

DAVIS COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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Bloomfield, Iowa

206 W. Goode St.

REGULAR MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Library basement.

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FROM the President's Desk:

Greetings Davis County Genealogists-----

It's a pleasure to be associated with the members of our Society. They are as busy as the proverbial Bee working to fill the shelves in our genealogy room in the basement of the Library with the very best they can acquire. At each meeting we discuss ways that we can make improvements and/or provide more assistance. The 1850 Davis County Federal Census has already been published and is for sale from I.G.S., Des Moines. The 1860 Federal Census is being typed for a fall printing-publishing. At present, the 1856 State Census and the 1870 Federal Census of Davis County are being read and prepared for future printing and publishing.

The Bloomfield area cemeteries have been walked, copied and their records are found on our shelves. Some need to be done.

Newspaper items from older Davis County newspapers have been clipped, carefully preserved in plastic sheets and in notebooks, and indexed; and are on our shelves for use.

Jerry Greene is always doing something spectacular with the genie room.

As the new kid on the block, I'm impressed with the expertise of our Library room workers as they guide members and visitors helping them utilize our Library.

Many thanks to you all.

Now for the rest of you--how about joining us each 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and putting your oars in the locks-----.

Mary Ellen Redmon, Pres.

Next meeting--March 20.

At the present time our Davis County Genealogical Society has 35 members. We need more. Have you paid your dues? If you haven't this will be your last newsletter until they are paid. If your copy has a red mark near the label on the last page, you have not paid your 1986 dues.

***** D U E S *****

Send to: Phyllis Thomas, Rte # 3, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

Enclosed is \$5.00 for dues to the Davis County Genealogical Society for 1986.

Name _____
Address _____

ALONG WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, PLEASE SEND A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE newsletter - A QUERY, AN ANCESTOR CHART, A SHORT ARTICLE, or SOMETHING YOU FEEL OTHERS WOULD PROFIT FROM OR ENJOY READING. An ancestor chart is enclosed for your use.

If you know of a good source to research, or a new publication which might be of interest to our readers, sent it to the NEWSLETTER for inclusion in the next publication. SEND or give the editor A QUERY, AN ANCESTOR CHART, A SHORT ARTICLE, A POEM, just something!!!

HAWAII STATE GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION - P.O. Box 30645, Honolulu, Hawaii 96820

MAPS--Did you know there is a series of good maps showing the formation of the counties of Iowa, with a history of the boundary changes, available at the Iowa Historical Society? These books are available at the Iowa Historical Society, and are priced at \$1 each, and \$1 for postage, if ordering by mail. Address: 402 Iowa Ave., Iowa City, Ia 52240.

OKLAHOMA VETERANS - To coincide with the State of Oklahoma's Diamond Jubilee, the Oklahoma Genealogical Society has begun a project of compiling a complete record of veterans buried in the state. The goal is a continuous card file to be housed in the Oklahoma Historical Society library. Since all gravestones of veterans do not mention military service, families of veterans are encouraged to submit information on burials. Address correspondence to: Mrs. Dave Sanders Woolard, Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT-----

The Governor has declared 1986 as "Homecoming Year" for Iowa. Each city and/or county is charged with having activities that will attract people from out-of-state to the area this year. DAVIS COUNTY has formed a new Tourism COMMITTEE which will be preparing brochures and distributing them throughout the country. Hopefully, this will bring a deluge of visitors, especially during prime vacation time this summer.

As some of you know, the Davis County Genealogical Society has been promoting tourism to Davis County for several years. Last calendar year some 41 people from 15 states as well as 32 people from other counties in Iowa registered at our genealogy room at our public library. There were others that I know of that were in Davis County doing genealogy research. Many of these individuals stayed overnight in local motels and some as long as a week while working on their genealogy. This takes in meals, a little shopping, gas, travelling our countryside, etc.

It is my belief that we should once again have volunteers to be at the genealogy room in the library on certain days of the week this summer to assist visitors. Other days could be by arrangement. This certainly doesn't mean we should do the research for them, but to know what resources are available and to be able to give suggestions as to what they might try. This should be a cooperative effort involving as many members as possible. If you don't feel that you could be at the genealogy room in the library every week on a certain day, I'm sure we could find someone to alternate weeks or whatever arrangement necessary. This is a good chance for you to work on your own genealogy while there. Volunteers may call me at 664-3227 or drop me a card--205 W. Arkansas. --Jerry Greene, Davis County Genealogical Society Librarian.

