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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS 1989

Dear Members,

Well, another year is coming to an end and we must think of the new one. As we ring in the new, let's reflect on the old for a few moments. I'm sure you can think of many things that didn't get done, but concentrate on the things that did get accomplished. I hope each of you had a rewarding year whether in genealogy or your everyday life.

The genealogy society has had a productive year. We have increased our library materials through gifts and purchases. The microfilm cabinet has been a big help in organizing our materials. We have purchased many new books to help you in your research. We also purchased some general genealogy materials for the Bloomfield Public Library as a "Thank You" to the library for the room they give us and the help the employees give visitors. We felt we would like to give them something that they could use. What better way than with books.

Coming up for 1990, we will be hosting the Southeast Iowa Genealogy Conference. This will be sometime in September, so plans will be starting soon. We also hope to publish more materials through the profit-share program with IGS. I hope many of you will volunteer to help with both projects.

As the year closes, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their support and help throughout the year. We received many wonderful gifts from our members who live away from here. Thank you. Our local members are just as generous with their time and gifts. Without their efforts we would not accomplish very much. Keep up the good work.

I would, also, like to thank the officers I have worked with the last two years. They have made my job as president much easier. Without the dedication of the members, we wouldn't be able to do anything. I hope next year you, the members, will help keep our Davis County Genealogical Society moving forward.

D. Sue Spilman, President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year---

Would a sister of a grandmother be a great-aunt or grand-aunt? Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary shows "great-aunt" and "grand-aunt" to be interchangeable. The grandmother's aunt would be a great-grand-aunt.

Obituary taken from Legal Tender Greenback, 3 Jan. 1895, clipping book.

Lucretia Downing was born in Roscoe township, Davis county, Iowa September 20 A. D. 1839, and is believed to be the first white girl baby ever born in this county, She was married to Mr. John N. Brumley, July 13 A.D. 1856, at the home of her brother, S. B. Downing. Mr. and Mrs. Brumley settled on a farm about three miles southwest of Milton, Iowa, where they have lived until the day of their death. Her husband died April 12 A.D. 1888. Since then she has lived a widow on the same farm where they at first settled until Jan. 2, 1895, at which time she fell asleep in Jesus. To them were born 9 children, 6 are living, 3 are dead. Five of the children were at the funeral of their mother. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Renfro of Milton. A large congregation of mourners and friends attended the funeral services. After the funeral her body was buried within one fourth of a mile of where she was born.

John N. Brumley and his wife Lucretia, joined the church of Christ July 10, 1859, and were baptized by her brother S. B. Downing on that day. She was a good wife, a devoted mother and a Christian sister.

Her children, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law are all entitled to great praise for their devotion to their tender hearted loving mother. We mourn but have the bright hope of a better day. S.B.Downing

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Nov. 20, 1888

George Curl and family came in from Dighton, KS, last friday and will make this his home. George has associated himself with John and Charley in the grocery business on the south side, where he will be glad to meet his many friends.

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Bloomfield Messenger, 16 Sept. 1926

We rejoice with Mr. & Mrs. Walter Shelton over the arrival of a son, DeWitt Stewart, Friday eve. Congratulations.

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Feb. 7, 1895

Grandma Dunn died at her home in Drakesville, Feb. 11, 1895, at the good old age of 77 yrs, 5 mo, 19 da.

Sarah Miller was born in Monroe county, Virginia, Oct. 20, 1817. With her parents she removed to Indiana, when she was eight years of age. At the age of fifteen she was converted and united with the Methodist church. When eighteen years of age she was married to Andrew Dunn. Soon after her marriage she united with the Baptist church of which she remained a faithful member until death. Her home has been in Iowa since 1847. She was a mother of nine children, six of whom remain to love her memory, and follow her footsteps. She has been feeble and infirm for a few years and was ready to meet the last messenger--ready for the New Jerusalem. After a short funeral service at the home, conducted by Rev. Samuel Thero, the body was borne to the Dunnville cemetery and tenderly laid to rest.

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Legal Tender, Bloomfield, Ia. 14 June, 1888.

The city is in need of a night watch. Nearly every night there is more or less damage done around the square by mischievous boys. It is impossible for our city marshall to be on duty all day and all night.

