

DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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206 W. Goode St.

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

OFFICERS: President: Sue Spilman, 401 Arkansas Ave., Bloomfield, Ia.

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

Treasurer: Olen McMains, 607 N. Washington, Bloomfield, Ia.

Librarian: Jerry Greene, 205 W. Arkansas, Bloomfield, Ia.

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

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

THANK YOU

We have had several visitors stopping in to use our Society Library. We are glad our sources have been of help in getting missing links in their family histories. Thanks to all members for being our main staffing of the library. Time members spent there was greatly appreciated.

NAMING A CHILD

According to tradition, parents named their children in the following manner:

First son was named after Father's Father.

Second son was named after Mother's Father.

Third son was named after Father.

Fourth son was named after Father's oldest Brother.

First daughter was named after Mother's Mother.

Second daughter was named after Father's Mother.

Third daughter was named after Mother.

Fourth daughter was named after Mother's oldest Sister.

--Trading Post, Frederick, MD 21701

We have received several six generation family tree charts from IGS which are being sold for 75¢, plus postage, to raise money for our society. They are 24 x 30 inches, in full color and well worth the money. Anyone wishing to purchase one or more may contact Olen McMains, treasurer of our society, or Sue Spillman, president.

The genealogical abbreviation for "died without male issue" is d.s.p.m. (Descessit sire prole mascula.)

TIPS ON READING OLD TOMBSTONES: Use a block of styrofoam to clean off lichen and soil on old tombstones. This will not damage the stone and leaves a certain amount of residue in the grooves making the stone easier to read. This tip is reprinted from the Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society Newsletter.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT LAND DESCRIPTIONS

TOWNSHIP SURVEY INFORMATION

DIAGRAM SHOWING HOW SECTIONS ARE
NUMBERED IN A TOWNSHIP

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

FIGURE 6

**A CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP
CONTAINS 36 SECTIONS OF LAND
1 MILE SQUARE**

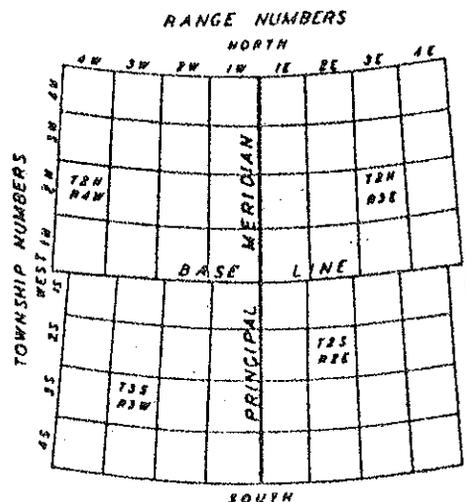


FIGURE 7

**A CIVIL OR POLITICAL TOWNSHIP
MAY BE LARGER OR SMALLER THAN
A CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.**

Theoretically, a township is a square tract of land with sides of six miles each, and containing 36 sections of land. Actually this is not the case. Years ago, when the original survey of this state was made by the government engineers, they knew that it was impossible to keep a true north and south direction of township lines, and still keep getting township squares of 36 square miles. As they surveyed toward the north pole, they were constantly running out of land, because the township lines were converging toward the north pole.

If you will turn to one of the township maps you will notice that on the north and on the west of each township, there are divisions of land which show odd acreages. In some townships, these odd acreages are called government lots (because they were given a lot number) and at other times left as fractional forties or eighties. It was the option of the original government surveyors as to whether they would call these odd acreages, government lots or fractional forties and eighties.

The reason for these odd acreages is that the government surveyors adjusted for shortages of land which developed as they went north by making fractional forties, eighties or government lots out of the land on the west side of a township and the same for the land on the north side of a township to keep east and west lines running parallel. In other words, it was impossible to fit full squares into a circle.