The Society extends a thanks to Jeanne Harrington for placing a copy of her recently published HARRINGTON HERITAGE genealogy in our library. The published genealogies are filed in the top drawer of the wooden cabinet. We have many in this drawer. Thanks to all who have donated them.

FOR SALE: Notebooks--\$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Mary Ellen REDMON
 Address 701 E. Franklin
 City, State Bloomfield, Iowa
 Date March 1986

4 **Albert Oscar REDMON**
(Father of No. 2)
 b. 28 May 1865
 p.b. Troy, Davis, IA
 m. 12 Nov 1890, D.C., IA
 d. 25 Jul 1899
 p.d. Stafford Co., KS

2 **Ben B. REDMON**
(Father of No. 1)
 b. 28 Feb 1895
 p.b. Troy, Davis, IA
 m. 13 Feb 1918
 d. 17 Jun 1967
 p.d. Dunnville Cem. D.C., IA

5 **Alberta ALEXANDER**
(Mother of No. 2)
 b. 10 Oct 1873
 p.b. Davis Co., IA
 d. 14 Nov. 1896
 p.d. Stillwater, Payne, OK

1 **Ben A. REDMON**
 b. 11 Nov 1931
 p.b. Iowa City, Johnson, IA
 m. 30 Dec. 1968
 d.
 p.d.

8 **Oliver Belknap SMOCK**
(Father of No. 3)
 b. 18 Dec 1867
 p.b. Davis Co., IA
 m. 19 Feb 1895
 d. 17 Jan 1930
 p.d. Dunnville Cem., D.C., IA

3 **Jannie Belle SMOCK**
(Mother of No. 1)
 b. 24 Sep 1899
 p.b. Roby, Texas, MO
 d. 6 Oct 1952
 p.d. Dunnville Cem., D.C., IA

7 **Aidie Belle DUNLAVY**
(Mother of No. 3)
 b. 10 Apr 1872
 p.b. Davis Co., IA
 d. 18 Nov 1946
 p.d. Dunnville Cem., D.C., IA

Mary Ellen CUSTER
(Spouse of No. 1)

8 **John B. REDMON**
(Father of No. 4)
 b. 1 Apr 1829
 p.b. MO
 m. 31 May 1860, D.C., IA
 d. 11 Dec. 1872
 p.d. Bethlehem Cem, D.C., IA

9 **Martha J. McClure**
(Mother of No. 4)
 b. 19 Jan 1841
 p.b. Orange Co. Ind.
 d. 27 Oct 1876
 p.d. Bethlehem Cem, D.C., IA

10 **Albert ALEXANDER**
(Father of No. 5)
 b. 1 Aug. 1838
 p.b. Adams Co., OH
 m. 21 Jul 1866, D.C., IA
 d. 4 Nov. 1907
 p.d. Stillwater, Payne, OK

11 **Melissa BLEYTHING**
(Mother of No. 5)
 b. 13 Feb 1849
 p.b. Troy, Davis, IA
 d. 17 Jul 1937
 p.d. Stillwater, Payne, OK

12 **Charles SMOCK**
(Father of No. 6)
 b. 13 Jun 1843
 p.b. Jefferson Co., Ind.
 m. 13 Apr 1864
 d. 15 May 1889
 p.d.

13 **Sarah Catherine SMOCK**
(Mother of No. 6)
 b. 7 Apr 1843
 p.b.
 d. 14 Jan 1903
 p.d.

14 **John Wesley DUNLAVY**
(Father of No. 7)
 b. 7 Nov. 1845
 p.b. Franklin, Decatur, Ind.
 m. 7 Mar 1869
 d. 27 Jul 1921
 p.d. Bloomfield, Davis, IA

15 **Sarah Elizabeth DUNN**
(Mother of No. 7)
 b. 9 Sep 1851
 p.b. Lick Crk, Davis, IA
 d. 29 Jul 1921
 p.d. Bloomfield, Davis, IA

16
 b.
 m.
 d.

17
 b.
 d.

