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Davis County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 94, Bloomfield, IA 52537
REGULAR MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, Library basement

1992	President: Sue Spilman	Treasurer: Verle Arnold
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Dear Members,

Here it is August, the dog days of summer. After all the rain and flooding here and the surrounding counties we are glad (?) for the sunshine and hot temperatures. It's beginning to dry out enough to think about outside work and getting caught up on the yard work.

I hope that if you were directly effected by flooding that your genealogy information was in a safe place or that you had other copies somewhere else. If our society can be of any help reconstructing you family records please let us know. I'm sure that for a few months this will be a project that can be put off.

The Bloomfield Public Librarian, Jerry Greene, has told me that we have had alot of people using the Genealogy Room at the library. Jerry said that the first couple of weeks in August have been super busy. I'm glad our collection can be of such use to the public. This is one of the reasons we feel that getting a new microfilm reader-printer is so important for the public to use. As of right now our grant application is still being reviewed by the grant committee and we should know something in October. Everyone keep your fingers crossed.

Annual meeting for IGS is fast approaching, see information further in the newsletter. Sounds like it should be a good 2 day meeting. They are looking for persons interested in being regional representative for this district, if you have any suggestions let IGS know. Last year we did not have one.

We don't get many queries for the newsletter and I would like to see more of you use this newsletter for that purpose. They are free to members and \$1.50 to non-members. The Society has started charging \$6.00 per hour for research done by our members. This money will be used to purchase equipment or materials for the genealogy library. It's a inexpensive way to help the society and yourself.

Happy Hunting,
D. Sue Spilman, Pres.

1993 IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 - 9:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast/Exhibits Open	
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome & Announcements	Howard Snedden, Master of Ceremonies
9:10 - 10:10	"The Draper Manuscripts, What They Are and How to Use Them"	James L. Hansen
10:10 - 10:15	Door Prizes	
10:15 - 10:45	Break: Lemonade and coffee/Visit Exhibits	
10:45 - 11:45	Your choice of workshops:	
	"Researching at the National Archives, Central Plains Branch"	Pat Shackelford
	"Preservation & Conservation of Records"	Dr. Alan Perry
	"Finding Friends (Quaker) Records for Genealogical Research"	Marion E. Rains
11:45 - 1:15	Noon Luncheon Buffet/Visit Exhibits	
1:15 - 2:15	"Research in the States of the Old Northwest"	James L. Hansen
2:15 - 2:20	Door Prizes	
2:25 - 2:45	Break: Lemonade and coffee/Visit Exhibits	
2:45 - 3:45	Your choice of workshops:	
	"Introduction to European Research"	Scharlott Goettsch Blevins
	"When You Find an Indian Princess"	Betty McKray, Margee Bonney, Pete Seaba
	"Researching the Buckeye State"	Don Southwood
	"Publish Before You Perish"	Ray Gooldy
	"Researching Your Family Health Tree"	Marge Moothart, R.N.
3:45 - 4:00	Break: Lemonade and coffee/Visit Exhibits	
4:00 - 5:00	Annual Meeting	
6:00	Iowa Genealogical Society Banquet and Awards Presentations	
	"Lore of the Hills"	Noel W. Tenney of The Hill Lorists
8:30	Informal Interest Groups	

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 - 9:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome & Announcements	Howard Snedden, Master of Ceremonies
9:10 - 10:10	"Settlement Patterns of Central Appalachia"	Noel W. Tenney
10:10 - 10:15	Door Prizes	
10:15 - 10:45	Break: Lemonade and Coffee/Visit Exhibits	
10:45 - 11:45	Your choice of workshops:	
	"Using the I.G.S. Library"	Sue Cochran
	"Before You Turn On The Computer"	Joyce Brown
	"Your Photography Collection"	Mary Somogyi
11:45 - 1:15	Noon Luncheon Buffet/Visit Exhibits	
1:15 - 2:15	"Frontier Genealogy"	James L. Hansen
2:15 - 2:45	Break/Last chance to visit exhibits	
2:45 - 3:45	Your choice of workshops:	
	"The Naturalization Process"	Don Southwood
	"Facts & Fictions About Saving Your Cemeteries"	Paul Maddy
	"Using LDS Family History Centers"	Carl Moss
	"Using Census Records"	Margaret Foster
	"Researching in Iowa"	Deb Kolz-Olson
3:45 - 3:50	Door Prizes	
3:50 - 4:00	Closing Remarks	END OF 1993 CONFERENCE

