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REGULAR MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Library Basement  
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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for your trust in believing I can preside for the coming year. You have much more confidence in me than I have in myself. The thing I have going for me is the group of officers chosen to serve with me.

Our meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month starting at 7:30 PM in the lower level of the Bloomfield Library.

We will endeavor to have an interesting program at each meeting, and we will welcome your comments for the type of program to present.

Those of you who have not sent in your ancestor charts please do so, if they are on file at the genealogy department it opens up a source of information for you and others who are searching your line.

Plan to attend our meetings and take a part in the heritage of Davis County.

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Our society hopes in 1991 that you will volunteer to help with some of our ongoing projects and also mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month so you'll remember to attend our informative meetings.

This month's program included the mailing out of our newsletter and the usual planning session. Each meeting is a surprise. See you there.



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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YOUR NAME

TIPS

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.

READING POOR MICROFILM COPIES . . .  
 Can be really eye-straining experience. If you run into this problem, try using a pink or green sheet of paper laid on the reader screen. The pastel colors seem to absorb some of the glare of the white and the written copy does seem to be clearer. It really does help!

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The 1856 Davis County Census has been taken to IGS for publication. It will soon be for sale through the profit-sharing program with Iowa State Genealogy Society, Box 7735, Des Moines, IA 50322

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PROBATE RECORDS OFF THE BEATEN PATH continued:

When a wife dies young, check the possibility that one or both of her parents may have survived her and hence their grandchildren might appear in their probate records or pertinent deeds. One should also check for siblings of the wife.

"Estate Inventories-How To Use Them" by Kenneth Smith, 523 S. Weyant Ave., Columbus, OH 43213 is a good book for other research tips in regard to using probate records.

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Here is a little tid-bit that should apply to all genealogists too:  
 "Live so that when men unearth your footprints on the sands of time, they will not find only a heel."

Words of Wisdom: "Living is something that doesn't get easier with practice."

The program for the Jefferson Co. Gene. Soc. annual meeting listed a good tip for all of us: "You are just as much a part of your Mother's Mother as you are your Father's Father. The female lines are all too often neglected." Don't let that be a mistake that you make. All lines are to be followed!--VanBuren Co. Register, Keosauqua, IA 1991 Feb.

We hope to provide newsletters and programs that will help researchers to locate the information that they need. We are always looking for new ideas and welcome suggestions. If you have any, please get them to us. Davis County Genealogical Society and NEWSLETTER.

