At last another newsletter, scheduled to be published Quarterly and part of your membership benefits. While I tend to struggle to find content, I must tell you that there is plenty of subject in Davis County. The format that I choose to bring it to you, is the hardest part of the compilation.

To update you since the last newsletter, when the subject then was the Gilfillan Clinic, which I wish to continue here, for a couple reasons. The beautiful painting that was so gladly received by the Bloomfield Public Library, has since been placed in the Davis County Historical Society, a deserving place of presentation. So to allow History to be correct, I do not want future generations to think that the location of this painting had been reported wrong, and with this Issue, I note the current location, and as with most mysteries, I also leave out the details of how this painting has traveled around town and arrived in it’s present location. Perhaps another time. Enjoy the contents, and feel free to send items you wish for content. Issue 4 will include Holiday Preparations and Parties.

What ’ s new at the Library? We gained a few new members, and items of extreme interest are being donated. While we Ooh and Aah, over these, they also present another project. Archiving and Indexing, so that the contents are of greatest value to our visitors. And also remember to support our Public Library, some day we could be part of that bigger picture, and be able to expand and increase our square footage, bringing to our researchers a whole new experience.

Deb Barker

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MEDICAL
The medical Profession of Davis County will take notice that the Des Moines Valley Medical association will meet in Bloomfield on Wednesday, June 24th, at 10 o’clock A.M., and also on Wednesday, June 17th; 1874. Wm McK. Findley, President Davis County Medical Society
INFIRMARY.

Prominent among the notable institutions of Bloomfield is the infirmary of Dr. E. J. Shelton. The doctor, though in the prime of life, is an old resident of the county, and a practitioner of long experience, thorough training, and extensive research. He graduated from the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, in 1855–6, and at once began practice in this county. In 1863–4, he graduated from Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons; and in 1872–3 he took a course at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. The infirmary was established in 1869. It was the natural outgrowth of the doctor's increasing practice and his reputation in the treatment of certain classes of diseases, and was designed to meet a want long felt in the circle of his practice; that is, better facilities for treating a class of patients that could not receive the proper treatment at their homes. As the doctor's success in this line of practice and the advantages afforded by the infirmary became widely known, the number of patients that came in from abroad, and the consequent demand upon his time and the capacities of the institution, continually increased. This necessitated enlargement of the building and increase of the facilities from year to year, until 1878, when a very large and elegant addition was made to the building, and improvements were made in every department. Since that time, the business of the infirmary has increased so much that another large two-story addition has been completed to accommodate the needs of the culinary department. For a number of years the doctor did not advertise; not so much as a card in a newspaper. But as his business began to increase, so as to take him from general practice, he began in a moderate way to advertise; first, by a card, and finally by a small circular simply announcing that he would treat cancer, in its various forms, hemorrhoids, fistula in ano, and nasal catarrh, and give special attention to all chronic diseases, and diseases of the eye and ear, curvature of the spine, enlargement of the bones, club foot, and the whole range of the deformities of the human figure are made subjects of special study and treatment at the infirmary. In 1875, Doctor Shelton employed Miss Sadie Toombs to take charge of the female department, which has been been under her care ever since. This lady is thoroughly fitted by a long course of study for her position, and has proved an able and valuable assistant. In the past few years the surgical department of the infirmary has acquired a great reputation through the larger number of skillful and successful operations performed by the doctor, with the assistance of Doctors J. W. Caldwell, W. H. Shelton, E. K. Shelton and F. M. Fenton. The recovery of patients under surgical treatment has been greatly facilitated by their being constantly under the immediate attention of Doctor Shelton and his assistants. Doctor E. K. Shelton, son of Doctor E. J., is associated with his father in the practice. Great care and pains were bestowed upon the young doctor's education, and he entered upon the duties of his profession with a thoroughness of training and equipment which few physicians enjoy.
Note our new logo! Davis County Genealogical Society has been in existence since 1983, and has always been a chapter member of the Iowa Genealogical Society. To my knowledge we have never had our own logo. Another first for us. This design was created by Vicki Houk, a member, our Secretary & Librarian. $12.99 Note we have a few left.
Joann C. Phillis, 87, died June 5, 2010 at the Bloomfield Care Center in Bloomfield. She was born January 8, 1923 in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Harry and Bessie Tandy Dichting. Her obituary is in VOL 27 ISSUE 2, Joann enjoyed Genealogy and shared with us her passion for the Orphan Train.

The Orphan Train was a social experiment that transported children from crowded coastal cities of the United States to the country’s Midwest for adoption. The orphan trains ran between 1854 and 1929, relocating an estimated 200,000 orphaned, abandoned, or homeless children. At the time the orphan train movement began, it was estimated that 30,000 vagrant children were living on the streets of New York City. During the orphan train trip, children were accompanied by a placing agent. The trains stopped in scheduled locations. Children usually lined up in front of prospective takers on a platform or at a meeting hall. They were encouraged to look and act their best. Inspection sometimes involved poking and prodding; an attempt to ascertain their value as workers on farms or in local shops and businesses. Children that were not selected returned to the train to travel on to the another stop.

During our County Fair Exhibits in the year of 2007, Joann won the Judges Choice or Best of Show, for the little brown coat that represented the cloth that her father wore as he arrived in New Sharon, Iowa off of the Orphan train. She was able to share with us interesting facts about the Orphan train children and about the lives and families that were effected by this historical placement of children whom resided in the New Sharon area.
# GILFILLAN CLINIC BLOOMFIELD DAVIS COUNTY IOWA

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Dr. Perry joined the Gilfillan Clinic in Bloomfield, Iowa in 1963 and practiced internal medicine and gastroenterology at the Davis County Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa. He retired from his medical practice in 1990. He was a member of the Bloomfield United Methodist Church, the Iowa Medical Society and the Davis County Medical Society. He was a member of the Davis County Fine Arts Council, Rotary Club and a strong supporter of Davis County Dollars for Scholars. In 1998 he received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and 50 year member of the Rural Amity Lodge #0070 in Athens, Pennsylvania.
This is the 8th year the Davis County Genealogy Society has sponsored a booth of exhibits. Judging, by Jay DeYoung of New Sharon a person familiar with genealogy and history research. This exhibiting year there were 13 exhibitors with a total of 43 separate exhibits in 21 categories. The exhibitors must be a resident of the county or a member of the local society.

