

DAVIS COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER

Davis County Genealogical Society  
Fall - 1991 - July, August, September

Vol. IX, No. 3 Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

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

This is a review of what has been happening at the monthly Davis County Genealogical Society meetings third Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the basement of the Public Library. Our average attendance is about eight persons-- attendance running from five to fifteen members. Summer is the time when we all seem to be here and there seeking information on our family tree.

One meeting we met at the home of Sue Spilman, chairman of the reprint of the 1882 Davis County History. Sue has done a great job and we do thank her for all of her work. The book with it's red cover is a jewel. So far 221 books have been sold. There are approximately 25 books left. See story about this in this newsletter. Sue served refreshments and we had a great time of fellowship in mailing out the books.

At another meeting, Jeanne Harrington, Unionville, IA., came and told us about her latest research trip to Salt Lake City, UT., and her trip to Ft. Wayne, IN. Ft. Wayne is much smaller but has lots of information and I must say we enjoyed researching there. While, Salt Lake City at the Morman Library is something again. It can be found but it takes time and patience.

At our Sept. 19 meeting, Connie Street, our District Representative, from Wapello, Louisa County, IA, and her husband Keith Street, running for vice president of the I.G.S., came and showed slides of their last trip to Salt Lake City to research in the Morman Library and told us about each slide. The slides were of the interior of the building showing the different floors and different places that they keep each type of material that one would look through in a search. It was an excellent program. A few slides were of the scenes one sees travelling to Salt Lake City. Thanks Jeanne & Connie.

Our library room in the Public Library has been in constant use this summer. There is lots of information available in that room. People are welcome to come and seek whatever it is that they are looking for, and they do. Some register on our guest list and some don't. I see where they have come from California, Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Montana, etc.

Members have sent us material for our shelves and new books have been bought. The library at Ottumwa sent us the Wapello County Histories Index and we purchased the latest copy of The Handy Book for Genealogists, 1991.

All for now---Peggy Arnold, Editor

MAIDEN NAMES-----

Without a doubt, unknown "maiden names" can prove to be one of the most difficult things to locate on genealogy work. Unfortunately, in our frustration, we often tend to overlook two of the most prolific sources available for this information. They can be found among the local property record archives. Namely, they are "DEEDS" and "MORTGAGES". The techniques are as follows:

1. DEEDS- In the lower left-hand corner of most deeds you will find the signatures of from two to four witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side. The next one is always from the wife's side. This is to protect her one third dower right under the law. Nothing you will ever use will give you greater clues to maiden names than the witnesses on these old time deeds.

2. MORTGAGES - In the 1800's and even before that, it was traditional, when the daughter got married, as a part of her dowry, for her father to either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. So, if you are working in Nova Scotia or New York in 1840 and you know his name and he is married to Anna Maria, but, you don't know her maiden name, find out who they were making their payments to, because 70% of the time it will be her father!

Mortgage records in America and Canada and the witnesses on deeds are our greatest clue to maiden names. Use them!

From Cracker Crumbs, Manasota Genealogical Society, Inc., Bradenton, FL.  
Vol. 13+1

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SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX--

The Family History Center (LDS Library, 1002 16th St. SE) now has on computer, the Social Security Death Index. If a person had a social security number and has died, they may be on this index. Search by name, and the information given includes: birthdate, death date (month and year only before 1988), and residence (based on zip code) at the time of death.

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CIVIL WAR BURIALS---

To find which National Cemetery an ancestor was buried in during or after the Civil War write: Dir. of National Cemetery Systems, Veterans Administration, 818 Vermont Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

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If there is a WILL, it is probated by an Executor: If probated by an Administrator, there was no will.

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Any Civil War Veteran's stone in an Iowa Cemetery that has been ruined by vandals or deterioration can be replaced with a new stone free of charge. For information, write to - Veterans Affairs Division, 7700 Northwest Beaver Drive, Camp Dodge, Johnson, Iowa 50132-1902--Atlantic, Ia., Farm monthly, April 1991.

