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2012 Meetings

February 16

March 15

April 19

May 17

7 PM at the

Bloomfield Public Library

Hours of Operation

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri

1—4 PM

Saturday 9A-Noon

Last Quarter 2011

Hoping to bring you another interesting newsletter. To sum up 2011, I would first have to start with bragging about the greatest membership a society could have. Along with that a even greater group of volunteers. Our common interest in Genealogy and support of local History is a hard topic to break down. We continue to share, collaborate and remark over the grand land we call Davis County. Always interesting, never a stranger, we are open to all preservation! Many a jewel comes across our paths, whether a vintage photo, hand me down or a compilation of memoirs. The DCGS group, realizes them all for what they are, Priceless. While we collect or hoard almost anything, we must also realize, we could soon be facing a space issue. The Bloomfield Public Li-

brary, is beginning to get serious about adding an elevator and restrooms for ADA compliance. With the excitement coming on, we will make choices about keeping periodicals vs. vital collections.

On the horizon is another great DCGS hosted road show. We had our first in 2008, and plan to do this again in 2012. Stay tuned for details, the first quarter newsletter of 2012, will be your invitation. Come One, Come All!

I thank the society for voting once again, to keep the officers for 2012, as they were in 2011. Another exciting year coming ahead. I like to think there's no place like Davis County! Good Friends, Good Times. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Friend for hosting our annual 2011 holiday meeting.

Dieffenbach Letters

We have been sent letters writ in German and transcribed to a more modern German [2 sets], from the Jacob Diffenbach Pulaski family. While trying to decipher this first hand information, the researcher of Germany, made a trek to Iowa. Dr Christian H Freitag and his wife received first hand some southern Iowa hospitality. While they did NOT make it to the Genealogy Library,

they felt it necessary to share and archive these series of letters, written in the 1850-60s. The letters are very vivid and detail things about the voyage from Europe from the hard times and the happy days, to breaking the prairie. The Dieffenbachs lived SW of Pulaski in Grove Twp.

The Complete letter collection can be found in our surname files.

JACOB DIEFFENBACH & FAMILY

Jacob, son of Johannes I and Philipina (Blum) Dieffenbach, was born 17 Jun 1811 at Assenheim, Germany; died 19 Apr 1892 at Pulaski, IA; and was buried in Union cemetery, northeast of Stiles in Davis Co. He married Maria Catharina Nauert 5 Sep 1833 in Assenheim, Germany. Maria, daughter of John Adam and Maria Eve (Renner) Nauert, was born 22 Jun 1810 at Assenheim, Germany; died 24 Jun 1861 near Pulaski; and was buried in Union Cemetery. The pioneer settled in Lee Co., IA, during 1852, and settled permanently in Davis Co, IA, during 1855. Children: K Elizabeth (Trachsel), John, Frederick, Marie (Handrich), Phebe (Lehman), Martin, Rosa (Spohnheimer), Anna Eve (Look) and Jacob.

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Children of Jacob Dieffenbach and Maria Katherine Nauert are:

2. i. K Elizabeth Dieffenbach, M: Anton Trachsel, 1857.
- ii. Marie Dieffenbach.
- iii. Rosa Dieffenbach.
- iv. Anna Eve Dieffenbach.
3. v. John Dieffenbach, B: 20 Dec 1835, D: 06 Sep 1912 in Union Cemetery, Grove Township, Pulaski, Ia, M: Elizabeth Ellenberger, 25 Aug 1859.
4. vi. Frederick Dieffenbach, B: Abt. 1838, D: 26 Jan 1871, M: Barbara Schlater, Davis County, IA.
5. vii. Martin Ellenberger Dieffenbach, B: 15 Apr 1845 in Germany, D: 25 Mar 1922 in Union Cemetery, M: Sophia Grasser, 1868.
- viii. Phebe Dieffenbach, B: Abt. 1852.
- ix. Jacob Dieffenbach, B: Abt. 1854.



Land Ho!

