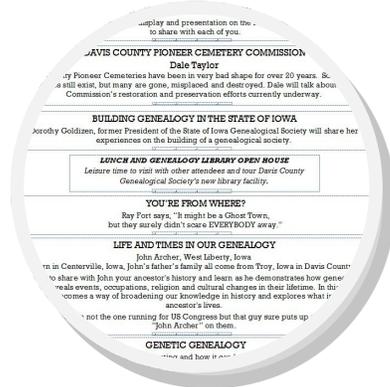


BUSY YEAR 2012

DCGS can do anything we set our minds to!

We moved our Library, Freshened our collection, had a book & rummage fundraising sale, indexed for the 1940 census, received new acquisitions, redesigned the web site, wrote & received a printer/copier grant, now have overhead \$ needs, joined facebook, featured in a blog [www.prairierootsresearch.com](http://www.prairierootsresearch.com), did an article with the Ottumwa Courier about the IGPP, met and assisted some personable researchers and hosted one awesome Heritage Showcase.



Our apologies to those of you whom chose not to attend. As always a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn & visit with the most knowledgeable people in their fields of expertise. We had representation from the Historical & Whimsical of Davis County, along with the well renowned Mike Lemberger & his wife Leah. A valuable day it was!

~DEB

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Special points of interest:

- \* We got a Grant
- \* Winter Hours
- \* New on the Web

WINTER HOURS & MEMBERSHIPS

Due to the nature of change, we have reduced the number of hours our library will be open, and this also helps with our volunteers not being exerted. Davis County Genealogical is now open Thursday and Friday afternoons 1 –4 & Saturdays 10-1. The normal hours will resume

in March. Watch the web site for any announcements.

<http://iagenweb.org/davis>

We do need your memberships renewed!

We do need your volunteer time!

We do need to continue to be a thriving society. Decembers annual holiday/regular meeting was cancelled due to the blizzard. Officers for 2013 have not been determined. Please support us by attending the monthly meetings, and mailing in your 2013 dues.

## QUERIES

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Thanks for the information that Hiram Speer bought land in Davis Co., IA on Jan. 6, 1854 and that old trace. cemetery is the same as Bethlehem Cem. where dau. Eliza is buried , in fact that he was a Dr. is confirmed by her tombstone. i had thought that Dr. Speer might have had an obituary, he died August 8, 1858. Can you help me find what papers exist from that period? A family historian stated about Hiram Speer that "he was a Christ: (Disciples) minister and a Physician". His grandson Alfred Speer of Howard, KS thought and told my grandmother, who was a budding genealogist, that his grandfather was a "jack-leg" Dr. I have looked up the meaning of "jack leg" and it means: "not real or pretended". However, his great-grandson, Charlie Ellis of 207 W. Lott, Buffalo, WY 82834 who is also a bit of a genealogist believes that Hiram did have medical training. Alfred Speer had another story that he told my grandmther, Myrtle Simons --also of Howard, It seems that he was riding with his father, John Henry Speer, when they passed the cemetery (Bethlehem?) where his grandmother Harriett Woodward Reader Speer was buried, when she rose up out of the grave ad started for town wearing a sunbonnet and carrying a shopping basket. I don't know what they saw, but I always liked it that I had an ancestor that had been a ghost!! Alfred Speer insisted that both Hiram and Harriett had tombstones but today they cannot be found.

--Elwyn L. Simons esimons@duke.edu

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### DID YOU KNOW?

that Hiway 3 was renamed in 1947 - Hiway 2. Originally in 1920 the same route was named primary Road #3 and it largely traced the "Waubonsie Trail" which the current Hiway 2 still does.

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I am researching my mothers family tree which has several members that lived in Davis County, IA:

Don Turpin - born: Oct. 9, 1921, Davis Co  
Leslie Everett Turpin - born: Sept. 27, 1884, Davis Co.  
Thomas Benton Turpin - born: 1843, Missouri - later moved to Davis Co.  
Thomas Mitchel Turpin - Born 1798, NC - moved to Davis Co. (sometime between 1853 and 1860)

I found an article about Thomas Benton Turpin in the 1882 Davis County History as well as their records in the census, but I was looking to see if there were other resources you all may have regarding these persons. Also, is there anyone that you are aware of that is researching the Turpin family from Davis County?