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Every citizen of Germany was required to carry a 5-generation chart of his ancestors on his person during the reign of Hitler.

DEATHS - 1884 - 1896 continued.

Davis County, IA - as copied from original records, Bloomfield Courthouse.

Page	Name	Age	Died	Where Born	Buried
71	Palmer, Hiloh,	3 yr,	9 Apr 1890	Memphis, MO	MO
"	Cox, Ennis,(m)	68 yr,	11 Jul 1890	IN	Troy Cem.
"	Neff, John,	57 yr,	12 Feb 1890	---	Kahoka, MO
"	Burgher, Emma,	2 yr,	25 Apr 1890	IA	Burgher Cem.
"	Colliver, Andrew,	84 yr,	24 Mar 1889	KY	West Grove Cem.
"	Hines, Oscar,	6 mo,	25 Feb 1890	IA	Runkle Cem.
"	Mincks, Joseph,	74 yr,	30 May 1890	PA	App. Co, Orleans Cem.
"	Wyman, Minnie,	23 yr,	28 Jan 1890	Germany	West Grove Cem.
"	Junke, Clara,	10 da,	12 Jan 1890	West Grove	West Grove Cem.
"	Tannehill, Hatti,	22 yr,	10 Feb 1890	IA	West Grove Cem.
"	Coons, James T.,	57 yr,	23 Apr 1890	IN	Atwood Cem.
"	Bybee, Lee,	75 yr,	24 Dec 1889	KY	App. Co, Orleans Cem.
"	More, Mary E.,	81 yr,	25 Jun 1890	Yorkshire, Eng.	Wesley Chapel Cem.(N)
72	Currel, Maud,	4 yr,	12 May 1890	Bloomfield, IA	Bloomfield, IA
"	Leach, Charles,	73 yr,	16 May 1890	WV	Troy Cem.
"	Boyer, Jonathan,	68 yr,	15 Feb 1890	MD	Bloomfield Cem.
"	Gee, Artimisia,	89 yr,	2 Aug 1890	MO	Bloomfield
"	Duffield, David,	89 yr,	28 May 1890	Jefferson Co, OH	Bloomfield Cem.
"	Conard, Mrs. Maggie,	30 yr,	12 Mar 1890	IA	Bloomfield
"	Spencer, Sadie,	16 yr,	16 Jun 1890	Bloomfield	I.O.O.F.
"	Bullman, Aaron,	-----,	17 Jul 1890	WV	I.O.O.F.
"	Bell, Bernice,	3 yr,	13 Jul 1890	Davis Co., IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Stevens, Clarence T.	5 yr,	10 Jul 1890	KS	Bloomfield Cem.
"	McAtee, Robert,	43 yr,	3 Aug 1890	Davis Co., IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Moberly, -----(m)	10 mo,	14 Aug 1890	Davis Co., IA	Hopkins Cem.
"	Cassat, Henry,	78 yr,	20 Aug 1890	OH	Pulaski Cem.
73	Boyd, Robert	-----,	10 Feb 1890	Belfast, Ireland	Pulaski Cem.
"	Baughman, Mary C.,	27 yr,	18 Apr 1890	Davis Co., IA	Pulaski Cem.
"	Yost, P. W.,	83 yr,	15 Jul 1890	Belmont Co., OH	Pulaski Cem.
"	Rockletz, F. (m)	74 yr,	17 May 1890	Prussia	-----
"	Aenend, Henry,	64 yr,	3 Mar 1890	Columbiana Co.,OH	Egypt Ch. Cem.
"	Boyd, Delia,	47 yr,	21 Sep 1890	IA	Pulaski
"	Brunk, James,	89 yr,	29 Sep 1890	KY-lived Grove	Twp, Oakhill Cem.
"	Stephenson, Charles,	30 yr,	3 Sep 1890	IA	Troy Cem.
"	Morris, Claud,	2 yr,	18 Aug 1890	IA	Troy Cem.
"	George, Martin,	80 yr,	14 Oct 1890	-----	Missouri
"	Davis, Cora Myrtle,	12 yr,	13 Nov 1890	Davis Co., IA, lived	Salt Cr.Twp.
"	McCormick, ----,(f)	-----,	20 Oct 1890	-----	Pleasant View Cem.
"	Klinginsmith,----,(f),	-----	5 Sep 1890	Perry Twp,D.C.,IA	" " "
74	Poston, Ray,	-----,	5 Nov 1890	-----	Mars Hill Cem.
"	McLaughlin, America (f)	30 yr,	--Nov 1890,	IA	Stiles Cem.
"	Davis, Sonanna,	36 yr,	27 Nov 1890	Davis Co., IA	Money Cem.
"	Osborne, Sarah,	13 yr,	21 Oct 1890	IA	Johnson Cem.
"	John, Lula,	5 yr,	9 Aug 1890	IA	App. Co, Orleans Cem.
"	Walterman, Cora G.,	17 yr,	29 Jun 1890	Carrol Co., IA	West Grove Cem.
"	Albright, James,	67 yr,	29 Aug 1890	NC	Mt. Moriah Cem.
"	Howell, Plennie(m),	1 yr,	14 Aug 1890	IA	App. Co, Orleans Cem.