18 **James McClure**
 b. 1 May 1807 KY
 m.
 d. Mar. 1893 Bethlehem
 Jane McLAIN

19
 b. 3 Aug 1811 KY
 d. 25 Mar 1854 Iowa
 VanBuren Co

20 **Hamilton ALEXANDER**
(Father of 1)
 b. 31 Dec 1800 OH
 m.
 d. 1881

21 **Sarah**
(Mother of 1)
 b.
 d.

22 **George BLEYTHING**
(Father of 1)
 b. 1814 England
 m.
 d.

23 **Louisa SMITH**
(Mother of 1)
 b. 1825 TN
 d.

24 **Archibald Cameron SMOCK**
(Father of 1)
 b. 14 Dec 1820 Ind.
 m. 3 Mar 1842
 d. 29 Dec 1881

25 **Hannah MOORE**
(Mother of 1)
 b. 15 Sep 1825
 d. Jan 1877
 Abram SMOCK

26
 b. 20 Jul 1818 Ind.
 m. 15 Nov. 1838
 d. 3 Jun 1863

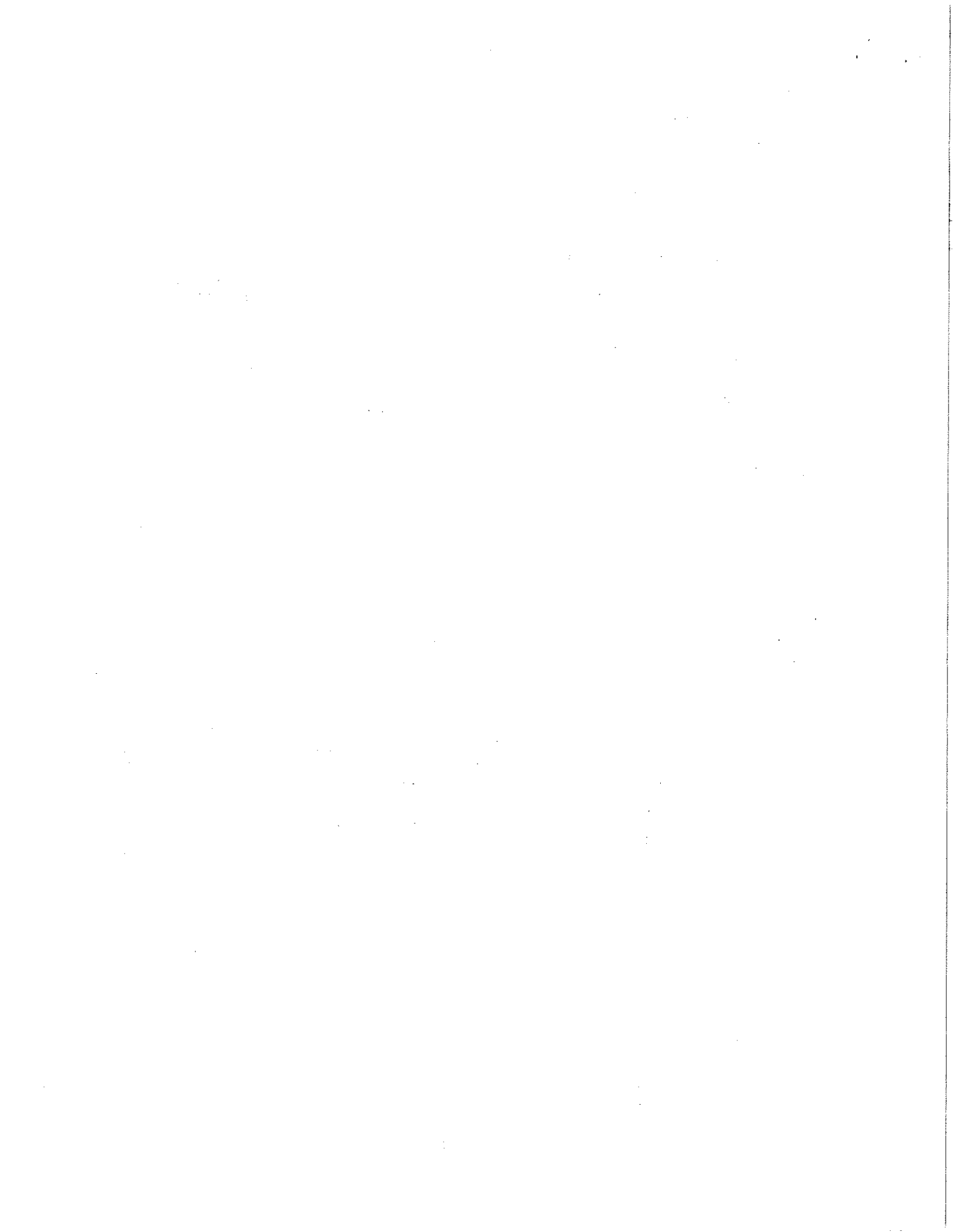
27 **Sarah Catherine MONR**
(Mother of 1)
 b.
 d.