The Davis County Fair board supplies the ribbons and volunteer pins and the Davis County Genealogical society pays the judge and provides the premiums. Judge’s Choice award went to Deanna Pitman for her Research book. The following are the results of the 2010 fair:

2a. Land Legal Document—Pat Howk, Blue
2b. Legal naturalization Document—Deanna Pitman, Blue Clark Barker, Red
2c. Legal Document- Marriage, Pat Howk, Blue
3. Family Records—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Alice Huffman, Red; Pat Howk, White
4. Family Religious—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Janet Peterson, Red
5. Family Certificate—Alice Huffman, Blue
6. Pedigree/Ancestor chart—Kate Batterson, Blue; Deb Barker, Red
7. Lineage Chart—Deanna Pitman, Blue; 8 Generations
8. Genealogical Record Book—Deanna Pitman, Blue and Best of Show
9. Research Material—Deb Barker, Blue; Pat Howk, Red
11. Photo 3 people or more—Kate Batterson, Blue; Janet Peterson, Red; Richard Friend, white
12. Ancestral Building—Alice Huffman, Blue; Deanna Pitman, Red
13. True Story- Junior Division, Montana Hill, Blue- My dog CheChey
14. Article from another publication—Pat Howk, Blue; Miner
15. Storytelling display—Alice Huffman, Blue; Frank & Alice photographs
16. Photo depicting Davis Co. history- JoAnn Hutchings, Blue; Dr Garrett Home, Troy
17. A written Davis Co. history—Deb Barker, Blue; Gilfillan Memorial Clinic
19. Document or Certificate relating to Davis County History- Deb Barker, Blue
20. Display of 2 or more documents related to each other—Deanna Pitman, Blue; Deb Barker, Red; Richard Friend, White

As always a BIG Thank You to the volunteers, the exhibitors, Our Judge, the Fair goers and The Davis County Fair board. Another successful year! Welcome to the new members and looking forward to next year, never too early to start your projects.
HOUSEHOLD CENSUS OF IOWA

1850- Name of each member of the household, age, sex, color, occupation, value of real estate, birthplace, literacy of persons over age 20

1856- A special state census~ Name, age, sex, marital status, birthplace, occupation, whether native of voting age, whether owner of land, years in Iowa

1860- Name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, value of real property and personal property

1870- Name, age, sex, occupation, whether father & mother were foreign or native born, value of real & personal property

1880- Name, age, sex, marital status, occupation, birthplace and birthplace of Father & Mother; Soundex available, coded index of families with school-age children, 10 years old & younger

1885- A special state census~ name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, religion, if served in the military, what company & regiment, whether entitled to vote, if subject to the military

1890- A special state census~ name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, religion, if served in the military, what company & regiment, whether entitled to vote, if subject to the military

1900- Name, age, month & year of birth, marital status, years married, number of children born to wife & number now living, birthplace of parents, year of immigration to U S, whether naturalized, occupation, literacy, rent or own home or farm; Soundex available, coded index of all households & singles living elsewhere

1905- A special State census~ name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, ownership of home and its value, schooling, marital status, years in Iowa and years in U S

1915- A special State Census~ listed alphabetically within each county; name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, church affiliation, parents birthplaces, marital status, years in Iowa, Years in U S

1925- A special state census~ The most descriptive of all the previous; name, sex, age, relationship to head of household, marital status, home owned or rented, if naturalized, number of years in Iowa, number of years in U S, birthplace & names of Mother & Father, as well as where married, ages of parents if living, military service, occupation classification, church affiliation

The Iowa Forms / Templates are available for download here~
http://iagenweb.org/census/ictempla.htm

Volunteer for Iowa State Census Records

http://iagenweb.org/census/icvol.htm
Chauncey Francis
Born: Davis County, Iowa, June 1911
Attended school in Bloomfield, graduating in 1929. Later attended Business College in Quincy, Illinois. Married Helen N. Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Bowling of Bloomfield, one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Laughridge of Ottumwa, Iowa, two granddaughters, Dana and Darla, one great-granddaughter, Anissa Phirigo; parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Francis, both deceased, one brother, Lowell N. Francis of Bloomfield. Member of the Bloomfield Christian Church.

Served as Deputy Clerk of District Court, Davis County, from 1935-1938, served as Clerk of District Court 1939-1943, resigning to enter the military service. Served in the Medical Administrative Corps in World War II being discharged as 1st Lt. Served as Davis County Auditor from 1947-1948, resigning to become the first Davis County Assessor, serving in that capacity until 1951, resigned to become Business Manager of the Gilfillan Clinic in which capacity he has served since that time.

Charter member of the Bloomfield Jr. Chamber of Commerce and past president; member of the Bloomfield Greater Chamber of Commerce, and past president, member of its Industrial Committee; past Master of Masonic Lodge #14; past Noble Grand of Bloomfield I.O.O.F. Lodge #123; charter member of Bloomfield Lions Club and past president; member of local American Legion Post #78 and past Post Commander, past 5th District Commander of American Legion and past State Commander of Iowa Department of the American Legion.

Articles from the 1976 This is Davis County Chauncey Francis 1911-1986