Townships sometimes vary in size from the regularly laid-out township (see figure 6). Suppose that the dotted line in figure 6 is a river separating two counties. The land north and west of the river in one county, the land south and east could be a township in another

and west of the river could be a township in one county, the land south and east could be a township in another county. Which ever county the land is in, it still retains the same section, township and range numbers for purposes of land descriptions.

Each township has a township number and also a range number (sometimes more than one of each if the township is oversized, or a combination of more than one township and range).

Government surveying of townships is run from starting lines called base lines and principal meridians. Each township has a township number. This number is the number of rows or tiers of townships that a township is either north or south of the base line. Also each township has a range number. This number is the number of rows or tiers of townships that a township is either east or west of the principal meridian, (See figure 7.) EVERY DESCRIPTION OF LAND SHOULD SHOW THE SECTION, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE IT IS LOCATED IN.

**TOWNSHIPS MAY BE EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH OF THE BASE LINE.
RANGES MAY BE EITHER EAST OR WEST OF THE PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.**

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DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Organized mid-1970s, 45 members approx. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month in the basement of the Bloomfield Public Library. Officers: President - D. Sue Spilman, Vice-President - Verle Arnold, Secretary - Phyllis Thomas, Treasurer - Olen McMains, Librarian - Jerry Greene.

Our society's collection of media is housed in the Public Library and is available to the public with one of our members present.

Davis County has been very busy this year with several projects. One of our first projects was to re-build our treasury since we lost our money in a bank failure. Through donations and memberships we were able to continue.

Our first effort in the profit-share program is off the ground. The 1850 Davis County, Iowa Federal Census is now available from I.G.S. We are now working on the 1860 Federal Census, getting it ready to print. Some of our members are clipping vital information from old and recent newspapers and putting the information in notebooks. Other members are arranging booklets on various courthouse records, so that we may have printed information in our library collection. We are selling the index to The Pioneer History of Davis County as a money making project. This is an alphabetical list of all of the names of the people mentioned in the book, and page found.

During the Davis County Homecoming in June we had an information booth and a window display on our state and local genealogy societies. Our window display received an honorable mention in the judging. We felt we informed many people of our society and increased our public image in the community.

Our last big project for this year was an in-service workshop for the members. Held in September, we informed our members on such things as how to run the microfilm reader, what materials we have, and how to do courthouse research. This project had two purposes, first to inform our members as to what our society has available and the second purpose was to teach our members how to use what we have so that more members will volunteer to help visitors who come and want to do research.

The past two years we have printed a quarterly newsletter for our members and to exchange with other societies. We now exchange newsletters with over 25 societies. We feel we get many good ideas from these exchanges besides keeping the lines of communication open between societies.

We feel we have had a very successful year and already are planning for next year.

D. Sue Spilman,
President

FOR ARM-CHAIR GENEALOGISTS--

Thirty-four rolls of census microfilm has been rented through our societies rental service during the past year. If you desire to look at a specific roll of film, contact Verle Arnold, 664-2437. Film rental is \$4.00 for 30 days.

The Drakesville Cemetery has been inventoried and the results are being typed.

~~DON'T THROW THESE NEWSPAPERS AWAY--WE NEED THEM-----~~

We need certain old newspapers for the IOWA NEWSPAPER PROJECT!!!

Our library is missing the:

1955 through 1960 BLOOMFIELD DEMOCRAT.

DAVIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN--1940--1962.

All copies of PULASKI NEWSPAPERS - Pulaski Independent ca 1900

All copies of DRAKESVILLE NEWSPAPERS - Drakesville Sun ca 1903

A lot of people are troubled by newspapers piling up in their attics, basements and garages. We can use the above mentioned copies of these newspapers.

The Iowa Historical Department is seeking issues of the 6,500 newspapers published in the state since the DuBuque Visitor came off the press on May 11, 1836.

The ambitious undertaking, financed in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, is known as the Iowa Newspaper Project. By 1990, project director Nancy Kraft hopes to locate, catalog and microfilm every page of the hundreds of thousands of daily and weekly newspapers printed in Iowa over 149 years.

