

TIME FOR TALK

When the DCGS group sets their mind to something, we get it done!

We had an opportunity to rent space that had square footage beyond our dreams. Our collections are now newly dusted, and sorted in an improved climate.

We are very proud of the atmosphere we have chosen, to be the home of our collections for years to come. What a wonderful place to greet our visitors, each of you! Come see what we continue to offer.

We also boast a Hot Spot, WiFi to visitors & We are on FaceBook! <http://www.facebook.com/DavisCountyGenealogicalSociety#!> & have a VM # 6416641501.

As you can see, we don't sit still for long. Always keeping things exciting. And we still plan to do a Fall Road Show. Now we can be sure to have the space!

Meetings the 3rd Thursday of the Month @ 7 PM.



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Special points of interest:

- * We've Moved
- * Home Sweet Home
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WE'VE MOVED !

As of June 1st you can find us located at 200 W Locust St, in Bloomfield. Just across from the public library in the old West Elementary or High School. Our entrance is on the east side of the building , formally known as the principals office. Our move has allowed us to stay open

while the BPL Bloomfield Public Library is in a budget crunch, and cannot be.

We were able to sort out duplicates and unwanted materials.

We will continue to volunteer to man the collection with

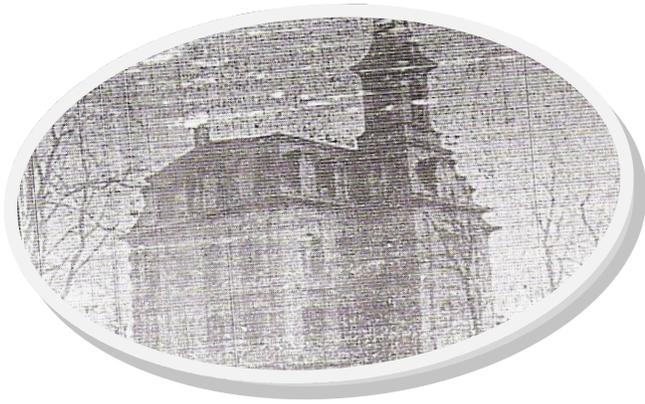
regular hours. At this time those hours mimic what they were at the BPL.

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 1-4
Saturday 10-2

Come on By!

BHS 1874-1903

In the year 1874 a new school building, after the most approved style and with a most elegant external finish, was being completed in the northwest part of the town, and is said to be one of the finest in the state.



Construction was halted due to rains filling the basement foundation.

Built the same year as the Southern Iowa Normal. [Gilfillan Clinic]

The school board met Saturday evening and awarded the contracts for building, in part, the new public school building as follows: Excavating and grading, Gordineer & Childres, for \$120; Stone work, Swarengen & Co., the company being John Monnett and David Farron of Keosauqua, at \$2.36 a perch. Brick on the ground, W R Haines at \$6.74 a thousand. The building will be 74x54, with two wings, each 12x24. Basement seven feet in the clear, first and second stories, each twelve feet in the clear; third story fourteen feet in the clear. The building to be surmounted by a cupola and spire, and covered with a metallic roof. Brick partition from bottom to basement to top of building, dividing each floor into four rooms, except on the 3rd floor where there will be a commodious assembly room. The walls will be 50 feet high. The water table is to be cut of limestone. Also the caps and sills of windows and doors. The building will be finished in the best style, with the necessary closets and recitation-rooms, at a cost of about \$30,000. -*The Grangers Advocate* May 19, 187

Gardinier and Childers, Contractors for excavating the foundation of the Public School Building, finished. Size of Excavation is 58 x 78 With 2 wings 14 x 28 each. The depth being 4 foot. Amount of earth removed, 786 yards & 10 Feet. -*The Grangers Advocate* June 9, 1874

John F. Scarborough
Notary Public.

COMMENCEMENT 1903

MOTTO "GREEN, BUT GROWING"



The Twentieth & Last Class Graduated from the old building.

Pink & Green were the class colors.