28 **Harvey DUNLAVY**
(Father of 1)
 b. 2 Jun 1817
 m. 25 Dec 1842
 d. 12 Mar 1875

29 **Martha Armour ROSE**
(Mother of 1)
 b.
 d.

30 **Andrew DUNN**
(Father of 1)
 b. 22 May 1813
 m. 3 Jun 1835
 d. 17 Jun 1880

31 **Sarah Elizabeth MILLER**
(Mother of 1)
 b.
 d.



Name	Date of Entry	Name	Date of Entry
John Anders	4-26-1850	Des Moines River Land	
John Allen	8-28-1847	J. W. Ellis	1858
Samuel Allen	8-28-1847 & 2-1-1850	John W. Ellis	2-15-1858
Smith C. Allen	2-1-50 & 2-2-1849	Theodorus Fulkerson	11-4-1850
John Angler	2-27-1855	Daniel Feagins	3-8-1849 & 3-8-49
Des Moines River Land		Wm. K. Findley	1-26-1849
John Andrews	up to 1858	James Feagins	3-28-1847
Smith C. Allen	up to 1858	Willis Feagins	3-8-1849
Homburgh Baldwin	2-4-1848	David Fisk	6-27-1851
Robert Belton	1-6-1848	Regana Fisk	8-8-1849
Abner M. Burns	11-12-1849	Joseph Greenfield	3-2-1848
John S. Ballinger	4-18-1854 (2)	William Graham	6-23-1846
Alex L. Baker	1-29-1849 (2)	James Greenfield	12-5-1848
Samuel Brooks	10-8-1849	William Garretson	6-21-1847 & 9-20-55
Benjamin Brooks	7-20-1846 & 11-16-49	William Garretson	9-20-1852
David Baker	11-9-1846 & 10-14-48	Des Moines River Land	
David Baker	11-9-46 & 10-14-48	William Graham	up to 1858
Des Moines River Land		Bennett Graham	up to 1858
Anson J. Brooks	up to 1858	School Fund Land	
Abner M. Burns	up to 1858 (2)	Iven Grider	3-13-1849
School Fund Land		George Harward	9-28-1846 (2)
William Baker	8-26-48, 5-18-49	Jacob P. Hastings	11-5-1849
Thomas Clark	8-8-1851	John M. Hamilton	10-21-1852
Daniel P. Crumrine	6-29-1850 & 6-29-1850	John M. Hamilton	10-21-1852
Allen Crail	4-6-1848	James Hendricks	3-15-1850
John H. Cavett	12-14-1850	James W. Hoisington	1-13-1848 (3)
Wilson F. Creed	4-6-1848	Benjamin	10-29-1849
Elkuder? Christy	1-22-1851	Benjamin Hawkins	9-30-1851
Des Moines River Land		Peter Hubber	2-14-1850
S. D. Cartwright	up to 1858 (2)	Isaac Hodge	3-29-1847 (3)
Thomas Clark	up to 1858 (2)	George Humphrey	11-1-1847
Orestes N. Clark	up to 1858	Kinar Hutson	3-8-1849
William E. Cox	up to 1858	Charles Hull	12-11-1851
R.H. Craig & Wm C.Vance	1858 & 2-18-58	Stephen Harrell Jr.	9-16-1846
School Fund Land.		Hiram Haskins	4-1-1848 & 10-16-1849
S.S. Carpenter (assigned from Jno. W. Hyatt)	8-26-1848	Des Moines River Land	
Henry Dawden	5-19-1852	John Hamilton	up to 1858 (3)
Andrew Dunn	5-3-1850 & 5-17-49	Jno. M. Hamilton	up to 1858
James Dickinson	12-30-1850	R. V. Holcomb	up to 1858
William S. Dudley	8-15-1848	John Hart	up to 1858
John A. Drake	5-5-1855	School Fund Land	
George W. Duncan	2-30-1848	Jno. W. Hyatt (assigned to S. S. Carpenter)	8-26-1848
William Dunlavy	9-30-1849 & 1-23-1849	Gabriel Jones	5-20-1848
William Dunlavy	1-28-50 & 9-30-49	Asa John	1-10-1852
Andrew Dunn	10-20-47 to 11-28-49	(5) Steward Jordan	6-23-1846
Des Moines River Land		James H. Jordan	8-28-1847
William Duffield	up to 1858 (2)	David Jay	7-30-1848 (3)
Thomas Duffield	up to 1858	Wm.; Francis; & Lucinda Jay	9-1-1852
School Fund Land		Rochard Johnson	11-25-1847
Andrew Dunn	8-26-1848	Richard Johnson	11-25-1847 (3)
Andrew S. Endsley	1-6-1848	Des Moines River Land	
Andrew J. Endsley	1-6-1848	Jeff Jordan	up to 1858
Edward Everitt	9-3-1847		
William J. Elrod	3-9-55 & 7-28-55		