DEATHS, continued - 1884-1896 - Davis County, Iowa, December 1990 Issue

Page	Name	Age	Died	Buried Place	Born
55	Spicer, Wm. F.	18	5 Aug 87	Troy Cem.	Davi
"	Taylor, Harriet J.	68	14 July 1887	Troy Cem.	Bunk Co., TN
"	Kennedy, Mary Ann Elizabeth,	70,	29 June 1887,	I.O.O.F.	Ohio
"	Linaberry, Mrs. R.A.,	79,	10 June 1887	Canton, IL	Morris Co., N
"	Ferguson, Ralph	6 mo.,	26 July 1887	I.O.O.F.	Bloom
"	Wilkinson, Desdemonia,	72,	1 Aug 1887	Bloomfield, Ia.	AL
"	Unknown, (m),	5 wks.	31 Aug 1887	Bloomfield	Bloom
"	Hill, Dempson,	82	3 Sept 1887	I.O.O.F.	KY
"	Curl, W. W.	7 yrs,	17 June 1887	Bloomfield	Bloom
"	Carson, Inf. f.	--	11 Aug 1887	Mt. Moriah	W. Gro
"	Bryant, James T.	2 da	22 July 1887	Pella Cem	Fox
"	Bryant, Hanna Jane	36	26 July 87	Pella Cem	IN
"	Hardin, Ida Francis,	4 yr,	27 Aug 1887	Keokuk Twp.	IA
56	Laird, Mary J.	34	28 Aug 1887	Money Ch. Cem	VanBuren Co.
"	Fisk, Viola	14	31 Aug 1887	I.O.O.F. Floris	Lick Cr. Twp.
"	Rees, George	2 yr. 11mo.,	5 Sept. 1887	Grove Twp.	Grove
"	Sorwid, Emma	1 yr. 11mo.,	22 July 1887	-----	Prairie Twp.
"	Shelton, Hiram W.	82yr. 11mo.,	4 Aug 1887	Pulaski	N.C.
"	Nemitz, Albert	7 da	22 Sept 1887	Union Graveyard	Stil
"	Downing, Henry	75 yrs	9 Sept 1887	-----	N.Y.
"	Phelps, Clay	9 yrs	25 Sept 1887	Chequest Cem	Salt Cr. Twp.
"	Heidelbaugh, Jacob,	85 yrs,	9 Oct 1887	Heidelbaugh Cem	VA
"	Blakely, Isaac	78 yrs	8 Aug 1887	West Grove Cem.	Vern Co., Ia.
"	Montgomery, Anna D.,	11 yrs,	13 Sept 1887	Runkle Cem.	MO
"	Pooler, Jane A,	74 yrs	24 Aug 1887	West Grove Cem.	VT
"	Rawlings, John H.	73 yrs	14 Oct 1887	Bethel Cem	Prince Geo
57	Gass, James	82 yrs	4 Feb 1887	Bloomfield	PA
"	Kirkpatric, Emma,	11 mo.,	16 Oct 1887	-----	Wyacondah Co.
"	Thompson, EdithBlanche,	7 mo.,	13 July 1887	Haines Cem.	Bloomfield
"	Childers, John, inf.		5 Sept 1887	On premises	Bloomfield
"	Hopkins, Eliza	58 yrs	9 Nov 1887	Pollard Cem	IN
"	Pourchard, J.B.	74 yrs	20 Oct 1887	-----	VA
"	Miller, John	74 yrs	2 Nov 1887	Heidelbaugh Cem	PA
"	Housley, George	5 yrs	2 Oct 1887	Drakesville	Drakesville
"	Naufziger, Christian,	80 yrs,	24 Nov 1887	Pulaski	France
"	Tootwiller, John	21 yrs	5 Nov 1887	Pulaski	Davis Co., Ia.
"	Putman, Elizabeth,	89 yrs,	24 Jan 1887	Chequest Cem.	KY
"	Money, Mary E.	38 yrs	7 Nov 1887	Money Cem	IL
"	Brown, Harley D.	1 yr	24 Nov 1887	-----	-----
58	Carr, Mary Jane	45 yrs	14 Nov 1887	I.O.O.F. Floris	OH
"	Benson, Emma Malinda,	6 yrs,	28 Nov 1887	Albany, IA	IA
"	Laird, Mary J.	35 yrs	28 Aug 1887	Money Ch. Cem.	VanBuren Co.
"	Pirtle, John H.	1 mo	19 Jan 1888	West Grove	West Grove
"	Martin, Abner	48 yrs	30 Dec 1887	Hopkins Cem.	WashingtonCo
"	March, Walter	50 yrs	25 Jan 1888	Pollard Cem	-----
"	Young, Virginia Ann,	39 yrs,	25 Jan 1888	Shuman Cem	Davis Co., Ia.
"	Burchett, Claud	10 yrs	17 Oct 1887	Orleans Cem	Davis Co., Ia.
"	Saunders, C. D.	42 yrs	29 Oct 1887	I.O.O.F.	Davis Co., Ia.
"	Byer, Sarah	66 yrs	11 Nov 1887	-----	-----
"	Fortune, Sarah	87 yrs	5 Dec 1887	I.O.O.F.	KY
"	Lind, Mable	6 yrs	13 Dec 1887	I.O.O.F.	Bloomfield
"	Shelton, Cora B.	16 yrs	15 Dec 1887	Bloomfield Cem	Bloomfield

