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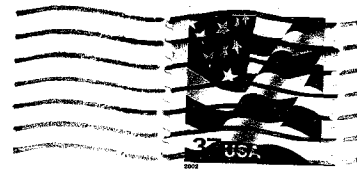
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### **ANNUAL MEETING 2003**

The Annual meeting of the Davis Co. Genealogy Society was held December 18, 2003. A short business meeting was held to finish up any old business and the election of new officers. The officers for 2004 will be: President—Debbie Barker, Vice President—Pat Howk, Recording Secretary—Alice Huffman, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary—Dorothy Goldizen. A big “thank you” to all the outgoing and incoming officers. Without members willing to take the offices we would cease to function. The group also decided to change the meeting day to the third Thursday of the month during the months of April through December. The next meeting will be April 15, 2004 at 7:00PM in the Bloomfield Public Library. After all this hard work the group adjourned to enjoy the refreshments and visit about research experiences and family stories.

Remember the next meeting is **April 15, 2004 7:00PM Bloomfield Public Library**

### **BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

For the first time since 1913 the Bloomfield Public Library is soliciting Public support for remodeling and expansion. Reasons: Access for everyone to both floors, multipurpose room serving all ages for programs and meetings, additional space for Children’s Library, Technology updates, reading and browsing area for young adults, more room for genealogy, expanded shelving and display areas for library collection, and larger storage and efficient work area for staff. The Davis Co. Genealogy Society houses their collection of genealogy materials in the basement of the library and we support the Friends of the Library in their endeavor. Send your donation by check or money order made out to “Friends of the Library Building Fund” to Bloomfield Public Library, 107 N. Columbia St, Bloomfield IA 52537. This donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your gift and support.

Music Committee: Madeline Dixon, Barbara Johnston, Aura Barnett  
 Audit: Elsie Finley, Verle Johnston  
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## WESLEY CHAPEL PASTORS 1858—1958

1858-1860 John Burgess	1906-1907 H. E. Butler
1860-1861 F. H. Cary (Supply)	1907-1908 W. S Handy
1861-1862 James Haynes	1908-1909 S. H. Sperry
1862-1863 M. B. Wayman	1909-1910 W. E. Berg
1863-1865 A. W. Johnson	1910-1911 John E. Worrell
1865-1867 Wm. Britton	1911-1914 W. H. Slack
1867-1868 W. I. Miller	1914-1916 Clare H. Boos
1868-1871 James M. Mann	1916-1917 C. R. Young
1871-1875 W. G. Thorn	1917-1920 U. D. Rumbaugh
1875-1876 R. B. Allander	1920-1922 C. E. Ward
1876-1879 J. W. Wright	1922-1924 C. R. Rowe
1879-1882 A. W. Haines	1924-1926 S. P. Trostle
1882-1886 W. P. Priestly	1926-1928 C. H. Chader
1886-1887 George Barber	1928-1929 H. H. Fletcher
1887-1888 J. M. Laughridge	1929-1933 J. W. Ward
1888-1889 R. R. Lackey	1933-1937 D. A. Rood
1889-1892 P. G. Hogle	1938-1938 Ted Coleman
1892-1895 F. H. Pickworth	1938-1939 Milton Hawes
1895-1896 D. G. Abbott	1939-1941 J. C. Davis
1896-1897 E. J. Shook	1941-1942 Martin Johnson
1897-1898 G. W. Pool	1942-1944 Wayne Carlson
1898-1899 E. S. Daly	1944-1948 A. E. Eastman
1899-1902 W. M. Erskine	1948-1952 J. A. Walls
1902-1905 B. F. Shane	1952-1955 Clark W. Howard
1905-1906 Lincoln Hughes	1955-1958 Vern Weigle

We could find no record on size of church but Frank Bowling, an older member of our church, remembers it as a frame building resembling a small country schoolhouse, built just east of the present building. A financial report found in quarterly conference book reads as follows: Bloomfield Circuit, Iowa Conference November 23, 1861.

