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Dear Members,

This has been a busy year with much accomplished. The officers wish to thank everyone for their help this past year. We've had many, many visitors to our Genealogical Room in the Public Library. We do have lots of information down there.

The 1882 Davis County History is selling fast and we will soon have all of the needed things for having it reprinted done so the book can be ready for those desiring a copy before toooo long.

Our president, Reva Rupe, presented the Odyssey 4-H Club with an award at the 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony, December 8, at the Davis County Middle School in Bloomfield, Ia. The Odyssey 4-H Club members helped paint and restore the old one-room Stiles school in Grove Township. The schoolhouse is now used as a community room and for a place for 4-H achievement shows, etc. The club members also wrote a story about the history of the school.

Irene Laws, one of our members, gave the Davis County Genealogical Society a big box of clippings of genealogical interest clipped from the Bloomfield newspapers for the years 1972-?. These need to be pasted on sheets and indexed and put in book form so we can used them. We have clippings for the years 1976 through 1990 in book form on our shelves.

CHRISTMAS PARTY--Welcome all members! This is our annual meeting and big party of the year. Election of officers will take place. Better be present if you don't want an office!! Bring goodies and a show & tell. Coffee and punch will be furnished. Where: Genealogy Room in the basement of the Public Library. Time: December 20, 7:30 P.M. See you there!!

Dues are still \$5.00 a year. Don't forget to pay yours. Send to Box 94, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537 or give to the TREASURER.

Your Editor

## Grandma Climbed The Family Tree

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed of late -  
She's always reading history, or jotting down some date.  
She's tracing back the family, we'll all have pedigrees,  
Grandma's got a hobby, she's Climbing Family Trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking, and now, or so he states  
He even has to wash the cups and dinner plates.  
Well, Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee,  
Compiling genealogy for the Family Tree.

She has no time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright -  
No buttons left on Grandpa's shirts, the flower bed's a sight.  
She's given up her club work, the serials on TV,  
The only thing she does nowadays is climb that Family Tree.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far -  
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.  
A monumental project - to that we all agree,  
A worthwhile avocation - to climb the Family Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date and name -  
The rich, the poor, the inbetween, all sleeping there the same.  
She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze,  
That blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

Now some folks came from Scotland, some from Galway Bay -  
Some were French as pastry, some German all the way.  
Some went on West to stake their claims, some stayed there by the sea,  
Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family Tree.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed with kith and kin -  
Who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick and thin.  
But none more staunch than Grandma - whose eyes light up with glee,  
Each time she finds a missing branch for the Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied from carpenter to cook -  
And one - alas - the records show, was hopelessly a crook.  
Blacksmith, farmer, weaver, judge - some tutored for a fee,  
One lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more -  
She learns the joys and heartaches of those who went before.  
They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept - and now for you and me,  
They live again in spirit around the Family Tree.

At last she's nearly finished, and we are each exposed -  
Life will be the same again - this we all suppose.  
Grandma will cook and sew, serve crullers with our tea,  
We'll have her back, just as before, that wretched Family Tree.

Sad to relate, the Preacher called and visited for a spell -  
We talked about the Gospel and other things as well.  
The heathen folk, the poor, and then 'twas fate - it had to be,  
Somehow the conversation turned to Grandma - and the Family Tree.

We tried to change the subject, we talked of everything -  
But then in Grandma's voice we heard that old familiar ring.  
She told him all about the past, and soon 'twas plain to see,  
The Preacher, too, was nearly snared by Grandma and the Family Tree.

(From Gwinett Historical Society (Gwinett Co., GA) Sept 1987 Issue)



DEATHS - 1884-1896, CONTINUED FROM VIII, No. 3, FALL, 1990.

