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Genealogical Society

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Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

206 W. Goode St.

REGULAR MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield Public Library, 107 N. Columbia St.

WORK DAY: Every Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

PROJECTS: Clipping 1905 Davis County newspapers.

Copying 1860 Davis County Census from microfilm.

Typing 1850 Davis County Census for publication.

OFFICERS: President: Jerry Greene, West Grove, Ia.

Vice-President: Sue Spilman, Bloomfield, Ia.

Secretary: Phyllis Thomas, R.R. 3, Bloomfield, Ia.

Treasurer: Olen McMains, Bloomfield, Ia.

NEWSLETTER: Published quarterly - Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter. Members free. Cost: \$2.00 per year to cover cost of printing and postage.

GENEALOGIST'S CODE OF ETHICS

In order to protect the integrity of public records and library books, I am ethically bound and hereby agree:

1. That I will treat with the greatest care and respect all public records and library books which may be made available for my use.
2. That I will speak with courtesy to all employees of a vital records office, or of a public library, when requesting to see any vital record or library book, and that when finished with such record or book, I shall express my thanks to the person attending to my requests.
3. That I will not tear, erase, mark, or remove any public record or library book, and will refrain from mutilating, defacing, or otherwise destroying any part of such public record or library book.
4. That when I have finished viewing any public record or library book, I will return it to the proper or designated place.

Signature

From the Iowa State Genealogical Society Newsletter, Des Moines, Iowa.
READ, HEED, then SIGN IT.

The Davis County Public Library receives "The Genealogy Helper," a monthly magazine. Read it and make use of its helps.

QUERIES

Would like information on the following families: LOCKER, MC CULLOUGH, WOODRIDGE, YOUNG, NEAL, AND JAMES. Jan Brockman, 6821 Mantova, Long Beach, Ca. 90815.

Who were the parents of THOMAS BARNES, b. 1836, Ky., d. 1923 Davis Co., Iowa? Were they Arnold, Barnes, Bell, Beard, Foster, Hallett, Jarvis, Johns, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Lyons, Veatch, Naggle, or McGee? Karen Jarvis, R.R.#3, Fairfield, Iowa 52556.

HEADY--GABRIEL JOHNSON HEADY, b. 1835 Indiana, d. Bloomfield, Ia., 17 May 1917, m. Leah Elizabeth (?), Ch: Emma, Laura, Dr. C.C.C., Conda. Who were his parents and what was the family name of his wife? Helen Walker, 415 N. Columbia, Bloomfield, Ia. 52537

JOHN FITZGERALD and JANE HOLLOWAY--Marriage Bond: 17 Sept. 1792. Surety: JOSEPH AIKEN. JANE signed her own consent. Married by Rev. Lazarus Dodson. Need parents of both? Victor Fitzgerlad, Rt. 3, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

Does anyone know whereabouts of LYNDA WIXOM, lived Bloomfield in mid-60's, graduated from Southeastern Community College, Keokuk, 1968. Married an Iranian with the last name of GOLAFSHAR in 1969 (?) and moved to Rolla, Mo., where he attended college. I'd love to find her. Linda Auwairter, % Davis County Genealogical Society, 206 W. Goode, Bloomfield, Ia. 52537.

McKEE, Carol, 207 W. Franklin St., Bloomfield, Ia 52537 (Davis). Wish to contact any desc of Joseph WEBER b 21 Nov 1847 in Germany, m Amelia HARTER in Germany, m Christina ARMBRUSTER 3 Sept 1891 in Quincy, Ill, d 30 Dec 1924 Tekoa, Wash. Ch: Joseph WEBER, Barbara WEBER GERIG, Carrie WEBER SCHWARZENBERGER, Victoria WEBER WIETERS MORGAN, Magdalena, Henry, Clara, and Eda.

Seek info on fam of BAZEL MAXWELL, b. ca 1780, Dunlap, Sequachie Valley, TN, d. ca 1840, Medora, Jackson Co., IND. Lived in TN, KY, IND. Ch: John II, William K., Betsy Millhollen, Fannie Winegar, Mary Lanning, Ann Boas, Anne Beam. Estate settled Jackson Co., 1840. Who were his parents? What was name of his wife? Peggy Maxwell Arnold, 206 W. Goode, Bloomfield, Ia. 52537.

QUERIES - Send all queries to Phyllis Thomas, Secretary, Rt. 3, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537. Free to members. \$1.00 for non-members. Please limit to 50 words.

BOOK FOR SALE:

A PIONEER HISTORY OF DAVIS COUNTY, by Dillon H. Payne and compiled and published by the Federated Women's Clubs of the County 1924-1927, and reprinted by the Davis County Genealogical Society, price \$15.00 plus \$1.25 for postage and handling, if mailed.

Need a searcher in Davis County? We have some who are reasonable, responsible, relentless and ready. Ask.

Our Genealogy Library needs a copy of SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS, BY Gilbert H. Doane. Does anyone have a copy that they would like to donate?