Amount of Subscriptions	\$424.50
Funds expended in building	\$376.50
Subscriptions unpaid	\$ 48.00
Present indebtedness	\$ 81.59

Signed, Turstees: J. H. Pry, A. K. Duckworth, I. S. Ford, James Rawlings, Dempson Hill, J. E. Ford.

Report of trustees August 25, 1866: We the trustees of Wesley Chapel beg leave to report through our chairman to the quarterly conference that we have paid up all arrearages against said church and we are now out of debt. A. K. Duckworth, Sect, Wm. Britton, Chairman.

June 1869 report on Wesley Chapel repairs one hundred dollars. Trustees: Lewis Rominger, James Hartup, Uriah Rominger, S. Smith, J. Smith, J. Sanderson, and D. Hill.

During ministry of J. W. Wright, 187601879, our older member, Frank Bowling, again tells us of hearing his father Lewis Bowling speak about people coming from miles around to hear Brother Wright preach the gospel. The church building was far too small to hold the large crowds. It was then a larger church building was planned and built, with the men in the neighborhood, including Mr. Bowling, hauling logs to sawmill then hauling the lumber to the site of the church building, and erecting the church. The Bible stand, altar railing, seats, were made by Lewis Rominger, Cornelius Barnett and William Gibson. It was their request that these articles always be left in the church. The main entrance was a vestibule at the west end and a single door on the east near the southeast corner of building. The pulpit and altar were on the east toward the north. In 1890, under the ministry of P. G. Hogle, the pulpit was changed to the north side.

The library table, the three folding dining tables in basement were made and donated by Har King.

One altar chair was given at this time by Mr. & Mrs. Billy McMMain in memory of his father Sammy McMMain; Mrs. Fannie Hillman gave a chair in memory of her husband, Johnathan Hillman. The other chair was given by Aunt Belle Barnett in memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Summers Sensensey.

In 1910 a new pressure gasoline system was installed replacing the old kerosene lights. Coal stoves furnished the heat.

During the ministry of Rev. Slack in 1912, a cement block foundation was put under the building replacing the old wooden blocks.

In the fall of 1923 a basement was dug south of the church. The church was raised from the old foundation and moved south over the new basement. The vestibule was removed from the west to the south side as it is today. Wes Tarrance was given the contract for the carpenter work. Ceilings were lowered, new floor laid and the new entrance stairway was built. A new furnace and Delco light plant was installed. Approximate cost \$5500.00. On November 9, 1924, the church was rededicated with Rev. U. S. Smith delivering the morning sermon and Rev. J. F. Barnett the afternoon sermon.

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2003

## Balance on Hand December 2002

Checking		\$ 543.92
Savings		<u>1770.68</u>
Total		\$2314.60

## INCOME

Dues	\$ 646.27	
Copy Machine	382.60	
CD Sales	111.80	
T-Shirts	26.00	
Donations	89.50	
IGS Costshare	54.72	
Sale of copy machine	45.00	
Cammack Cem Fund	<u>25.00</u>	
Total	\$1380.89	\$3784.16
Interest on Savings	<u>88.67</u>	
Total	\$1469.56	

## EXPENSES

New Copy Machine	\$ 551.49
Rent on P O Box	38.00
Postage-Newsletter	364.83
Sales tax (2 books)	7.50
CD expenses	104.81
Envelopes & labels	35.79
Fair Booth Expenses	109.24
Copied Plat Books	91.15
1882 History reprint order	1000.00
Bank Service Charges	60.00
Misc	<u>21.29</u>
Total	\$2384.08