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Name	Date of Entry	Name	Date of Entry
William Kendrick	12-4-1854	Joseph Peden	8-26-1848
Jacob Kunts	5-26-1855	John C. Rude	4-29-1851
Geo. W. Kneedler	6-12-1849 (2)	John M. Rydan	1-12-1850
John Lang	11-6-1854	John H. Rullman	4-21-1851
Wm. H. Lyons	3-6-1849	William Roberts	10-18-1848
Barton Lepper	5-11-1855 (4)	Timothy N. Reynolds	10-31-1855 (3)
Geo. L. Laughlin	10-12-1846	James Rose	6-21-1847
William Miller	6-23-1846	Wesley Rayburn	11-28-1849
Edward Miller-	4-26-49 & 6-23-46	William Rayburn	12-27-1850
Joseph Miller	8-6-1846	Des Moines River Land	
Jonathan Morris	1-6-1848	John M. Ryan	up to 1858 (2)
Adam Minicks	2-16-1847	Havilah B. Rude	up to 1858
Abram Morgan	5-5-1848 & 1-11-52	Samuel R. Smock	9-4-1851
Jonathan B. Morris	1-6-1848 & 4-24-1848	William Spence	11-10-1849
Andrew Morgan	11-25-1847 & 5-25-48	Christopher Stranehagen	11-10-51
Andrew Morgan	4-24-49 & 6-19-48	Elijah Swinney	7-20-1846 & 6-19-48
John Messenger	6-25-1849	Jeremiah B. Stark	6-23-1846
Peter Munch	10-15-1852	Irvin Swinney	8-25-1846 (3)
Andrew S. Murphy	11-24-1848	Jonathan S. Shupe	3-27-1854
Ira N. Maben *	7-12-1854	Isaac Swinney	6-23-1846
John Morgan	6-25-1846	Josiah Stark	7-20-1846 (3)
David Morris	7-20-1846 & 4-24-48	James Swinney	7-20-1846 & 5-20-46
David W. Morris	10-20-47	William Shupe	2-30-1848
Jonathan B. Morris	5-10-1847 & 1-20-47	Isaac Swinney	11-18-1849
Ira N. Malen	6-6-1855	Sarah J. Sanderson	7-20-1846
John Messenea	12-19-1848	Jeremiah B. Stark	6-8-1849 & 6-23-46
Des Moines River Land		Elijah Swinney	6-23-1846 & 7-23-46
Adam Minnich	up to 1858	Delaney Swinney	10-27-46 & 10-20-1847
James Moore	up to 1858	Jeremiah B. Stark	10-25-1847 (2)
David W. Morris	up to 1858	Isaac Swinney	5-30-1850
Abraham Morgan	up to 1858	Jane Swinney	3-27-1848
School Fund Land		Gartin Swinney	6-23-1846
D. W. Morris	8-26-1848	Irvin Swinney	11-27-1848
Darius Niles	8-11-1846	John Shadle	2-7-1847
Christian Newcomb	2-9-1848 (2)	Des Moines River Land	
John Nash	(2) 6-23-1846 & 6-21-1847	Lucien B. Sweet	up to 1858
Des Moines River Land		Elias Sweet	up to 1858
Darius Niles	up to 1858	School Fund Land	
John McGee	6-8-1851	Isaac Swinney	8-26-1848
*Wm. McK Findley *	1-26-1849	Josiah Stark	8-26-1848
Wm. S. McKibben	12-21-1849	I. Swinney (assigned to	
James McCormich	12-24-1851	D. Sloun 4-26-1851)	2-19-1851
James H. McCormick	8-12-1848	James B. Tull	6-30-1849
Phineas McIntire	5-13-1852	Hendrick Tricken	12-8-1848
Wm. S. McKibbin	12-21-1849	John B. Tricken	11-20-1848 & 12-8-48
School Fund Land		Arthur S. Twineham	1-19-1849 & 12-24-49
J. McGee	2-11-1854	William H. Tull	7-8-1850
George Odell	7-10-1848	George W. Thompson	10-11-1847 & 9-27-49
Samuel Peden	4-26-1847	Des Moines River Land	
Joel G. Paris	3-18-1847	Wm. H. Tull	up to 1858
John A. Pitzer	6-23-1846	Robert Vance	1-19-1849 & 2-7-49
Henry Peppers	11-12-1855	Des Moines River Land	
Des Moines River Land		W. C. Vance & R. H. Craig	1858 & 2-18-58
Charles D. Peden	up to 1858 (2)	John B. Valle	1-28-1860
Samuel Peden	up to 1858 (2)	Miles White	11-9-1850
A. Landis Price	1858		