Page	Name	Died	Buried	Born
47	Strickland, _____	9 mo, 13 Aug 1886;	I.O.O.F.; Lick Cr. Twp,	Davis County
47	Graves, _____	2 mo., _____	1886; Richland Cem.,	Scotland Co., Mo.; Roscoe Twp.
47	Russell, Eliza Anne, 34,	22 Mar 1886;	Milton, IA;	Davis County, IA.
47	Schadley, Liddy, 81,	19 Aug 1886;	Bear Cem.;	Virginia.
47	McMains, Peter Alexander, 68,	6 Sept 1886;	Shueman Cem;	Woodford Co., Ky.
47	Floyd, Inf son,	29 Aug 1886;	Bloomfield;	Bloomfield, Ia.
47	Brutus, Henry, 1 yr,	24 Aug 1886;	_____;	Bloomfield, Ia.
47	Mendenhall, Inf son,	15 da, 6 Sept 1886;	Bloomfield,	Bloomfield, Ia.
47	Landman, Eva Ella, 1 yr 11 mo,	28 Aug 1886;	_____;	Salt Cr Twp, Blfd, IA.
47	Shadley, John, 58,	16 Sept 1886,	Bear Cem.;	Ohio.
47	Semar, Sylvia, 2 y 6 mo;	26 Aug 1886;	Chamy Church Cem;	Davis County, IA.
47	Leach, Wallie C., 2½ mo.,	14 Sept 1886;	Troy; Union Twp.	Davis Co., IA.
47	Armstrong, Alice, 28,	25 Aug 1886;	Hopkins Cem.;	Iowa.
47	Wiseman, Jacob, 75,	28 May 1886;	Bethel Cem.;	Kentucky.
47	White, Archie M., 10 mo.;	2 Aug 1886;	Bethel Cem.;	West Grove Twp, Davis Co.
48	Scanthing, Geo. W., 65,	Physician & Surgeon,	2 Oct 1886,	Drakesville; Penn.
48	Pence, Mary E., 22,	9 Oct 1886;	Pleasant View Cem;	Davis Co., IA.
48	Haynes, Wm. R. 73,	8 Oct 1886;	Cammack Cem.;	Ohio.
48	Hoffstetter, Inf fem,	2 hr, 25 Sept 1886;	I.O.O.F.;	Iowa.
48	McClure, Ann Eliza, _____,	4 Oct 1886;	Floris I.O.O.F. Cem;	Indiana.
48	Younkin, Inf son,	1 hr, 7 Oct 1886;	I.O.O.F. Cem,	Salt Cr. Twp; Iowa.
48	Sloan, Roy, 1 yr 11 mo.;	2 Oct 1886,	Salt Cr. Twp,	Davis Co.; Iowa.
48	Lasher, Charles, 6 yr,	14 Oct 1886;	I.O.O.F. Floris,	Davis Co., IA.
48	Burns, James, 15 yr 4 mo;	22 Aug 1886;	Pulaski Cem;	Roscoe Twp, Davis Co. IA.
48	King, William, 17 yr 2 mo;	22 Aug 1886;	Pulaski Cem;	Lee Co., IA.