Sincerely,  
Alexander Brock (grandson of Don Turpin)  
jab1776@hotmail.com

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I am in possession of a military Bible with the following inscription: Presented to: O.E. Burkholder Eldon, Iowa June 11-43 By His Mother. I am trying to track down the family to give this Bible to them. It looks as though O. E. Burkholder was a WWII vet since 1943 seems to coincide. I see the Moses and Selma gravestone in Eldon Cemetery and wonder if this might be his parents or other relatives. I grew up in Burlington and an elderly man in my church gave me this Bible in 1977. Thank you.  
Jolene (Huegel) Wise  
[1wisejolene@gmail.com](mailto:1wisejolene@gmail.com)

# HERITAGE SHOWCASE 2012



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GRAVEYARDS

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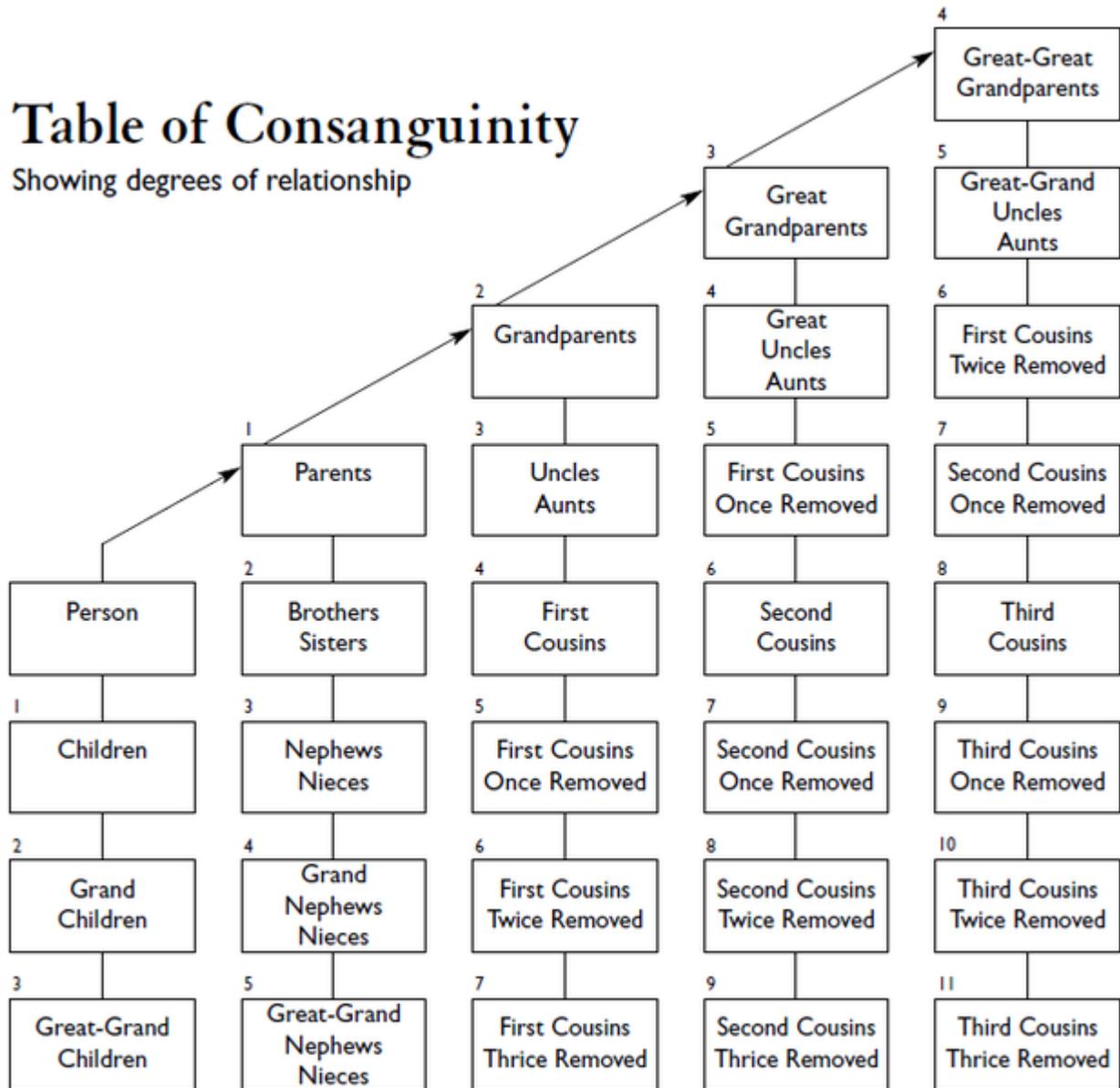
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Autosomal what?

