

DAVIS COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

Summer 1984 - Peggy Arnold, Editor

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Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

206 W. Goode St.

REGULAR MEETING: Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in
the Bloomfield Public Library, 107 N. Columbia St.

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WORK DAY: Every Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

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June 1984

Dear Members,

Welcome to all who returned to Bloomfield for the
Homecoming Celebration. Hope you enjoy all of the
activities.

Our members have been very active getting ready for
the celebration and doing their own research.

We are now considered a part of Region #1 by the
State Genealogical Society. Our present representative
is Linda Auwaerter from Burlington. Peggy Taylor, one
of our members, is running for this position at the next
annual meeting. Our society is endorsing Peggy. We
feel she will be a real asset. If anyone has any questions
concerning the state society, let us know and we will
try to get the answers.

Our 1850 Davis County Federal Census is ready for
sale from the Iowa State Genealogical Society, 167
pages, for \$17 + tax. (Continued on page 8).

Send to: Phyllis Thomas, R. R. #3, Bloomfield, IA 52537

Enclosed is \$5.00 for dues to the DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY for 1984.

() I am () am not a member of the Iowa State Genealogical
Society, Box 7735, Des Moines, IA 50322

Name _____

Address _____

2. Iowa State Department of Health, Lucas State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Vital Records Section, Certified Copy Unit - General Information

This office has no birth, death or marriage records before July 1, 1880. Marriage records before that date may be obtained from the county in which the event occurred. Additional information may be obtained from the Census Division of the Iowa Historical Building, East 12th & Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Statewide indexes (which cover all of Iowa are by year and begin as follows:)

Births July 1, 1880
Deaths January, 1891
Marriage July 1, 1916

Example - Any death prior to 1891 cannot be searched without the date and place of death.

The parentage is not listed on any death record until July, 1904.

Iowa's mandatory registration law was enacted in July, 1921. Prior to 1921, less than 50% of the vital events were registered and the percentage decreases the further back in time the event occurred.

Iowa's Law requires a searching fee of \$4.00 per record search and includes one certified copy if found. If a record is not found, the \$4.00 fee is retained for the search and cannot be refunded.

Please be sure each request for a record contains the person's name as it was registered at the time of the event.

Example - A married woman's name at the time of death would be her legal married name--Jane Ann Doe, not Mrs. John Doe or her maiden name. The date and place of event and parents' names should also be given.--March 22, 1984. --Copy--

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Des Moines County Genealogical Society, Burlington, IA., is planning a special day of genealogical working and learning, Saturday, Oct. 27, 1984.

They are sponsoring the workshop conducted by the professional staff of EVERTON PUBLISHING of Nibley, Utah.

Genealogists can come and "work" on their family lines by using the accumulated data bank of ancestral information of over 170,000 ancestor names up to a quarter of a million names that have been entered into the Computerized "Roots" Cellar and the new Computerized Family File. Personal consultation from the professional staff is one of the services to be given.

An informative lecture session will be presented to those attending.

Suggestions on how to gain the most from a subscription to The Genealogical Helper, how to use effectively the Computerized "Roots" Cellar and the Computerized Family File are some of the highlights of the lectures that will be given.

Hundreds of items for the genealogist will be on display during each workshop and orders can be placed for any of these items at discounted prices.

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3. A PARTIAL LIST OF ITEMS IN THE GENEALOGY ROOM FOR THE USE
IN GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Location: Public Library at 107 N. Columbia, Bloomfield, IA
ALL MATERIAL FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM GENEALOGICAL ROOM!!
(Members only. Membership is \$5.00 a year. New members are welcome.)

Books

HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS edited by Geo. B. Everton, Sr.
THE HOW BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS
1882 Davis County History
1976 Davis County History and Index
Pioneer History of Davis County & Index
1840 Iowa Census and Index
Four volumes of IOWA GENEALOGY SURNAMES and Index
Cemetery Records - W.P.A. 1940
Various other cemetery records (up-to-date)
HOW TO OPERATE A SMALL LIBRARY
1850 Davis County Federal Census and Index
1860 Davis County Federal Census and Index
List of Mothers and Widows of WWI - 1930
Many others, including many family histories printed in book form.