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Legal Tender, 21 June 1888

Our town was well filled with teams last Saturday, and all our farmers are wearing smiles of satisfaction over the timely rains, and the present prospects for a good crop.

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Legal Tender, 21 June 1888

Golden Wedding--But few enjoy the blessings of so long and happy lives as Mr. & Mrs. Evans of Fabius Township. Mr. Thomas Evans was born in Granger county, East Tennessee, in 1817. Mrs. Harriet Evans, whose maiden name was Allen, was born in Shelby county, Ky. in 1812. They were united in marriage in Putman county, Indiana, June 7th, 1838, by Rev. Chas. Hunter, Baptist.

DAVIS COUNTY TEACHERS AND SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS - 1868-1885

Compiled by Archie Rupe - 1989

Teachers only	Year	District or address	Age
Acres, Libby - one term experience	- 1868	Troy	
Adams, Benjamin - eight terms "	- 1868	Bloomfield	
Adams, Oliver H. - no experience	- 1870	Bloomfield	- age 20
Adams, Eliza C. - eight terms "	- 1870	Bloomfield	- age 16
Allen, Louisa	- 1868	Floris	
Asney, Ambrose - one term experience	- 1868	Troy	
Baird, An Alriza	- 1868	Floris	
Baird, Willha	- 1868	Floris	
Ballard, S. T. - thirty terms "	- 1868	Bloomfield	
Bare, Eliza V. - nine terms "	- 1868	Drakesville	- age 21 (female)
Bare, Sarah M. - twelve terms "	- 1870	Drakesville	- age 27 (female)
Bear, Eliza V. - four terms exper.	- 1868	Drakesville	
Berry, John - no experience	- 1870	Drakesville	- age 21
Blancher, Lou - four terms exper.	- 1870	Drakesville	- age 18
Blything, Minerva	- 1868	Troy	
Boas, Susie - one term experience	- 1868	Drakesville	
Boas, Susie - five terms experience	- 1870	Drakesville	- age 22 (female)
Bollman, Rosa - not rehired; to giddy	- 1874	----	
Boyer, N. M.	- 1868	Drakesville	
Bradberry, Mary A. - one term exper.	- 1870	Savannah	- age 18
Bray, Mara - no experience	- 1868	Troy	- age 19
Brewster, Alvira	- 1868	Bloomfield	
Brewster, Alvira - four terms exper.	- 1870	Bloomfield	- age 22
Broadwell, Millard	- 1868	Floris	
Bromley, Jasper	- 1868	Stilesville	
Bruce, Della	- 1868	Troy	
Bruce, Della, two terms experience	- 1870	Troy	- age 19 (female)
Bryant, B. B. - Marion Twp.	- 1885	Ash Grove	- Oak Spring
Bunner, Dora	- 1868	Troy	
Caldwell, Lydie (Miss) - 3 terms exp.	- 1870	Bloomfield	- age 21
Cameron, Taylor - not rehired	- 1874	- did not keep good time	- not intereste
Carlow, Malissa - one term exper.	- 1870	- Bloomfield	- age 17 (female)
Carroll, Hattie (Miss) - one term ex.	- 1870	- Stiles	- age 22 (female)
Carroll, Mary C. - 15 terms exper.	- 1868	- Lowaville	
Carroll, W. B. - no experience	- 1870	- Stiles	- age 18 (male)
Carson, Elmira - not rehired	- 1874	- Failed to create an interest	in school.
Cassat, Minnie - not rehired-no order	- 1874		
Clark, Annie - one term experience	- 1870	- Bloomfield	- age 18 (female)
Clark, Mr. Zach	- 1868	- Troy	
Clark, V. W. - no experience	- 1868	- Bloomfield	
Collins, Mary - one term experience	- 1868	- West Grove	
Colliver, Carrollin - 4 terms exper.	- 1870	- West Grove	- age 20 (female)
Colliver, Di - no experience	- 1868	- West Grove	
Colliver, Di - 18 terms experience	- 1868	- West Grove	
Cox, Emma - not rehired; taps pupils on head with book	- 1870	- Bloomfield	
Coy, Mattie - no experience	- 1870	- Bloomfield	- age 15
Coy, Susanah - eight terms experience	- 1868	- Bloomfield	

