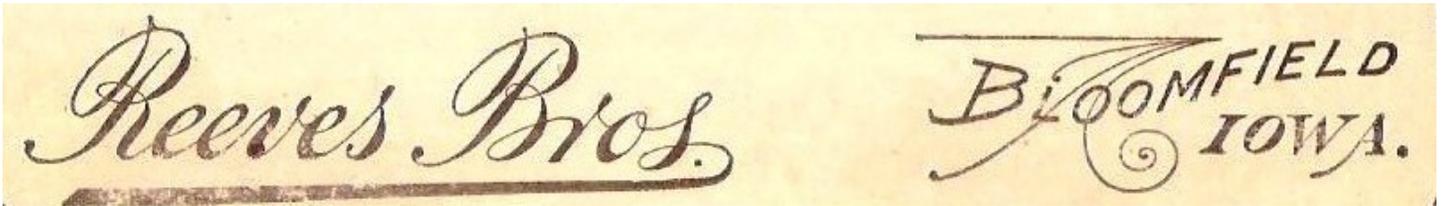


In 1933 England Creamery in Bloomfield, Iowa; was capable of making over 1000 pounds of butter a day, shipping twice a week to Chicago, and making 150-200 gallons of ice cream a week, for local sale. Cream was available for purchase at 24c.



“photo of Will Dunlap, son of Thomas A. Dunlap (front row, far left). The group is the founding members of Camera-craftsmen-- a photographic group that was founded in 1905 to further the development (no pun intended) of the art of photography. The photo is ca. 1905. Will resigned from the group in 1909, it is thought due to health reasons.” - Photo provided from the Historical collection of Rudy Evans.”





Robertz Studio  
Bloomfield, Iowa



REEVES BROS.,

BLOOMFIELD, IA.

1870 Tilman D Head, aged 31, born North Carolina, Occupation Painter, son of Isham & Sarah Head

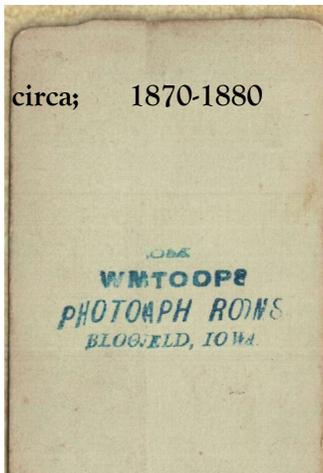
1874 T A Dunlap has removed his photograph gallery from Lucas Block, and now occupies T D Head's old stand, Three doors north of the Farmers and Merchants Bank

1875 T A Dunlap has been elected as County Assessor

1919 J A Warner takes possession of Ed M Reeves Gallery. \$475



1840	1845	1850	1855	1860	1865	1870	1875	1880	1885	1890	1895	1900	1905	1910	1915	
Daguerreotype 1840-1855																
		Ambrotype 1854-1865														
		Union Cases 1850-1870														
			Tintypes 1856-1863		Chocolate Tintypes 1870-1885				Carnival Tintype Period							
			Carte de Visite 1859 - 1900													
			Cabinet Cards 1866 -1924													
			1861-1865-1873 J.P. Carlton to Lipman Postcard			U.S. Government Postal			Postcards Pioneer 1893-1898 Private Mailing 1898-1901 Divided Back 1907-1915 White Border 1915-1930							
												Gelatin Silver 1890-today				



circa; 1870-1880

1866	1870	1880	1885	1890	1896
White light-weight cardstock 1866-80			Wide gold borders 1884-85		Impressed outer border without color.
Red & gold single & double lines around border 1866-80			Gold beveled edges border 1885-92	Dark cardstock, green, maroon, with gold writing 1890	
Square photo corners 1866-70		Front matte finish, backs glossy yellow cardstock 1882-88		Metallic green or gold impressed border on card 1890-1892	
		Front and back different colors of cardstock 1880-90		Rounded corner rule, single line around border 1889-96	
Mourning of Prince Albert, from his death in 1861 through to the death of Queen Victoria, black cardstock with Gold writing.					

Addie Downing

Cabinet Card Circa; 1880-



Card de Visite; 1854-1860





STATEMENT



M. Edward Reeves

BLOOMFIELD, IOWA. Dec 31 1918

IN ACCOUNT WITH  
SAX BROTHERS  
LUMBER AND COAL

May-1-11	To	1 Roll Redrosin paper				100
June 22-13	✓	70 1x18-12 for Window seat in Gallery				126
		2 French Windows	✓	✓	✓	810
		1 0 1x5-12	✓	✓	✓	30
		1 0 2/4-6	✓	✓	✓	10
		1 0 1/4 x 5-12	✓	✓	✓	35
		1 0 10 Ship Saps 10	✓	✓	✓	30
24		1 0 Apron				45
July 11-1915		1 0 1x6-16	8	Display Case	Corner Stair	
		1 0 1x10-6	5	✓	✓	
		1 0 1x12-2	2	✓	✓	
		1 0 1x5-5	2	17	✓	102
16		1 0 1x8-8		✓	✓	30
		1 0 2/4-2		✓	✓	15
22		24 ft Special 1/4 x 1/4 Mold		✓	✓	24
Mar 22		1 0 1x12-6		✓	✓	25
Oct 23		1 Roll Paper Red Rosin				100
						<u>\$1482</u>

DISTRICT COURT OF DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA. }

In the Matter of the estate of Ed. M. Reeves In Vacation  
Deceased.