The class of 1903—

The group represents the last members and the principal. 1. Harlan T Deupree, son of T Deupree; 2. Lella C Frady, daughter of A R Frady; 3. Will D Allender, son of Dr D R Allender; 4. Ken F Baldrige, son of D F Baldrige; 5. Ida M Proctor, daughter of Geo Proctor; 6. Ralph N Hill, son of D H Payne; 7. Prof C W Ramseyer; 8. Fred F Wells, son of J P Wells; 9. Cal A Cree, daughter of J C Cree; 10. Mary F Farrington, daughter of Asa Farrington; 11. J June Gibson, Daughter of Wm R Gibson.

The class song, written and composed by Will Allender, was sung by a choir composed of Adela Saunders, Ruth Allender, Audrey Burgess, Mattie Tomey and Mamie Cox. ♪ Tis the school that we all love best. May we always be true, B.H.S., to you, ♪ No matter what comes to pass; The happy days we've spent with thee, Will long remembered be, ♪ And before you go, we want you to know, What we have to say. ♪ Chorus: We have come to say farewell! And have ask you here, Regretting never, remembering ever' School days and scenes so dear. ♪ Should we live a century more. No matter where we'd be, We'd oft recall the days gone by. ♪ And the class of Nineteen, three. The day at last is now here, ♪ And the time is drawing near. When we shall leave our high-school days, Never more to reappear, So for life's broad highway we must leave, ♪

-Bloomfield Democrat

BHS 1903

A mass meeting at the court house February 13, for a discussion of the new school house project, was well attended. John F Scarborough called the meeting to order and stated the object. Following this, E K Herr, H C Taylor, J P Toombs, E Rominger, D H Payne, Mrs O D Wray, Mrs Della Sowers, J C Frasier, Col S A Moore and Prof Ramseyer made brief and to the point remarks in favor of the new building. E Rominger offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this meeting that the public school board be instructed to ascertain as early as possible, taking into consideration the present and future needs of the community, the cost of an up to date school building and report the value of the material in the old building.

Later meetings determined, **1.** the present school building in the Independent school District of Bloomfield, Iowa, be taken down and the material therein be used as far as practical in the erection of a new building on the same site and the balance of materials sold and the proceeds of sale to be used for same purpose. **2.** The district shall issue bonds to the amount of \$21,000.00 for the purpose of providing a portion of the fund for the erection of the new school. **3.** Shall the amount voted by the electors of the Independent School District of Bloomfield, Iowa, at the annual election on March 11th, 1903 for the purpose of building an additional school building on the present school ground, with the amounts levied there under, paid and to be paid, be used with other funds in the erection.

The votes came in as follows:

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| 1. | FOR—Men 274 | Women 249 |
| | AGAINST—Men 255 | Women 105 |
| 2. | FOR—Men 277 | Women 249 |
| | AGAINST—Men 255 | Women 105 |
| 3. | FOR—Men 279 | Women 252 |
| | AGAINST—Men 251 | Women 101 |



The vote on Directors was as follows:

John F Scarborough 231, A H Fortune 209, J W Swinney 294, H C Young 260.

Advertisement—We have a large quantity of coal out at our banks on the Dave Munn farm, 4 miles north of Belknap. Plenty for everybody. (52-2.) WILL WAGONER

BHS 1903-1923

In 1903 a beautiful brick structure was built to replace the original 1874 building on the spot of 200 W Locust in Bloomfield, Iowa. It occupied with the space used for play ground, an entire square, and was one block west and one block north of the court house.

It has 3 stories in height including the basement where are located the heating and ventilation. On the two main floors were located well lit classrooms, a main assembly room and the superintendent's office. Built to accommodate eight grades and as many as eighty high school pupils. Currently (1924-1927) the building was used for a grammar school. The newer 1923 high school being built for pupils in the North East part of town. Since (2010) replaced with a new state of the art facility, just to the North of the 1923 building.

~ Pioneer History of Davis County, Iowa



Final placing of the Cornerstone. Removed in 1991, and on display at the DC Historical Museum. Ceremonies by the Masonic Lodge.

Cornerstone replaced at later date by Linda Gassoumis, daughter of H H Lang.