48	Harris, Lecta, 6 mo;	16 Oct 1886;	Bloomfield Twp;	West Grove Twp., Davis Co. IA.
48	Fry, Ross, 2 mo;	29 Sept 1886;	West Grove Twp;	Davis Co., IA.
48	Brewster, Nancy, 59;	11 Nov 1886;	Shuman Cem;	Kentucky.
49	Meier, Annie, 66,	24 Oct 1886;	Old Blfd Cem;	Switzerland.
49	Woods, Amanda, 30,	21 Oct 1886;	Bloomfield;	Missouri.
49	Henson, Letilia H., 35;	11 Oct 1886;	I.O.O.F. Blfd;	Indiana.
49	Patterson, Albert K., 25;	13 Sept 1886;	I.O.O.F. Blfd;	Davis County, IA.
49	Games, John O., 39;	30 Sept 1886;	I.O.O.F.;	Iowa.
49	_____, Female, 0 da;	24 Sept 1886;	I.O.O.F.;	Bloomfield, Ia.
49	Myers, _____, m.,	10 mo; 6 Nov 1886;	Floris Cem;	Iowa.
49	Pierson, Sadie, 9,	15 Nov 1886;	Troy Cem;	Iowa.
49	Penrod, John, 59;	2 Nov 1886;	Troy Cem;	Ohio.
49	Jones, Martin Leroy, 8 mo.;	13 Nov 1886;	Fox Twp Cem;	Bloomfield, IA.
49	Barker, Lucindia, 73;	6 Dec 1886;	VanBuren Co.,	IA; Indiana.
49	Moore, Jacob, 45,	10 Dec 1886;	Van Buren Co.,	IA; Ohio.
49	Bryant, W. T., 69,	30 Nov 1886;	Pella Cem,	Fox Twp, D.C., IA; Kentucky.
50	Gaffney, Barthalomew, 46,	13 Sept 1886;	West Grove,	IA; Ireland.
50	Likes, Uriah, 67,	20 Dec 1886;	Finch Cem;	Iowa.
50	Johnson, Dellie, 1 yr 7 mo;	31 Dec 1886;	Shook Cem;	Bloomfield Twp, D.C., IA.
50	Johnson, m., 9 mo;	8 Dec 1886;	_____, Perry Twp,	D.C., Iowa.
50	Denning, Clara E.;	5 yr; 14 Nov 1886;	Appanoose Co. IA;	Davis Co., IA.
50	Hawn, Jacob M.;	1 yr 10 mo; 8 Nov 1886;	Appanoose Co. IA;	Davis Co., IA.
50	Campbell, Inf son;	12 da; 29 Dec 1886;	Appanoose Co.,	Ia; Davis Co., IA.
50	Erskine, Guy C.;	3 mo; 30 Jan 1887,	Money Ch. Cem.;	Salt Cr. Twp, D.C., IA.
50	Herrod, Lena, 6 yr;	1 Feb 1887;	Bloomfield;	Bloomfield, IA.
50	Curl, Mona, 2 yr,	16 Dec. 1886;	I.O.O.F. Cem;	Bloomfield, IA.
50	York, Christopher, 1 yr 3 mo;	26 Jan 1887;	Bloomfield;	Bloomfield, IA.