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DEATHS - 1884 - 1896 continued.

Page	Name	Age	Died	Where Born	Buried
74	John, June,	11 yr,	21 Aug 1890	Davis Co., IA	Pella Cem.
"	Gravett, Albert,	13 yr,	20 Aug 1890	Davis Co., IA	Washington Cem.
"	Knott, Stella E.,	3 mo,	10 Dec 1890	Bloomfield	Bloomfield, IA
"	Ritz, William J.,	17 yr,	8 Jan 1891	IA	Rouch Cem.
"	Draper, James,	70 yr,	17 Jan 1891	OH	Bloomfield Cem.
75	Christy, Mary Louisa,	1 yr,	5 Jan 1891	Salt Cr. Twp.	Hining Cem.
"	Lough, Combs (m)	40 yr,	8 Oct 1890	IN	Dunnville Cem.
"	Hull, Curtis,	11 mo,	16 Jan 1891	Salt Cr. Twp.	Money Cem.
"	Bantee, B.D. (f)	29 yr,	25 Jan 1891	IA	Pulaski
"	Kneedler, Nancy,	72 yr,	4 Jan 1891	OH	I.O.O.F. Floris
"	Tconce, Irmoil (f)	2 yr,	7 Feb 1891	Nox Co., MO	Row Graveyard
"	Corrick, Nancy,	75 yr,	8 Oct 1890	VA	Shook Cem.
"	Foster, Malinda,	67 yr,	16 Feb 1891	KY	Johnson Cem.
"	Shields, Mary Ann,	79 yr,	21 Jan 1891	TN	Rouch Cem.
"	Roland, Sarah G.,	55 yr,	13 Mar 1891	OH	Kingston Cem., Belnap
"	Duckworth, James E,	19 yr,	9 Dec 1890	Davis Co., IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Cavanaugh, Edward,	60 yr,	5 May 1890	Ireland	Ottumwa, IA
"	Banta, William,	68 yr,	3 Mar 1891	OH	Pulaski
76	James, Earl,	4 yr,	23 Feb 1891	Salt Cr. Twp.	-----
"	Klingler, Lafayette, ca	35 yr,	30 Mar 1891	Davis Co, IA, near	Ormanville, IA
"	Carr, Clay	-----	1891	-----	I.O.O.F. Floris
"	Hendricks, Thomas,	22 yr,	---- 1891	Davis Co., IA	I.O.O.F. Blfd.
"	-----, (m),	2 mo,	3 Apr 1891	Union Twp.	Troy
"	Norris, T. O. (m)	74 yr,	13 Apr 1891	NH	Troy
"	McFarling, Ivy,	3 yr,	26 Sep 1890	IA	Runkle Cem.
"	Tarrance, Matilda,	74 yr,	16 Mar 1891	KY	West Grove Cem.
"	Tremane, Elizabeth,	61 yr,	12 Dec 1890	IN	West Grove Cem.
"	-----, (f),	4 da,	8 May 1891	Bloomfield, IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Cook, Theodore,	36 yr,	1 Nov 1890	IL	Bloomfield Cem.
"	Dunfriend,-----, (m)	-----	28 Nov 1890	-----	I.O.O.F. Blfd.
"	Irvin, Jane,	80 yr,	23 Dec 1890	KY	Bloomfield Cem.
77	Demar, James,	-----	8 Oct 1890	-----	Bloomfield
"	Luce, W. O.,	37 yr,	8 Oct 1890	Davis Co., IA	3 mi. s.w. Blfd.
"	Henson, John H.,	-----	1 Oct 1890	-----	-----
"	Hamilton, Wm. J.,	81 yr,	19 Oct 1890	Bloomfield, IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Wray, Harry,	8 mo,	18 Sep 1890	Davis Co., IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Davis, Roy,	8 yr,	8 Aug 1890	Bloomfield, IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Smith, Leo Harrison,	2 yr,	10 Aug 1890	KS	Parris Cem.