Transferred \$1000.00 for savings to checking in December 2003

## Balance on hand December 2003

Checking	\$ 482.47
Savings	\$ 859.35

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154 Davis County 1850 Census, 167p	\$22.00
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815 Davis Co. I.O.O.F Cemetery, Bloomfield, IA.	25.10
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1468 Davis Co. Cemeteries, Prairie & Roscoe Twps.	4.60
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With history related to us by Frank Bowling and the history left by the late Charlie King given to us my Mrs. King; with the aid of our Bloomfield Librarian, Mrs. John Sager, locating Journals of Iowa Conference at P. E. O. Library in Mt Pleasant, also Mr. Mace at jewelry store in Moulton for the loan of the Bloomfield Circuit quarterly conference book dating back to 1856 we have been able to compile this history. We hope it brings back pleasant memories to the descendants of the older generation. We say to all a hearty "thank you". History Committee: Millard Gibson, Carl King & Beulah King.

## WESLEY CHAPEL CEMETERY—WYCONDIAH TOWNSHIP (PARTIAL LISTING)

**Barnett, Cornelies** Died Sept. 29, 1892—Age 71 yrs, 11mo, 28da  
Joel Wl July 26, 1876-June 11, 1904 Age 27yrs, 10mo, 15da  
Elizabeth S Jan. 17, 1870—Oct 15, 1903  
James A: Feb. 25, 1865—Feb. 18, 1946  
Rachel Elizabeth 1918-1925

**Breeding Alexander W.** June 3, 1840 Died Aug, 1914 Member 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cav.  
Pheobe Putman, his wife Born May 31, 1837 Died April 3, 1917  
L. E. April 14, 1874 Died April 24, 1935  
Zella Watts, his wife Nov. 28, 1874—Died Dec. 18, 1915

**Keith, Infant** Son of J. C. & A. E. Keith Born Dec 30, 1855  
Ann Eliza (no dates) this to left of above stone

**Bowling Lewis A** 1835—1881  
Lucy A. 1834-1921  
Martha A. Dau. Of L. A. & L. A. 1864-1883  
Bertha A Oct.25, 1871—Sept 20, 1962  
L. Frank March 31, 1870—Aug. 23, 1964  
Mary Agnes July 30, 1961—March 3, 1916

**Martin, Nellie M.** Kinman, wife of R. Martin Aug. 19, 1874—Oct. 4, 1907. Stone beside this stone is Women's Relief Corps-IA Dept. Corps 263 W. R. G.

**Puffer, Nathan A.** 1860-1922  
Mary S. 1862—1923

**Sensenev, Sally D.** July 13, 1829 Died July 21, 1907  
Summers R. Nov. 3, 1824 Died Feb. 23, 1904

**Ethell, Sanford R.** Dec. 17, 1822—April 20, 1888  
Catherine, his wife. April 5, 1829—April 23, 1912

**Bradbury, David,** Husband of M. A. Bradbury B. July 5, 1827 Died July 7, 1895. Age 68y.  
(GAR 1861-1865)

Margaret A. Wife of David B-Oct. 28, 1830 D—May 22, 1928. 97yrs 6mo 2da

**Billhymer, Sarah E.** Dau. Of D. & M. Bradbury Died Sept. 28, 1875. Age 26yrs 23da

**Evans, Sarah Bell Richardson,** wife of John Evans. Sept. 24, 1875—March 19, 189?

John W. Jan.5, 1872—May 16, 1904

Elizabeth wife of Wm. Died Feb. 7, 1879 Age 63yrs 4mo 8da

William Died Aug. 19, 1893 Age 80yrs 5mo 27da

**Gallison, Julia A.** Dau. of J. & E. died May 1, 1869 age 21yrs 4mo 9da

Napoleon B. Son of J. & E. died Nov. 21, 1869 age 8mo 7da

**Kline, Ethel M.** Feb. 19, 1901—Nov. 11, 1996

In 1941 the church was wired for electricity and hooked up to R.E.A. In 1942 a coat of paint was given the church by men in the community. In the spring of 1954, an oil furnace installed by Hutchings Appliance at a cost of \$1200. Part of the labor was donated, including donating a clock and installing same in basement, also installing the upstairs clock.