Linda Lu Lang Gassoumis, 640 El Cerco Place, Pacific Palisades, Calif., died Wednesday [June 2011] after a short battle with multiple myeloma. She owned several buildings on the Bloomfield square as well as the West Elementary Building. An interment service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rose Hills Memorial Park, 3888 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, Calif. 90601



The building is currently owned by Steven & Ronelle Willadsen.



Friday EVENING POST

BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Volume 1 No III Friday November 9, 1923

CLASS OFFICERS

Freshman; Pres., Florence Ellenberger, Vice Pres., Paul Proctor, Sec. Treas., Benny Hall, Yell Leader, Harold Bingaman, Colors: Crimson & Blue

Sophomore; Pres., Josephine Steckel, Vice Pres., Christine Lorenz, Sec. Treas., Herman Horn, Yell Leader, Florence Owsley, Colors: Emerald & Gold

Junior; Pres., Hugh Seabury, Vice Pres., Curtis Irelan, Sec. Treas., Gerald Walker, Yell Leader, Bertram Johnson, Colors: Purple & Gold

Senior; Pres., Marvin Patterson, Vice Pres., Alfred White, Sec. Treas., Leota Bell, Yell Leader, Okle Coy. Colors: Orange & Black

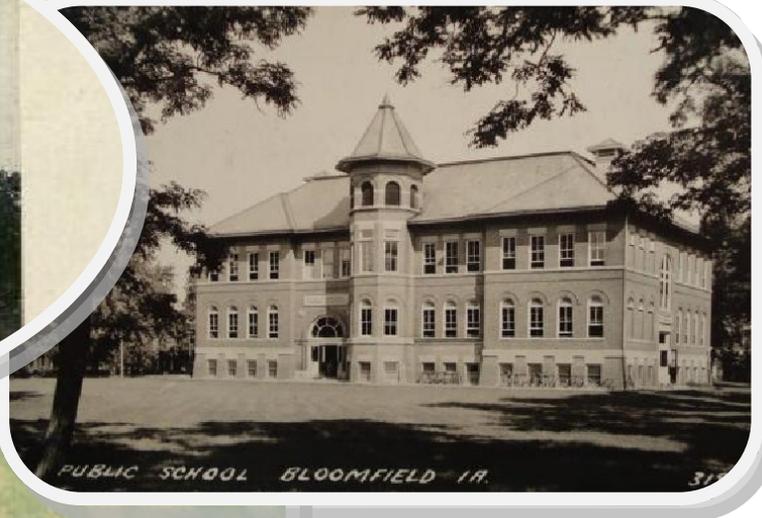
THE ALUMNI

Edward Ebbert, '21 has been very ill with scarlet fever at Dubuque. Miss Florence King, '21 enrolled in the commercial department, spent the week end with Miss Nora Bond at Cantril. Miss Sarah Conner, '21 is teaching in Gladbrook, Iowa. Miss Clara Burchett, '22 is attending school at Parsons College this year. Miss Leona Dahlgren, '23 is attending the Des Moines University this year. Miss Anna Clark, '15 formerly employed in the graded schools of Bloomfield is now in St Louis engaged in work for the Christian's Women's Board of Missions. Miss Thelma Parks, '16, is one of the corps of teachers at Oskaloosa.

QUERY: Looking for marriage of Rebecca Edwards to Mr Drake—1840s or 1850s. Parents— Joseph Edwards & Lettica Buford Edwards, lived DC in 1840-50s. Also marriage, Nancy Edwards born 1834 married James ____ Benedict in 1850s?

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BHS 1903-1923



1959 School District Reorganization:

To merge 73 school districts, recommending that all pupils in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 attend high school in Bloomfield. Leaving a K-8 plan of elementary schools for Troy and Pulaski. It would mean a K-6 elementary and a 7 and 8 junior high for Bloomfield. It could very well mean that 7th and 8th grade pupils from rural schools around Troy and Pulaski would attend Troy & Pulaski.