The social, cultural, ethnic and economic development of every village, city and state in our nation is chronicled in newspapers. They are a source of a great deal of historical information about both local and national matters. They tell of local people and events, which are recorded in no other source. Disintegrating newspapers and the valuable information they contain will be lost if copies are not identified and microfilmed.

Once the microfilming phase is completed, a genealogist researching his Iowa roots will be able to find out what newspapers covered his ancestral home and order microfilmed copies.

This project of cataloging will begin in Johnson and Story counties. Eventually, the catalogers will visit all 99 counties. The Iowa Historical Department library in Iowa City will be the cataloging center for eastern Iowa.

Our library has microfilmed copies of some newspapers that were printed in Davis County. The catalogers will be looking for newspapers that were known to have been published but could not be found.

If you have any of the above mentioned newspapers, contact the public library; Sue Spilman, president of the Davis County Genealogical Society, or Peggy Arnold, editor of this newsletter.

For a computerized list of missing papers in your area or for more information, please write: The Iowa Newspaper Project, Nancy Kraft, Director, Iowa State Historical Dept., 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City, Ia. 52240.

1847 STATE CENSUS-DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA continued from Fall issue. 5.

Howard, Salomon	7	Lasley, A.E.	3	Mendenhall, David	5
Howell, Geor	3	Lasley, Catharine	9	Mendenhall, Easher	5
Hubbard, Sylvester S.	5	Lasley, Eli	3	Merit, John	9
Hubler, Peter	3	Lazalier, Reding	4	Meritt, George	9
Huchison, E. R.	2	Lee, Usual	3	Millar, Wm	7
Hudson, Kimer	7	Leech, Andrew	7	Miller, Adam	4
Huffman, Peter	9	Leech, Charles	5	Miller, Artemus	4
Humble, F. C.	8	Leech, Jeremiah	8	Miller, Daniel	7
Humble, Philip	6	Lefever, Cyrus	5	Miller, Edward	5
Humphres, A. J.	5	Lester, G. W.	6	Miller, Gerard	6
Huring (?), John	6	Letner, Michael.	9	Miller, G. W.	7
Hurless, G. M.	4	Ligit, George H.	7	Miller, J. H.	10
Hutchins, James	7	Lister, Saml	4	Miller, John	2
Jackson, Vachel	7	Lock, John	8	Miller, Joseph	2
Jacobs, Henry	4	Lock, Wm	9	Miller, Joseph	8
Jenings, C. M.	7	Locker, John	3	Miller, R. C.	7
Jenkins, Wm.	(?) 4	Loftus, John J.	5	Miller, Robt C.	7
Jenkins, G. A.	6	Louder, Wm	5	Miller, Solsberry	5
Johnson, Asa	3	Louts, Austin	9	Miner, Moses	4
Johnson, Jas	7	Lowe, Obe	11	Minever, David	7
Johnson, Wm T.	7	Loyd, Giles	3	Minich, Adam	9
Jones, Elijah	4	Lucas, John	10	Mires, Thos B.	4
Jones, Jas	4	Lucas, Saml	7	Mise, Martha	2
Jones, John	2	Ludley, Israel	2	Mise, Robtson	3
Jones, John	11	Lullinger (?), Gabriel	7	Mitchell, Robert	6
Jones, Joshua	4	Lynch, Wm	7	Mize, F.	6
Jones, Owen	7	Lynn, Nathaniel	5	Mize, Sarah	4
Jones, R. C.	7	Macy, Riley	6	Mize, Thompson	2
Jones, Thos W.	6	Maize, Abram	6	Mondy, Saml	12
Jones, W. A.	3	Maize, D. G.	3	Money, Wm	4
Jones, Wm	10	Maize, Robt	4	Moore, Robt.	5
Jones, W. M.	2	Malone, John	5	Moots, G.	5
Jordan, James H.	6	March, C. J.	7	Morgan, Abram	6
Jordan, Reason	4	March, J. C.	4	Morgan, H.	7
Karr, Wm	7	Marlow, Thos	4	Morgan, John	10
Kelly, Madison	6	Martin, James	11	Morgan, Saml	5
Kelly, Thos	3	Marts, Abram	9	Morris, D. B.	7
Kelly, Wm	5	Maskal, James	4	Morris, J. B.	3
Kerby, Delany	7	Maskell, M. J.	6	Morris, Nelson	3
Keyes, Perry	5	Masters, John	7	Myres, C. A.	3
Kiney, (?), John	2	Mathew, Samuel	3	Myres, Henry	3
King, Enoch	8	Mathew, Wm	9	Nash, John	8
King, John	4	Mauk, Franklin	8	Neal, Jacob	3
King, Thos	4	May, Jas	4	Nell, Thos B.	10
King, Wm R.	8	McAtee, Benedict	3	Nelson, E. M.	9
Kinny (?), Jacob	11	McAtee, Samuel	3	Newell, David	9
Kirkham, E. M.	7	McCaully, John	5	Newton, John	8
Kirkham, Moses A.	8	McClish, Thos	5	Niles, Daries	6
Kirkham, Silas	5	McCollum, Daniel	8	Noble, Ignacious	5
Kirkham, Thos	5	McCormac, Wm	5	Noble, (?), Jack	6
Kister, I.	3	McCoy, J. B.	9	Noble, Mathew	4
Kneedler, G. W.	3	McDowel, George M.	6	Nutt, Adam	4
Knight, Thos	5	McIntosh, George	11	Odell, Geor	8
Kougle, Kerb	3	McMichel, H.	8	Orr, James	5
Lang, John	5	McMurney, Jos	6	Orton, Wm. R.	9
Lank, John C.	4	McMurrey, S. H.	3	Osterhout, James	3
Lansman, Elias	6	McReynolds, Leonard	6	Owens, C. T.	4