We go now to May, 1958. The church is being given a new paint job, inside and out. Outside paint was purchased through Wayne Harris at cost. Total amount \$111.63. Don Bullock and Ted Eaton doing inside painting and Mr. Jacobs the outside. The work not having been finished as we go to press, the total amount of cost is not known.

Wesley Chapel has contributed its share in providing men for the ministry. At the beginning of the church, men who wished to become local preachers, were examined by Exhorters of the church, their character passed upon and given a license to preach. These local preachers held meetings at local campgrounds with large attendance of people from the surrounding territory. Among these preachers from Wesley Chapel were: Wm. A. Fry, Cornelius Barnett, and Dempson Hill.

Rev. Frank Barnett was ordained as a minister in 1880, ten years later Rev. U. S. Smith, Rev. H. C. Ethell, and Rev. James Senseney. Rev. Chas. King, Mason City, though never a member of Wesley Chapel, his parents and grandparents were active members in our church. Many here today will remember the teachings of his grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Grim, and the work done in this church by his grandfather, Charlie King.

Arthur Rankin, now a Methodist lay minister at Palo, IA. Arthur and Charles both attended Wesley Chapel in their boyhood.

We are proud of the Bohi Brothers, Philip and Bill, delivering the sermons today, who grew up attending Wesley Chapel church and who today with many more of us, are paying tribute to the one who made it possible by building a church called Wesley Chapel.

### Sketch of Parsonage

Records show first parsonage for circuit built at Springville in early 1858. For different reasons this site proved unsuitable and in December 1858 P. H. Bence proposed that he would take the parsonage and release the circuit from any liabilities for building same. Records show rent paid out at different times until 1890, when unde4r Rev. Shook a parsonage was acquired at West Grove. It remained there until 1924 when it was sold and one purchased in Bloomfield. This was later sold and one purchased in West Grove in 1952. Circuit is now West Grove---Wesley Chapel. Drakesville is also on the circuit.

### Officers of Wesley Chapel Church 1958-1959

Stewards: C. S. Mary Sue Grim, Bnv. Mary Ellen Lewis, L. L. Walter Grim, R. S. Irma Mason, Tr. Alvah Davis, Supt S. S. Gladys Burton, Asst. Irma Mason, L. D. Walter Grim.

Elective Stewards: Mesdames, Alvah Davis, Verle Johnston, Walter Guinn, Elsie Finley, Wayne Proctor.

Pastorial Relations Com.: Dean Burton, Dean Grim, Dorothea Proctor.

Nominating Committee: Nellie Guinn, Gladys Burton, Mary Ellen Lewis.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION JUNE 29, 1958

## WESLEY CHAPEL M.E. CHURCH

(This article is copied from a prepared program for the Wesley Chapel M.E. Church celebration. Wesley Chapel is located in Wycondah Township, Davis County Iowa.)

In Memory of the older generations, we dedicate this history; Abraham Smith, Dempsey Hill, Lewis Rominger, Benjamin Brooks, Matt Howie, Cornelius C. Barnett, Lewis Bowling, P H. Bence, David Bradbury, Benny Hargrove, Summers Senseney, Wm. Gibson, David Gibson, Sanford Ethell, Jim and John Rawlings, James Hartup, Sammy McMains, George O'Neal, A. K. Duckworth, Wm. Fry, Samuel Dooley, Alec Breeding.

Second Generation: George Hill, Joseph Hill, Uriah Rominger, Amos Rominger, Josiah Rominger, Mel Rominger, George Barnett, Wm. Rawlings, George Gibson, Samuel Smith, John Pirtle, Will and Jimmy Senseney, Nathan Puffer, Wm. Bassett, James Barnett, Jonathan Hillman, Zack Patterson, T. P. Bence, Ol Harris, Billy Wilcox, and Hampton Hargrove.