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Davis County Teachers - 1868-1885 continued

Coy, Susie - ten terms exper. - 1870 Bloomfield - age 21 (female)  
 Cruikshank, L. L. - no experience - 1870 Bloomfield - age 17 (female)  
 Curkendall, Prude - five terms exper. - 1868 Bloomfield - age 21 (female)  
 Yost, Emily - 8 terms experience - 1868 Pulaski  
 Young, Rachel - 7 terms experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Davis, Minnie - no experience - 1868 Floris  
 Davis, N. M. - 21 terms experience - 1868 Floris  
 Day, Henry C. - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Denpree, Madge - no experience - 1870 Bloomfield - age 22 (female)  
 Dickinson, James T. - no experience - 1868 Chequest  
 Dickson, J. P. - not rehired-to slow - 1874  
 Dodd, Ettie - 1884 Fidelity-Drakesville Twp.  
 Donaldson, Mary - 1868 Floris

Duffield, Sarah - 4 terms experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Dunlap, Lucina M. (Miss)-12 yr exp. - 1870 Unionville, Ia. - age 38  
 Dunlavy, Levi - 5 terms exper. - 1870 Drakesville - age 26 (male)  
 Dunn, Mary - 2 terms experience - 1870 Bloomfield - age 19

Dye, Mollie - one term experience - 1868 Floris  
 Dye, Natie - not rehired - 1874 - not interested in her job.  
 Earhart, Addie - no experience - 1868 Troy  
 Earhart, Addie - two terms exper. - 1870 Stilesville - age 20 (female)  
 Earhart, Julia - no experience - 1870 Troy - age 20  
 Edwards, W.S.E. (Miss)-12 terms exp. - 1870 West Grove - age 40  
 Ellis, J.J. - not rehired, failed to - 1874 instruct in language.  
 Evans, Lizzie - 4 terms experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Evans, Lizzie - 8 terms experience - 1870 Bloomfield  
 Fears, Geo. N. - 10 terms experience - 1868 address Albia, Ia.  
 Fouts, Hattie - 7 terms experience - 1870 Drakesville - age 23  
 Frank, Gordon - 1 term experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Frank, Nancy C. - 1868 Stilesville  
 Gates, Olive (Miss) - 1 term exper. - 1870 address Fairfield, Ia - age 19  
 Gates, Olive M. - no experience - 1870 " Fairfield  
 Gearhard, Jane - 2 terms experience - 1870 Floris - age 22  
 Goode, Douglas - not rehired; pupils - 1874 out to much; irregular hours  
 Goodman, Maranda - no experience - 1870 Savanah - age 19  
 Gore, F.W. - 1 term experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Gore, R.C. - 1868 Troy - age 20  
 Grenbouk, John - 1868 Troy  
 Grinstead, John - first year - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Griswold, John - 1868 Drakesville  
 Guthrie, Alfred - 1868 Troy  
 Guthrie, Mary - 1868 Troy  
 Guthry, Alice E. - 1 term experience - 1868 Pulaski  
 Haine, Della - 1 term experience - 1868 Troy  
 Haine, Sarah - 1868 Troy  
 Hale, Ellie (Miss)- no experience - 1870 Floris - age 17  
 Hamilton, Ellie (Miss) - 3 terms exp. - 1870 Floris - age 18  
 Hawkins, Emaline (Mrs.) - no exper. - 1870 Ormanville, Ia - age 20  
 Heady, H.C. - Lick Creek Twp, - 1884 Pleasant Hill  
 Heagan, Jennie - 1 term experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
 Heagan, Jennie - 1 term experience - 1868 Troy  
 Hill, Miss - 1868 ---  
 Humphrey, Ellie (Miss) 3 terms exp. - 1870 Drakesville - age 16

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Davis County Teachers - 1868-1885 continued

