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Wanted ! Family Reunion Stories

Wanted !
Volunteers to Plat
Rouch Cemetery

We need a Cammack
Cemetery Work Day in
the spring

2005 Meetings
Oct 20
Nov 17
December
Meeting will be
announced

1882 History Book
Available

Taking orders for the
reprint of the 1924
Dillon Payne
History Book

Just returned from our September meeting, another great turnout. The attendance at our monthly meetings has been well received. Always new members and visitors too.

We have decided to lessen our library staffed hours this coming fall and winter season. Starting October 1st the genealogy library will not be open on Monday & Wednesdays. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday we will be open 12:30 to 3 PM. Saturdays hours are 10 AM to 2 PM. We will reconsider these hours after hibernation.

The next newsletter will be out after our December meeting, which is the yearly doing's. We will decide on the date and place soon, and will try to contact all members, and friends too! Of course this meeting also includes the election for Officers. Be sure to attend.

Considerations are being taken about our newsletters. Looking for those of you that would like it in electronic form, and the first newsletter of each year will include current members, surnames, and searches. Be sure to have your family group sheets, pedigrees and such sent to the society.

Newsletters are mailed bulk rate and may take up to a week after mailing to reach you. Send change of address to us.

Membership renewal will be around the corner. Looking for suggestions for projects, programs, and the newsletter.

There will be a Gorilla Raid re-enactment and monument Dedication, October 7, 8 & 9th, 2005. Visit <http://www.civilwarraid.com/> for details. You may also contact DCCWGRS President, Carl Boas @ 641-459-2109 or write to him @ 10499 Mink Blvd., Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

The 3rd CD in the series is now available for purchase. It is The 1934-1937 Tax Assistance Records for Old Age Payment. This publication is very rich in information for that time period. It lists alphabetically, and indexed, surnames, given names, dates of birth, parentage and township residence. In some instances, there are birth places. A great way to find the parent of the person, their siblings too.

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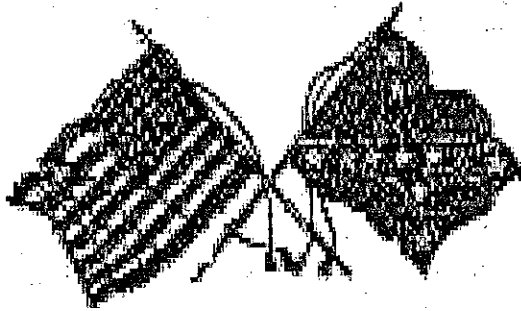
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Come One Come All

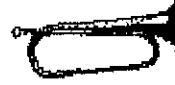
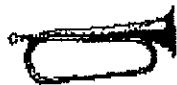


DAVIS COUNTY 2ND ANNUAL GUERRILLA RAID RE-ENACTMENT



OCTOBER 7-9, 2005

Come to Davis County Iowa to the 2nd Re-enactment of the Guerrilla Raid that took place on October 12, 1864.



We will also be dedicating a marker along the road the Raiders traveled. It will mark the most northern point of the Civil War.

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*****See Schedule on the back*****

Schedule of Events

Friday

Camp Set-up at Shooters Roost Range. Located 4 ½ miles South of Bloomfield, Iowa. Signs will be posted at the Airport Road and Hwy 2 and 63 intersections on the South end of town. Maps will be available at Simonsen's Antique Mall in town.

Saturday

- 9:00 AM Bus tours of the route will start on the South side of the square. The tours will last approximately 3-hours. All tours will stop at the dedication site.
- 10:00 AM March of the re-enactors from campsite to the marker. This will be a one-mile march.
- 10:30 AM Dedication ceremony at the site of the monument.
- 12:30 PM Debate between Northern and Southern soldiers. Come and enjoy the fireworks that may happen.
- 2:00 PM Civil War battle re-enactment.
- 3:00 PM Fashion Show. Come and enjoy the period attire,
- 7:00 PM Candlelight tour of the campground. Historical recreations of prominent sights during the Guerrilla Raid will be portrayed.