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50 Curl, Barbara Elizabeth,	38, 1 Jan 1887;		Indiana.
50 Hill, Isaac Elbert,	30, 8 Dec 1886;	Bloomfield	Davis County, IA.
51 Shelton, Bert H.,	1 yr, 12 Jan 1887;	Bloomfield;	Bloomfield, IA.
51 Shelton, Annie,	1 yr 8 mo; 13 Jan 1887;	Bloomfield;	Bloomfield, IA.
51 Parker, Inf dau.,	4 da; 1 Dec 1886;	I.O.O.F.;	Bloomfield, IA.
51 Gant, Poney,	1 yr 5 mo; 6 Jan 1887;	Bloomfield;	Bloomfield, IA.
51 Lasley, Kinsey Austin,	19 y; 7 Jan 1887;	Salt Cr. Twp.;	Salt Cr Twp, D.C., IA.
51 Goode, Daniel Wesley,	58; 5 Feb 1887;	West Grove Twp.;	Illinois.
51 Rouch, Philip L.,	79; 25 Jan 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Bavaria, Germany.
51 Hining, Inf dau.,	16 wks; 22 Jan 1887;	Pierce Cem.;	Lick Cr., D.C., IA.
51 Steele, Eva Mary,	9 mo.; 20 Feb 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Union Twp., D.C., IA.
51 Dyers, Mary Ann,	47, 14 Feb 1887;	Spencer Cem.;	England.
51 Rogers, Charles,	2 mo.; 6 Mar 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Iowa.
51 Hogan, May,	4 yr.; 27 Feb 1887;	Troy Cem.;	Oregan.
51 Vorhis, Ella,	7 mo.; 6 Mar 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Iowa.
52 Barker, Lucy, inf.;	5 Feb 1887;	Bethel Cem.;	Troy, IA.
52 Hunt, Rosy D.,	9, 12 Feb 1887;	Bethel Cem.;	Iowa.
52 Barker, Lula,	8 da.; 24 Feb 1887;	Troy Cem.;	Troy, IA.
52 Jones, Anson,	10 mo.; 4 Mar 1887;	Rome Cem.;	Perry Twp. D.C., IA.
52 Hopkins, Luise Eveline,	5 mo.; 19 Jan 1887;	Appanoose Co.;	Fox Twp., D.C., IA.
52 Tarrence, Bertha L,	1 yr 4 mo.; 17 Feb 1887,	Runkle Cem.;	Iowa.
52 Smith,	3 da, 12 Mar 1887;	West Grove;	West Grove, D.C., IA.
52 Bales, Mrs. D. J.,	32, 24 Feb 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Davis County, IA.
52 Hunt, Morris, m.,	11 mo. 20 Mar, 1898;	Bethel Cem.,	Union Twp. D.C., IA.
52 Hunt, Edna V.,	5 yr 3 mo., 9 Mar 1887;	Bethel Cem.;	Union Twp., D.C., IA.
52 Fortune, James,	35, 1 Mar 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Indiana.
52 Lister, Nancy,	49, 9 Mar 1887.;	Lister Cem.;	Indiana.
53 Babcock, Charles Lester,	11 mo.; 14 Mar 1887;	West Grove Cem.;	Putnam Co. MO.
53 Fresh, Jesse Orville,	3 yr 2 mo, 3 Mar 1887;	Atwood Cem;	Davis Co., IA.
53 Hilbert, Bertha,	15 yr, 15 Apr 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Switzerland.
53 Eichelberger, John,	76, 15 Feb 1887;	I.O.O.F. Blfd;	Hagerstown, MD.
53 Prentice, Olie Creite, (B)	1 yr, 18 Feb 1887,	Bloomfield Cem.;	Bloomfield, IA.
53 Grimer, Laura,	26, 19 Mar 1887,	Bear Cem.;	Iowa.
53 Spencer, Eliza,	52, 13 Mar 1887,	Bloomfield Cem.;	Green Co., IL.
53 Mendhill, David,	77, 27 Apr 1887,	I.O.O.F. Blfd.;	N. C.
53 McCauts, Bulah Fay,	1 yr 1 mo, 23 Apr 1887,	Bloomfield Cem.;	Blfd, IA.
53 Floyd, Morton C.,	54, 18 Apr 1887,	I.O.O.F. Blfd.;	Bloomfield, IA.
53 Wright, Ettie, (B),	35, 2 May 1887;	Bloomfield Cem.;	Tenn.
53 Diggs, Mary, (B),	44, 24 Mar 1887;	Bloomfield Cem.;	Missouri.
54 Ritz, Mary,	2 mo, 10 May 1887;	Rouch Cem.;	Hall, IA.
54 Grosviner, Celestia J.,	49, 30 May 1887;	Mt. Gilead Cem.,	Morrow Co, Ohio.
54 Poling, John,	72, 22 May 1887;	Hidlebaugh Cem.;	Logan Co., Ohio.
54 McClure, Loyance, f.,	39, 26 May 1887;	Money Cem.;	Indiana.
54 Winters, John Clarence,	7 mo; 6 June 1887;	Winters Cem.;	Salt Cr. Twp., D.C.
54 Ralston, m,	6 mo., 6 July 1887,	Drakesville Cem.,	
54 Johnson, John,	69, 24 June 1887,	Drakesville Cem.;	Tennessee.
54 Glosser, Fred,	72, 30 July 1887;	Shay Cem.;	Germany.
54 Jones, Mary F.,	3 yr, 16 Aug 1887;	I.O.O.F. Blfd.;	Bloomfield, IA.
54 Bolwar, Bertie, m,	15 mo, 30 July, 1887;	Pleasant View Cem;	Lick Cr. Twp.
54 Miller, Annie,	24; 16 June 1887;	Money Cem.;	Davis County, IA.
54 Siddons, Dick H.,	60, 16 July 1887,	Troy Cem.;	Aurora, Canada.

