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Step into another time  
Always you'll be there  
Memories within the heart  
Life's treasures we can share

## From the President

While we put 2013 and the Long winter behind us, let's not forget about the researches we met, helped along the way, and the additions to our library collection.

I assisted the SAPIC with photographing tombstones of Wapello and Davis County Governors.

Due to donated items, we gained wonderful collections of Rural School information, Floris photographs, IOOF cemetery stones, Surname families and more lost and found family photographs.

We gained new memberships, made new friends; Mr Steve Willadsen, donated our sign, and the county fair is always the best time.

Looking forward, this is the year to celebrate, we have a tentative date of October, Homecoming weekend, and the Old School and DCGS, will be the host to one and all. Over 40 years of being volunteers, transcriptionists, donators, librarians, curator, historians, warden, overseer, keeper of all things Davis County is to be commended. We have fulfilled the mission of DCGS to the fullest!

My sincerest thanks to members, volunteers past & present; and a Special Recognition to Dorothy Goldizen.

Deb Barker,  
President of the Decade, LOL.

## IN THE YEAR OF 1974

### Charter Member List:

Dorothy Goldizen, Ina Thompson, Sue Spilman, Lois Jones, Irene Laws, Geneva Price, Vera McMains, Ruth Wilson, Peggy Arnold, Rowena Hazelhoff, Marguerite Luke, Phyllis Thomas, Archie Rupe, Betty Judd, Helen Ritter, Elaine Bankson, Lowell Francis, Harry Price, Doris Thomas, Dorothea Evans, David

Dixon, Hunter Jones, Mabel Bish, Gladys Goode, Robert Laughridge, Maureen Whitacre, Margaret Halstead, Enid Stober, Karen Roensch, K A Wildman & Eugene Dodge.

*Davis Co. Genealogical Soc. 1974  
Pd. membership List.*

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### Genealogy Library Hours

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri 1:00-4:00 Saturdays 10-12

Meetings Third Thursday



## Library Updates

Have less than 20 1882 History books left, the 1924s will soon be dwindled away too. Order now for guaranteed delivery.

1880

History of Iowa, Davis County, Biographical Sketches, Portraits, Soldiers, townships, Churches, Court house, The press and Education.

1924

Pioneer History, compiled & published by the Federated Women's Clubs 1924-1927.

Technology Ladder or Shute! We bought a new computer! The dinosaur has been retired. This new unit has excellent speed and strength. But with the advancements, we have to leave some things behind. The digital Microfilm reader is not compatible. This means, as we discussed at the March meeting, [we also trained]; we will need to use our scanner wand, or a cell phone, camera to capture the image from the screen. It also changes the previous decision and adds hast to digitize microfilm, by an outside vendor.



### 2014 Officers

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### 2014 Meetings

- April 17
- May 15
- June 19
- July TBD
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December TBD

To Be Kicked off at the Davis County Fair, Raffle for the P Buckley Moss Print, Drawing will be held at the 40th Celebration, this Fall.



Chances are \$2.00 ea, or 6 for \$10.00

### Family History Conference

Wapello County Genealogical Society is hosting, May 3rd, a Family History Conference at the Church of Latter Day Saints. NO Charge. Open to the public, 10AM –2:30PM. Vendors, Presentations, Speakers, and refreshments. Case Study on Agency Iowa Cemetery. Guaranteed to be an excellent outing. Contacts Maureen L Goring C:641.777.1877, Judy VanLandingham H: 641.684.4790

Mark your calendars.

Any one have “The Pioneers and Politics of Davis County” by Harry Evans?  
DCGS is interested in a copy for our library.

THIS CHARTER IS PRESENTED TO

*Davis County Genealogy Society*  
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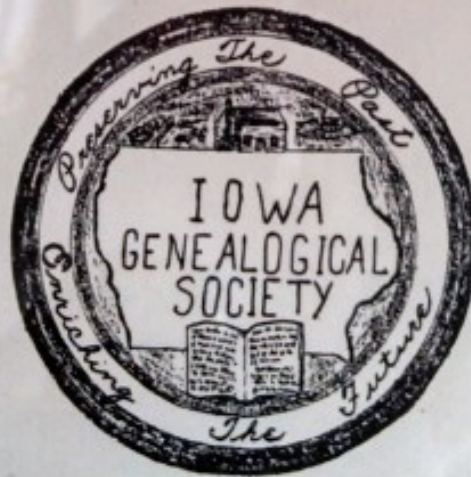
*January 24, 1974*

DATE

of the

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

*Des Moines, Iowa*





# Goldizen has become a detective

By SUSAN STEWART  
Staff Writer

What started out as some normal curiosity about her family tree has turned Dorothy Goldizen into a detective of sorts.