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ORIGINAL ENTRIES, LICK CREEK TOWNSHIP,
DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA (T70-R13W) cont'd

YOUR NAME 7.

DAVIS COUNTY	Date of Entry
Jesse Williams	4-9-53 & 1-17-1853
J. Wilson Williams	10-31-55
Samuel D. Wells	9-28-1852
Jesse Williams	1-3-55- & 10-22-1855
Elias A. White	3-11-1855
Harvey Wooden	6-19-1848 & 5-16-50
Jesse Williams	1-7-53
Daniel Wall	9-15-1849
Samuel Wright	11-24-1848
Samuel D. Wells	10-20-1847
James Ware	7-20-1846 & 4-16-1849
Chesley Woodward	11-27-1848
James Ware	4-16-1849
Samuel Wright	11-24-1848 & 11-13-48
William M. Wilson	2-16-1847 & 6-27-1848
Wilson M. Wilson	7-9-1850
School Fund Land	
Sam'l D. Wells	8-26-1848
Chesley Woodyard or C. Woodward	11-22-1848
James Ware	8-6-1849
R. Wells	1-1-1855

It came from your father,
It was all he had to give,
So it's yours to use and cherish
As long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you
It can always be replaced,
But a black mark on your name, son,
Can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it
And a worthy name to bear,
When I got it from My Father.
There was no dishonor there
So make sure you guard it wisely--
After all is said and done,
You'll be glad the name is spotless
When you give it to your Son.

-----Unknown

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DID YOU KNOW - For nearly three
centuries, half of all English names
were Elizabeth, Mary, Anne, John,
William or Thomas.--Blackhawk GS

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1986 Membership Dues can be paid now.

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ATTRIBUTES OF A GENEALOGIST: A good genealogist has an innate pride in family and country, and recognizes his duty to search out and record the truth. He becomes, first of all, a full-time detective, a thorough historian, an inveterate snoop, and at the same time, a confirmed diplomat, a keen observer, a hardened skeptic, an apt biographer, a qualified linguist, a part-time lawyer combined with quite a lot of district attorney, a studious sociologist, and-----above all, an accurate reporter.--"Know Your Ancestors."

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Q U E R I E S

MURPHY--Seeking information on the John M. MURPHY family who lived in Davis County, Iowa, in 1880's. Sons may have been Randolph, Scott and James Henry. Also, info on the Josiah MURPHY family who lived in Bloomfield Township in 1870's.--Iris Britt, 811 Ewald Ave. S, Salem, Oregon 97302

MILLER--Seeking info on Franklin MILLER, b. 16 Jan 1838, Perry Co., OH and Francis Marion MILLER, b. 28 Sep 1844, Van Buren Co., Iowa. Both were sons of Jacob and Catherine (Atterholt) MILLER.--Verle Arnold, 206 W. Goode St., Bloomfield, Ia. 52537.

