



Newsletter

Davis County Genealogical Society

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Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

206 W. Goode St.

REGULAR MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in
the Bloomfield Public Library, 107 N. Columbia St.

WORK DAY: Every Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

OFFICERS: President: Jerry Greene, West Grove, Ia.

Vice Pres.: Sue Spilman, Bloomfield, Ia.

Secretary: Phyllis Thomas, R.R. 3, Bloomfield, Ia.

Treasurer: Olen McMains, Bloomfield, Ia.

NEWSLETTER: Published quarterly - Spring, Summer, Fall Winter.

4th REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN ALBIA, IOWA - October 22, 1983

Where: Trinity Methodist Church, 117 Benton Ave., East, Albia, Iowa

Time: 9:00 a.m. - FEE \$5.00, including lunch.

Program: MIGRATION PATTERNS - Darlene Paxton at 9:30 a.m.

AVAILABLE IOWA RECORDS - Darlene Paxton at 10:45 a.m.

LAND RECORDS - Howard Snedden at 1:15 p.m.

CENSUS - Darlene Paxton at 2:30p.m.

Public is welcome

AMENDMENT TO OUR DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BY-LAWS:

"Beginning January 1, 1984, the dues shall be \$5.00 per year,
payable after October 1. A list of paid-up members shall be
furnished by the Secretary at the February meeting."

1984 DUES ARE DUE!

If you have not already paid your 1984 dues, please fill
in the attached form and mail today to the secretary. Please
indicate if you are a member of the Iowa State Genealogical
Society.

Send to: Phyllis Thomas, R. R. #3, Bloomfield IA 52537

Enclosed is \$5.00 for dues to the Davis County Genealogical Society for 1984.

() I am (am not) a member of the Iowa State Genealogical Society.

Name _____

Address _____

While trying to unearth a section of a sunken tombstone in Springdale Cemetery, members Rita Reed and Roxy Baker were startled by Clinton policemen and questioned on their activity. They explained that they were logging the dates and information for genealogy records. It seems the previous night a local business had been robbed and police pursued the culprits thru the cemetery. When caught they did not have the stolen money in their possession. Police assumed they had tossed it in an entangled lily patch the gals were working near. A bit shaken they were allowed to continue their task.--Gateway Diggers, Clinton Co.

From the Pioneer Trails, September issue--The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, State Capital, Des Moines, IA 50319, has military graves registration records. Their records aren't complete, but their office does provide assistance to organizations and individuals who write to them.

Other states have similar offices. A few are listed below. (For specific states, contact the editor.)

Illinois, P.O. Box 5054, 208 W. Cook St., Springfield, Ill. 62705
 Indiana, 707 State Office Bldg., 100 N. Senate Av., Indianapolis, IN 46204
 Kentucky, 600 Federal Place, Room 136 J., Louisville 40202
 Maryland, Federal Bldg., Room 110, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201
 Missouri, P.O. Drawer 147, Jefferson City, MO. 65102
 New York, 80 Centre Street, 2nd Floor, Room 291, New York, N.Y. 70013
 Ohio, State House Annex, Room 11, Columbus, OH 43215
 Pennsylvania, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003
 Virginia, 210 Franklin Road, S.W., Roanoke, VA 24011

The Missouri State Archives has a substantial amount of indexed research material relating to Missouri. The Archives will check their indexes for one dollar per item and a No. 10 SASE. To request a check one must complete a Genealogical Request, AR 81-1. Write Missouri State Archives, Box 778, Jefferson City, MO. 65102 for information and Form AR 81-1.--Hamilton Heritage Hunters, Webster City, IA.

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Beatrice Bayley of Sterling, PA, who offered to send you a special book about your family and its roots for a price, has now moved and is Sharon L. Taylor of Copley, OH. This book is a list of common names copied from books, etc. throughout the U. S. It has little genealogy value or information.

Also, an almost exact duplication of the Beatrice Bayley solicitation is being signed by Jack Evans of New Castle, DE. The price is \$27.85.