ABANDONED TOWNS, VILLAGES AND POST OFFICES OF DAVIS COUNTY
By David C. Mott, The Annals of Iowa, 1930-1932

- Adamsville: A post office in Marion Township in 1851. Discontinued in May of that year. Nottingham post office, located in the same township beginning the same year with the same postmaster (Benjamin Adams), appears to have been the same post office with a new name. Nottingham post office continued until 1859, and probably was moved from house to house, finally being at or near where the Black Hawk post office was later, which see below.
- Albany: A village on the line between section 6, Marion Township, and section 1, Union Township, Appanoose County, the village being part in each county. The post office was first in Appanoose County from 1857 until 1861, and then in Davis County from 1861 until 1901. See also Soap Creek below.
- Ajax: A post office in the early 1880's located in a store in the south of section 13 of Grove Township, in the extreme southeast corner of the township.
- Black Hawk: A post office from 1895 until 1901 in the southern side of section 29, Marion Township.
- Brown's Mills: A post office in section 10, Soap Creek Township, from 1869-1871.
- Carbon Hill: The name of the post office at the railway station of Carbon in 1879.
- Chequest: A post office in Lick Creek Township from 1851 to 1871. It seems to have moved from farm home to farm home for several years and then located at the hamlet of Dunnville, sometimes called Noseville, but platted in 1851 as Pleasant View, on the north side of section 32, Lick Creek Township. There was another Chequest at a later date, which see below.
- Chequest: The name of the post office from 1885 to 1905 at the hamlet in section 4, Union Township, previously known as Gandytown, also Noblesville, and later Halltown. The post office had just previously been called Hall, which see below. There was another Chequest at an earlier date, which see above.
- Del Norte: Platted as a village in 1851 in the extreme southwest corner of Grove Township, in the south section 18. Post office, 1851-53.
- Dover: See Stringtown below.
- Dunnville: See Pleasant View below.
- Fox: The name of the post office in 1842 or 1843 which later became Stringtown, which see below. Later there was another post office named Fox, which see below.
- Fox: A post office in Fox River Township from 1859 to 1863, located a short distance east of the present post office of Bunch, perhaps in section 9, For an earlier post office named Fox, see above.
- Gandytown: See Chequest above.
- Hall: The name of the post office at Chequest for a brief period around 1885.
- Harbor: A post office from 1857 to 1863 in section 35, Soap Creek Township, about one mile northwest of the present village of Belknap.
- Harpersville: See Stringtown below.
- Lewiston: A post office for a period around 1845 at the cross roads about two miles north of Bloomfield on the Belknap road, on the southeast corner of the intersection, section 13, township 69 north, range 14 west.
- Lunsford: A post office from 1901 to 1908 at a coal mine in the south section 14, Wyacondah Township, near the Missouri line.
- Martinsburg: Platted as a town in 1856 where the present village of Mark now stands. It was later replatted as Martinsville.
- Mount Calvary: A post office from 1853 to 1863 near the southeast quarter of section 19, Fox River Township.
- Noblesville: See Chequest above.
- Noseville: See Chequest above.
- Nottingham: A post office in Marion Township from 1851 to 1859. See Adamsville above. (Continued on next page.)

- Oak Spring: A post office in the eastern part of Marion Township from 1851 to 1899. It probably moved from farm to farm, but at least part of the time was in section 23,
- Pleasant View: Platted as a village in 1851 in the northern part of section 32, Lick Creek Township, see Chequest above.
- Rankin City: A village platted near the present town of Floris in 1871, but failed to develop.
- Rater: The name of the post office at the railway station of Carbon in 1895 and for a brief time before and after that date.
- Richmond: A proposed village in section 16, Perry Township, about four miles northeast of Bloomfield. It was platted in 1848.
- Roscoe: Platted in 1849 as a town in section 5, Roscoe Township, but never became more than a hamlet.
- Salt Creek: A post office in Salt Creek Township, perhaps first located in section 10 and later in Paul Shepherd's store in section 17, about three and a half miles east of Floris. It ran from 1851 to 1863, and its discontinuance was likely because of Shepherd's disloyalty during the Civil War.
- Soap Creek: A post office in Marion Township from 1851 to 1857. It seems to have been the predecessor of Albany post office, as it ceased to exist when Albany began and is shown on the maps to have been close by.
- Soap Creek Mills: A hamlet of some size and importance in a very early day in the northwest corner of section 3, Salt Creek Township, on Soap Creek.
- Springville: A village in section 34, Wyaconda Township, about one and one-fourth mile north of Savannah. It was platted in 1859 and was prosperous for a few years.
- Stilesville: Former name of the present village of Stiles.
- Stringtown: A village about one mile south of the village of Troy. The post office at this place was called Fox from 1842 to 1853. It was platted as Dover in 1848, but was called Harpersville sometimes and later Stringtown, and had a post office by the latter name from 1853 to 1867.
- Taylor: A post office from 1851 to 1865 in section 31, Union Township, about three miles northwest of Pulaski.
- Tippo: The name of the post office in 1849 where later the present village of Savannah was built.
- Uncle Abe: A post office in 1863 in section 24, Fox River Township, about one mile east and two and one-half north of West Grove.
- Waneta: A post office from 1897 to 1905 at the A.R. Lightfoot store in the southwest quarter of section 5, Roscoe Township.
- Weeping Willow: A post office in West Grove Township from 1853 to 1855. It seems to have been about two miles west and one-fourth mile south of the present village of West Grove, and the predecessor of the present post office of West Grove.
- White Elm: A post office in Salt Creek Township from 1893 to 1905. During most of its existence it was at a store run by John M. Carroll slightly east of the center of the west side of section 25.
- Wooleyville: A hamlet in the southwestern part of section 1, Fox River Township, about three miles west of Drakesville.