BELL--Looking for info about or descendents of Homer BELL, b. 1 Nov. 1894, Van Buren Co., IA, s/o James S. and Alzadia (MILLER) BELL. Family living in Des Moines or Mitchellville area in 1931--Verle Arnold, Bloomfield, Ia.

McNAMAR--Looking for info about descendents of Chas. Roscoe and Mary June (MILLER) McNAMAR, married 23 Dec. 1916, Van Buren Co., IA, living in Des Moines 1931--Verle Arnold, 206 W. Goode St., Bloomfield, Ia. 52537.

QUERY--Seeking info about location of any ^{Davis} County SCHOOL RECORDS for the period 1897 through 1905. Particularly interested for those in the FLORIS AREA.
--Peggy Arnold, editor.

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TRIFLES THAT CAN LEAD TO BOOK DAMAGE
by Dorothy Lower

The problem which is common to all libraries is the wear and tear inflicted on the collection by constant usage. This can be particularly disastrous in the case of a genealogy collection.

Much of the damage is done unintentionally by unthinking researchers. One of the most common offenders is the person who researches with a pen in his hand. He may unconsciously mark a name or paragraph which is pertinent to his research and it is impossible to erase such a mark. For this reason most libraries insist (or try to) that the patron use pencil only when working with the genealogy collection.

Some readers seem to be ignorant of the fact that turning down the corner of a page to mark the place causes irreparable damage. It doesn't require too much effort to place a small piece of paper between the pages.

Licking the fingers to turn pages is unthinkable since it not only damages the paper, but is most unsanitary.

The spine of the book is the most important component in its construction and anything which damages it can ruin the book. Pressing down on the opened book when photocopying a page can crack the spine. This is one reason that many large libraries do not allow the patron to do his own copying, but will do it for him. Piling several open books on top of each other weakens the spine, which eventually give way.

Some damage done to books is intentional and should be specifically guarded against. The patron who is too lazy to copy material by hand or too cheap to photocopy it will resort to tearing out the page or pages in which he is interested. This not only ruins a good book, but is against the law in most states. While these things may seem trifling, the genealogy collection is made up of unusual and often valuable books which are difficult, if not impossible to replace.--Gleaned from Vol. 17 No. 3 Jul 85 Yakima Valley Gen.Soc.--Ill-Ia-Mo Searcher Jan 86.

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USING CENSUS TO ESTABLISH BIRTH DATES

Can you figure out when a person was born by going through census records? The answer is that you can narrow it down to a certain number of years, such as 1774-1775. Begin with the 1790 census and go through the 1830 one, then "decipher" what you've found:

1790 census	under age 16	b. 1774-1790	(16 year time span)
1800 census	age 16-25	b. 1774 to 1784	(10 year time span)
1810 census	age 26-45	b. 1765-1784	(19 year time span)
1820 census	age 45 or over	b. 1775 or before	
1830 census	age 50-60	b. 1770 to 1780	(10 year time span)

By the 1790 census he could not have been born before 1774.
By the 1830 census he could not have been born after 1780.

You now have a set of possible birth years for your ancestor: 1774 to 1780. But let's see if we can narrow it down further. You already know that his first child was born in 1799. That means he married ca. 1798. The one thing you don't know is how old he was when he married; the usual standard used in research is four generations to a hundred years, and that means marriage at age 25 for the men. To play it on the safe side I always figure two dates, marriage at age 20 and marriage at age 25--that way you get another set of dates to work from. Continued on next page.

Here you have a man who married about 1798. Deduct 25 (his age) and you come up with the year 1773. Now deduct his age at 20 and you have 1778. So he was born between the years 1773 and 1778, using this method. Now referring to the set of birth years derived from the census records you see two things: he couldn't have been born before 1774 (1790 census) nor was he born after 1775 (1820 census).

You now have a new set of possible birth years for your ancestor--1774-1775-- AND you have narrowed the time span down to two years. It's much easier to search a two year supply of vital records than a 16-year one.--From Southern Echoes, Augusta Geneal. Soc.--Jackson Co. Geneal. Soc., Seymour, IN - Dec. 85.