"	Batton, Mrs. Jermima,	47 yr,	10 Jan 1891	PA	Bloomfield
"	-----, (f),	4 da,	7 May 1891	Bloomfield, IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Jones, William, (B),	89 yr,	16 May 1891	GA	Bloomfield Cem.
"	Payne, Suda W. (f),	39 yr,	8 Apr 1891	Bloomfield, IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Doyle, Ollie, (f),	13 yr,	29 Mar 1891	IA	Bloomfield
"	Kinney, Mrs. ---,	-----	16 Sep 1890	-----	I.O.O.F.
78	Ham, Mithias David,	73 yr,	22 Feb 1891	IN	Bloomfield Cem.
"	Wise, William S.,	70 yr,	12 Dec 1890	IN	I.O.O.F. Blfd.
"	Burton, Eliza,	42 yr,	31 Aug 1889	Derbin Co., IN	I.O.O.F.
"	Wray, Charlie,	2 yr,	19 Aug 1889	Davis Co., IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Hardy, Mollie,	21 yr,	6 May 1891	Bloomfield, IA	I.O.O.F.
"	Horn, John,	72 yr,	16 Jul 1889	Germany	Bloomfield

(Continued in Winter Issue, 1991, Vol. IX, No. 4.)

### IT PAYS TO KEEP TRYING - DON'T GIVE UP

>> AFTER EARLY deaths, adoptions, etc., I had no idea where my roots were located. At age 55 I decided to try to find someone; my father died before I was born, I knew I had an uncle and two aunts. I decided there must be more people in our family and I set out to find at least 20. After fifteen years I have many more. After a long search I found out I had a grandfather and great grandparents in Davis County, of all places. I knew nothing about them or Davis County.

Problems arose about name spelling. My name is spelled every way possible in Davis County. You finally learn to identify relatives by their first name and location. Appanoose County had some name spelling surprises not found in Davis County. Schuyler County had some more and Van Buren County had still other spellings. And, then I had a great grandfather, a Mexican War and Civil War veteran, who lived in Davis County for 30 years; died there and there are no records of his death, nor burial records, in the County.

Another great-grand father married an Indian girl; there was family strife and he finally told everyone where and when they could go, changed his name to something else--but there was no legal work done. It turns out his children were raised in a "white" home, his brothers farm home in Davis County. They were named and aged to fit into that family, who claimed them. Enumerators asked no questions. The girls married into white families--but the boys were stuck with the Indian situation; bureaucrats and ministers kept track of Indians by using their names on marriage licenses, but gave no other vital stats--not even the county.