In 1983 there are post offices in Bloomfield, West Grove, Drakesville, Pulaski and Floris. Halmets, villages or towns that are still in Davis County are: Troy, Savannah, Stiles, Mark, Belknap, Ash Grove, Carbon, Paris or Bunch, Monterey, These do not have a post office.

Copied from HAWKEYE HERITAGE, Vol. XIII, No. 3, July 1978, pages 115-117.

Are you making roots for your grandchildren (nieces or nephews)? Remember you will be an ancestor some day. Write your personal history, make a collection of family history, obituaries, etc., perhaps a collection of family photographs, labeled with name of persons, place, occasion and of course the dates. Write incidents, anecdotes as you remember them. Book stores have "nothing" books which are full of blank pages upon which to write your desire. A three ring notebook will work fine to record your family's part in history, be it ever so humble.--Poweshiek Co. Gen. Soc.

Remember--when labeling your pictures and photographs, do not write, when writing on the back of the picture or photo, on any place behind a person. The ink may eat the picture or photo and destroy the valuable part. Write on the edge of the back of the picture or photo.

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The I.S.S. has announced more open hours at their library. The new hours are: Tuesday 7-9 P.M., Wednesday 1-4 P.M.- 7-9 P.M., Thursday 10 A.M. - 4 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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New Members -----

29. Jeannine Hockersmith, 505 N. Columbia, Bloomfield, Ia.
30. Carol McKee, 207 W. Franklin, Bloomfield, Ia.
31. Alice Huffman, R.R.1, Bloomfield, Ia.
32. Evelyn Schindler, Pulaski, Ia.
33. Phyllis Shelton, 201 W. Park, Bloomfield, Ia.
34. Dorothea Rudd, R.R. 2, Box 51, Winter Garden, Fla. 32787
35. Jan Brockman, 6821 Mantova St., Long Beach, CA 90815
36. Karen Jarvis, R.R. #3, Fairfield, Ia. 52556

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During the summer, the Davis County Genealogical Society will have a member of its society in the Genealogy Room at the Bloomfield Public Library on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The service is for the convenience of anyone working on a family history. Donations to the society will be welcomed.

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The United States of America Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Il 60611 has pension records and will answer queries providing sufficient identifying information is given. Don't forget the SASE.

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Kinds of Records Found in a Will Book

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| Appraisement: | Itemized list of the estate. |
| Account: | Report of the executor. |
| Estate: | Notice of probate and inventory. |
| Sale Bill: | List of items purchased, name of purchaser and price paid for each item. |
| Inventory: | Itemized list of the estate. |
| Division: | The division of the estate among the heirs. |
| Will: | Record will of the deceased. |
| Guardian: | Account of the estate in behalf of the infants of the deceased. |
| Dower: | Portion of the estate allotted to the widow. |
| Settlement: | Final distribution of the estate of deceased. |

--Kentucky Ancestors--Vol. 13, No. 3, p. 120.

CENSUS MICROFILM RENTAL PROGRAM

Notice received May 1983.

The National Archives and Records Service is pleased to announce the re-
sumption of the census microfilm program. The National Archives has named
the DDD Company as the contractor to carry out this new rental program.
As before, the program will operate only through public libraries and other
institutions, such as genealogical associations. No individuals will be
able to order microfilm directly from the contractor. After June 5, institu-
tional orders may be sent to:

Census Microfilm Rental Program
P. O. Box 2940
Hyattsville, Maryland 20784

Individuals may order census microfilm from participating libraries and
associations beginning in June 1983, with actual distribution of the film
scheduled to begin in early July.

The user may rent the film for a one-week (7-day) usage.

Cost of Rental - The basic seven-day rental is \$2.25.

Payment Methods - Payment must accompany order.

At the present time, the 1790 to 1900 census schedules and Soundex are
available. Later this year, the 1910 census will be available.

Placing an order - Through your local library or participating genealog-
ical association, only.

Film is delivered to the above and must be returned by the above. The
user of the film is expected to use the film at the participating institu-
tion. Rental film is not to circulate "outside" the institution.

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REMEMBER

After August 1, 1983, the new Iowa Genealogical Society address will be
P. O. Box 7735, Des Moines, Iowa 50322. Library located at 6000 Douglas.

Just received: Pink Cover - I.G.S. Library Shelf Listing - Sept. 1982.
Pink Cover - I.G.S. Annual Conference Report - Nov. 1982.

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