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Page	Name	Age	Died	Buried Place	Born
59	Shelton, Allie J.	51 yrs	14 Jan 1888	Bloomfield Cem	MO
"	Stoner, Magdaline	77 yrs	15 Jan 1888	Fairfield, IA	PA
"	McAtee, Harry	1 yr	27 Jan 1888	Bloomfield Cem	Bloomfield, IA
"	Herod, Sarah Jane	38 yrs	31 Jan 1888	Bloomfield Cem	Davis County, IA
"	Pirtle, Larue	11 yrs	3 Feb 1888	West Grove Cem	Bloomfield, IA
"	Rouch, Elizabeth	82 yrs	29 Jan 1888	Rouch Cem	Kingdom of Romania
"	Hastings, (f)---	20 da	22 Jan 1888	Pierce Cem	Lick Cr.Twp.
"	Spurgeon, Liddia M.	30 yrs	13 Feb 1888	-----	Davis County, IA
"	Stogdell, Pheby	61 yrs	2 Feb 1888	-----	IN
"	Creeth, Leona	6 yrs	11 Sept 1887	Fairview Cem.	Blue Valley, NE
"	Fine, F. M.	17 yrs	17 Jan 1888	West Grove Cem.	MO
"	Fouts, Elizabeth	58 yrs	23 Feb 1888	Coatsville, MO	PA
"	Roland, Mary	79 yrs	22 Feb 1888	Pierce Cem.	-----
60	Hale, Nella Clara	2 hrs	21 Feb 1888	Pierce Cem.	Lick Cr Twp.
"	Hale, Brunetta Frances,	25 yrs,	23 Feb 1888	Pierce Cem.	Wapello Co., IA
"	Hervey, James	78 yrs	1 Jan 1888	Mt. Moriah Cem	PA
"	Garrell, Sarah R.	47 yrs	7 Feb 1888	Mt. Arrat Cem(App Co)	OH
"	Grady, John	71 yrs	17 Apr 1888	Fabius Cem	OH
"	Finnegan, Arthur	1 yr	21 Apr 1888	Money Cem	Davis County, IA
"	Higginbotham, James	65 yrs	4 May 1888	Agency, Wapello Co.	-----
"	Staley, Mary Ann	46 yrs	8 Jan 1888	Atwood Cem	England
"	Roberts, Abner	75 yrs	9 Apr 1888	Ash Grove	OH
"	Tarrence, John	46 yrs	29 Apr 1888	West Grove Cem	IN
"	Cary, S. A.	25 yrs	28 Apr 1888	Bethel Cem	MO
"	Stober, Mary Lillian,	10 mo.,	13 July 1887	I.O.O.F.	Bloomfield, IA
"	Dysart, Milton H.	73 yrs	7 Apr 1888	Troy Cem	TN
61	Johnson, Lee	18 mo	8 Apr 1888	S. Bloomfield Cem.,	Bloomfield
"	Smith, Oren Earl	10 mo	15 Apr 1888	S. Bloomfield Cem.,	Bloomfield
"	Colony, Jessie J.	6 yrs	26 Apr 1888		
"	Cox, Susan,	73 yrs	2 Mar 1888	Bloomfield Cem.	IN
"	Sauerbier, Minnie	74 yrs	13 May 1888	Bloomfield Cem.	Meckelsburg
"	Gant, P. E. (f)	6 mo	15 Mar 1888	Bloomfield	Davis County
"	Herrod, Martha J.	39 yrs	18 May 1888	Bloomfield Cem	Bartholamew Co.
"	Cary, S. A. (f(	24 yrs	28 Apr 1888	Bethel Cem	MO
"	Evans, Harry O.	2 yrs	12 June 1888	Troy	KS
"	McIntire, Almanda K.	28 yrs	2 June 1888	Bailey Cem.	IA
"	Murray, Marcy,	56 yrs	22 Apr 1888	Dunville Cem	IN
"	Searight, Victor	1 yr	19 Aug 1888	Cantril	VanBuren Co. IA
"	Hayes, Walter C.	1 yr	25 Aug 1888	Pulaski	Pulaski, IA
62	Smallwood, Clyde	10 mo	30 Aug 1888	-----	Mark, IA
"	Reish, Eva	20 yrs	3 Sept 1888	Rouch Cem	IA
"	Alexander, Frank Otto,	23 da.,	17 Sept 1888	Troy	Troy, IA
"	Goodson, Jane	80 yrs	28 June 1888	Bethel Cem	TN
"	Higbee, May A.	21 yrs	26 Oct 1888	Bloomfield	-----
"	Shelton, Virgil K.,	15 mo.	28 June 1888	Bloomfield	Bloomfield, IA
"	Milligan, Ida Mabel,	1 yr	23 July 1888	Pulaski	Pulaski
"	Dunshee, John Y.	67 yrs	2 July 1888	I.O.O.F.	PA
"	Curl, Rebecca	66 yrs	2 Aug 1888	Bloomfield	IN
"	Ferguson, Robert McKibbin,	7 mo.,	3 Aug 1888	I.O.O.F.	Bloomfield, IA
"	McAtee, Jennie C.	33 yrs	3 Aug 1888	I.O.O.F.	Lee Co., IA
"	Townsend, Mary M.	34 yrs	5 Oct 1888	-----	-----
"	Devoln, Harry (f)	10 mo	14 Oct 1888	Bloomfield Cem.	Bloomfield, IA

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## FROM THE CONFERENCE

The following article is a condensed version of the speech given by Mary Jane Schmitt at the Southern MN Genealogical Conference.