Sunday

- 10:00 AM Non-Denominational Worship service. Public is invited to attend.
- 1:00 PM Civil War battle re-enactment. This battle will be an accurate portrayal of military tactics used during the Civil War. Narration of the movements and activities will be provided.
- 2:00 PM Historical Presentation.
- 3:00 PM Final bus tour of the Guerrilla Raid route leaves Shooters Roost.
- 4:00 PM Camps break-up.

The Shooter's Roost site will offer straw for bedding, hay for horses, and wood for campfires.

Peden Family History and Notes

Note # 1

Ref Pedens in America, p. 102-107 Natt. M. 72563
Roster of soldiers 1894-1960. Jas. Peden--born 1734--married
Mary Hensfield--served with Gen. Morgan in Revolutionary War
as Waggoner--DAR p 1264.

In the Historical House located on Franklin St.,
Bloomfield, Iowa, there is a large information book--title
and date unsure. (Published in the 1800's I believe). There
is an artist sketch of a plot of land of a typical Iowa
settler. Map shows NE corner of Davis or county shows a
farm with James Peden as holder of the tract. It also shows
the village of Floris.

Note # 2-

Ref: This is reference to a cemetery located 1 1/2
miles north of Floris, Iowa--Just north of Soap Creek.
Abandoned road to right, 1000 yds. east to a fenced cemetery.
1st stone--son of James E Peden--Died Jan. 13th, 1865. 2nd
stone--Eliza Peden, daughter of James E. Peden--died--Aug. 18th
1964. Age 3 years 2 months 8 days. Both of the stones
have inscriptions unreadable.

Note # 3

Mt. Moriah Cemetery located 2 miles west of hwy 63--
approximately 10 miles SW of Bloomfield, Iowa. Well marked
stone and plot. PEDEN--Orrin--born Nov. 30th 1854--died
Sept. 10th 1927. PEDEN--Anne E. (Bell)--Born Jan. 15th 1862--
died June 24 1936.

Note # 4

Ref.: Stark Henry L.--page 678 Davis Co. History.
1882--America Peden--daughter of Joseph R. and
Martha (Strickland) Peden. Located in Floris Area.

Note # 5

Davis Co. History 1975 page 346 deed of reference
Floris area--J.M. and Sadie Peden sold farm to Glen
McClure (these Pedens were descendants of the early Pedens of
the Floris area.

Note # 6

James W. Peden and Ruth (Taylor) Peden--married 8th
November 1945--no children--father Earnest A Peden--deceased
Married twice--#1 Cleo Dabney--1910-1916--3 children, Eula
Peden Reynolds and two deceased. #2 Eva B. Rumley--
deceased--buried in West Grove, Iowa cemetery, daughter of
Mr. E. A. Rumley and A. Offield--Deceased--One son--James
W. Peden--born July 1, 1922. Grandfather Orrin Peden--born
Nov. 30th 1854--died Sept. 10th 1927.. Married Annie E.
Bell, daughter of Joshua Bell and Mary E. Bell (born Feb.
1841. died Oct. 5th 1865.

Great grandfather, James Peden, noted in family lineage chart. Maternal Great Grandmother was the daughter of Greenup Hopkins and wife unknown Howell. Arrived in Davis Co. 1847.

Note # 7

Father, Earnest A. Peden and Cleo (Dabney) Peden are buried in the family plot in Hopkins Cemetery, located 2 miles west of the village of Mark, Iowa. The cemetery is located on my grandfather Pedens original farm, now owned by a 2nd cousin, Max Leyda.

Note # 8

Military Service and Record--Ref: James Peden enlisted Aug. 17th, 1861. Co. E, 3rd Vol. Iowa Cavalry. George Duffield--Capt. Ref. page 532--history Davis Co. 1885. For record of unit served--see ref. page 551, 552 and 553 of veterans enlistment. 1st Jan. 1864 3 yrs. corporal--mustered out--Atlanta, Georgia--Aug. 19th 1865. (Note: records shows sometimes middle initial E.). Joshua Bell--drafted Oct. 5th 1864--assigned co. A 4th Vol. Iowa infantry. Ref. see copies of pay vouchers and discharge. For historical sketch see page 527 to 531. For individual record see page 543--roster of Iowa Vol. 1st to 8th infantry regiment.