"FROM APPALACHIA TO THE HEARTLAND"

October 8 and 9, 1993

Travelodge West, 11001 University Ave., Clive, Iowa 50325

Please return CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION and payment by SEPTEMBER 25, 1993, to:
ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE, IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 7735, DES MOINES, IOWA 50322

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SELECTION	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Friday lectures only	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
Friday lectures and lunch	\$22.00 _____	\$27.00 _____
Friday lectures and banquet	\$32.00 _____	\$37.00 _____
Friday banquet only	\$17.00 _____	\$22.00 _____
SAVE \$\$\$! FRIDAY - ALL EVENTS	\$35.00 _____	\$40.00 _____
Saturday lectures only	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
Saturday lectures and lunch	\$22.00 _____	\$27.00 _____
SAVE \$\$\$\$! ALL CONFERENCE EVENTS (Lectures, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and Friday banquet included)	\$50.00 _____	\$56.00 _____

* A \$10.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 25, 1993

Motel accommodations are available at a special conference rate at the Travelodge West for \$32.00 PER ROOM - 1 to 4 persons. This cost is NOT included in the conference registration schedule above. You must make your own room reservations. Be sure to mention you are with "I.G.S." to qualify for the special rate. The telephone number for making reservations is 515-225-3050.

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To help us plan space, please check the workshops you plan to attend.

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JOHN TAYLOR OF SHUNEM

This family settled near Troy and were ready to locate in Davis County a year before it was lawful. They were from Tennessee and later helped form a group of families in the Shunem Church neighborhood. We refer to the families of John Taylor, William Taylor, William Shields, David Evans, Fred Rullman, and others. John Taylor and his wife Rebecca came to Iowa in 1842, in the fall, stopping near Troy. In the spring of 1843 they staked a claim a mile west of Troy, moved on and undertook the task of building a home, just like the rest. There was timber in the forest and a place to put a cabin. There were no saw mills, no nails and few clumsy tools. A log cabin 14 by 16 feet became a palace and three boys and five girls were the flock. The roof was of clapboards, held down by long poles fastened to the roof with wooden pins. The house was almost bare inside, and the struggle began to raise something to eat and something to wear. Necessity was absolute and a way was found to get a cow, a few sheep, sow a patch of flax, and prepare for winter. Wild honey, wild fruits and game helped to supply the family larder. They kept the snowball rolling until the claim became too small and in a few years they trekked to a farm, or another claim, a few miles northwest of Troy and became Shunem progenitors. There the same primitive conditions were met, but this to them was the promised land. Again they peeped through the chinks, between the logs, carpeted the ground with hewed puncheons for a floor. Again the home became a hive of industry, the woods resounded with the sound of the ax and the huntsman's rifle. Neighbors began to move in, a saw mill and grist mill was discovered with a trail in that direction, a log school house was a home-made affair and a teacher found who would board around among the scholars and take subscriptions for pay. Meetings, secular and religious, began at early candlelighting and by and by the Shunem Church. The families named and the Milton Dysarts, Mr. Dysart being a Presbyterian preacher, sowed the good seed of an honest, industrious and religious community, which largely gave character to that part of the County. James H. Taylor, one of the original family, has continued to live on part of the same farm for nearly seventy-five years. One of the sons gave his life for the Union in the Civil War. James Taylor remembers of the low prices and want of a market. The family traded at Troy, sold their hogs once a year, sometimes three cents a dozen for eggs, no market for butter and fifteen cents per bushel for oats if hauled to Alexandria. Cal Taylor was then a Troy merchant. Mr. Taylor tells with much interest of the exciting time of the Wideawakes of 1860, the thrilling days of the Guerrilla Raids, the murder of William Wallace, and perilous times of the Civil War when Davis County harbored a good many Knights of the Golden Circle. Troy was then the Athens of Davis County and the Troy Academy became an inspiration to the then generations. Such is the history of many of those pioneer families.