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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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0154-1850 FEDERAL CENSUS - By township in census order every name with residence & family #'s, age, sex, occupation & birthplace. Indexed. 167 pages. \$17.00.

0554-INDEX TO THE 1850 CENSUS - An every-name index to the body of the 1850 Federal Census for Davis County which has been published by townships in three parts. The index refers to the page number for the part in which the listing is given. 57 pages. \$6.00.

0555-PART I - Pages 1-97. Name, sex, age, occupation & birthplace are given for each person listed. Includes Bloomfield, Drakesville, Fabius & Fox River Townships & the City of Bloomfield. 99 pages. \$10.00.

0556-PART II - Pages 98-193. Same information for persons listed in Grove, Lick Creek, Marion, Perry, Prairie & Roscoe Twps. 93 pages. \$9.50.

0557-PART III - Pages 194-284. Same information for persons in Salt Creek, Soap Creek, Union and Wyacondah Townships. 92 pages. \$9.50.

0657-DEATHS 1880-1884, 1897-1900 & MARRIAGES 1844-1854 - Copied from original books in the Clerk of District Court Office. Information from the death records includes age, death date, place of burial and birth place. Records are chronologically within alphabetical divisions. Marriage records follow the same format based on the groom's surname. Marriage information includes the names of the bride and groom and the date of marriage. 26 pages. \$3.00.

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0427-DRAKESVILLE TWP. CEMETERIES - Alphabetical index for the Drakesville & Lester Cemeteries. Names are in alphabetical order. Information for the Drakesville Cemetery was abstracted from Cemetery Internments-1900-1984; 1940 W.P.A. Grave Stone Records & 1880-1884 and 1897-1900 Davis Co. IA Cemetery Records. Information from the 1940 W.P.A. Records was also added for the Lester Cemetery. 29 pages. \$3.00.

3397-OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAX <sup>List</sup> 1934-1937, Davis County, Ia., 100 pgs. Gives name, township, lived in, father's & mother's names. \$14.00.

0815-I.O.O.F. CEMETERY - Located in Bloomfield, Iowa, information is in alphabetical order with section number and stone information. 191 pages. \$19.50.

0486-WEST GROVE TWP. CEMETERIES - Bell, Bethel, Catholic, Evergreen, Jonn, Mt. Moriah, Shinn & West Grove Cemeteries in alphabetical order. County map & directions to & condition of each cemetery. 29 pages. \$3.00.

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1882 History of Davis County, Iowa.

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This 6 3/4 X 10 3/8 publication with over 400 pages anticipated will last generations.

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---Indexed---every name.

---Detailed listing of men in service during Civil War.

---Early settlements, towns, churches, schools and businesses.

---Over 100 pages of biographies.

Books pre-sale \$25.00 (after March 1, 1991, price \$29.00.) Tax, shipping & handling--\$3.00.

PICTURES TO GIVE AWAY

I have these pictures. They are not in my line. I'd like to give them away. One of each of the following: Doc Minear, Clara Sapp, Sophia Rudd, Jerry Orman, Lawrence Koontz, Harry Sample, Becky Orman, Frank Day, and Byrl Breeding. Also, Thena & Minnie Overturf, Harry Sample & Ben Johnson, Harry & Nora Sample with Maude Bell, and Orphie Cohagon & daughter. Send request to Janice Fullerton, 1923 S. 37th St., Omaha, NE 68105.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DUES NOW \$20 SINGLE AND \$24 FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS.

"This is my great-great-grandfather," wrote Mary Kay Stephenson, our DCGS secretary. The article appeared in the Sunday Register Magazine Section.

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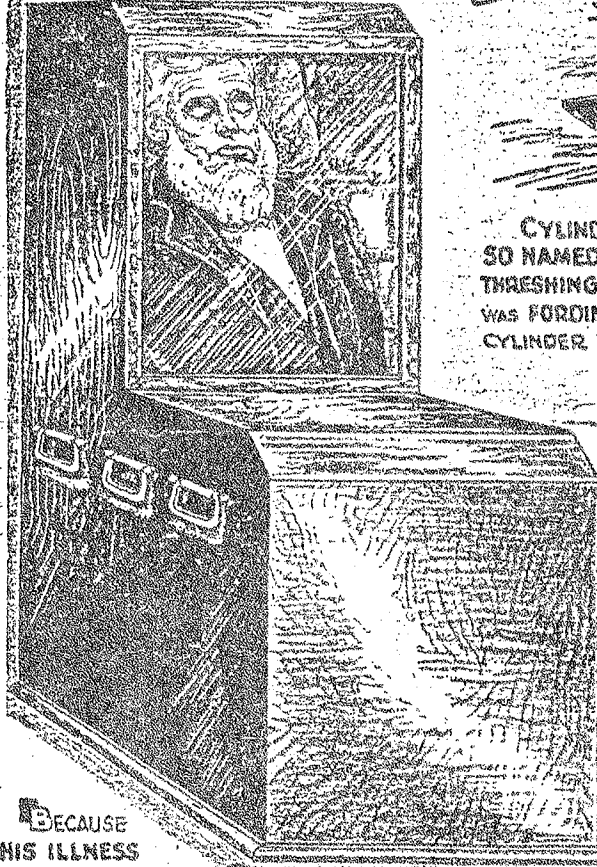
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Merry Christmas

May your joys be many throughout the holiday season.