NEW MEMBERS:

37. Sonia Meyers, Hacienda Heights, CA	44. Mrs. Henry Hudson, Bloomfield, IA
38. Byrl M. Ward, Powell River, B.C.	45. Maggie Smith, Bloomfield, Ia
39. Barbara Mulgrave, Bloomfield, IA	46. Dorothy M. Floyd, Kirksville, MO
40. Margaret Baird, Ottumwa, IA	47. Shirley Matthew, Kirksville, MO
41. John I. Foster, Davenport, IA	48. Mildred Nicholson, Abilene, KS
42. Edith L. Williams, Joplin, MO	49. Catherine Taylor, Burlington, IA
43. Larry Hem, Davenport, IA	50. N. Madeline Huff, Des Moines, IA

QUERY:

Need info about ANNA PETERSON, parents Jacob & Mary (?) Peterson, Munterville, Iowa. Anna married, moved to Montana, late 1800's.---Victor Fitzgerald, R.R. #3, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

FROM THE EDITOR:

The 1983 year has been both a slow and a productive year for the Davis County Genealogical Society. We have struggled along with just a few members, at the beginning and picking up more as the year rolled along. We have made headway with our copying of the 1850 and 1860 Census of Davis County from microfilm; gathering cemetery surveys; clipping of newspapers and pasting and making notebooks that are indexed; clipping of 1983 births, marriages, anniversaries, reunions and obituaries from our local newspapers. Jeannine Hockersmith volunteered to clip and send in obituaries to the State I.G.S. office. An added service has been the keeping of our Genealogy Room at the Public Library open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday so that out-of-town visitors and non-members can use the materials that we have available--microfilm, cemetery records, newspapers, etc.

Our Genealogical Funds were in the bank that closed--so we are a little short of funds at the present time.

This is the third edition of our paper.

Our Book Shelf List is growing. If you have a book, papers or a family history that needs a home, the Davis County Genealogical Society should be kept in mind. One way that we are building our Gene Library is through donations.

Programs this past year have been furnished by our members. By using the birthday month of a member, that person is assigned to give a short program. This month OLIN McMANS is talking to us about, "How to use the National Archives." Also, he will tell us about what he is doing in his research and compiling of his York, McMans and Morgan family research.

Next month VERLE ARNOLD will tell us about his experience with genealogy family research by using deeds, wills, land records, etc., while researching in the years before 1790.

ROWENA HAZELHOFF has nearly completed the indexing of the Davis County History called, This is Davis County, published in 1976 by the T.T.T. We hope to print the index in the near future and to sell copies.

SUE SPILMAN is working on an index for the History of Davis County, 1882, and PEGGY ARNOLD is working on an index for the History of Davis County, The Pioneer History, by Dillion Payne.

The I.G.S. Council believes, that so long as we live in 1983, we ought to use 1983 equipment; so they are starting a COMPUTER FUND for a computer for the I.G.S. office in Des Moines. If you wish to donate to this fund, send a check to COMPUTER FUND, Iowa Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7735, Des Moines, Iowa 50322,
Peggy Arnold, Editor

To obtain information concerning ancestors in the Revolutionary War, you may write to:

Treasurer General, USDAR
1876 D Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Include a SASE and ask how to obtain a photocopy of the application papers of a related member.--Tree Trackers, Phillips County Genealogical Society of Phillipsburg, KS.