### HISTORY OF WESLEY CHAPEL

The beginning of a church called Wesley Chapel reads as follows: Springville Circuit, Albia District: The second quarterly meeting held at Letner's schoolhouse March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1857, Brother Hammond P. E. committee composed of A.H. Duckworth, J. E. Ford and Cornelius Barnett, presented a report containing the estimate of building a church near Dempson Hill's to be called Wesley Chapel. Total amount of report \$1394.32. Report received and adopted. Building committee appointed, A. K. Duckworth, Wm. L. Millsap, and Lewis Rominger

The one acre of ground donated by Dempson Hill was just across the road west from the Wesley Chapel Cemetery in the Northeast corner of 40 acres now owned by Dale Dixon. The one acre for the cemetery was donated by Wm. Evans who then owned the land later owned by Charlie King and now owned by Truman Aleshire. For different reasons the church was not started at that time but deaths in the community made it necessary to use the one acre donated for the cemetery. The bodies of John H. and Margaret E. , children of Jacob and Sarah Rush, had already been buried in January 1857. The recording the deed reads in part: April 6, 1857, for the consideration of \$.50 we, Wm Evans and Elizabeth Evans convey to Dempson Hill, James L. Rawlings and Benjamin W. Martin, trustees of the Wesley Chapel graveyard-----.

The people became restless and somewhat divided on the church issue. The southern part of the community wanted the church built in Springville, which at that time was a small town a short distance northwest of the Sam Botts residence now occupied by Junior Botts. This locations would take the church away from the center of the community so the issue was decided by choosing a location farther north in order to draw people from a new neighborhood and not interfere with the church to the south. This explains why Wesley Chapel church and cemetery sites do not join. The site chosen then for the church is where it now stands . The deed for one acre of land was made April 28, 1858, by John H. and Emily A. Pry to Wm. L. Millsap, James Rawlings, John Pry, John E. Ford, Ivan S. Ford, Cornelius Barnett and A. K. Duckworth, trustees of the Wesley Chapel church for the sum of \$20.00.

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DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY REGULAR MEETINGS THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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**President: Patricia Howk**  
**Vice President: Mary Kay Stephenson**  
**Secretary: Lana Doll**

**Treasurer: Dorothy Goldizen**  
**Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Goldizen**

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Dear Friends and Fellow Genealogists,

One more the year is at an end and time for the election of officers and the annual meeting. I have opted not to be president for this next year, but KNOW the next one elected will meet the needs of our society.

We did have more meetings this year than last, but attendance was still not what it should be. We encourage all members to take an active part to make it a great place to do researching and to collect and preserve the records for those following in our footsteps.

Our first try a having a County Fair exhibit and judging was a success. We had many exhibits and they were goods ones! We learned a lot and will improve in all ways this coming years.

Debbie Barker has done a terrific job with the website: [www.rootsweb.com/~iadavis/davis.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~iadavis/davis.htm), and has taken on the Wapello County site as well. Visit both sites to see what there is and join her and others in contributing to it. Willis and Carol Hoffman also have their cemetery GPS project listed there.

We are going to republish the 1882 Davis County History Book this next year (trust the full info in this newsletter will encourage early orders) and are asking for quotes for the 1026 Payne history.

I've been sick the past week with strepthroat, bronchitis, etc so have not accomplished the usual holiday fixings. I have been trying to gather the "right" pictures together to do some scrap booking pages for a Memory Book for my parents. My youngest sister started the project, and it will be a good one... I suggest you all get started sorting, organizing, and writing a story, etc for the next generations. It keeps things in an uproar, but we all have those clippings, stories, names, addresses that only we know what they mean.

So if you get laid up like I am, get started, a few at a time will make a big dent. May your new year be one of new starts, projects finished, sharing with others, and good will to all and may Peace reign in 2004!

Please send you memberships (dues are \$7.50), queries, and information to P O Box 94, Bloomfield IA 52537-0094.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Your President, Pat Coop Howk