# Table of Consanguinity

Showing degrees of relationship



The “degree” of a relationship is a legal term. It refers to the number of “steps” between two individuals who are blood relatives. The degree in Civil law represents the total number of steps through the bloodline that separate two individuals. For example, there are two steps from you to your grandparent and then two steps back down to your first cousin, so the degree is four.

The degree in Canon law measures the maximum number of steps from the nearest common ancestor. Your grandparent is the nearest common ancestor between you and your first cousin, so in this case the degree would be two. Canon law is used in most of the United States.

Davis County Historical

A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE BUSINESS FIRMS OF OUR LITTLE CITY

Hotel Sax, erected by Sax Bros. was established and opened in 1897, by W S Zook, the present landlord.

The building which is one of the finest in the city was built at a sum of \$10,000.

The photograph firm of Dunlap & Son was established in 1866. The approximate amount of capital invested in stock amounts to \$1,500.

The real estate, loan and Insurance office of A C Lester was established 20 years ago.

Appleton's Carriage & Wagon shop was established in 1897. C O Mendenhall is employed as a mechanic.

The tailor firm of Burgess & Wallace was established in 1896. Their work is neat in style & finish.

Miss Lizzie Wise's dress-making shop was established in 1882.

Harvey's Tinshop, established by J Harvey Leon in April, 1902 carries a \$1200 stock and is located in the Dunlap building north of the square. Mr Leon does all kinds of plumbing and tinning.

W W Rawling's grocery store was established in 1892. The approximate amount of capital invested in stock ranges from \$3,000 to \$3500.

Messer's Meat Market, G W Messer proprietor, was established a year ago last fall and carries supplies valued at \$200.

The jewelry firm of Sheaffer & Son, one of the oldest firms in the city, was established in 1861 and now carries a stock worth \$10,000. The holiday display showed the latest designs in jewelry. The firm also deals in musical instruments.

C R Wilson, general merchandise establishment was opened in 1893. The amount of capital invested in stock is \$3500.

D M Wise has been engaged in the livery business for many years and has a first-class line of livery stock and feed always on hand. He has probably \$5000 invested.

Dr D R Allender's dental parlor was first established in this city in 1870 and is one of the finest in the city.

L E Goode, dealer in poultry, furs and produce of all kinds, was established 5 years ago, and is one of the best stores in the city.

W P Caldwell is a prominent insurance agent and represents several of the leading insurance companies of the United States.

Sherman Reeves' photograph gallery was established in 1886. The present amount of capital invested is \$15,000.

Mrs E S Mills, dressmaker, occupies rooms over Cook & Russell's dry goods store.

## BIRTHS & DEATHS 1900

Recently transcribed for the <http://iagenweb.org/davis> website.