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LOST TOWNS - Many towns have had their names changed over the years or no longer exist. If you can not locate a town when researching, write to the following: U. S. Board of Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092. . . . "New 'N' Notes, St. Louis Gen. Soc., Oct. 85.

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GOING ON.....I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you.-- 2 Timothy 1:5 (RSV).

As we stood outside a village church near Dublin, Ireland, I asked, "How old is your building?"

"This building," the man answered, "is about 250 years old. It is built on the foundation of the previous building, which in turn was built on the foundation of an earlier building." All in all, he estimated, the building went back at least 900 years.

So it is, I reminded myself, with all our lives. If I try to estimate the height or worth of what I am, I must start looking for foundations--my parents, other persons, and organizations upon whom my life was built and without whom I would never have come to be what I am.

Often I am not properly grateful for those upon whose shoulders I stand. But the fact remains; my life and character rests on the foundations of earlier lives, and those, in turn, upon still earlier ones. Such a fact is humbling, but it also reminds me that my undergirding is deeper than I any ever know. --The Upper Room.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES - KANSAS CITY

Kansas City branch of the National Archives has historical records from the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. A full-time staff of six people and a number of volunteers will help researchs use historically valuable records created by federal agencies in these States. The Kansas City Branch of the National Archives is located at 2306-2312 East Bannister Rd., the east end of the Bendix Plant complex. Research rooms are open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.--Olmstead, MN. County Newsletter.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS Almost every male resident of the U. S. born between 1873 and 1900 was required to register for World War I draft, even though he may never have served. These cards contain registrants birthdate, race, citizenship, occupation, employer, nearest relative, marital status, etc. Records are available from Archives Branch, Federal Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30044. You must provide a complete name and address of registrant. Large cities need a street address. A fee is charged.

SALT LAKE CITY LIBRARY OPENS: The new address of the Genealogical Library is: 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84103. The phone number for special information is 801-531-2331. The library features special lighting, humidity and temperature controls to protect the collection from deterioration, orientation rooms, theaters and classrooms, and seating for 963 patrons (202 more than at the previous location). Guide service is provided for newcomers and research reference service for all who need assistance. Photo copy centers are on each floor.

 SOME THING TO CONSIDER AS YOU RESEARCH: "Mrs" used with a woman's name did not always mean she was married. This was used if she had wealth and was the proper way to address her. "Mr/Mister" was used only for men of wealth and/or education. A retired man might be listed as a "gentleman".

"Jr." after a name did not always mean that his father had the same name; it might be an uncle or older cousin. "Stepmother" was sometimes called "Mother-in-law" in Colonial times. "Cousin" could be a relative of any degree, sometimes even a friend. "Uncle" might refer to a close family friend, not related.

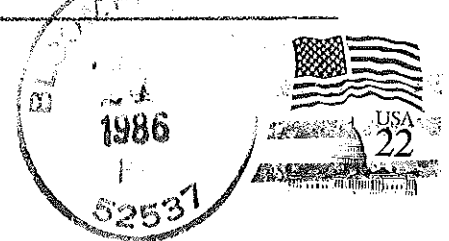
In early wills "Son-in-law" could mean stepson as well as the spouse of a daughter. "Nephew" sometimes meant grandson or granddaughter, as well as nephew as we use it today. The word "Housekeeper" once meant property owner, and could be used for a male as well as female. "Domestic" once meant the housewife, not necessarily a servant.

"Inmate" as used in the Pennsylvania Archives, refers to a man living in the home of another person, and not necessarily in an institution. In the same books, "freeman" means a young man, not yet married. (Ancestors Unlimited VIA Eastern NE Gen. Soc. Dec. 85)

 PLEASE NOTE: Every member is encouraged to file with our Genie Librarian, Jerry Greene, his Family GROUP SHEET and ANCESTOR CHART as far back as possible. This becomes very helpful to people who come here to do genealogy work. PLEASE DO THIS.

Our chapter still belongs to the Census Microfilm Rental Program. There is no better way to do ARM-CHAIR GENEALOGY than to rent a film for 4 weeks and see what you can find. Contact Verle Arnold, ph 664-2437, rental fee \$4 per roll. The society has a film reader; if you do not know how to use it, ask someone.

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