Granted Oct 1 1855 at Fairfield Iowa Land Office; 80 Acres, East 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 26, in Twp 68, Range 30., Davis County, IA

Jacob Dieffenbach

John Dieffenbach died at his home near Pulaski, Friday, September 6. He had gradually failed in health since in the early spring when he suffered from an attack of typhoid fever. The funeral services were conducted by Rev W W Miller at Mennonite church in the German neighborhood Monday sept. 9. Interment was made in the Union Cemetery near Stiles. John Dieffenbach was born in Assenheim Rhine, Bavaria, Germany, December 20, 1835, and was 76 years, 8 months and 16 days old. In 1851 with his parents he immigrated to America, locating in Iowa near Donnellson, and after 4 years moved to Davis County, where he resided until his death. August 25, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ellenberger. Six children were born to them, one of whom preceded the father to the land beyond. Those present at the time of his death were Mary Braun, Goodland, Ks., John Dieffenbach, Pulaski; Phillip H. Dieffenbach, Nampa, Idaho. The absent children were, Pheobe Aeschliman of Tacoma, Wash., and Marris E Dieffenbach of Idaho. He was a member of the Evangelical Protestant Church. There being no church of that faith near his home he was a regular attendant at the Mennonite church. Mr Dieffenbach was one of Davis County's most prosperous and influential citizens.

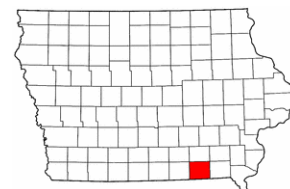
Children:

1 F	Name: K Elizabeth Dieffenbach Marriage: 1857 Spouse: Anton Trachsel
2 F	Name: Marie Dieffenbach Spouse: Unk Handrich
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1870 Davis County Census Grove Township
17/17 DIFFENBACH JACOB M 59 FARMER BAVARIA R/E OWNER
ELIZABETH F 44 KEEPING HOUSE BAVARIA
KRAPERT CATHERINE F 15 OH
DIFFENBACH JACOB M 16 WORKS ON FARM IA

10/10 DIFFENBACH JOHN M 34 FARMER BAVARIA R/E OWNER
ELIZABETH F 31 KEEPING HOUSE BAVARIA
MARY F 8 IA
JOHN M 6 IA
PHOEBE F 5 IA
MARTIN M 3 IA

12/12 DIFFENBACH ELIZABETH F 3 IA
FRED M 32 FARMER BAVARIA R/E OWNER
BARBARA F 27 KEEPING HOUSE OH M/F FOREIGN
HENRY M 6 IA
WILLIAM M 4 IA



DAVIS COUNTY ~ IOWA
THE PLACE TO BE FROM!

Pulaski den 24. Juni 1855

11, 1

Lieber Bruder!

Da ich am 20. Juni deinen Brief mit dem
2ten Wechsel erhalten habe, so fühle ich mich jetzt
veranlasst dir zu schreiben daß ich deinen Brief mit
dem prima Wechsel am 9. Juni ebenfalls empfangen
habe. Zugleich will ich dir auch mitteilen, wie es uns
bisher ergangen ist. Wir sind am 25. März mit unserem
Büch und Ochsenwagen vollends beraufgezogen wir brauchten
2 1/2 Tag, es war damals sehr kalt, mein krankes Pferd und
der Ochs hat mein Nachbar Jaar übernommen nebst dem
übrigen Hausgerät, was wir nicht laden konnten. Als wir
heraufkamen, kaufte ich an demselben Tage noch ein
Blockhaus, welches wir auch sogleich auf unser Land ge-
muhft haben, und nach sechs Tagen sind wir schon eingetogen.
Wir haben dieses Jahr überaus viel Arbeit, ist aber alles
bisher recht gut ergangen, wir haben 20 Acher Weizen,
30 Acher Welschkorn 15 Acher Hafer Kartoffel u. s. w. zu
Graben, wovon 20 Acher mit Weizen und Welschkorn auf
unserem Eigentum steht. Wir hatten ein rauhes Frühjahr,
ich mußte für 40 Dollar Futter fürs Vieh kaufen.
Gegenwärtig sind wir mit Holzfahren Welschkorn pflügen
und prelle brechen beschäftigt, ich muß beständig noch
einen Tagelöhner bei mir haben. Wir haben jetzt 30 Acher
gebrochen, ich sende bis Winter 60 Acher gebrochen
und in Fenz ^(Fence) zu bringen. Johannes und Maria brechen
mit 5 Joch Ochsen, wir haben zusammen 10 Joch Ochsen,
welche alle gewöhnt sind, zum arbeits bis auf 3 Joch
drei-jährige.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
John S Fletcher
Bloomfield
R.F. 52537



Mrs Lucy Groman
1605 Capital ave
Des Moines Iowa

<i>Joint Box</i>		600	SAFE NO.									
SIGNATURE			140									
<i>Lucy E. Groman</i>			DATE									
RESIDENCE			11-30-56									
<i>1605 Capitol ave.</i>												
BUSINESS	ADDRESS											
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	BIRTHPLACE											
<i>Nora Enyart (4.16.57)</i>	<i>Iowa Lee Co.</i>											
SIGNATURE												
<i>Wm Seaborn Fletcher</i>	<i>Iowa Lee Co.</i>											
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	BIRTHPLACE											
<i>Nora Enyart</i>												
<i>Wm Seaborn Fletcher, will Gene (4.16.57)</i>												
<i>Mrs Ruby Marrie Swafford, will Gene.</i>												
NUMBER												
140	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC

IN OUR POSSESSION;

FOLDER OF DOCUMENTS, INSURANCE PAPERS, MARRIAGE CERT, WILL, QUIT DEEDS ETC., LUCY FLETCHER GROMAN, DAUGHTER OF WM SEABORN & DORA ENYART FLETCHER. LOOKING FOR FAMILY OR RELATIVE TO PASS ON TO. PLEASE CONTACT DEB BARKER.

FLETCHER OF DAVIS COUNTY

WM SEABORN FLETCHER 1855-1928 HUSBAND OF DORA ENYART 1861-1951.

CHILDREN:

JOHN SHERMAN B. 3-2-1895, SCHUYLER COUNTY, MO

L T FLETCHER B. 8-25-1894

LUCY E FLETCHER B. 10 JUL 1891 DIED FEB 1982 MITCHELLVILLE, IA MARRIAGE 1 TO OMER BLODGET, SCHUYLER CO, MO 6-23-1910 **By Elias L Fletcher, Justice of the Peace. Witnesses: Mrs Dora Fletcher and W A Fletcher.** MARRIAGE 2 TO ADOLPH GROMAN, 7-6-1937, ST JOSEPH, BUCHANAN COUNTY, MO. HE DIED APRIL OF 1954

Documents from lock box, include Insurance papers, tax assessments for Polk County, Iowa. Also, Social Security info, Warranty Deeds, Marriage Certificate, Last Will & Testament of Lucy and one for Adolph, hand writ.

Quit Claim Deeds, Certificate of Marriage to Adolph Groman & Mrs Lucy E Gilliam, of Des Moines. Was she married 3 times?

Documentation on the Des Moines Trunk Company.

Woodbury County Mortgage, and promissory notes from Joe Pavoni.

Photograph of home at 1605 Capitol Ave, Des Moines, IA. A 2 story \$7250 Duplex. 3 rooms rented upstairs at \$65 a month.

Letters from John S Fletcher of Bloomfield to Lucy.

HOLIDAY MEETING 2011

Karen Ellenberger Prosapio, Richard Friend, Pat Coop Howk



Tom Prosapio, Joyce Cassidy Shumaker

HERRICK & LANGDON
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
DES MOINES, IOWA

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
LUCY E. GROMAN.
- - -

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Lucy E. Groman, of the City of Des Moines, County of Polk and State of Iowa, being of full age, sound mind and disposing memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, hereby revoking all former Wills and Codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

ITEM I.

I direct that all my just debts and expenses of my last illness and burial be first paid out of my estate.

ITEM II.

I hereby will, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to my sister, Ruby Marie Swafford, #1400 Harrison, Galesburg, Illinois.

ITEM III.

I hereby nominate and appoint my sister, Ruby Marie Swafford, executrix of this my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, without bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 4 day of June A. D. 1954.

Mrs Lucy E. Groman

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Lucy E. Groman as and for her Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request, and in her presence and the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

David S. Baker
Name.

Des Moines, Iowa
Address.

Allan A. Herrick
Name.

Des Moines, Iowa
Address.