Microfilm and Microfilm Reader

Approximately 65 rolls of Davis County film from Salt Lake City including
Censuses, births, deaths, deeds, homestead book, plot book, some
marriages, 1790 1st census of the U.S., etc.
1856 Davis County State Census of D.C. and Van Buren Co.
1885 " " " " " " " " " "
1895 " " " " " " " " " "

Other Counties on Microfilm

Van Buren, Appanoose, Scotland, Mo., Dallas, Decatur, and several others.

Atlas and Maps

1973 Plat Book of Davis County Road maps, several.
1975 Atlas of Van Buren Co. Map of location of Davis County cemeteries.

Pamphlets and Black Notebooks

Hawkeye Heritage magazines - all copies 1966 through 1984.
Iowa Genealogical Helper magazines - back issues.
Iowa Genealogical Newsletters - several years back.
Ohio, Ky., Ind., Md., Pa., Or., Mo. state magazines and material.
Clipped Davis County newspapers including obituaries, etc. in notebooks and indexed.
Jan. 1, 1976 through Dec. 1983 births, obituaries, marriages, anniversaries and
reunions. Black Notebooks.
Scrapbooks of clippings of Davis County obituaries, etc. (7 books) and indexed.

On Loan(or in room for our use).

Davis County Newspapers - Legal Tender Greenback-1880-1890, Commonwealth-1874-1877,
Western Gazette-1854-1855; Messenger-1922-1927, Democrat-1891-1984, Trader ?,
Republican-1873-1984. Also microfilm of most of these papers.
A complete set of Civil War Record books. Also worn copy of Davis County Civil
War (badly worn).

Also, Available in Public Library

Genealogical Helper Magazine-latest editions.
Copy machine - 10¢ a copy.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY COUNTY CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS
 THAT OUR SOCIETY RECEIVES
 1982 -----1984

County	Name	Address
Adams County	Treetenders	P.O. Box 8, Greenfield, Ia. 50849
Appanoose County	Pages From the Past	715 W. Van Buren St., Centerville, 52544
Boone County	Newsletter	423 Benton, Boone, Ia. 50036
Chickasaw County	Newsletter	603 W. Hale, New Hampton, Ia. 50659
Clinton County	Gateway Diggers	380 23rd Place, Clinton, Ia. 52732
Davis County	Newsletter	206 W. Goode St., Bloomfield, Ia. 52537
Dubuque County	Key City	P.O. Box 13, Dubuque, Iowa 52001
Guthrie County	Newsletter	P.O. Box 96, Jamaica, Iowa 50128
Hamilton County	Hunters, Heritage	1623 Sparboe Court, Webster City, 52594
Hancock County	Newsletter	P.O. Box 81, Klemme, Iowa 50449
Lee County	Old Fort G.S.	P.O. Box 1, Fort Madison, Ia. 52627
Keomah/Keokuk-Mahaska Counties	Tracers	P.O. Box 616, Oskaloosa, Ia. 52577
Marion County	Newsletter	P.O. Box 385, Knoxville, Ia. 50138
Monroe County	Newsletter	203 Benton Ave. E, Albia, Ia. 52531
Northwest Iowa	Rootdiggers	46 1st St., S.W., LeMars, Ia. 51031
Polk County	Pioneer Trails	P.O. Box 2103, Des Moines, Ia. 50310
Poweshiek County	Searchers	Box 70, Montezuma, Ia. 50171
Ringgold County	Roots	204 W. Jefferson, Mt. Ayr, IA 50854
Sac County	Sacoge News	509 Walnut, Box 234, Lytton, IA 50561
Wapello County	Newsletter	June Ware, Rt. 4, Ottumwa, IA 52501
Warren County	Newsletter	1201 North D. St., Indianola, IA 50125
Wayne County	Genie News	Mrs. Ruby Rush, Rt. 1, Cambria, IA 50045
Illinois State G.S.	Newsletter	P.O. 157, Lincoln, IL 62656
Indiana	Hoosier Connection	101 First St., Greencastle, IN 46135
Oregon	Rogue Valley	125 S. Central Ave., Medford, OR 97501

 WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT continued from page 2.

Each person who attends will pay \$12.00. For this they will receive three issues of the Genealogical Helper (a \$12.00 value) which means that all other services are free. There will be a special bonus, FREE to those attending that will be announced at each workshop.

Each person attending should come prepared with a filled-out pedigree and/or family group sheets.