Hunt, Chas. - Salt Creek Twp. - 1884 Eagle  
Hutchings, Effie - not rehired; let - 1874 boys do as they pleased  
Jackson, Judson - Soap Creek Twp. - 1885 ---  
Jenkins, Isreal - 1868 Bloomfield  
Jennings, A.C. (Male) - 1870 Drakesville  
Jennings, T.B. - 1869 Drakesville  
Jones, Joseph W. - 1868 Drakesville  
Killibern, Parthena - 1868 Drakesville  
Killbrue, Miss - 10 terms experience - 1868 Drakesville - age 25  
King, Mary - 1871 Milton - age 23  
Knupp, Samuel - 1868 Stiles  
Lambert, F. M. - 1868 Bloomfield, - age 26  
Lang, Mary - not rehired; not good - 1874 --- in school  
Law, Chas. - not rehired; indolent - 1874 --- kept bad company.  
Lester, A.C. - 1 term experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
Lester, Isabelle - 12 terms exper. - 1868 Bloomfield  
Little, Georg W. - 1868 Troy  
Locke, Neryie - Salt Creek twp. - 1884 White Elm  
Lockman, Amanda - 1868 Bloomfield  
Lockman, Will - not rehired; permitted - 1874 --- boys to use tobacco  
Martin, Jennie - 1 term experience - 1870 West Grove - age 17  
Martin, Sarah - 1 term experience - 1870 Stilesville - age 18  
Mathewson, Lucy - no experience - 1870 Troy  
McCann, Isabella - no experience - 1868 Troy  
McClure, Annie J. - 22 terms exper. - 1868 address Ottumwa  
McCustian, Lyde - not rehired; out to - 1874 much at night sparking the boys  
McPadden, David M. - 1868 Stiles  
McPadden, Hugh - 1868 Stiles  
McPadden, John - 1 term experience - 1870 Stiles - age 18  
McGee, John - 1868 Monterey  
McGowen, Abi - 1868 Bloomfield  
McKee, Rose - no experience - 1870 Bloomfield - age 27  
McMains, Joan - no experience - 1870 Bloomfield - age 16  
McMurry, Mary F. - 1 term experience - 1868 Unionville - age 19  
Memams, Joan - no experience - 1870 Bloomfield - age 16  
Meyer, Harry - not rehired; not - 1874 --- interested  
Miller, Ida - not rehired; let to - 1874 --- many go out.  
Miller, Mary - West Grove Twp. - 1884 Moulton - Orange  
Miller, P. - 1870 Drakesville - age 22 (female)  
Milliken, F. M. - 1868 Stilesville  
Monroe, Magie (Miss) - no exper. - 1870 Floris - age 18  
Moore, Callie (Miss) - no exper. - 1870 Bloomfield - age 18  
Moore, Caroline - 1868 Drakesville  
Moore, Emma - no experience - 1870 Bloomfield - age 13  
Morris, Mattie - not rehired; could - 1874 --- not manage large boys  
Moyer, P. A. - 5 terms experience - 1870 Monterey - age 23 (female)  
Moyer, Permelia - 2 terms exper. - 1868 Monterey  
Newton, Armina - 2 terms experience - 1870 Monterey - age 24  
Niedy, Kate - 7 terms experience - 1870 Pulaski - age 20  
Nixon, Margaret - 6 terms experience - 1868 Stiles  
Oneal, G. C. - 1870 Bloomfield (male)  
Packhard, Sarah - 9 terms experience - 1868 Bloomfield  
Patterson, John - 1868 Bloomfield  
Paxton, Joseph - 3 terms experience - 1868 Troy