Note # 9

Oral History, facts, fiction and other sources as related to me by my father Earnest A. Peden on cold winter nights, when the snow was three to four feet deep for weeks at a time. My age approximately 9-12 years.

A. Sometime before the Revolutionary War when there were still 13 colonies. Two brothers came from the old country (Scotland)?? these people had large families. My father said that they were 13 boys in one group and 12 in the other, there were no mention of any girls, which causes me to ponder, did they feel that females were not important??

Some members of the families worked aboard ship, I suppose that was to pay for their passage. The main point I remember to the story was that shortly after arrival in this country: the family that had 13 boys, one fellow went out the field and shot himself. That left an even 24 Peden males to go into the world and produce a good number of Pedens.

b. In 1848 or 1849, 4 brothers by the name of Peden, one being I believe Samuel Peden, father of James Peden, went to California for the Gold rush.

They prepared for these operations in the following manner. They built a wagon with heavy side boards and a light wooden top, rather than the usual canvas top. This was pulled by 4 Perchon Daft horses with one spare. also 2 only saddle horses. Each man was armed with a long rifle or

Musket, Pistol and knife of some type. They carried minimum bed rolls, clothes and rations.

The wagon was loaded to maximum with corn, ear or shelled, I do not know. they had the idea, that this corn would keep the horses going when they got to the desert country. Also they made a vow to one another that they stay together all the time, one man would guard the property at all times, pray and keep watch for the indians.

They joined a wagon train on the Missouri River and stayed with them until the Great Divide there was many problems with the train, as it was slow, in experience in handling teams and wagons and the people, wore out gradually. The Pedens had to guard their corn, and horses day and night to keep people from stealing from them.

At the Great Divide, they left the train and went on their own, following tracks of previous Rushers.

They arrived in California at the gold fields, staked their claims. They worked in California for about a year, and was moderately successful. Three of the brothers decided to sell out and come home, and one stayed, what happend to him I do not know.

The three brothers, went aboard ship at Frisco California, and took passage to Panama, walking across to the East Coast and took ship to New Orleans. This was the most dangerous part of their trip because they must guard against being robbed at all times traveling up the Mississippi River by steam boat, to Fort Madison, Iowa and returned home by land. To shorten my story, my man come home with \$5000.00 in gold or cash which was a pretty good job in my books. This money was used to purchase additional land and stock in Floris area. It is also possible that it played a part in helping to establish the home place (Orrin Peden's) in the Mark, Iowa area.

c. My grandfather Orrin Peden was a very good farmer, raising crops of oats, corn, hay, etc. Usually had all types of livestock, but preferred sheep (referred to by my father as mortgage lifters.) But he did not have much faith in banks. Some time in the twenties, the Government required gold to be turned in for paper money. There was talk by the local people that grandfather had a sum of gold hoarded. My grandfather died in 1927 and grandmother in 1936. When the estate was settled and the strong box opened, one twenty dollar gold piece and a silver dollar was all that was found.

My grandfather was considered a very progressive farmer for his time. The house had a 32 volt Delco electric system and running water in the kitchen, toilet and bathroom, these two improvements were the first in the township.

He also had one of the first automobiles in the county. The car I remember was a 1926 Buick eight cylinder touring with passenger side curtains, spare tire on back with a rack of the cream cans; also it was black. I guess that was to

match his hat, of which of course was black. After grandfather passed on, the women folks did not drive so my father fell heir to the car, and my family used it for several years.

Saturday nite was a big deal for we loaded up, the family, hired hands, eggs and cream and went to Bloomfield the county seat. That car also made the trip to church every Sunday.

My grandmother was a fine Lady, short heavy woman, I remember she liked to make quilts, sew, knit and kept a nice home. I remember playing under the quilting frames as a small boy, as she and other members of the family set around the frame. She was very much the boss woman of the family.

d. Another good story: On the farm owned and operated by my sister and husband (Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Reynolds) there was a track of land called the Howard place. I remember an old set of buildings that was located on the north end. People always claimed that old man Howard came home from the war or whatever, with a big bag of gold and buried it somewhere around the place. Members of my family dug around the buildings a lot for years. Many things were found but no gold. (The hand that holds a shovel will have blisters).