Those desiring to go to this workshop should contact Sue Spilman, president. Our society should have a good representation at this workshop. Lunch will be 'brown bag' with beverage furnished.

 AT THE PRESENT TIME OUR DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HAS 43 MEMBERS.

A Neglected Genealogical Tool--Old newspapers can be used to locate ancestral data--marriages, cemetery records--deaths--births, etc. Burials did not always take place where the person died, either. Probate records are kept in county archives "forever."

Births of children were not always recorded, but doctors and neighbors reported them to the newspapers--names of parents, sex of child and place of birth went into the newspaper.

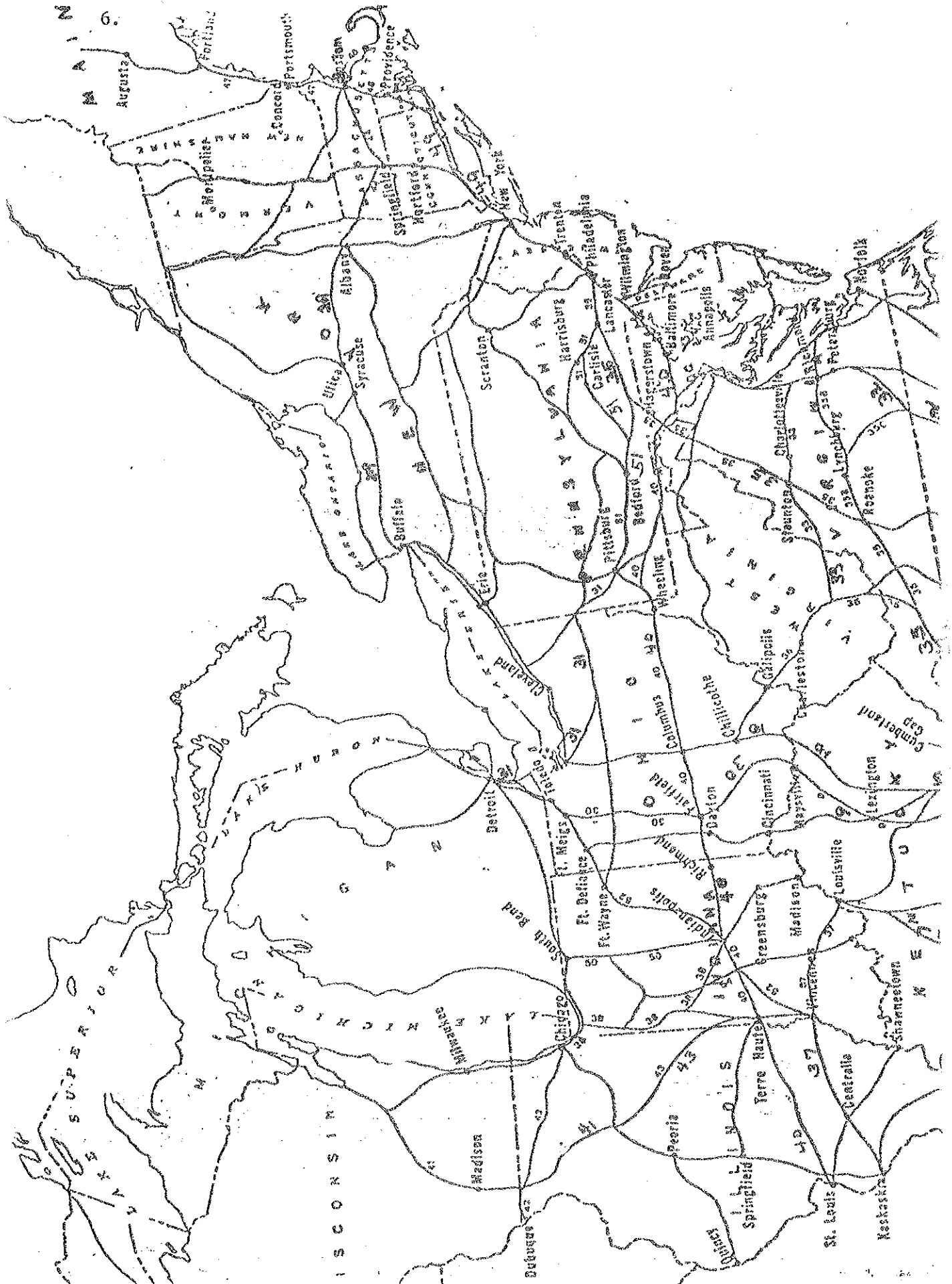
Important timely news about individuals was published.