(copied from the book A Pioneer History of Davis County, pp.331)

Submitted by:
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ANCESTOR CHART

	HILL, Thomas	b. m. d.
	b.14 November 1813 pb.Harrison Co., VA m.28 August 1837 d.17 April 1891 pd.Warren Co., OH	
HILL, George Washington		b. d.
b.22 November 1841 pb.Warren Co., OH m.25 April 1888 d.10 December 1901 pd.Dewey Co., OK		
	SHARP, Hannah	b.1785 m. d.1840
	b.16 November 1816 pb.PA d.30 July 1882 pd.Warren Co., OH	
HILL, Guy W.		CRAMMER, Rebecca b.1790 d.1827
b.5 September 1893 pb.Davis Co. IA m.31 December 1914 d.19 September 1970 pd.Bloomfield, Davis Co., IA		
	CLARK, Truman Gibson	
	b. pb. m. d. pd.	
Clark		
MORRIS, Sarah Anna /		b. d.
b.29 November 1857 pb.Iowa Co., IA d.19 September 1893 pd.Davis Co., IA		
	? , Elizabeth	b. m. d.
	b. pb. d. pd.	
HILL, Hazel Gertrude		b. d.
b.3 May 1930 pb. Davis Co., IA m.(1) 3 April 1948; (2) 5 October 1985 d. pd.		
	Augustus PIPER, Joseph /	b.1806, ME m. d.1859
	PIPER, William Reed	b. d.
	b.12 January 1842 pb.Morgan Co., OH m.25 November 1866 d.7 April 1910 pd.Davis Co., IA	
PIPER, Charles Marion		
b.19 October 1872 pb.Davis Co., IA m.25 December 1895 d.11 June 1929 pd.Davis Co., IA		
	CORNER, Ellen Jane	b.1806, ME m. d.1859
	b.18 November 1942 pb.Morgan Co., OH d.24 August 1917 pd.Davis Co., IA	
PIPER, Nellie Freda		CORNER, Arthur b.29 March 1802 m.23 October 1827 d.18 January 1896
b.24 September 1897 pb.Davis Co., IA d.13 March 1985 pd.Davis Co., IA		
	DRAKE, Elizabeth	b.23 July 1805 d.22 September 1865
	HENDERSON, John	b. IL m. d.
	HENDERSON, Daniel	b.1806, ME m. d.1859
	b.27 March 1850 pb. IL m.4 January 1874 d.9 September 1927 pd.Davis Co., IA	
HENDERSON, Mary Alice		? , Susan b. d.
b.5 July 1878 pb.Davis Co., IA d.19 Jun3 1949 pd.Davis Co., IA		
	Christina GRINSTEAD, Alzora/	b.24 October 1823 m.13 October 1844 d.7 June 1884
	b.14 March 1850 pb.Jennings Co., IN d.18 June 1930 pd.Davis Co., IA	
SPOUSES		BUCK, Eliza b.5 September 1828 d.11 February 1903
1) CRUIKSHANK, Harold Lee (1925-1983)		
2) BROWN, Lawrence T.		

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George
CRUIKSHANK, David/
b. 1808, NY

Warren
CRUIKSHANK, Lewis/
b. 30 September 1867
pb.
m. 28 March 1894
d. 6 September 1933
pd. Davis Co., IA

CRUIKSHANK, David George/
b. 4 September 1837
pb. Delaware Co., OH
m. 8 November 1866
d. 2 December 1912
pd. Davis Co., IA

m.
d. 8 Jun 1869, OH
EATON, Elisa
b. 1816, OH
d.

CRUIKSHANK, Lowell Edgar
b. 17 October 1900
pb. Davis Co., IA
m. 23 November 1921
d. 3 October 1959
pd. Davis Co., IA

Adaline
MILLER, Catharine/
b. 26 August 1844
pb. Davis Co., IA
d. 29 April 1914
pd. Davis Co., IA

MILLER, Robert C.
b. 17 February 1807
m.
d. 4 December 1884

MILLER, Ida May
b. 19 September 1871
pb. Anson, MO
d. 29 September 1966
pd. Davis Co., IA

MILLER, Jacob
b. 26 April 1823
pb. PA
m. 18 May 1862
d. 8 May 1907
pd. Davis Co., IA

MILLER, Henry
b.
m.
d. 14 August 1860
BAIR, Catharine
b. ca 1800
d. 30 November 1863

CRUIKSHANK, Harold Lee
b. 20 April 1925
pb. Davis Co., IA
m. 3 April 1948
d. 27 June 1983
pd. Davis Co. IA

GEORGE, Caroline
b. 21 February 1838
pb. PA
d. 6 January 1927
pd. Bloomfield, IA

GEORGE, Martin B.
b. 1811 PA
m. ca 1832
d. Athens, MO
GOLINGER, Esther
b. 1809
d.