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Parish, Ezra	8	Roach, Phillip	15	Smith, Henry	3
Parman (?), Elbert	2	Robb, Samuel	12	Smith, H. C.	7
Parris, Henry	3	Robinson, J. G.	3	Smith, Isaac	3
Parris, J. G.	4	Rogers, Geor.	7	Smith, John B.	7
Parris, J. M.	8	Rogers, Nutter	5	Smith, M.	3
Parris, Yarby	4	Roland, C. W.	5	Smith, R.	3
Pasco, Henry	3	Roland, Saml P.	5	Smith, Rowley	11
Patterson, Alf	3	Rominger, John	3	Smith, Saml	8
Patterson, Eps	5	Rominger, Lewis	10	Smith, Silas	3
Patterson, James S.	3	Rose, Abram	8	Smith, W. D.	2
Patterson, Jesse	3	Rose, James	6	Smith, Zion	5
Patterson, Joshua	10	Roseborough, Wm	8	Smothers, Andrew	6
Pearsol, Jacob	5	Rouch, Jarod	2	Snell, G. W.	7
Pearson, G. W.	6	Rowe, Adam	10	Snell, John	2
Peden, Samuel	6	Rudd, Erastus	5	Snell, Wm	3
Pepper, Henry	3	Rude, James	2	Snelson, Thos	4
Perkepill, Christ	4	Rugg, Sarah	2	Sockman, G. S.	3
Perkipill, A	6	Rullman, Henry	4	Solada, Alonzo	7
Phelps, C. W.	5	Rumley, Jos	9	Somebody, Joseph	2
Phelps, Hanson G.	5	Runnels, E. W.	6	South, J. D.	8
Phelps, W. B.	5	Rush, S. B.	8	Sparks, Stephen	4
Picket, J. W.	9	Russell, Wm	8	Sparks, Zachariah	7
Pilcher, Henry	6	Rutherford, Isaac	5	Spencer, John	6
Pipe, George	3	Rutherford, John	10	Staik (?), Jeremiah R.	8
Pipkin, George	6	Rutherford, Wm	5	Stairk (?), Josiah	5
Pitman, Hilyard	2	Rygsby, James	5	Staley, Joel	10
Pitman, W.	3	Ryine, Conrod	6	Stark, Greeny (?)	8
Porter, Robt	10	Ryine (?), H.C.	4	Starr (?), Liberty	7
Potter, Martin	4	Saline, Wm W.	5	Starr, Saml	8
Prather, J. H.	5	Saling, Jefferson	7	Steele, Saml	7
Prevo, L. T.	7	Saunders, Stephen	3	Steell, Jane W.	6
Price, John	7	Scalf, John	2	Steepro (?), Catharine	5
Proctor, Jas	4	Scott, David	10	Steinbrook, Fred	8
Putman, A. H.	6	Scott, John	8	Stout, Solomon	5
Putman, Elijah	10	Scouts, John C.	5	Strang (Strong?), John	7
Quigley, J. C.	6	Scouts, Samuel G.	2	Stretch, Thos	10
Ramage, Robt	6	Selman, J. J.	4	Stricklin, Wm	9
Rambo, Thos	2	Sevier, C. W.	8	Stufflebeam, Jacob	10
Ramsey, Richard	4	Shadle, John	8	Summerlin, Thos	10
Rankin, W. W.	-	Sharp, Solomon	2	Swaringen, George	4
Ray, Benj	7	Shaver, John	3	Swaringen, Saml	9
Ray, J. M.	10	Shelton, H. W.	8	Swaringen, Thos	5
Redman, B. W.	6	Shelton, J. J.	4	Sweney, Delaney	4
Reeseaman, John	3	Shelton, Miller	9	Sweney, Elijah	6
Reeves, E. Z.	2	Shetton, Azariah	7	Syler, B. H.	6
Reeves, R. R.	9	Shewey, David	4	Tatlock (?), Miles	6
Reines (?), J.A.	3	Shields, Jonathan	6	Taylor, Calvin	3
Reines, James T.	7	Shields, Wm	7	Taylor, James	3
Reith, John	4	Shuck, Josiah	5	Taylor, J. H.	6
Reynolds, J. A.	8	Shuck, Michael	3	Taylor, John	6
Reynols, Nelson P.	3	Shuck, Philip	7	Taylor, Wm	3
Richason, J. C.	5	Silvers, Thos	7	Tharp, Abner	11
Richason, T. S.	11	Sloane, H. A.	8	Tharp, H. J.	10
Richey, Powers	7	Smart, J. H.	4	Theis, Jacob	8
Riggs, Jonathan	15	Smith, Dexter	6	Thomason, Joel	6
Riggs, Saml	10	Smith, E. W.	3	Thompson, Cloe Anne	6
Riley, Thomson	6	Smith, Hayden	5	Throgmorton, John	4