### TAKING YOUR BOOK TO THE PUBLISHER.

Getting your family history material into a permanent book can be a scary idea when done for the first time. After I finished a book on my husband's paternal lines, I realized that it would be quite easy to do another book, now that I knew what I was doing! So I would say that the purpose of this presentation is to cover some of the details that will make a person feel more comfortable and confident when it comes time to get his project into print.

I chose Anundsen Publishing in Decorah, IA because I felt that they were the experts when it came to working with individuals producing family histories. They are about one and a half hours away, easily available by phone, and mail takes only a day. There are printers in Rochester that would be very willing to work with a person, but you should know what you want and expect to confer often. Also the photo pages seem to be handled a little differently and to cost more, and I think they'd want to do at least 100 books. The time from when you take your copy to the printer until you get your finished books back seems to be shorter at Anundsen, but it also depends on when you go; printers do have busy seasons. If you do want to go local, check in the yellow pages under printers, call some of them and get all the information you want.

When it comes to preparing a camera ready copy there are three main topics to consider. These include:

#### 1) BASIC BOOK DECISIONS:

**SIZE**-I used the 8 1/2 X 11 size. For the camera ready copy use ordinary typing paper that has a smooth surface. This will give a sharper copy than expensive rag content papers.

**PAGE NUMBERING**-The left hand page is always an even number; right hand page always an odd number. Each picture page should start on a right hand page, and I started each section on a right hand page. Every page should be numbered. If a blank page is not numbered (the back side of a one sided picture page for example) treat it as though it is numbered. The title page is number one, but the number is usually not written on it.

**MARGINS**-I chose to go with 1" margins and 3/4" top and bottom edges for all the text pages. Most computer programs will print out pages with different margins for left or right hand pages. I would not right justify. While it looks nice, it is harder to read, and doesn't seem to be as popular now. My new set of encyclopedias is not right justified.

**SIZE OF PRINT**-I went with ten characters per inch on the text pages, so it would be easier for older people to read, and have gotten a lot of positive comments on the big print. I used twelve characters per inch on pages of family names and dates so more information fit across the page. The darkness of the print for the camera ready copy should be uniform, so if your printer uses ribbons, be sure to have a good supply on hand.

**BINDING**-There are a lot of choices depending on the size of your book and how much you want to spend. A paperback or soft cover costs about half of a hardcover, but is less durable. Punched hole plastic bindings lay open flat, but again they are not as durable. Saddle Stitch is one of the least expensive, because 2 pages are printed at a time on larger paper, which is then collated, stapled in the center, folded, and trimmed on three edges. About 200 pages is the maximum size, and the center pages get trimmed so plan for that. A hardcover is most durable, especially for larger books, and looks impressive. For my 731 page book, the hardcover with gold embossed titles on cover and spine came to about seven dollars a book. A book order can be divided between hard and soft cover.

**ACID FREE PAPER**-I figured this was the thing to do, and it only added about two dollars per book, but I have wondered if putting clippings and bookmarks in the book can introduce acid and negate the benefits of using acid free paper.

**HOW MANY TO ORDER**-You can take orders (prepaid or not) and try for an accurate count. I didn't know the exact number of pages and therefore the price of my book until a couple of weeks before it had to be to the printer, so I really couldn't send out cards with details of the book and price and then wait for them to come in. Also there is expense involved with sending out requests like that, and I'm not sure how accurate a count you'd get anyway. People can be pretty slow and some need to see what they are getting before they will spend the money. If you are making an educated guess about how many to order, you should add some to the cost of each book, so you have your initial investment back before 100% of the books are sold. Anundsen does want its money when you deliver the camera ready copy.

If you think you might have to order more books later on, it costs less to order extra copies of the better quality picture pages with your initial order. It doesn't cost much to run off another hundred of those pages because their big expense comes in the making of the plate which is destroyed after the run is completed.

**TIME FRAME**-This depends on where you take it and when. I needed my order for a family picnic on August 20, so I asked Anundsen when they had to have the camera ready copy in order to get the finished books to me by Aug. 13, and they said June 1. Anundsen prints and collates the books, sends them to Kansas to be hardbound, and the binder then ships the finished books directly to the customer. UPS delivered the books July 26—three weeks before our picnic. I wished I could have used those three weeks to do more proofing, but as the UPS lady said "Better early than late". How true! Of course softbound would not be sent out so would take less time, plus summer is a busy season for Anundsen. So just ask them like I did.

About a week after delivering the camera ready copy, I did find a page that I wanted to correct, so I called Anundsen and sent them the replacement page.

After the books arrived we did go through all the boxes and found several books with bent corners and a couple with torn bindings. It took some time, but the binder did redo nine books, and I believe UPS insurance paid for it. We found no errors in printing or collating in any of the books.