Hours and hours of reading census films nearly ruined my eyes. The writing is often terrible--being able to write was not a qualification of census enumerators--they just had to belong to the right political party. Most of them never learned to write. And, there were the hours and days I spent walking cemeteries, trying to find people. I finally found that Veteran buried in Inskeep Cemetery after walking nearly every cemetery in Davis County--he had a monument, luckily. I know a lot of cemeteries in Schuyler County, too. And, there are hazards lurking in cemeteries--such as chiggers. I got hit with a nasty dose of chiggers after walking a cemetery in Schuyler County. They were of the genus Chigum Schuylus Awfulum--the very WORST kind!

During this previous 15 years I have visited Bloomfield several times. I have spent hours and hours in your courthouse. I have spent some time working in our Gen Library, too. I have met some of you people and I found out people are pretty much the same in rural communities. Most of them have common sense--a rare commodity these days especially in cities, capitols, legislatures; even some churches! I am glad I found Roots in Davis County; I like to visit there and I plan to be back there some more. See you at our Gen Library !!

Summer 1991

Bill Burris.

MAKING YOUR FAMILY HISTORIES MORE INTERESTING--

1. Recorded sessions where you and the family talk with one of the older generation. What did his or her mother remember of her grandparents and of their generation. Who were they, where did they live, how did they make their living. What about their children, their home, holidays celebrated there; and some consideration of what being their grandchild meant.
2. Her or his parents generation: The same questions could be asked of their parents along with specific questions that might be added about the first car, depression experiences, prohibition memories, participation in the military service, relationship with other siblings of their families, geographic mobility, education, aspirations, manner of handling out punishment, and etc.
3. School: What her or his mother recalled about her school days, subjects they enjoyed, teachers they liked and those they did not like, classmates, clubs they belonged to, preparations for the beginning of school. The shopping trip for new clothing, sewing done to prepare for school. Parties, description of classroom, teachers' punishments of the unruly, school expeditions, etc.
4. Religious experiences: The importance of religion to the family, attendance at religious classes and regular services, appearance of the church building, experiences with missionaries, attitudes about other religious groups, how other people felt about their religion and etc.
5. Growing up: major milestones recalled; music, art, sports, lessons taken, first lipstick or makeup used; things beyond bounds, such as places forbidden to them, people to be avoided; general fears and aspirations; menstruation; dating, courting; engagement; marriage; recollections of birth of children; the family vacations and etc.
6. The community: Places they lived, what they looked like, services that were available, the library, community values, fearful places, places for family outings, picnics, cemetery visits, parks, old houses, community rituals such as Halloween practices, and etc.

There are any number of other topics, depending upon the individual and the life he or she has led, and where that person has been. By adding stories about the families you will make a more interesting history to leave for future ancestors.

Remember everything men and women have written, touched, or made is a clue to ones past.--Cass County Genealogical Society, Atlantic, IA, Vol.7 No.1

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YOU CAN'T TURN BACK THE CLOCK, BUT YOU CAN WIND IT UP AGAIN.

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A DOCTOR? DECEASED PHYSICIAN MASTERFILE: Data on more than 350,000 physicians can be obtained by writing to the American Medical Association Library and Archives, Attn: Graham Hastings, P.O. Box 10623, Chicago, IL, 60610. Records from 1878 to 1905 are not complete, but they feel the files are comprehensive from 1906 to 1969. Data includes date of birth and death, medical education, place of practice, and an obit. There will be copying fees.--Van Buren Co Quill, Keosauqua, IA, Vol. 4, No.3, 52565.

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REMEMBER--Cemetery is NOT cemetary; descendants is NOT descendent and genealogy is NOT geneology. In all the letters I work with, I find these three words spelled wrong so often that at times I find myself wondering if I really know which is the correct way.--Van Buren Genealogy Newsletter.