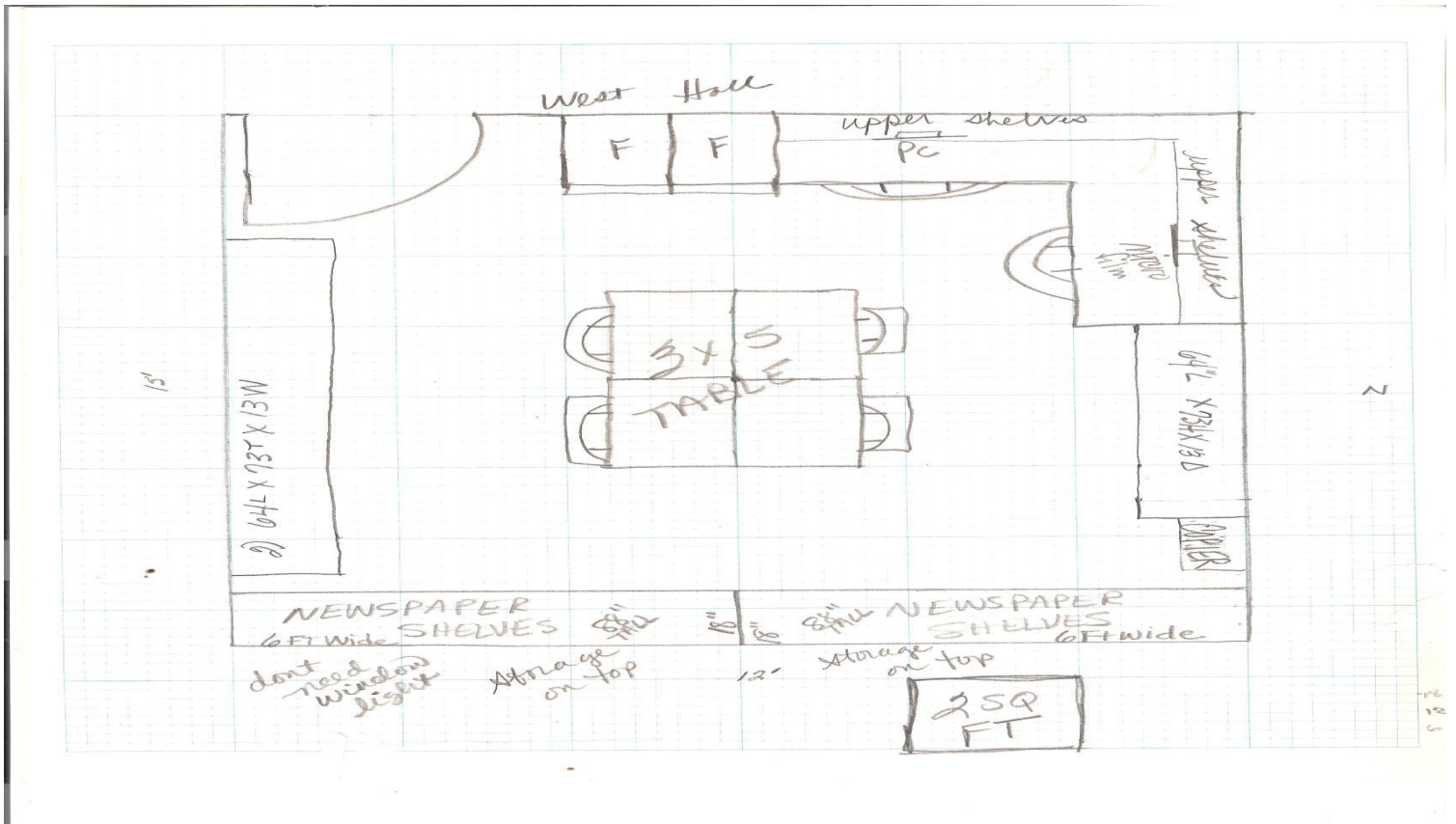
IOWA GRAVES REGISTRATION AND

WAR RECORDS SURVEY

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

DIEFFENBACH, FRED'K 1831 TO 1-26-1871; UNION CEM., GROVE TWP., ROW 3
 DIEFFENBACH, JACOB 1811 TO 4-19-1892; UNION CEM., GROVE TWP., ROW 3;
 WIFE M. KATHERINE 1810 TO 6-24-1861
 DIEFFENBACH, JOHN 1835, GERMANY TO 9-6-1912; UNION CEM., ROW 4,
 GROVE TWP.; WIFE ELIZABETH ELLENBURGER 1831 TO 3-4-1918
 DIEFFENBACH, JOHN E. 1863 TO 9-28-1925; K.P. CEM., LOT 107, PRAIRIE
 TWP.
 DIEFFENBACH, MARTIN 1845, GERMANY TO 3-25-1922; UNION CEM., PRARIE
 TWP., LOT 5; SON OF JACOB & CATHERINE; WIFE SOPHIA GRASSER 1848 TO
 2-27-1915

FLETCHER, J. 1862 TO 1921 WEST GROVE TWP. CEM. LOT 45. WIFE MINNIE
 A. 1867 TO 1937.
 FLETCHER, JOHN 1864 TO 2-15-1938 WESLEY CHAPEL CEM. ROW 1, MARION
 TWP.
 FLETCHER, LOUISE 1839 TO 9-6-1924 WESLEY CHAPEL CEM. ROW 1, MARION
 TWP.
 ERHART, P.G. 1816 TO 2-1-1899; WESLEY CHAPEL CEM., ROW 11, MARION
 TWP.; WIFE LUCINDA A. 1823 TO 10-5-1907





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THE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ~ January to December ~

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED: _____

DON'T FORGET, COMING SOON!

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A Genealogical & Historical Event

Interested in Genealogy or Davis County History?

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email: dcgs@netins.net

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