#### 2) THINGS IN THE BOOK OTHER THAN PHOTOGRAPHS-

**MAPS**-Some were copied from old plat books, reduced and mounted on a clean sheet of paper. Parts of maps may

be traced and only the landmark rivers and towns that you want included.

**DOCUMENTS**-Most of the baptism, marriage, and death records were from LDS microfilm of German church records, and the photocopies that I could get were often not very good. So I ended up tracing most of them to put in the book. Stray marks on copies could often be cleaned up by using white out or just cut around the written parts. These were then mounted on a sheet of paper. Sometimes you have to include a rather hard to decipher copy of a document; it lets your readers know you worked hard!

**ANCESTOR CHARTS**-Since the book started with the immigrant ancestor and came forward, I then had to have a section going back from the immigrant ancestor. I wanted a chart of the direct lines that was relatively easy to follow, so I used the format where number one is the immigrant ancestor; all even numbers are males; that even number plus one is his spouse (odd number); and double any number is that person's father. The charts for the immigrant ancestors (husband and wife) were followed by pages that are much like family group sheets with each direct ancestor indicated by his number on the ancestor chart. Most of the other people on the same page are his siblings and their children. I had the pages in a sort of chronological order by generation and kept this information to a minimum, rather than list generations of descendants of the parallel lines. There would just be too much and too confusing, and as it is I'm not sure too many people have waded through this section!

**HORIZONTAL PAGES**-Always read from the right or have the bottom of the page to the right side.

**BLANK PAGES**-I wanted each section of the book to start with a right hand page, so if the preceding section also ended with a right hand page, I put NOTES at the top of the blank even numbered page. This went over very well as it was a place for people to write in births, etc. that occurred after the book was done.

**INDEX**-I included an every name index for the four direct lines in the book and a surname only index for the rest of the names. A lot of computer programs will create the index for you as you go along, and Anundsen does offer an indexing service.

**MISCELLANEOUS**-When I wrote my letter to the readers, it kept coming out like they had already been through the book, so I decided to put it at the end. Perhaps it is kind of buried and would have worked better at the beginning. Also I had two nice photos that I wanted to include in the book and originally thought would make a nice opening page, but they ended up as the final page or closing impression instead. You have to be flexible!

### 3) PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE BOOK-

**TWO KINDS OF PHOTOS**-Good quality are 65 lined, can be put right in with the text, but are not as clear. The only cost involved in good quality photos is having the screened print made for four or five dollars each. Better quality photos have 133 dots per line, have to be grouped on picture pages, look very professional, but cost quite a bit more. In addition to the screened print fee for each photo, a metal plate is made of the page of photos, and these cost about \$25 for a one sided picture page, or about \$20 each side for a 2 sided picture page. This means it costs less to have 2 sided picture pages, but if you don't have enough photos for the 2nd side, it would be better to leave it blank rather than start some text there. That one page of text would cost the same as a picture page then. Better quality picture pages are printed on 60 pound acid free matte.

**PREPARING THE SCREENED PRINT ORDER**-After you have decided which photos you would like to include in your book, you need to decide on the layout of the page - how many photos on it and in what sizes. Basic sizes at Anundsen's are B, C, D, and E. Make a set of cardboard templates of these sizes and lay them on your page to get an idea of what will fit. Usually 4 Ds work good, 3 Cs will fit across the page, etc. You can trim the prints down to less than these sizes when you get them, but also remember to leave room for captions for each photo.

On the back of each photo put the size of the print and whether it is to be good quality or better quality. Anundsen changed sizes so add an 'O' or 'N' for old or new size and an 'H' or 'V' for horizontal or vertical. A typical label on the back of a photo would be something like "DNV Better Quality" and would also include any instruction such as "want from waist up". The peelable pads make good labels. Make a copy of your layout and which photo goes where. Anundsen prefers to keep the original photos in their safe until you are done ordering and return just the screen prints to you, but if you have borrowed photos and want to return them as soon as possible, just request that the originals be returned with the screened prints. Your order will be returned in two packages-one of originals and one of screened prints. You can include any number of photos in an order.

To prepare your order for the mail, make sure the photos are well protected and won't slip around inside the package. Include a letter saying how many photos of each quality that you have in the order and include a check for \$4 times the number of photos plus 6% sales tax. Mail it **FIRST CLASS, CERTIFIED, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**. Anundsen says they have never lost photos mailed this way. About a week later your finished order will be returned the same way. You may use Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested when you return the borrowed photos, or 1st class with a SASE post card inside.