To locate a Geographical Name in the U.S., write the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, giving them as much information as you know on possible location, dates, etc. Address: Donald J. Orth, Exec.-Sec., Domestic Geographic Names, National Center Step 523, Reston, Va. 22092--IGS Newsletter

SUGGESTIONS AND ITEMS TO CONSIDER IN WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY

1. Your birth: when, where, parents, surrounding circumstances and conditions.
2. Your childhood: health, diseases, accidents, playmates, trips, associations with your brothers and sisters, unusual happenings, visitors in your home, visits to grandparents, relatives you remember, religion in your home, financial condition of parents.
3. Your brothers and sisters: names, date of birth, place of birth, accomplishments, names of spouses, date and place of marriage, their children.
4. Your school days: schools attended, teachers, courses studied, special activities, associates, achievements, socials, report cards, humorous situations, who or what influenced you to take certain courses or do things you might not otherwise have done.
5. Your activities before, after and between school sessions: vacations, jobs, attendance at church, other church functions, scouting, sports, tasks at home, fun and funny situations.
6. Your courtship and marriage: meeting your spouse, special dates, how the question was popped, marriage plans, the wedding, parties and receptions, gifts, honeymoon, meeting your in-laws, what influenced you most in your choice of spouse.
7. Settling down to married life: your new home, starting housekeeping, bride's biscuits, spats and adjustments, a growing love, making ends meet, joys and sorrows, your mother-in-law, other in-laws.
8. Your vocation: training for your job, promotions, companies you worked for, salaries, associates, achievements, your own business.
9. Your children: names, dates and places of birth, health of mother before and after, how father fared, characteristics, habits, smart sayings and doings, growing up, accomplishments, schooling, marriage, vocations, sicknesses, accidents, operations.
10. Your civic and political activities: positions held, services rendered, clubs, fraternities and lodges you have joined.
11. Your church activities: as a young person, through adolescence, churches attended, church positions, church associates, church certificates, answers to prayers, necessity and power of love.
12. Your avocations: sports, home hobbies, dramatic and musical activities, reading habits, genealogy, travels, favorite songs, movies, books, writers, poems, etc.
13. Special celebrations or holidays you remember: Easter, Christmas, national and local holidays, vacations.
14. Your plans and hopes for the future.
15. Your ancestors: your impressions of those you knew personally; a general sketch of those you did not know; father, mother, grandparents, great grandparents, other relatives.
16. Your encouragement and counsel to your descendants: carrying on family traditions and activities; their obligations to their country, church and family; your suggestions to your progeny and others on honesty, humility, health, diligence, perseverance, thrift, loyalty, kindness, reverence, the Bible and other religious and edifying books; service to fellowmen; your belief regarding God, etc.

Never underestimate the effect you may have on unborn generations in helping them through the trials and tribulations of life by the written word of advice you leave your children, grandchildren, etc. If you would like them to live upright, honest lives; give them the benefit of your experiences. Job, of the Old Testament, lamented the fact that his words were not written when he said, "Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever!" (Job, 19-23). But they were written, and he then gave his beautiful testimony of the Redeemer which has been used countless times as the text of sermons in both Jewish and the Christian worlds. Your communications to your descendants must be written. They will also appreciate your life story as a precious treasure, and bless you all their days for it.

17. Hints on writing your life story: tell your story plainly and with directness; write truthfully of uplifting, refined and honorable occurrences and experiences. Humor helps to make for easier reading. If you can give the whys of your decisions and changes in activities it may help others. Illustrate with as many pictures as possible. Make several copies, or better still, mimeograph or print and give one to each of your children and grandchildren. Place copies in local and national libraries and/or historical societies.

HOW TO RECORD YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Delving into your past can be an exciting, perfect winter project, especially since you may be seeing family members of different generations at get-togethers, or during special occasions. The oldest members carry a world of information in their heads. Seek out this information before it is too late.

There are two ways of exploring your past.

The first is through oral history by talking to relatives to find out names and places of births, marriages, where they lived, their children, their deaths and places of burial (cemeteries), and any information which you feel is revelant to you.

For a genealogy you need written records and documents--Bible records, birth, marriage, death records and census records to prove family relations.

For a family history you only need a history, oral or written, without documents.

A group of relatives at a gathering, brings a good history. What one forgets, another remembers. Use a tape recorder to take the conversations down.

Second - Ask for letters, wills, deeds, family Bibles, photographs, etc. Then get some genealogy group family sheets and start putting down facts. Start with your own family, and when done with this, work back one generation at a time.