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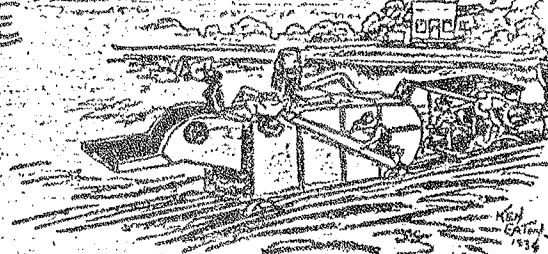
HE SITS IN HIS GRAVE



BECAUSE HIS ILLNESS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO LIE DOWN BEFORE HIS DEATH, HEZEKIAH SHEPHERD, WHO DIED NEAR DRAKESVILLE, IA., IN 1892, CHOSE TO BE BURIED SITTING UP. HE DESIGNED HIS OWN COFFIN WHICH WAS MADE OF WALNUT WOOD. SHEPHERD IS BURIED AT BREEDING CEMETERY, ABOUT THREE MILES NORTH OF DRAKESVILLE. HE HAS ONE DAUGHTER AND 16 GRANDCHILDREN LIVING.

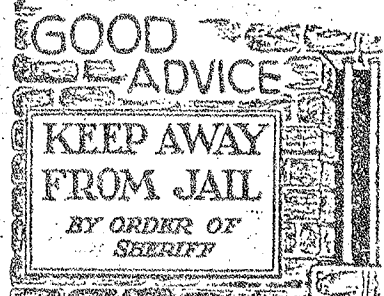
THANKS TO MRS. E. B. McCONNELL, HAMBURTON, IA.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN "BROKEN THRESHER" IA.



CYLINDER, IA, WAS SO NAMED BECAUSE THE CYLINDER FROM A THRESHING MACHINE WAS LOST THERE. THE MACHINE WAS FORDING THE CREEK IN HIGH WATER WHEN THE CYLINDER WAS LOST. THE NAME CYLINDER ALSO WAS APPLIED TO THE CREEK.

THANKS TO ROBERT BREWER, ROOMAN, IA.



SIGN ON THE CARROLL COUNTY JAIL, CARROLL, IA.

THANKS TO DOC WILLOUGHBY, Box 214, GUDDEN, IA.

ODD NAME CORNER

O.G. MAW, DAVENPORT, IA.



THANKS TO MRS. J. J. LA GRILLE, DAVENPORT, IA.

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--From Bluegrass Roots, Summer, 1990

BASIC TOOLS FOR CEMETERY VISITATION--

When visiting a cemetery, it is wise to take along certain basic tools. (This will be a review for some of us). These include (1) paper and pencil (2) camera with black & white film (3) grass clippers (4) small whisk broom (5) 2-3 cans of white shaving cream (6) a squeegee (7) pella (8) fat children's crayons or rubbing wax (9) old paint brush (10) paper towelling (11) spray bottle/jug of water optional (12) large sheet of paper 14" x 17" optional (13) 2 large size sheets of white poster board (14) masking tape.

When copying information off the stone, copy verbatim. Don't make a judgement whether it is right or wrong. Gently clean the dirt off the stone with the brush. Spray cream onto the stone and spread it around with the paint brush, filling in all of the letters. Using the squeegee, pull upward to remove excess cream. You may clean with spray bottle and wipe off or let the sun remove it.

Don't have a picture of an ancestor? When visiting a cemetery of an ancestor for whom you do not have a picture, take your children with you. Stand them beside the tombstone of the ancestor. Take a picture. Even though you do not have a picture of this ancestor, the generations are joined through this photograph.

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