**PREPARING CAMERA READY PHOTO PAGE**-The screened print will be untrimmed, on a waxy paper and look rather flat. It will darken somewhat when printed, but if you think a screened print looks too washed out, you may ask to have it redone. Make a template from graph paper by tracing over the margins and a few other lines to make them bold and therefore visible when you lay a sheet of clean typing paper over it. These will act as guidelines as you position your photos and captions on each sheet. The screened prints need to be trimmed, and I think investing in a paper cutter with a lever arm is well worth it. After the photo has been trimmed, peel off the paper backing and carefully press the photo onto the paper. Add captions near the photos. I printed out captions, cut them apart and used rubber cement to attach them to the paper. This worked quite well, but there are other products to use or you can type them directly to the paper.

After you have completed these three basic areas of decisions and work, you should have a camera ready copy of your book to take to the printer. Then sit back and wait for your books.

## HISTORY OF THE FOUR GOLD WATCHES OF THE FOUR HOGUE SISTERS

Will and Lucinda (Bailey) Hogg (Hogue) moved with other relatives from Pennsylvania to land near Weldon, Iowa, in Clarke county. He was a carpenter, raised sheep and farmed, and was known to own the best horses around. One child had been buried before coming to Iowa, leaving four other daughters; all born in Pennsylvania. They were Viola (Oba), Lucy, Emma and Ida. Ida married George Beattie and had one daughter (Marjorie). Emma married Dr. Enos Mitchell and had Clairemont Hogue and Ena Lucinda. Lucy married a farmer near Weldon (Arney) and moved to Texas sometime after 1900, taking their one child Mildred to a farm near Angleton-Bonnie, Texas. Viola, most active of the four, was injured in a train accident in Weldon and never married, living with either Emma or Lucy, and after Emma's death, remained in Texas with her sister Lucy.

These four cousins, children of the Hogue sisters, in future years visited among each other. Each now owns one of four gold watches, and at death these have all been passed on to their children, to keep.

When the Civil War was underway, Union officers came to Will Hogue's farm and appropriated many of his best horses. Restitution was not made until long after war's end and by an Act of Congress, and amounted to token payment only. By the time of payment, Will Hogue had died following a run-away buggy accident: His first grandchild, Clairemont Hogue Mitchell had been born 2 weeks earlier at Garden Grove, south of his rural home, and Will was bringing the mother Emma and new grandson to his farm. Less than a half mile from the home, and just at the corner intersection where Will's sister and husband Martha and Will Stevens farmed, the high-spirited horse bolted. Will told his daughter to jump with the baby, and they survived. Will was badly injured internally, was taken to his sister's farmhome, and died there. Lucinda and two unmarried daughters Lucy and Viola moved into Weldon. Ida and George Beattie had farmed the land after Will's death occurred in 1882. When restitution arrived, the four girls each received from this money, the four gold watches. Lucinda died the year Ena was born, 1893 (Ena Lucinda). Ena's watch is with daughter Mildred Walker, one of her six children.

C.H. received his watch when Viola died childless, in Texas, shortly after her sister Lucy had also died. Lucy's watch was kept by her daughter Mildred who lived in Houston at the time of her death, leaving to her three Selstad children, sons Robert, Bill, and Jack, her watch. Marjorie's went to a daughter, who I believe lived in Oklahoma, but this branch of family is not now known to me. (Notes by Roberta in 1991.)

When C.H.'s second wife, Beulah Shinn Mitchell, died in 1991, his watch was passed to his only child, Rowena (Mitchell) Haselhoff, who has a daughter and three sons.

(To confirm this account, check with Mildred, daughter of Ena, for factual content. She is the walking history book and knows many of Ena's stories about this family.)

In the 1970's Beulah Mitchell took Ena and Ena's daughter Roberta to the Weldon area, to point out the locations along with the family history of many Mitchell branches in this area. This account is kept in Roberta's home, and includes a map, showing Hebron and its significance, as well as the history of Ena's husband, the Birlingmair family who had farmed just north of Weldon.