From here, you are hooked. See a member of your county genealogical society for additional help when you feel you have traced your family as far back as you can. You will be surprised at what you can find after you have reached the point where you believe you cannot find any more history!

 QUERRIES

Dianne (Rich) Hinshaw, 8521 Greenlover Dr., Shawnee Mission, KS 66212. Seeking Information on DAVID RICH, b. Ohio, Brown Co. (?), 1811; d. 15 Jan. 1886, Lancaster, MO; m. (1) Catherine Wells, 10 children; (2) Sarah Ann Church, ? children, p.b. Trenton, Mo; (3) _____ Nancy, 1 child-Curry/Carry of Lancaster, MO.=and Davis Co., IA. In area of 1860-1886 and Betty Lloning, wife of James, Kansas City, MO. Husband is descendent of David Rich.

Searching for info on SARAH FRANCIS PENCE, b. 20 Nov, 1865, Davis Co., IA. Parents: John W. Pence and Mariah _____. M. (1) _____ Snell, (2) James Pickard, (3) George L. Hamstreet, (4) Fred Eberline. Died 2 Apr. 1953, Sheridan WY.--Mrs. Dale Linahon, R #3, Box 16A, Garner, IA. 50438.

Need info on JAMES R. BRUCE and/or (wife) Lisa Jane Bruce and descendents.-- Mildred Nicholson, 206 Monroe, Abilene, KS 67410.

Would like to contact any desc. of WILLIAM CAMERON, b. 1813, VA, d. 1886, Davis County, IA., m. CHARLOTTE BENNETT, b. 1830 Ohio, d. 1930. Need parents of both.--Edith Williams, Rt. 7, Box 192, Joplin, MO 64801.

 NEWS FROM THE

INDIANA

STATE ARCHIVES

House Bill 1082, a measure to promote open records in Indiana, has been passed by the General Assembly at its recent session. The Act describes in general terms which records are open to the public and which records are confidential. Of more importance to the Archives and those interested in records held by the Archives is a provision that will open all records except adoption records and records specifically closed by other statutes after a period of seventy-five (75) years. This will mean that records in the Archives that date before 1908 will now be open for research purposes. The law does not become effective until January 1, 1984.

ANNUAL MEETING COMING UP!!! THEME: "HELPFUL TIPS FOR ALL GENEALOGISTS--YOU

ANNUAL IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING, NOVEMBER 4 AND 5 at the
SCHEMEN BUILDING IN AMES, IOWA

Speakers: Edna Milliken, Frankfort, KY. on "Kentucky Research"
Anita Cheek Milner, Escondido, CA. on "Newspaper Research"
and " Orphan Trains."

And there will be plenty of time for QUESTIONS!

Workshops: "Value of Land Records" Howard Snedden
"Value of Census Records" Margaret Foster
"Pennsylvania Research" Darlene Ward Paxton
"Church Archives" Robert C. Wiederanders
"Armchair Genealogy" Marilyn Schmitt
"Know Your Ancestors Through Graphology" . . . Giles Wiegandt

Workshops will be presented more than once during the conference.

REGISTRATION; If mailed before 25 October 1983---
Friday, Nov. 4, Lectures only \$8.00
Saturday, Nov. 5, Lectures only 8.00
Friday, Nov. 4, Lectures and Banquet 17.00
Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 & 5, Lectures and Banquet.25.00

Registration at the door---
Friday, Nov. 4, Lectures only \$10.00
Saturday, Nov. 5, Lectures only 10.00
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 4 & 5, Lectures only 20.00

(First 180 registering for the Friday Banquet will receive tickets.)
Buffet luncheon will be available both Friday and Saturday. Cost will again
be about \$4.25 at the Buffet Line.

Make checks payable to "IGS Conference" and mail Irene Crippen, Treas.,
2002 Melrose Ave., Ames, IA 50010, before October 25, 1983.

From Davis County Genealogical Society
206 West Goode St.
Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

TO:

Jerry Greene