SEQUATCHIE FAMILIES: James L. Douthat (2nd edition) contains biographical sketches of 81 families living in Sequatchie Valley (Marion, Sequatchie, and Bledsoe Counties) prior to 1850. Most material was gathered from family records by the author while living in the valley for years. Order #TN-0024 for \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage from Mountain Press, P.O. Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377.  
Appalachian Roots, Parkersburg, VA 26104-4004 Vol. X No 2 Feb 1991

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The State Historical Library/Archives Bureau is part of the State Historical Society of Iowa. It is one of four different bureaus within the State Historical Society. Anyone interested in an Iowa Topic-past or present-is likely to find useful information in the Library/Archives collections. The Library/Archives Bureau seeks to identify, record, collect, preserve, and share research on Iowa history. The Library/Archives Bureau has two collections one located in Des Moines and one located in Iowa City. The State Archives which is part of the Bureau is located in Des Moines. These collections contain books, periodicals, newspapers, census, manuscripts, audio-visual materials, and maps.

Both collections are open Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The archives are closed on Saturdays, however, if advance arrangements are made, materials from these collections may be used on Saturday.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN: All of the Bureau's microfilmed newspaper collection is available thru interlibrary loan. There is a limit of two items per loan, and these may be kept by the borrowing institution for two weeks. All borrowed material must be used in the institution to which it is sent.

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**COST OF COPIES OF MISSOURI RECORDS CUT---**

The cost of certified copies of Missouri birth and death records was recently reduced from \$22 to \$5. Write to the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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1852 Davis County Census--Listed in the Census of Iowa at the History & Archives Historical Building, Des Moines, Iowa, is a 1852 Census of Appanoose . . . Davis . . . Wapello . . . Wayne Counties--approximately 48 counties in all. There are census listed for the years 1851, 1852, 1852 and 1854, Only 1852 has Davis County.

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**DEFINITION--CENOTAPH** when found on a tombstone, it means the tomb is empty, the monument has been erected to honor the deceased who is buried elsewhere.--Warren Co. Gen. Society, May/June 1991