It is the belief of the committee that schools at Mark, West grove, Stiles, Drakesville, Floris, Belknap, etc., will need to remain open until such time as the people see fit to construct new elementary units. No doubt other rural schools will need to be combined so as to provide for better educational program and housing

“Remodeling of the second and third floors of the 1903 building plus the eleven classrooms and all-purpose room in the 1953 portion would yield approximately 20 classrooms to be sufficient for a three-unit building. –*Proposed Davis County Community School District Reorganization Booklet 1959; Taken from a report of the Study of School Building & District Reorganization needs for Davis County & Adjacent area.*

BHS 1923-2010



September 1949– Hot lunch introduced

February 1950— New Scoreboard installed

No Annual Yearbook was published in 1922 or 1923.

MONDAY EVENING POST

BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Published bi-monthly by students of B H S Bloomfield, Iowa, as an extra curricular activity. Editor– Heinie Taylor, Associate Editor– Beverly Cronk, Business Mrg– Robert Cronk, Reporters– Mary Ellen Tucker, Ermaleen Bachman, Carol Jean Riedel, Marilyn Randolph, Kay Lister. [1950]

Very first 2 issues were mimeographed. The an arrangement with Karl Melcher, of The Republican was made, to print the Post. [1923] ?



April 1950— Senior Sketches

Alice Cameron—Reading is the favorite pastime for this blue-eyed brunette senior. Alice first opened her eyes on themorning of September 14, 1932. Since then she has attended the Little Brown grade school, Bloomfield grade school, and has attended four years at B H S. Alice is active in band, G A A., Glee Club, pep squad, and is in the senior play. Alice plans to continue her schooling at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha in the field of nursing.

Dean Pitman— Dean Pitman arrived on the frosty morning of October 3, 1932. Living near Belknap all of his life, Dean attended grade school there long before he entered B H S. Among his extra activities in high school have been track, basketball and football. He was also in mixed chorus in his junior year. One of Dean’s favorite outside activities is 4-H. He has been active in it for several years. After graduation he is undecided what he will do but would like to go to college.

ITEMS FOR SALE

1850 Federal Census	\$20.00
1856 State Census Index	\$6.50
1856 State Volume 1	\$10.00
1856 State Volume 2	\$10.00
1860 Federal Census Index	\$ 6.50
1860 Federal Part 1	\$15.00
1860 Federal Part 2	\$15.00
1860 Federal Part 3	\$15.00
1880-1900 Deaths, Includes addendum	\$10.00
1844-1854 Marriages	\$ 4.50
1934-1937 Tax Lists Old Age Assistance	\$20.00
1976 Index to This is Davis County	\$15.00
1940 Grave Registration & War Record Cemeteries, A-K	\$20.00
1940 Grave Registration & War Record Cemeteries, L - Z	\$20.00
1924 Dillon Payne, Pioneer History of Davis County, Reprint	\$80.00
1882 History of Davis County History Book, Reprint	\$80.00
1882 History Book, Index	\$20.00
Cleveland Township Cemeteries, except IOOF	\$10.00
Cleveland Township Cemeteries, Bloomfield IOOF	\$20.00
Drakesville Township Cemeteries	\$15.00
Fabius Township Cemeteries	\$6.50
Grove Township & Barker Cemeteries	\$10.00
Prairie & Roscoe Township Cemeteries	\$6.50
West Grove Township Cemeteries	\$6.50
ON CD-ROM!	
CD 1. 1870 Census Records, WPA Cemetery	\$15.00
CD 2. Probates, Wills, & Marriage Records	\$15.00
INCLUDES Probates 1840-1934; Marriages 1844-1869; Wills 1879-1911	
CD 3. 1850 Census & 1937 Record of Payment of Old Age Tax Assistance	\$15.00
CD 4. 1925 Census Index & Index to Birth Books 1&2	\$15.00

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Step into another
time
Always you'll be
there
Memories within
the heart
Life's treasures
we can share



COME SEE US!

Hours of Operation
Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri
1—4 PM
Saturday 10A-2P
Monthly meetings the 3rd
Thursday of the Month, 7 PM at
200 W Locust St
Bloomfield
Open to the Public
Become a member!
Stay a spell!

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DENNIS THE MENACE