A dedicated genealogy buff for over 30 years, the rural Bloomfield woman has spent the past 6 years doing "intensive research" for others in search of their family tree.

"I've always got a list of people," Goldizen said recently while on one of her numerous sleuthing trips into town. "I'm doing five different families today!"

But while her love for the past has turned into a part-time job, it originally started in the 1950s as an attempt to answer a question. Some friends returning from Florida asked Goldizen—whose maiden name was Gandy—if her family was connected to the Gandy Bridge between St. Petersburg and Tampa. She wrote to the chamber of commerce for information, but the reply only seemed to whet her appetite.

hold only so many answers, and people tracing their past must eventually visit their ancestral starting point. Goldizen has made several trips to West Virginia, where both the Goldizen and Gandy families originally came from. She also dug up an interesting fact: not only did the families hail from the same state, but they came from an area only 65 miles apart.

As Goldizen's interest in genealogy grew, so did her reputation as a top-notch sleuth, and letters for help soon came pouring in. "I got so many of them, I was just swamped."

Many of the requests take only minutes to research, "since I know exactly where those records are," she said. But some involve a lot of digging, so Goldizen decided several years ago to charge a small fee to fill in the holes in someone's lineage.

And from the looks of it, she has a job that won't soon disappear. "Genealogy never ends," said Goldizen, "because it goes on and on and on ...."

"I just got inquisitive," she said. "Who was my family and where did they come from?"

Goldizen proceeded to dive through numerous documents and managed to trace her ancestors to the early 1700s. In the meantime, she said, her late husband, Roscoe, became interested in his tree, and she managed to trace the Goldizen line into the late 1600s.

Over the course of the years, Goldizen found others who shared her enthusiasm, and in 1974 she founded the Davis County Genealogical Society which now has 28 members. Many times a local officer, she has also served as president of the State Genealogical Society for two years.

Tracking down clues can be tough for any detective, and tracing a family tree is no exception. Goldizen said she often has to use cemetery records since death and birth records in Davis County don't begin until 1880. But blank spots in the records hindered her search, so Goldizen and another genealogy

buff, Irene Laws, set out to chart the county's 96 cemeteries—plots and all. "It took us about eight years to do it," she said.

A number of public records provide plenty of food for a genealogist's appetite, and Goldizen spends many hours sifting through tons of material in the local courthouse. "Time goes so blamed fast" during research, she said. "You never get hungry when you're searching. You've got food for thought right there."

The number one source of information, though, is the family Bible, Goldizen said. Elderly relatives can also provide a fountain of family history if a person takes the time to ask—and such information won't always be around, she added.

Goldizen is also concerned about the tendency people have to toss out the past when it's spring-cleaning time. "We've become such a throw-away society," she said. "We may be tossing away our heritage."

Goldizen noted that local records



Dorothy Goldizen goes through old newspapers as she does genealogical research. 13 Mar. 84 Democrat.

1977 Dorothy was awarded the IGS Exceptional Service Award

1976 Dorothy was President of the Iowa Genealogical Society

In The YEAR OF 1974;

Davis County Genealogical Society was formed. Dues were \$1 per member.

There were 21 Charter members and meetings were held in the Courthouse Basement commons room.

*Officers elected as follows:*

*Mrs. Dorothy Goldizen - Pres.*

*Mrs. Elaine Bankson - Vice Pres.*

*Mr. Lowell W. Francis - Sec. & Treas.*

## Immediate discussion with the Library board

## Microfilming

## Classes at Ottumwa Heights

21	Places - Typing Paper		\$ .98
21	Post office - 20 stamps		2.00

## IGS

In the year of 1975

## 1975 -25 paid Members

## Talk of fund raisers

## Library Room

1. Room will be locked
2. Opened for Genealogy people only.
  - a. membership card for I. D.
3. List of our membership at last.
4. Are we going to be allowed to have meeting in Library?
5. No materials can be checked out.

In the year of 1976

December 1976 Treasurers Report \$1450.00, Submitted Article for American Legion Time Capsule.