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Q U E R I E S

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- REDMON Elsie Garrett, 502 Missouri, Comanche, OK 73529. Searching for family in Davis and Van Buren Counties, Iowa.
- CANTERBURY Martha Canterbury, Rt. 8, Box 213, St. Joseph, MO 64504. Need  
SIMS information of Albert SIMS marriage. Marriage dates for Wm.  
EIVINS Harlan and Laura Jane Canterbury/Canterberry ca 1881; Albert  
Lincoln Canterbury and Catharine Elizabeth McIntire ca 1888;  
Albert Lincoln Canterbury and Gertrude McIntire ca 1888; Albert  
Lincoln Canterbury and Gertrude \_\_\_\_\_ ca 1907. Also,  
proof that Esther (Hetty) Bivins married a \_\_\_\_\_ Morton  
probably before 1890.
- BENNETT Kerry Petroff, 1501 DeAnza St., Barstow, CA 92311. Would like  
MEEKER information on the parents, siblings, birthdate, etc. for  
Sarah Catherine Bennett, b. 25 July 1844 and married Silas  
Allen Meeker, 13 Oct 1864 in Bloomfield, Ia.
- SHAW Lois D. Frederick, 19803 Nowthen Blvd NW, Anoka, MN 55303.  
SIMMONS Since I was born in Davis County and lived most of my childhood  
near Floris, I have reason to believe some of my ancestors may  
have and still live in Davis County. Need any information  
available. Father Howard Roland Shaw, mother Ermal Ione (Simmons)  
Shaw. Father died 1974 Cedar Rapids, mother died 1947 buried Eldon.
- SHAW RAE Lois D. Frederick, Anoka, MN 55303. Need info concerning my grand-  
RAE parents, Harley Homer SHAW and his wife Josephine (RAE) SHAW.  
He b. 27 Nov 1877, d. 25 July 1966. She b. 27 Aug. 1882, d.  
28 Nov 1951. Two ch. Howard and son(?). Where was Harley Homer  
Shaw born? Who are his parents? Where was Josephine RAE born?  
Who were her parents? Lived in Davis County. He buried Abingdon,  
Ia. and she Highland Center, Ia.
- LEE Jo Perry, 4609 South Coors Court, Morrison, CO 80465. Am seeking  
info on the Joseph and Malinda LEE family who lived in Davis  
County between 1837-1860. Also, information on LEWIS LEE, HIRAM  
LEE and HARRISON LEE from same time period.
- WOLFE Shelly Chapman, P.O. Box 156, Kahoka, MO 63445. Need info on my  
MILLER great-great-great grandparents SAMUEL and MARGARET WOLFE MILLER.  
Samuel d. 23 Aug 1906 in Davis County, bu. Stiles Cemetery.  
Margaret d. 23 Feb 1918 in Davis County, bu. stiles Cemetery.  
Need copy of obit. and any other information.
- WOLF Phyllis Wolf Sherman, 8805 Adah Hidy St., Rockaway Beach OR 97136.  
ROUCH Need info about family of Catharine Rouch who m. my grandfather  
Joseph B. Wolf, April 21, 1882. She was from Davis County, m.  
listed in Keosauqua courthouse. Her parents--Phillip Rouch and  
Sabina Dilleny.
- WARD Anita Fiedler, 515 Wings Court, Brownsburg, IN 46112. Need info  
on Edward WARD or DELILA WARD who was either dau or wife of James  
WARD. Any info on WARDS who were in Davis County during early  
1800's. Edward (1764-1865). Delilah Ward on 1860 census D.C.
- LOSEY Fred H. Lefever, 271 Amherst Ave., Kensington, CA 94708. Looking  
for LOSEY BIBLE.

At the last meeting of our genealogical society, it was voted to divide the offices of secretary and treasurer. With the 1989 membership for this year at a record high of 110 members with 61 living within 25 miles of Bloomfield, the chapter felt it was best to divide the offices.

If you have not visited our Genealogy Room in the Bloomfield Public Library within the last few months, it would pay you to stop and look around. Members moved the shelves that are on the south wall as far east as possible; put the new microfilm cabinet, microfilm reader and file cabinets on the south wall at the west end (nearer to the door), and moved the material on the shelves, rather rearranged the material so that it is much easier to find what you want. This makes the room so that the table and chairs are much easier to use for work, the old newspapers are easier to get to--the room just has an extra nice look. The high school Building and Trades class painted the room so it is much lighter.

A new book on the shelves is A Guide to Rescuing Gravestones by Paul E. Maddy. The Emerald Ambassadors 4-H Club spruced up a neglected cemetery south of Mark in September. They have two or three more small neglected cemeteries in mind for another project. Our President Sue Spilman presented this 4-H Club with an award at the 4-H Recognition Awards night. This award was from our chapter. We hope that more 4-H Clubs will find a cemetery for a project. Many of these small cemeteries are in the rural areas, and could use TLC.

Remember that the Southeast Iowa Conference consists of Old Fort G.S., Davis Co. G.S., Lee Co. G.S., and Van Buren Co. G.S. The 1990 Conference will be hosted by (our chapter) Davis Co. G.S. this fall.