*Ancestor Chart*

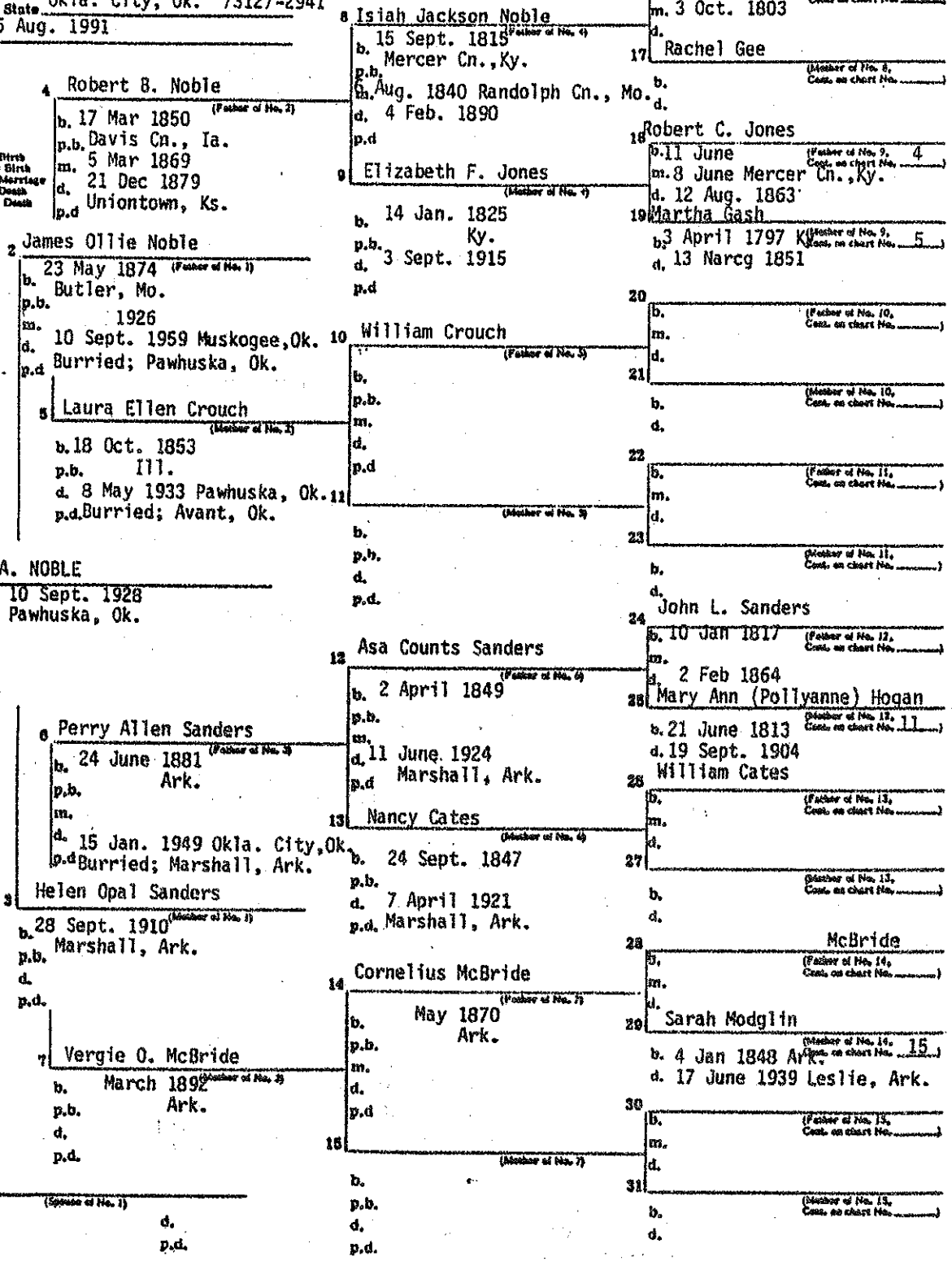
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Name of Compiler B.A. Noble  
 Address 8913 Lasley Dr.  
 City, State Oklahoma City, Ok. 73127-2941  
 Date 5 Aug. 1991

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death



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SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR: A patriotic and educational organization, similar to the grand Army of Republic, founded in 1881. It is open to any male who is a lineal or collateral descendant of a Civil War Union Veteran. Men who do not have a Civil War ancestor in their family tree may join as associate members. Organizations for women descended from Civil War Veterans include: Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans, Women's Relief Corps (Auxiliary to G.A.R.). Contact Michael Friedel, P.O. Box 1047, Bettendorf, Iowa.

CALIFORNIA RESEARCH: California is one of three states (others are Oregon and Washington) which has a statewide death index. The years 1905-1939 are in book form at the State Library, Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814. They will check the index by mail free of charge. From 1940-1984, the index is on microfiche at the County Recorder's Office in each county.--St. Louis G.S. News 'n Notes Vol. 22, No. 1.

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ANOTHER WAY GENEALOGISTS CAN HELP HISTORICAL SOCIETIES: As genealogists, we naturally concentrate on the biographical information available in historical societies and contribute generously of our family records. However, historical societies also collect material about the cities in their area, businesses, schools, churches and special events which took place. Most of their records come from contributions by individuals such as yourself. In going through your attic or a parent's estate, think of the appropriate historical society such items as old phone books, city directories, maps, programs for special events, school yearbooks, photos of street scenes or businesses--the list goes on. Your donation will enhance the historical society's collection and be greatly appreciated.--Olmsted County Genealogical Society, Rochester, MN 55903, Vol. 14.