Contract of Sale of Personal Property of the deceased. This agreement witnesseth, that the Executrix of the estate of Ed M Reeves, Deceased, is pursuance of the order of waiver of appraisal of the personal effects of said estate, this executrix has sold and by these presents sell to J A Warner the photograph Gallery of which Ed M Reeves died seized, intending to transfer to said Warner all the furnishings and material owned by said Reeves at the time of his death. Possession of said Gallery is to be given to said Warner on this day February 10th 1919, and for the consideration of \$475.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year the Davis County Genealogy Society has sponsored a booth of exhibits. Judging, held by Jay DeYoung of New Sharon a person familiar with genealogy and history research. This exhibiting year there were *15* exhibitors with a total of *50* 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 Harold Patterson for his Story telling display. The following are the results of the 2011 fair:

1. Pictorial Family History- Harold Patterson, Blue; Deb Swaim, Red
- 2a. Land Legal Document—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Harold Patterson, Red
- 2b. Legal naturalization Document—Deb Barker, Blue; Harold Patterson, Red
- 2c. Legal Document- Marriage, Deanna Pitman, Blue
3. Family Records—Harold Patterson, Blue
4. Family Religious—Deanna Pitman, Blue
5. Family Certificate—Harold Patterson, Blue
6. Pedigree/Ancestor chart—Harold Patterson, Blue; Richard Friend, Red; Deanna Pitman, White;  
Junior Division- Montana Hill, Blue; Destiny Barker, Blue
7. Lineage Chart—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Harold Patterson, Red; Deb Barker, White
8. Genealogical Record Book—Harold Patterson, Blue; Shirley Wilcoxson, Red
9. Research Material—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Deb Barker, Red; Harold Patterson, White
10. Photo 2 or less- Mary Cary, Blue; Deanna Pitman, Red
11. Photo 3 people or more—Ione Friend, Blue; Pat Howk, Red; Harold Patterson, White
12. Ancestral Building—Harold Patterson, Blue
13. True Story- Deb Barker, Blue; Harold Patterson, Red; Junior Division, Montana Hill, Blue
14. Article from another publication—Pat Howk, Blue
15. Storytelling display—Harold Patterson, Blue; Richard Friend, Red; Deb Barker, White
16. Photo depicting Davis Co. history- Dan Hutchings, Blue; Suzie Bengé, Red
17. A written Davis Co. history—Tom Bear, Blue; Deb Barker, Red
18. Scrapbook collection—Joan Hutchings, Blue; Destiny Barker, Red
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; Pat Howk, Red
21. Miscellaneous—Harold Patterson, Blue; Ione Friend, Red; Pat Howk, White

Drawing winners were;

Free membership- Jane Dearborn; Tee Shirt- Dolly Bengé

### Thomas A. Dunlap

Thomas A. Dunlap, son of John and Elizabeth Dunlap, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1841, and died at his home in Bloomfield, Iowa, February 16, 1935, being 93 years and 9 months old.

He was the only son in a large family which grew to manhood; there were six sisters which grew to womanhood and established homes of their own.

Thomas came with his parents to Iowa, leaving the home in Pennsylvania, and coming down the Ohio river by boat, thence up the Mississippi river to Keokuk, Iowa, and from there on to Jefferson county where father Dunlap entered a farm from the government, near Salina, northeast of Fairfield. They had made the trip in a covered wagon across the prairies from Keokuk. This was in about the year 1845, the same year that Iowa was made a state. Here Thomas grew to manhood, he had attended the country schools and later became a teacher in the county schools. Later he attended the young State University which soon was moved to Iowa City and became the great State University of Iowa.

Then the great Civil War broke out between the states. He was not old enough to enlist against the will of his father, but when of age he enlisted early in the year of 1862 in Co. G, 30th Iowa Infantry. He was with Sherman in Georgia in the famous march to the sea and later in the great Vicksburg siege and campaign. When the war was ended, he returned, broken in health, he went out in the western states to rest and recuperate. He returned from the west and opened a photograph gallery in Bloomfield and was in continuous business in Bloomfield for 42 years.

On April 22, 1873, he was united in holy wedlock with Sarah Terrence Hedrick, of West Grove, Iowa. To bless their home came four children, the oldest was a son, Ira O., who passed away in infancy; then the daughters, Maude and Lula, and a son, William. They made their home in Bloomfield and here his little family grew to manhood and womanhood, living in the same home location to which he brought his bride and from which he passed into his heavenly home.