Philander
INSKEEP, William/
b. 3 October 1877
pb. Davis Co., IA
m. 11 August 1901
d. 3 May 1961
pd. Greeley, CO

INSKEEP, Charles R.
b. 8 August 1851
pb. Logan Co., OH
m. 19 February 1936
d. Davis Co., IA
pd.

INSKEEP, Pearson
b. 17 September 1812
m. 12 March 1833
d. 5 February 1896
LOUFELLOW, Sarah
b. 17 October 1814
d. 5 February 1908

INSKEEP, Mary Etta
b. 15 October 1902
pb. Davis Co. IA
d. 5 April 1988
pd. Davis Co., IA

TOOPS, Mary Ann
b. 1855
pb.
d. 1941
pd. Davis Co., IA

TOOPS, Michael
b. 1825
m.
d. 1905
b.
d.

MARTIN, Flora Etta
b. 5 January 1882
pb. Jonesborough, TN
d. 31 May 1966
pd. Davis Co., IA

MARTIN, David S.
b. 23 February 1854
pb.
m.
d. 23 July 1914
pd. Schuyler Co. MD

b.
m.
d.
b.
d.

SPOUSE
HILL, Hazel Gertrude

GRAY, Cornelia
b. 1 September 1854
pb.
d. 31 December 1937
pd. Davis Co, IA

b.
m.
d.
b.
d.

Mary Jane Beauchamp

My maiden name was Mary Jane Price, and I was born in 1833, near Rushville, Indiana. My father was Elisha Galoway Price, who was born in Kentucky. He was an uncle of Gen. Sterling Price, the Confederate General, who achieved so much notoriety during the Civil War. Sterling Price was first a member of Congress, then a Brigadier General in the Mexican War, later Governor of Missouri and Major General of the Southern Army. My mother's maiden name was Harper, and her parents came from Ireland to Virginia. It was from this family that Harper's Ferry was named, and which was destined to become historically associated with John Brown, the great anti-slavery hero. We travelled in an old fashioned covered wagon drawn by four horses, my brother riding one of the horses and driving the team as was then the custom. My father rode a horse and drove our loose cattle. Many incidents of the trip are as clear in my mind as if it were but yesterday. I remember of crossing the Wabash river at Terra Haute, Ind., the Illinois river at Beardstown, Ill., and the Mississippi at Alexandria, Mo., on the Ferry Boat. The last night of our trip we camped near Alexandria. Iowa was then a Territory and there was not then a house in sight in all the prairie country where now stand the thriving towns of Cantril, Milton and Pulaski. We spent our second night in Iowa north of the present town of Milton in a community then known as Chicken Ridge. We stopped at the home of William Cassady who had been a neighbor of ours in Indiana. The next night father found a little cabin down along the creek and we lived in it about two weeks. On account of fuel and water the first comers settled near the streams and timber. He then found a place about two miles southeast of Milton and bought the man's claim and later entered the land. There was a small cabin on this claim and we lived in it until the summer of 1841 when we built a larger one. I remember that we broke up the ground with oxen. My father made two trips back to Kentucky to bring horses and cattle to Iowa. We got along as well as the average settlers at that time. But sickness came and chills and ague were very common. My father died of congestive chills in the fall of 1845, leaving my mother with four little children, 1 being 12 years old and the oldest one at home.

An older sister married to a lawyer names J.W. Alley. The lived for some time in Keosauqua, then moved to Lake Prairie where Pella now is and later still to Red Rock. Des Moines was then called Fort Des Moines or Raccoon Forks. In the spring of 1846 I remember of going with my sister and husband from Van Buren county to Red Rock. We made the trip in eight days with a horse team and spring wagon and stopped at farm houses of nights. The first night we stopped with a family that my sister knew in Indiana and that was about three miles northwest of Bloomfield. They were good kind people, but were having hard times to live. They kept their drinking water in a barrel and hauled the water from the creek. You could not see the bottom of the glass as you drank it. They had 3 little log cabins in a row. In one they cooked, in the next they slept and in the next kept their chickens. The next morning Mr. Alley went to Bloomfield. When he came back my sister and I

lamented the fact that we had no coffee for breakfast. He laughed and said that he ate breakfast in Bloomfield with Israel Kister and drank two cups of coffee, one for each of us. These people were friendly, as most people were in those days, but this illustrates how the people lived in those frontier days. At our next stop we had good coffee, hot biscuits and fried chicken. The last night of the trip we stopped near Knoxville. The next day we crossed the Des Moines river which was bank full. We had to go over the river in a canoe. They got our team and wagon over in some way by fastening two canoes together and piloting them over. My sister then lived at Red Rock and Mr. Alley practiced law in the surrounding country.