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Tidwell, Elizabeth	9	Walker, J.	2	Wilkinson, John	7
Tigert, Polly	2	Walker, John	7	Wilkinson, Lewis	6
Tolbert, Ebenezer	8	Walker, Marian	4	Wilkinson, Reason	7
Tombs, A. L.	8	Walker, Wm.	7	Williams, Enion	8
Travis, Sally	6	Wallace, R. B.	2	Williams, T. S.	7
Trobridge, Lynsey	8	Wallace, R. S.	10	Williamson, A. D.	4
Turman(Furman?), B.C.	3	Wallace, W.	6	Williamson, Sam	4
Twillinger, Daniel	13	Ware, Ja.	9	Williamson, William	4
Udell, C. C.	4	Waterman, Wm.	10	Williamson, Wm.	11
Upton, Wisdom W.	7	Weaver, Abram	15	Willis, Anderson	8
Van Beak, Geor.	5	Weck(Wick?), Christian	4	Willison, Wm.	9
Vance, Andrew	6	Weding, John W.	5	Wilson, B. F.	7
Vance, Robt.	4	Wedmore, D. R.	1 or 7	Wilson, Greenup	7
Vanwinkle, Isaac	6	Wells, S. D.	11	Wilson, J. H.	7
Varner, Martin	7	West, F.	3	Wilson, J. W.	4
Veach, E. A.	4	Wheeler, J. C.	6	Winton, Catharine	8
Veach, Elias 1st	9	Wheeler, J. D.	3	Wisdom, John A.	6
Veach, Elias 2nd	6	Wheeler, S. M. B.	8	Woford, Levi	9
Veach, Elijah	7	Wheeler, T. R.	11	Wood, Elias	9
Veach, Issac	11	White, Abram	6	Wood, J. G.	6
Veach, J. M.	6	White, Edward	7	Woodin, Harvey	3
Veach, P. H.	5	White, John A.	9	Wooldridge, W.	10
Veach, Wm.	6	White, John B.	5	Worrel, J. J.	7
Vials, Jas	6	White, Lewis	1	Wright, Jos	8
Vorous, David	10	Whitlow, Bartlet	9	Yardley(?), Wm. M.K.	3
Wace, Wm.	7	Wight, Edward R.	9	Young, E.	7
Wadkins, Willis	7	Wight, E. R.	3	Young, Wesley	5
Waland, Bartlet	3	Wilcoxin, A. F.	2	Zigler, G. W.	8
Waldron, Martha	5	Wilcoxin, Jas	7	Zimmer, J. H.	6
Walker, Joan	6	Wilkinson, Aaron	8	Zyler, J.	3