In early manhood he joined the Masonic order. He was recognized by his brothers of the order in an official way, having at times been Worshipful Master, and other subordinate offices but being their secretary for over 25 years. He was one of the charter members of Friendship chapter of Eastern Star. He served as a member of the city council for a number of years and always maintained an active interest in civic affairs. He was a very active member of the G. A. R. and in his passing he leaves but three active members of the old Civil War group—Hiram DeVault, Ben Armstrong and James England.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal church in Richwood, Jefferson county, Iowa, when he was 19 years old. Upon coming to Bloomfield he made his church home in the Bloomfield church. He

1935

served the church as class leader, Sunday school superintendent, trustee and collection steward, and as long as he was able he was never absent from his church duties. His first joy outside of his home was the interest in the church and its prosperity, for he gave of his time, effort and means to its local and general enterprises.

This unflinching interest continued until during the pastorate of Dr. Nethercut when failing health and deafness became such a hindrance that he gave up attending the church services. His age brought on his failing health until the end came peacefully on Saturday, February 16, 1935. He leaves to mourn, the entire church, the community, the fraternities of which he was a member and the immediate loved ones of his family group. The daughter, Mrs. Edward R. Collins, with her husband, Edward R., and their son, Robert T.; the daughter, Mrs. William H. Wiseman, with her husband, William, and daughter, Louise, of Bloomfield, Iowa, and the one son, William T. and his wife, Kate, of Ottumwa. Also there are two sisters, Mrs. Adaline Harken, of Highland, Iowa, and Mrs. Bell Goss, of Harper, Kansas. The beloved wife passed away on September 23, 1925.

The passing of Father Dunlap is of more than passing interest to the entire church life of the city. His name was always associated with the movement of the Methodist church activities in Bloomfield. Every pastor soon came to know of Father Dunlap and early sought his counsel and advice. When meeting another pastor who ever was associated with the Bloomfield church, one of the very first inquiries was of Father Dunlap. Outstanding has been the association of the present pastor, in the few visits to the home it has ever been a benediction, of help and cheer. Dr. John W. Potter, a retired minister now, but one who served Bloomfield and often was in the home of the deceased, is a very close friend, having ministered unto them for a number of years and with them in the home life of the then young people in the home so fitting that he should bring the Christian message for the funeral service. God has crowned another of His saints.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church, Dr. J. W. Potter, of Mt. Pleasant, with Pastor Tennant and Rev. A. H. Collins assisting, Tuesday at 2:30, with interment at Bloomfield.

### Another Pioneer Passes Away.

A. S. Reeves, one of the oldest residents and citizens of this place died at his home in this city Monday morning. He had been in a very critical condition for several weeks and his death was not unexpected. He was in his eighty-third year. The funeral was conducted from the Universalist church Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

The following obituary appeared in the Hawkeye:

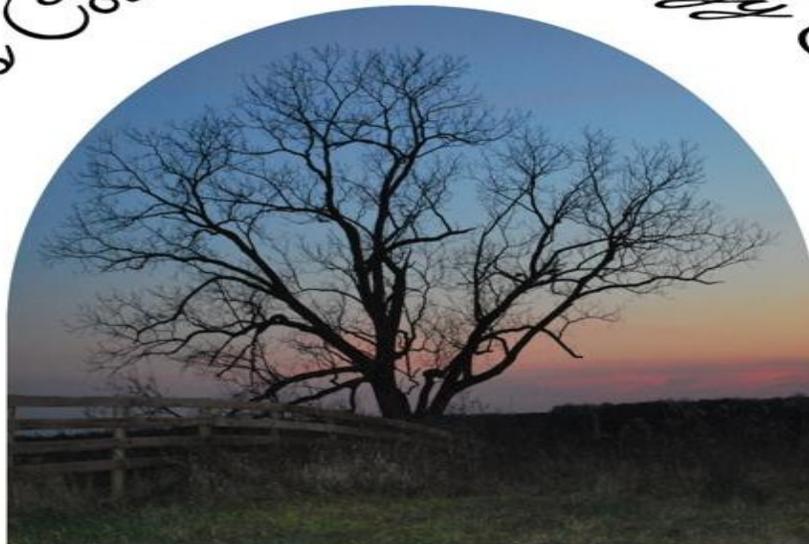
A. S. Reeves, a well-known and highly respected pioneer settler of Davis county, died at the home of his son, Ed Reeves, in this city, Monday morning, July 15, 1901. The cause of his death was kidney trouble. Mr. Reeves was born at Marysville, Kentucky, August 4, 1818, moving with his parents, when a child, to Bloomington, Indiana. In 1836 he moved to Gosport, Indiana, where he began business for himself as a harness maker, came to Iowa in 1845, remained in the state a short time and returned to Indiana, where he stayed for three years, coming again to Iowa in 1848, and has been a resident of Bloomfield ever since. He was married twice. One child, Mrs. Flora Sauers, of Des Moines, is the only child living of the first marriage. To the second union six children were born, all boys, two of whom are still living, Ed and Sherman, photographers of this city. 1901

**Michael Toops** 1825-1900, bd Inskeep Cemetery; married Nancy Spencer and their daughter **Mary A** born 11-24-1854 Indiana, married Charles Inskeep, 19 February 1874.

**William Toops** married Elizabeth Little in Clark County, MO; 4 February 1883.

**John Toops**, 1857-1926 and wife Sadie 1866-1919 rest in the K of P Cemetery, Pulaski, IA.

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