The following incident shows some of the dangers of pioneer life and the means used sometime to prevent person from settling on land. While Mr. Alley was living in Keosauqua a man named Sigler who had a claim up at Lake Prairie offered to give him half of the claim if he would go up there and live on it and hold it. So they moved to Lake Prairie. One evening Mr. Alley was coming home from Lskaloosa between sundown and dark, a shot was fired at him, the bullet passing through the fleshy part of his arm just above the elbow and burning its way through his shirt and across his breast. His only weapon was a large knife in his pocket. Thinking it likely there was only one man, he turned and rode back and another shot was fired, this time going through his horse's nose. Then he saw that there were two men who had been hiding near the side of the road and they were fleeing. He rushed home, got his gun to follow the, but my sister persuaded him not to go. It required this spirit of courage and bravery in those days and most of the men had it or they never could have held their land. These men were evidently trying to scare Mr. Alley so that he would give up the claim. I spent the winter of 1846 and 1847 with my sister at Red Rock, Marion county, and the following March returned home.

When I came home in March 1847, the Beauchamp family had come to Iowa the year before. Levi Beauchamp, who later, in 1850, became my husband, was one of the sons and was teaching school in the log school house east of Milton. That family lived in Van Buren county one year and then came to Davis County and settled on the land now a part of the Beauchamp farm. The family was of French descent, but went to England during the reign of William the Conqueror. There the name was pronounced "Beecham," but in France it was "Boshomp." Levi Beauchamp taught school from 1846 to 1850. After they entered land in Davis county he taught in a log school house northeast of the present town of Stiles near where now is the Union graveyard.

There were no school houses in that neighborhood when we first came to the Territory. There was a log house about one mile east of where Milton now stands and it was used both for school and church. I went to school there. In it was a big fireplace and peg leg benches without any backs. There were none but subscription schools then and every scholar had to pay the subscription price or get no schooling. The early settlers formed a club law and it was

necessary in order to prevent a lot of outlaws from scaring and driving them from their claims. Tje tried in various ways to run the Beauchamps off their land but failed. I recollect well the winter the Mormons were driven out of Illinois. Every cabin that was not in use was filled with Mormons. They aroused the vengeance of the gentiles because when they wanted anything like cattle or horses they would assume to take it by force and would say the Lord told them to take it. The people finally told them the Lord told them to drive out the Mormons, and they did it.

Very well do I remember the day in 1864 when the Guerrillas made the raid through Davis county and killed some of our citizens. Mr. Beauchamp had gone to mill at Pittsburg. A man rode up to our door and told me the Guerrillas wee coming. We had about \$50. in money in the house and I quickly buried it in the garden. We had two nice horses that we were fattening for the market. I had my boys take them down in the field and hide them in the brush patch and keep them there all day. The raiders missed our house about a half mile and stopped at Daniel Swartzendruber's. Mrs. Swartzendruber came running and crying across the field to our house and told me that they drew their guns on her and demanded their money or her life and she gave them all they had. During the scarey times we had that fall I told my folks that I was sure in General Price should come that he would not harm us, for I would remind him of being my cousin. But he did not come. Mr Beauchamp died a good many years ago and our children have for years had homes of their own. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and held various township and county offices. He had a souvenir that he prized very highly and was in the family for over 125 years. It was an English Gourd brought from England by his ancestors and which was used by his grandfather to carry shot in. In those times shot and bullets were run in molds and carried loose ready for use in loading the gun. I hope these remembrances may be read with interest by the present and future generations.

Mary Jane Price-Beauchamp

(Copied from Pioneer History of Davis County, Iowa. p. 14-16.)

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In order to better coordinate work among researchers, we are asking you to detach (or photocopy) this section and return it to the Society. These will be kept on file in the library and published once a year in the Newsletter. If you need more room, please feel free the use an addtional sheet of paper.

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