Note # 10

Ref. Orrin Peden page 663 Davis Co. History 1882. Effie Peden daughter, George Lyda--one daughter, Fern Peden, not yet born at that writing.

Ref. B. A. Lyda 784, Davis Co. History 1982 was George Lyda's father, who married my aunt Effie Peden. They had 4 children, Lowell, Bert, Wilbur and Lorraine. Lowell Leyda (cousin) and Aunt Fern Peden married brother and sister Everett and Goldie Bogle. Both of these families had children Lowell and Goldie Leyda had Robert, Helen and Max Lyda. E. and Fern Bogle had Ronald and Wilma Bogle. It makes me first cousin to the Bogle children and 2nd cousin to the Lyda children, but first cousins only to one another. Simple to me but I can see where two hundred years down the road children could wonder who in the hell are we.

Note # 11

My father purchased the B. A. Lyda farm about 1912. It was located about one mile north of village of Mark, Iowa (see note # 10). Other acreage was purchased later. Sister Eula was born there and July 1, 1922, I was also born there. The house still stands but the last barn had given up the ghost and fallen down. We lived there until sometime in 1937 when it passed to other hands thru foreclosure. I attended school at Franklin and Mark rural schools and Davis Co. High School. As a young boy I liked horses and thought I could ride anything that walked. I also dreamed of being a soldier and my favorite game was playing war. In 1940 I left home for good to go out in the world and make my mark.

The Peden family was connected by marriage or blood to the following people: Duckworth, Hopkins, Pettit, Leyda, Bogle and Porters.

Note # 12-Ref: Earl Peden oldest son of Orrin Peden lived in the Savannah and Milton, Iowa area. He was married and had four children-3 girls and 1 boy. I cannot remember the wife's family name or the first names of the girls. The son I was acquainted with and his name was Emery Peden. He was married and had three boys. Emery left the Davis Co. area at a young age and worked for the railroad. He resided in St. Paul, Minn. for most of his life. He is now deceased.

My Grandfather and Earl Peden did not get along at all. My father and uncle could not be around one another for any time. They had a running feud going for about 40 years. Grandfather and my father worked together many years but not always in complete harmony. In this time frame it required strong men to survive. All these people by nature were independent, stubborn and bullheaded. So when you had all three together--sparks would fly.

Note # 13

Brief Biography of my life and military service:

Years	Location
1922-1940	Home farm-G. Parents farm and aunt Aunt Fern and Everett Bogle
1940-1943	Cav. 113th Texas
1944-1945	Europe-113th Cav.
1945-1949	Farm-USAR-Active
1949-1950	2d Ad-Ft. Hood, Texas
1950-1951	Korea
1951-1953	N. G. Advisor-Michigan
1953-1954	Ft. Riley-10th Inf. Div.
1954-1957	2d AD-Germany
1957-1959	2d AD-Ft. Hood, Texas
1959-1962	4 AD 2/13 Ac-Germany
1962-1965	The Armored School-Fort Knox, Ky.
1965-present	RA retired
1985-1993	CSM 1st Bde T.D.F. Jackson, Tenn.

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Released from service due to age. I have had the privilege of serving my country and state over a period of four decades. Have always tried to do my job to the best of my ability. Wasn't the best soldier in the U. S. Army nor was I the worst.

Note # 14

"What is a name?? At the present time it will get you a number on your Soc. Sec. card, drivers license and very..

useful on checks. It must also be very correct on the Visa charge card.

"The Buck Stops Here" (Pres. Harry Truman). Ruth and I have been married for 48 years. There are no children and no hopes of ever being any. So the family line will continue through the maternal line of the family. This is very good as the females of our group shows good ability to re-produce regularly and at a fast pace.

Note # 15

There is a "Coat of Arms" for this family, however I have never took the time to verify and cost of description is quite high. I encourage the younger female members of this family to prove up and apply for membership in the D.A.R. as I believe they would qualify.

Hope that these notes will be of some service to the younger members of this family and will be read two hundred years from now.

May God Bless you all and wherever you go, there you are.

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