1980 dues up to \$3; March Treasurers Report 159.34

Microfilms and Book Reprints \$15

see - Vly/Thoms

\* Correspondence rec'd from Walsworth stating they still had 25 copies of Pioneer History of Davis Co Iowa. Original price was \$10.<sup>00</sup> but they were making them available to our Society for the special price of \$7.<sup>00</sup>. To be ordered by Dec. 15, 1980. Not interested. Price too high.



## **We research our ancestors for lots of reasons. For me, it's so they'll be known and remembered—not just by me, but also by my family.**

Lots of us genealogists have a goal to write our family history. It's one of the best ways to organize research finds, draw conclusions, and neatly package our family history (instead of delivering it in a pile of records, notes and sources).

But we can't wait until we're "finished" researching to start writing. All genealogists know you never finish researching: There are always more relatives to discover and brick walls in the way. So how do you know when it's time to start writing? Here are eight tipoffs:

1. **People are curious.** For me, it was when people in my dad's family started asking about my research. I brought my binder of records (this was before I kept most documents digitally) to a family gathering. I promised copies to my aunts, and it occurred to me that I should add some context. Their paternal line was small enough that I could write a simple narrative in a Word document (here's more on that), put it on CDs with PDFs and JPGs of records, and hand them out at Christmas.
2. **An important anniversary is coming up.** Your parents' Golden wedding anniversary, or a 25th annual family reunion, is a great occasion to put together some form of a family history book. Or consider current events: The upcoming WWI centennial is an opportunity to share the stories of ancestors of that era.
- You don't have to write a complete family history—you could undertake one of these smaller, more manageable family history projects. Just give yourself enough time for whatever you plan to do.
3. **You've found a story that wants to be told.** Maybe your Civil War ancestor's pension record is a windfall of information about his experiences, your father or grandfather told you about surviving the Great Depression, or you strongly identify with your pioneer great-grandmother. My grandfather who died before I was born grew up in an orphanage and put himself through college. These stories hold important lessons.
4. **You're at a brick wall.** You might think you have to break through the brick wall first, but this is actually one of the best times to start writing. Writing about a research problem will help you analyze what you've found and come up with new ideas. Plus, if you wait until you solve every question, you might never start writing. You might even invoke Murphy's Law of Genealogy: The moment you finish writing your family story, you'll find the record you've been after for years.
5. **You solved a brick wall or achieved a research goal.** If you finally found your immigrant ancestor's passenger record or identified a mystery photo, celebrate by writing that story and how you solved the problem. It'll help you take stock of your research and figure out your next goal.
6. **You need a break.** If you're feeling burned out on doing research, or you need to refocus, stop looking for new information. Instead, look through everything you already have and start writing.
7. **You feel like you should be writing this stuff down.** If you have a nagging feeling that you should be writing about the family history you've learned, there's a reason for it. Obey the voice in your head!
8. **You've done some research.** You can start writing a story at *any* point—no need to wait until your family tree is yay big. If you've only gotten to your grandparents, write about them. Or go closer to home and write how your parents met, or how you met your spouse.

In fact, this may be the best way to do it. As you continue researching, connect these smaller stories together and you'll have an ongoing narrative of your family history.

~ Genealogy Insider



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Like us on Face Book, Join our competition. In search of a 40th Year Theme or Catch phrase. Deadline June 1.

## See what's new on IAGenWeb

### Added recently 1920 Census Union & Bloomfield Twps & Roster of eligible men to do military

Transcribed by our very own member  
Harold Patterson

Be sure to read his findings found  
between the lines,


Since this purpose of the men being registered was for possible action in the Civil War, I noted each person that I could that was involved in the Guerilla Raid route in October 1864. Of the three men killed in that raid, both Philip Bence and Eleazor Small were registered in Wyacondah Township and are buried in Wesley Chapel (South) Cemetery. Although Thomas Hardy who lived in Wyacondah Township was not recorded for whatever reason ( he was 47 at this time) he is buried in the Patterson Cemetery.

~ Harold

<http://iagenweb.org/davis/militaryofdcregistry.htm>


**Option 3**

**Bloomfield Public Library Expansion**



Total Cost 2.4 million

Option 1 and 2 plus:  
 Expanded information technology service (computers, etc.)  
 Expanded children and young adult library; Expanded Genealogy service on the upper level; Increased storage space; Kitchen; Coffee lounge; Expansion to the work room for projects and classes; Party room; Space to allow for adaptation of the building to suit changing needs of our community in the future



We have over \$681,000 already available to begin this project. The Renovation Steering Committee intends to identify a grant writer to assist in approaching foundations, public entities and private parties for the additional funds needed. This will take place over a period of two years with the hope of reaching the goal and breaking ground by the spring of 2016. You tell us which option we should make that goal.