### 1900 Births & Deaths

#### Bloomfield Twp

##### *Births*

4-Nov	Harold Good
Sep-31	Ormal C Dixon
5-Feb	J C Morse
8-Aug	Andrew A Karr
16-Sep	Chas E Blott
12-Feb	Beryl I Freeze
23-Jun	George Lane
24-Feb	James P Shelton
22-Oct	Dimpha Goode
11-May	Irene Sax
21-Oct	Burnie B Kinnick
20-Apr	John R Wishard

##### *Deaths*

8-May	Maggie L Miller
	Martha Ashby
30-May	J M Brown
10-Aug	Abraham Smith
9-Mar	David Gibson
8-Dec	Jesse Norris

#### Soap Creek Twp

##### *Births*

17-Jan	George D Grant
17-Nov	Ivy Alice Baker
16-Sep	Louis II Albright
18-Mar	Austin Fleming
20-Jan	Beatrice Bennett
26-Jan	Nellie B Munn
2-Jul	John D Rudd
11-Feb	Clarence L Burkhalter
23-Apr	Fay R Johnson
1-Aug	Clarence Young
1-Aug	Ema Jay Heckert
21-Feb	Roy B Bachman
5-Apr	Loyd Overturf
25-Jun	Fredrick O Bachman
19-Mar	Clara Orman
8-May	Delphia Gandy
20-Feb	Virgil D Cameron
17-Mar	Ruth J Myers
11-Jun	Marvin Combs
15-Nov	Chester Hillis
15-Nov	Franklin O Hawkins

##### *Deaths*

23-Mar	O D Grant
26-Oct	Mary A Grimes
10-Jan	J W Crist
29-Apr	Mazie FD Thompson
17-Feb	B Sample
January	W J Thomas
7-May	Zelpha H Hawkins
5-Jun	W M Williams
14-Apr	J A Alan

**Perry Twp****1900***Births*

18-Jun Carrie L Miller  
 2-Feb Allie J Prevo  
 11-Feb John L Bannell  
 2-Dec Ira Shields  
 1-May Leota M Grant  
 15-Aug Mary O Christy  
 4-Oct AS & Mable Reed  
 12-Aug George O Johnson  
 12-Feb Donald Grant  
 27-Jan Loyd Rector  
 28-Jan Ethel F Day  
 15-Apr Vernard R Randolph  
 8-Aug L Bryan Foster  
 7-Jun W P & Emma Huffman  
 November Ray Luco  
 7-Aug Edna P Battin

*Deaths*

2-Oct W F Grant  
 2-Feb R R Lanman  
 24-Nov Ethel Coy

**Town of Pulaski***Births*

O A Dixon, Assessor  
 27-Nov Homer D Gordinier  
 3-Mar Ray Tachantz  
 15-Nov Han White  
 18-Nov Ema M Miller  
 7-Jun William T Pottorff  
 16-Sep Nina M Boyd  
 20-Apr Leland W Milligan  
 11-Oct Hazel Smith

*Deaths*

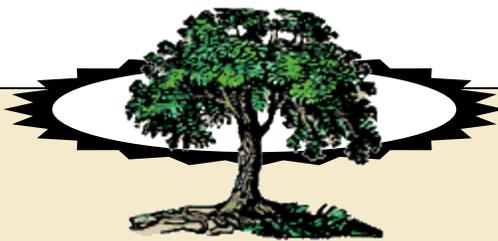
9-Sep Mamie Wheaton

**Fabius Township***Births*

J S McClurg, Assessor  
 27-Sep E S & Mary Hanson  
 7-Sep Mary E Horn  
 21-Oct S C Gray  
 19-Aug Harsel I Sleeth  
 30-Sep Thomas L Barnett  
 19-Aug Lara P West  
 22-Nov A P & Kate Chrisman  
 11-Feb Letha M Stogdill  
 31-Oct Ray Hopkins  
 14-Nov Oscar G Smith  
 22-Jul Loyal W Henderson  
 15-Jul Ora Alice Henderson  
 16-Feb Laura J Jenson  
 9-Oct Emma L Morgan  
 26-Aug Herman H McClurg

*Deaths*

31-Aug Mary Ann Starr  
 19-Jan Jason Smothers  
 24-Jan Amanda Johnson  
 8-Mar John Newton  
 11-Mar B W Martin  
 22-Apr Maksie Bell Colliver  
 18-Sep Wm Southern



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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
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