--Submitted by Rowena Haselhoff, Bloomfield, one of our members.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Davis County Genealogical Society - 1/1/90 - 1/1/91 \*

Beginning Balance 1/1/90 . . . . . \$1,236.03 \*

REVENUE

Dues . . . . .	\$698.00	
Donations & Library Contri..	214.32	
IGS Cost-Sharing Profit . .	120.60	
State Banking (final Exchange Bank payment) . . . . .	38.14	
S.E.Conference Registrations	185.00	
Film Rental . . . . .	24.00	
To correct past error . . .	10.02	
Total Revenue . . . . .	\$1,290.08	1,290.08
Total to be Accounted for . . . . .	\$2,526.71	

EXPENSES

Newsletter . . . . .	\$346.28	
Geneo Helper for Public Lib.	21.00	
P.O. Box Rent . . . . .	28.00	
Books, Library Supplies . .	201.00	
S.E.Conference . . . . .	177.54	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	71.19	
Total Expenses . . . . .	845.01	
Balance on Hand 31 Dec 1990 . . . . .	\$1,681.70	

QUERY:

Would like any info on the HARVE LAWSON family. My gr-mother had a picture of Harve & his wife?, and of Ethel Fay, age 5, Apr. 22, 1901. What was his wife's maiden name, her parents and his parent's names, etc.--Edith Scott, R. 3, 3606 N. Parmiter Rd, McConnelville, OH 43756.

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Have completed John Hart history, 1990. Am now selling them for \$12.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Wanda Stefanc, 2525 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087.

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People can be divided into three groups: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened--Wayne Co.G.N.

GENEALOGICAL IMPORTANCE OF LAND RECORDS:

- 1) In early rural America nearly every adult male can be found in land records.
- 2) Land records exist uninterrupted from early settlement to the present.
- 3) Older land records contain more genealogical data than modern ones.
- 4) Land records are among the most accurate and reliable records available.

PROBATE RECORDS OFF THE BEATEN PATH:

How do we solve the perplexing problem of ancestors who do not appear in the records no matter how long or hard we search??? One source that should be checked is to study probate records of those who died without heirs.

Another source would be to check the marriage records of the area for all the males of the same surname as the one you are researching. Then check the probate records of those surnames they married. Don't stop with searching only your surnames.

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Genealogical Society elects officers

(20 Feb. 91)

The Davis County Genealogical Society met Jan. 17, 1991, at the Bloomfield Public Library. Since the December meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather, the election of officers was the main agenda item. New officers for 1991 are Watson Bumgarner, president; Pat Howk, vice president; Sue Spilman, secretary; Verle Arnold, treasurer; Darrell Kerby, corresponding secretary; Peggy Arnold, librarian-historian.

The 1856 Davis County Census has been taken to IGS for publication. Orders of the reprinted 1882 Davis County History book are going well. Deadline date for the pre-printing orders is March 1, 1991.

Please note the time change for meetings. It is 7:30 p.m. at the Public Library basement. All members are urged to attend. The next meeting is February 21 and will be a planning and working meeting. Remember, "many hands make light work" and your organization is only as good as you help make it. Dues are \$5 per year with a quarterly newsletter mailed to all members. The address is P.O. Box 94; Bloomfield, Ia., 52537.

Every story has three sides: yours, mine and the facts.



## "The Old Log Court-house"

The history of the first court-house is almost co-extensive with the history of the county. The contract was awarded to J. J. Selman for \$164, at the July session of the Board of Commissioners, 1844. On his bond were John Banta and Wm. J. Hawley, as sureties. It was on lot one block thirty-one, and was built of hewn logs about 24x40 feet, two stories. In November 1844, the contract for furnishing lumber for the floors, windows, stairs and doors, and for sash, glass and putty for the windows, for framing and casing the windows and door, making the door, laying the floors and running the stairs, was let to Andrew Taylor for \$175, he giving bond in the sum of \$350. Miles Tatlock had some kind of a job on the court-house at this time, also for which he received \$35. . . .

## THE WAR RECORD OF DAVIS COUNTY---

Second Infantry, field and staff: James Baker, colonel, Co. G., May 28, 1861. . . James B. Weaver, colonel, commissioned May 28, 1861, wounded at Donelson. . . Thomas Andis, chaplain, enlisted as private, Co. G., Aug. 26, 1862. Company G: John M. Duffield, John A. Duckworth, Daniel H. Fleming, Alfred Rudd, Philip Q. Stoner, David Steele, Phineas Coliver, T. L.C. McAchran, John Dunn, John Demuth, John Reagin, James Girder, William Howlett, Gabriel Johnson, John Rhodes, John Jones, Joseph Z. Needy, Allen T. Brooks, etc. etc.

Fourteenth Infantry, Co. D., Wm. S. Bryant, Abner Dewit, John R. Butter. Co. I, Privates, Noah Britenham, Wm. H. Brooks, Henry C. Beyer, Milton F. Pottorff, Griffith Swinney, Wm. F. Smith, R. F. Cloyd, etc. etc.