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NEWSLETTER Have you taken time to check the files and review the news-
EXCHANGES: letters which we receive? Our list is growing, and the local
information which many dedicated, energetic, enthusiastic,
and busy genealogists are researching is informative, heartening and inspiring.
There is a plethora of listings, indexings, drawings, and discribing of counties,
townships, marriages, births, deaths, probates, censuses, naturalizations,
pedigrees, surnames, queries, oldsettlers, newspapers. If it's been filed,
stashed archives or stored, you can bet one limb of your tree, someone is
bringing it to light again. Should the IGS ever decide to keep a comprehensive
listing of all that the Chapters are doing, THIS would be the most impressive
"area state key" in the county.

Queries--

BREWER Brewer, Samuel (Mr. & Mrs.) Seek info on the above Samuel
Brewer whose son AARON was born 15 May 1797 in Fayette Co.,
Pa. Aaron m. Elizabeth Fisher, eleven children born to them
in Pa. Martha, Catherine, Nancy, Samuel, John, Harriet and
Sarah (twins), Henry and Aaron (twins), Richard and Elizabeth.
Richard was my grandfather.--Vera L. McMains, 414 N. Davis,
Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

WIDNER Searching for my husband's mother's family. The NATHAN McCLURE
WIDNER family lived in Union Township, north of Pulaski, Ia.,
in 1921. His wife's name was Editha Diantha Richardson, her
parents were--James Richardson and Sarah Ford. Melvin Widner
Susan Bragg were Nathan Widner's parents. Would appreciate in-
formation on any of these people.--Evelyn Schindler, Box 103,
Pulaski, Ia. 52584.

FOR SALE-----

Index to THE PIONEER HISTORY OF DAVIS COUNTY by Dillion
Payne, 44 pages, 5"x7" paperback. This is a list of
the names, alphebatized, of all of the people mentioned
in the book and the page or pages where this information
can be found. Price: \$3.50 plus postage.

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* 1985 DUES ARE DUE----- \$5.00 for the year----- *
*
* Send to: Phyllis Thomas, R.R.#3, Bloomfield, Ia. 52537 *

Our Davis County Genealogical Society has purchased the 1984 edition of
HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS edited by George B. Everson, Sr.
This is a vital record sources.

CENOTAPH-----"The word 'cenotaph' on a tombstone indicates an empty monument
or tomb, erected in honor of a person who is buried elsewhere.
--Corn silk Quarterly, DeKalb County, Ill.

The Christmas Party at Olen and Ann Ellen McMains was super. Thanks from DCGS.

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