Connie Dohert Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, Ia 52653 is our Region One representative. Weather and health permitting, she plans to visit our society on March 15. This is our regular meeting night. We should have a large number of members attend this meeting. Connie extends an invitation to officers and members of all societies to join her for a "Dutch treat" meal at the Mt. Pleasant Sirlain Stockade, Monday March 12 at 6:30 P.M. She says that this is the meeting she had hoped to have last year and did not get it arranged. The meeting is to discuss hopes, dreams, problems or anything you want to discuss about genealogy.

Two books are missing from our Genealogy Room in the Public Library: They are: Handy Book for Genealogists (Seventh Edition) (white cover), 8½ x 11, cost \$17.00 and How Book for Genealogists (red cover) and given to the Chapter in memory of Lionel Evans, size 7 x 5. Both published by The Everton Publishers, Inc. P.O. Box 368, Logan, Utah 84321. The books and materials in our Genealogy Room are there for everyone to use. They are not to be taken from the room.

The original Entries of Land, Davis County, Iowa for Union, Perry, Fox River, Bloomfield, Marion, Soap Creek, Lick Creek, Salt Creek, Fabius, Wyacondah, and Prairie townships have been published in earlier copies of the Davis County Genealogical Society Newsletters. I have received queries as to when I plan to publish the rest of the townships. Upon checking, I find that I missed Grove township. It will be published in the next issue. At the time of the Original Land Entries there were only 12 townships. More were added later, such as Cleveland, Drakesville, West Grove, and Roscoe. Bloomfield township became parts of other townships and is no more.

--Peggy Arnold, Editor

Which war was which? Was your ancestor in one of these?

<u>If Born Between</u>	<u>War Involved In</u>	<u>Dates of War</u>
1626-1656	Bacon's Rebellion	1676
1639-1743	Intercolonial Wars	1689-1763
1713-1743	Pontiac's Rebellion	1763-1765
1720-1763	American Revolution	1775-1783
1740-1791	Indian Wars	1790-1811
1762-1794	War of 1812	1812-1815
1762-1812	Blackhawk War	1732
1796-1828	Mexican War	1846-1848
1806-1849	Civil War	1861-1865
1848-1880	Spanish American War	1898

--From Indian Wells Genealogical Society from whom this was copied.

--Poweshiek Co, Iowa, Searcher Sept.1989

BEATITUDES OF A FAMILY GENEALOGIST--By Wilma Mauk (St. Lgs)

BLESSED are the great grandfathers who saved the embarkation & citizenship papers  
For they tell whence they came.

BLESSED are the great grandmothers who hoarded newspaper clippings and  
old letters.  
For they tell the story of their times.

BLESSED are all grandfathers who filed every legal document.  
For this provides the proof.

BLESSED are grandmothers who preserved family Bibles and diaries.  
For this is our heritage.

BLESSED are fathers, who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry.  
For--to some--the only link to the past.

BLESSED are mothers who relate family tradition and legend to the family.  
For one of her children will surely remember.

BLESSED are relatives who fill in family sheets with extra data.  
For to them we owe the family history.

BLESSED is any family, whose member strives for the preservation of records.  
For theirs is a labor of love.

BLESSED are the children who will NEVER say, "Grandma, you told that story before"  
--from the Monroe Co. Gene. Soc. News by way of the Central  
Iowa (Marshall Co.) Gene Soc. Jan, 1989

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THE HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS is acclaimed by genealogists everywhere as the  
Bible for American genealogical research.

This popular American reference book provides everything that the  
researcher needs for successful research in the state and county records of  
every county in the United States. You'll definitely want to have your own  
copy of this edition as it includes a wealth of material. Complete  
research information for the records of each state and county of the U.S.  
can be found in the book. Maps are included for every state showing county  
boundaries and a large map is also included which shows all of the states  
with their county boundaries so that you can see the relationship  
of counties of bordering states. Other helps for research in America include:  
County and State Histories; Vital Records - counties, states, and some foreign  
addresses of genealogical archives, libraries, historical and genealogical  
societies; printed sources - atlases, gazetteers, maps, place names, state  
and foreign country guides to genealogical research; time period and avail-  
ability of county records - vital records, land probate, civil court,  
divorce and miscellaneous records; maps, and bibliographies complete this  
fine reference book. The Ninth Printing of the Seventh Edition is just out.