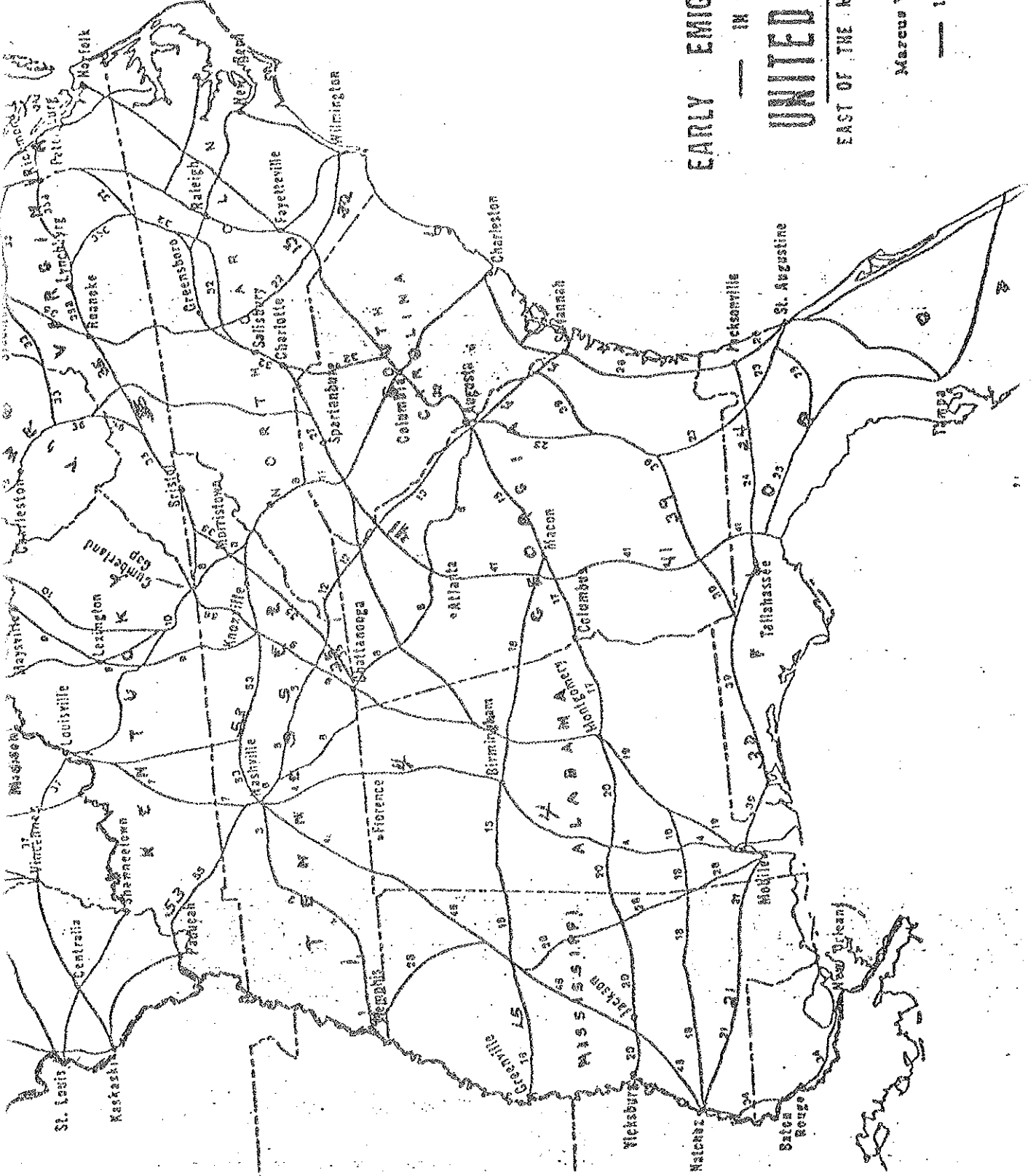
A LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL EMIGRANT TRAILS
SHOWN ON THE MAP HEREWITH

No.