Churches: Methodist Episcopal Church in Bloomfield, was organized by Milton Jamison in 1844. Original members were Miles Tatlock, Harvey Sloan, Mrs. New, Richard Rawlings, Elizabeth Nelson and Mrs. Cloe, etc. The church was erected in 1852 at a cost of \$3,500.

Christian Church--organized Jan. 1, 1873. Original members being J.M. Mayfield, M. J. Masket, Mary Masket, D. C. Van Duyn, M.P. Van Duyn, James C. Terrance & Lizzie, Greenville Hazelwood, and Mary and others. Forty-three in all. Other churches were: First Presbyterian, Congregationa, First Universalist, First Baptist, Second Baptist, colored. Also lodges and schools are named.

Biographical Sketches--ANDERSON, REUBEN W., Co. Supt. Blfd, was born in Pike Co., Ohio, Jan 4, 1854. Came to D.C. with his father Capt. W. Anderson. . . DOOLEY, J.C., A.M. Co. Supt. of D.C., was born in Wyacondah twp. May 3, 1860. His parents, Jesse and Mary E., settled here in 1840 Indian chief Keokuk. . . HARTZLER, J. D. prop. Blfd. creamery, was born on Mar. 28, 1849 in Champaign Co., OH. . . LOGAN, J. M., station agent, Blfd., is a native of Connelsville, In, born in Nov. 1850. . . WALKER, T. O., editor and prop. of the Blfd. DEMOCRAT, was born June 3, 1844, in Claremon, Sullivan Co., N. H. In the spring of 1859 his parents removed to Iowa. . . WEINY, J. contractor and carpenter, Blfd., was born in Lebanon Co., PA, Nov. 5, 1832. He came in Oct. 1854 to Bloomfield. . . DYSANT, James L., blacksmith, Drakesville, is a native of Marshall Co., TN, born Feb 2, 1829. . . On the 9th of June 1863, he came to Troy, Iowa. . . MINEAR, MOSES, farmer, sect. 14, postoffice, West Grove, was born in W.V., Apr. 10, 1814, . . In 1835 he moved to VanBuren Co., Ia. and in 1846 to D.C. MILLSAP, J. L., farmer and stock-raiser, postoffice Stiles, was born Mar. 22, 1841 in McDonough Co., IL where he lived until 1856 and he then came to Iowa. . . REMY, LEWIS, farmer, postoffice, Ash Grove, was born in Vinton Co., OH, June 18, 1830. . . His family consists of himself, wife and grandchild.

The Hairy Nation---originally was confined to what was known as the forks of the Wyacondah, embracing the settlements between and along the margin of two streams, and when anyone spoke of the Nation, its locality was understood. . .

# Group to reprint history book

The revised reprint of The 1882 History of Davis County, Iowa is for sale by the genealogy society. The price of the book is \$29. plus \$3.00, tax and handling. Send orders to D. Sue Spilman, RR# 3 Box 3, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537. Make check payable to Davis Co. Genealogy Soc. The book will be sent to the printer in March and will be distributed in June 1991.

The reprint of this book will include an index that was not available in the original book or the first reprint that was done in the 1970's by the Davis Co. Historical Society. This index was a labor of "love" done by Irene Laws and Sue Spilman. It took them ten years to complete. Jerry Greene has since put this index on a computer disk for easier access. This index is a valuable addition to the book.

The 1882 History of Davis Co., Iowa covers the years from 1846 to 1882. It includes names of early settlers, Civil War soldiers, and more than 100 pages of family biographies. It also covers early settlements, town, churches, schools, businesses and points of interest like the first Rebekah Lodge and Gen. James B. Weaver's home, which is on the National Historic Registry.

As of this newsletter sales of the book have been going along at a good pace. Over 150 books have been ordered by interested persons. If you have not yet ordered this book there is still time but don't delay to long. We need to give the printers a final figure as soon as possible. The sooner you order the sooner we can print the books and get them to you.

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Spring is just around the corner and we will soon be out reading gravestone or cemetery records and here is a new hint I've just heard about: -----Put white flour on the markings on the stone where you desire to read. He used white kitchen flour. Rub it in good. Then blow or dust off all excess flour. Then read. One of our members says it makes the lettering and dates show up better than anything else he's tried.--Editor.

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Our Society has renewed the subscription to the GENEALOGICAL HELPER for the public library. It's for everyone to read and a big help. Also, we have ordered a new copy of The Handy Book for Genealogists to be placed in the Genealogical Library room in memory of Richard Rupe, husband of our past president Reva Rupe.

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