We have two copies in our Davis County Genealogical Society library room.

The Everton Publishers, Inc., P.O. Box 368, Logan, Utah 84321 are the publishers.



"Tracing Our Roots"

When we think of "tracing our roots" we usually think of researching a genealogy to discover the names and dates of our ancestors. But genealogy is only part of the story. For a wider perspective on our heritage we need to look at other fields of study and other aspects of our lives. Think, for a moment, about your own family:

A story about your great-grandfather crossing the plains, or homesteading in the west, or immigrating to America is history--perhaps more revealing, and certainly more relevant, than the history you will read about in books.

A song you may have composed on a long drive, or a favorite hymn of a parent or grandparent, can become so much a part of your family that trying to draw a line between music and the tradition of family life is almost impossible.

An old family portrait or a piece of china or other heirloom is part of your family's material culture, an expression of folklife, a tangible link with the past that is full of clues to the lives and personalities of your ancestors.

And the folklore all around you, including everything from what you call your "many-things drawer" to the story of your great-uncle's brush with Jessie James, is a rich legacy that provides entertainment and creates strong ties among family members.

History, music, folklore, crafts, genealogy, material culture--each of them has an important role to play in the process of discovering and preserving your family's roots.

We hope this article will bring you closer to those roots, helping you to learn not only the names and dates of your ancestors, but also what they saw and felt, and how they lived their lives. That is what genealogy is all about.

Family snapshots of the family homes in years past is a good idea. In one way or another every family preserves its history, and in many families these memories can reach back to before the Revolution.

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U.S.CENSUS--200th Anniversary

"Next year is the 200th Anniversary of the federal census. The United States was the first country to start and continue a census every ten years. Great Britain didn't get started until 1821. Next year is also another census year. After you complete the census forms, why don't you make a xerox copy of your files before you sent it back in. The 1990 census will not be made public until 2062."--The Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter, vol. 20, no 7, July 1989, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield, OH 44906.

-----Tear off, Fill in, & Mail with dues-----

I am enclosing \$5.00 for 1990 dues. Name \_\_\_\_\_

(They are due now. This is your last newsletter for 1989. Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following surnames: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail dues to Davis County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 94, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

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While you are sending your dues/would be a good time to include copies of your four generation pedigree charts and/or family charts.

### Editorial Comments

Recently we have had a few letters asking us to remind married women to add their maiden names to their correspondence when genealogy is involved. You increase your chances of making contacts on your family lines that way, especially if you haven't done any research on your husband's lines yet.

### FIND A PLACE FOR YOUR GENEALOGY

As the Christmas Season passes this year, it is time to again remind all genealogists of how important it is to find a place for their genealogical collections before they pass away. Many times our valued material is pitched, goes up at auction, or is stuck in a closet by a disinterested spouse or family member. After so much time and money is invested in our work, we want to make sure that it is cared for after we are gone.

After watching the news following the Oct. 17 earthquake in San Francisco, one man was in tears because his fifteen years worth of work in his genealogy had disappeared along with his apartment building. I'm sure that we can all empathize with him.

#### Suggestions:

1. Affix a page with your will packet detailing who gets what item.
2. If you plan to give to a library or archives, have it so it is worthwhile for the library to accept the collection.
3. Check with your family, immediate and extended, to see which ones will really want the material and will utilize it.
4. Give some money with the collection to provide for care and purchase of files and cabinets.
5. Be sure you have the title, author or editor, date, and address on the title page of your genealogy.

### QUESTIONS & ANSWER

Question: What type of response should a genealogist expect to receive from another researcher when sending info on a family name in response to a query?

Answer: The genealogist should receive a quick response from the researcher thanking him for the information. Whether the info is useful or not at the moment, it may fit in somewhere "down the line" and be very useful indeed.

Since postcards are less expensive, a researcher could consider keeping those on hand for quick notes to correspondents. Let others know that you really appreciate the time and effort that they have put into your family research efforts. Likewise, if you can contribute clues to another's research, drop them a line.

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