- 1 - Bolivar and Memphis Trail
- 2 - Chickasaw Trail
- 3 - Lower Harpeth Trail
- 4 - Great South Trail
- 5 - Black Fox Trail
- 6 - The Cisca and St. Augustine Trail
- 7 - The Cumberland and Ohio Falls Trail
- 8 - The Catawba Trail
- 9 - The Tennessee, Ohio and Great Lakes Trail
- 10 - The Warrior's Path of Kentucky
- 11 - The Old South Carolina State Road to the North
- 12 - The Unicoi Turnpike
- 13 - The Augusta and Cherokee Trail
- 14 - The Augusta and Savannah Trail
- 15 - The Lower Creek Trading Path
- 16 - The Tombigbee and Arkansas River Trail
- 17 - The Macon and Montgomery Trail
- 18 - Trail from Natchez to the Lower Creeks
- 19 - The Alabama and Mobile Trail
- 20 - The Alabama, Choctaw and Natchez Trail
- 21 - The Mobile and Natchez Trail
- 22 - The Wilmington, Highpoint and Northern Trail
- 23 - The Augusta and St. Augustine Trail
- 24 - The Jacksonville and Apalachee Bay Trail
- 25 - The Southern St. Augustine-Apalachee Trail
- 26 - The Savannah and Jacksonville Trail
- 27 - The Lower Cherokee Trader's Path
- 28 - The Memphis, Pototoc and Mobile Trail
- 29 - The Mohawk (Iroquois) Trail
- 30 - The Fort Miami Trail
- 31 - The Great Trail
- 32 - The Occaneechi Path
- 33 - The Pamunkey-New River Trail
- 34 - The Natchez-New Orleans Trail
- 35 - The Great Indian Warpath
- 36 - Kanawha Branch of Great Indian Warpath
- 37 - The Buffalo Trace
- 38 - The Old Chicago Road
- 39 - The Old Trading Path of the South
- 40 - The National Road
- 41 - The Pecos Trail
- 42 - The Chicago and Dubuque Highway
- 43 - The Kellogg Trail
- 44 - The Old Connecticut Path
- 45 - The Natchez Trace
- 46 - The Coast Path
- 47 - The Kennebunk Road
- 48 - The Old Roebuck Road
- 49 - The Boston-New York Post Road
- 50 - The Michigan Road
- 51 - The "Old Trading Path" of Pennsylvania
- 52 - The Vincennes and Indianapolis Road
- 53 - The Cumberland Trace
- 54 - The La Fayette Road

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EARLY EMIGRANT TRAILS
 — IN THE —
UNITED STATES

EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Marcus Winfield Lewis

— 1933 —

8. President's Letter continued.

We hope to have the 1860 Davis County Federal Census ready to sell by the end of the year. It has all been transcribed from the microfilm and is partially indexed at the present time. Typing the copy for the printing comes next.

Hope you all have a full summer and find lots in your research. Happy hunting.

D. Sue Spilman, president

SPECIAL IGS LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Library Committee is announcing some extended hours and a big special event for the Iowa State Genealogical Society Library at 6000 Douglas Ave.

Normally closed on Fridays, on June 29 the library will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This will permit many out-of-towners to combine a day of research with the meeting, at Urbandale Senior High School, 5101 Aurora Ave., on Genealogical Research in Germany, Saturday, June 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Then on Saturday, just in case someone wants to sneak away from the meeting for a little research, the library will be open its regular Saturday hours, 10 to 4.

The big event will be on Sunday, July 1, when an OPEN HOUSE at the recently remodeled facility will be held. Hours from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE

- 1. INDEX to the Pioneer History of Davis County, 44 pages \$3.00 + 50¢
- 2. Pioneer History of Davis County by Dillion Payne (3 left)...\$15 + 1.25 postage
- 3. 1850 Census of D.C. from I.G.S. Library, Box 7735, and handling.
Des Moines, IA 50322, \$17.50. Write for a copy, 167 pps.

OUR SOCIETY GLADLY ACCEPTS GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

The annual Iowa State Genealogical Society meeting will be held October 27 and 28, 1984 (Saturday and Sunday), at Ames, Iowa, at the Scheman Building.

206 W. Goode St.
Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

TO:

Jerry Greene
West Grove, Ia.
52538