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THOUGHT IT WAS A FOREST--A tourist going through Iowa a few days ago, said he noticed the trees everywhere were planted in straight rows and thought they would look so much prettier if they had been set out in a more natural manner. An old farmer on the train looked at him in a disgusted manner and remarked: "Gosh, those are not trees, that's a cornfield.--New Era, Times Republican, Sept. 1906.

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PARIS PARIS, John B., died 17 April 1854, Davis Co., IA., Would like to contact any descendants for exchange of information. Reply to Ralph Paris, P.O. Box 1062, Clinton, OK 73601.

NOBLE Would appreciate information of the "NOBLE" surname. My gr. grandparents, Mark and Rachel Noble, settled in Davis County, IA, in the ca 1847. I need their death dates and burial location.--B. A. Noble, 8913 Lasley Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73127-2941.

COLLINS Would like to make contact with any living relatives of George MORRISON McClellan Collins, b. Calhoun Co., WV, 12 Mar 1872, moved to Marian Twp., Davis Co., IA. with his father in 1887, m. Alice May Morrison, 24 Dec 1896 in Davis Co., had at least three daughters, the oldest named Elsie, said to have died in Iowa 1945-50.--John J. Hood, 3310 Montavesta Rd., Apt. C-41, Lexington, KY. 40502-3560.

NEW LIST OF PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE ABOUT DAVIS COUNTY, IA  
 through the Iowa Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7735,  
 Des Moines, IA 50322.

- 626 Davis Co. Cemeteries-Cleveland Twp. (Except 100F) \$2.50
  - 427 Davis Co. Cemeteries-Drakesville & Lester Cems. . \$3.00
  - 486 Davis Co. Cemeteries-West Grove Twp. . . . . \$3.00
  - 554 Davis Co. Index to 1860 County Census. . . . . \$6.00
  - 555 Davis Co. 1860 Co. Census, Part I (pp 1-97) . . . \$10.00
  - 556 Davis Co. 1860 Co. Census, Part II (pp 98-193) . \$9.50
  - 557 Davis Co. 1860 Co. Census, Part III (pp 194-284). \$9.50
  - 154 Davis Co. 1850. Census, .167-pages. . . . . \$17.00
  - 1293 Davis Co. 1856 Census, Index only . . . . . \$1.50
  - 1294 Davis Co. 1856 Census, Vol. I . . . . . \$16.00
  - 1295 Davis Co. 1856 Census, Vol. II . . . . . \$12.50
  - 857 Davis Co. Iowa Deaths 1886-1900; Marriages  
 1844-1854, 25 pages . . . . . \$3.00
  - 397 Davis Co. Old Age Tax Assistance 1934-37 . . . . \$14.00
  - 815 Davis Co. I.O.O.F. Cemetary, Bloomfield, IA . . . \$9.50
- Iowa residents please add 4% sales tax. Postage/handling  
 rates are: \$.01-\$10 = \$1; \$10-\$20 = \$1.50; \$20 & Up = \$2.  
 1992 DUES ARE DUE after Oct. 30, 1991. \$5.00 per year.  
 Send to Box 94, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

There are approx. 25 Davis County reprints of the 1882  
 DAVIS COUNTY HISTORY (400 pgs.) left. To order send to: (\$32.)  
 D. Sue Spillman, Rt. 3, Box 3, Bloomfield, IA. 52537.

At the present time, Davis County, Iowa, has 119 members.  
 to the D.C. Genealogical Society.

ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE OF THE IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY,  
 October 4th & 5th at Adventureland Inn.

The following was taken from "Twigs & Branches", North Central  
 IL, Gen. Soc., P.O. Box 4636, Rockford, IL, Mar. 1991.  
 Did you think that when a person signed a deed with an "X",  
 he was always illiterate? Not according to ROOTS DIGEST. Only  
 Christians could buy and sell land, so this was his Christian  
 mark, or proof that he was not a pagan.

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