The board will host a **Library Renovation Open Day on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. in the Kay Burchett Center.** The board and the architect will be present with drawings and cost estimates on display. We would like you to stop by, talk to us about your ideas so they can be included in the plans, and share which option you prefer. (We would like to thank Davis County Fine Arts Council for providing the center at no charge for this day.)

Please return the bottom of this page to the City Offices (111 W. Franklin) by April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you wish, you may enclose it with your utility payment. You may also respond online at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/TKD9CZY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TKD9CZY). All those responding will be eligible to win a \$50 cash prize. Thank you for your participation.

*The Library Renovation Steering Committee (Lois Abel-Priester, Paul Fleetwood, Angie Scott, Beth Sullivan)*

Return by April 20<sup>th</sup> to City of Bloomfield, 111 W. Franklin, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537


1. Are you a:    \_\_\_ City of Bloomfield Resident            \_\_\_ Davis County Resident
  2. How frequently do you use the services of the Bloomfield Public Library?  
 \_\_\_ Daily, \_\_\_ Weekly, \_\_\_ Monthly, \_\_\_ Quarterly, \_\_\_ Twice per year, \_\_\_ Yearly,  
 \_\_\_ Never, \_\_\_ I used to use the library and plan to again after one of these options has been implemented.
  3. Which option do you think will best serve our community now and in the future?  
                   \_\_\_ Option 1                                    \_\_\_ Option 2                                    \_\_\_ Option 3
  4. I intend to visit the Library Renovation Community Feedback Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Kay Burchett Center  
    \_\_\_ Yes                                    \_\_\_ No
- Any comments or suggestions you would like to add would be appreciated. \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to be included in the \$50 drawing, please provide your name and phone number.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 (All individual responses will be kept confidential)



March 21, 2014 [DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGY SALE ITEMS]

1850 Federal Census	20.00	
1856 State Census Index	6.50	
1856 State Volume 1	10.00	
1856 State Volume 2	10.00	
1860 Federal Census Index	6.50	
1860 Federal Part 1	15.00	
1860 Federal Part 2	15.00	
1860 Federal Part 3	15.00	
1880-1900 Deaths, Includes addendum	10.00	
1844-1854 Marriages	4.50	
1934-1937 Tax Lists Old Age Assistance	20.00	
1976 Index to This is Davis County	15.00	
1940 Grave Registration & War Record Cemeteries, A-K	20.00	
1940 Grave Registration & War Record Cemeteries, L - Z	20.00	
1924 Dillon Payne, Pioneer History of Davis County, Reprint, 2007	70.00	
1882 History of Davis County History Book, Reprint, 2009	80.00	
Cleveland Township Cemeteries, except IOOF	10.00	
Cleveland Township Cemeteries, Bloomfield IOOF	20.00	
Drakesville Township Cemeteries	15.00	
		
Fabius Township Cemeteries	6.50	
Grove Township & Barker Cemeteries	10.00	
Prairie & Roscoe Township Cemeteries	6.50	
West Grove Township Cemeteries	6.50	
<b>ON CD-ROM!</b>		
CD 1. 1870 Census Records, WPA Cemetery	13.00	
CD 2. Probates, Wills, & Marriage Records	13.00	
INCLUDES Probates 1840-1934; Marriages 1844-1869; Wills 1879-1911		
CD 3. 1850 Census & 1935 Record of Payment of Old Age Tax Assistance	15.00	
CD 4. 1925 Census Index & Index to Birth Books 1&2	15.00	
<b>NEW FOR 2012</b>	6.50	
Probate Death Records 1844-1880	10.00	
Death Records 1897-1910 Vol 2		
<b>NEW FOR 2013</b>		
1903 Farmer's Biographies	Did you know you can pay for our items with PayPal? <a href="http://iagenweb.org/davis/gene_societ.htm">http://iagenweb.org/davis/gene_societ.htm</a>	
	20.00	



Our Mission: to Create, Foster, Promote the study of genealogy, preserve genealogical and historical records of the past generations, and to assist one another in our constant search for ancestors and family. To Establish and Maintain a library through donations, contributions and exchange. To Support the Iowa Genealogical Society.

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