



Newsletter

Genealogical Society
Winter 1983 - Peggy Arnold, Editor

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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.

OFFICERS: President: Jerry Greene, West Grove, Ia.
Vice Pres.: Sue Spilman, Bloomfield, Ia.
Secretary: Phyllis Thomas, R.R. #3, Bloomfield, Ia.
Treasurer: Olen McMains, Bloomfield, Ia.

NEWSLETTER: Published quarterly - Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter.

Because the December meeting was cancelled because of bad weather, our election of officers will be held January 19, 1984, at our regular meeting.

QUERIES:

ROBBINS Byrl M. WARD, R.R. #1, Powell River, B.C. V8A 4Z2 - Would appreciate any information on Philip ROBBINS, residing Salt Creek Township, Davis County, died 1897, buried in Rouch Cemetery, Union Township. Esp. looking for details of second marriage, c. 1872, name of second wife and any children. Also, information on siblings and parents of Leannies Jane LAWSON, Philip Robbin's first wife, some of whom may have moved from Scotland County, Missouri, (near Gorin) to the Bloomfield area.

CORRICK Seeking CORRICK descendants in Iowa. Several sons of John (b. 1760 Germany, D. W.Va.) and Elizabeth (Marteny) Corrick came from W. Va. to Iowa via Ohio (Frederick, Henry, John; Isaac?) I have much new information I will exchange. My own line is through John's daughter Anna.--Merikay Mestad, 520 Grove Ave., Garner, Iowa. 50438.

Vol. IV - Surname Index has arrived and is in our Genealogical Library.

Gifts: Twenty volumes of The Rogue Digger, published by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., Medford, Oregon, 97501 starting with Vol. 7, No. 1, Spring 1972 up to Vol. 18, No. 3, Fall 1983, from Velora MORRIS, 107 So. Elm, Medford, OR 97501. We thank her very much for these volumes. They contain much very valuable information. Now on our Library shelf.

Gift: Mrs. Morrison's scrapbooks of news events in Davis County covering the period of 1939-1957. These are being indexed by Helen Walker at the present time and soon will be on our library shelf. The books include news concerning WWII soldiers, navy men, marriages, deaths, births, anniversaries, and outstanding news happenings. Also, she gave our Davis County Genealogical Society a box of clippings covering

the period of 1959 through 1968. These will be put in scrapbooks, indexed, and put on our library shelf. Thanks very much.

The Davis County Genealogical Society gladly accepts gifts and contributions.

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Do we have any members who would like to list books or research materials in their private home library? These materials are not on loan with Davis County Genealogical Society, however, owners would be asked to be willing to either let genealogists use them in their homes or personally look up information for them. The books and material would not be loaned.

If so, please send a list to the editor and a reference book will be made, and if the owners do not object, the list will appear in a later issue. Our members and friends have many books and research material that should be shared in our endeavor to help each other.

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Definition: Genealogy (from a Greek word meaning tracing or descent) is a very old honorable discipline for determining who truly belongs (by blood or marriage) to a family. It's visible result is a family tree, or pedigree.--Clinton County, Iowa, Gateway Genealogical Society.

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In checking census for surnames remember:

The spelling of similar surnames varies widely due to the inclination or education of the census taker, the pronunciation of the interviewee and the difficulty of deciphering various methods of penmanship. Check, carefully, for all possible variations and spellings.

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WHY NOT make January and February the months that you organize your material, evaluate your findings, and be ready to make a fresh start on your genealogy work when weather is better? P.A.

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FREE HELP on WELCH LINES - Mrs. Essy Price Flaten, #1515 Park Ave., Mpls., MN 65404.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL time is upon us again. They are \$5.00 per year. Send or give to Phyllis Thomas, R.R. #3, Bloomfield, Ia., our secretary. Since our membership year is from January 1 to December 31, this will assure you of all benefits. (You don't want to be a delinquent, now do you?)

Many of you enclosed a SASE for our use in sending your new membership card - and we appreciate this, too! We'll be looking for your check.

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Members of the Indiana Historical Society have received copies of "Pioneer Ancestors of Members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers." This lists ancestors of pioneers in Indiana with birth place and date, the county in which they settled, and previous residence, if known. Members of HHH (Hamilton Heritage Hunters) may check names in which they are interested by contacting Nadine Dingman, 1623 Sparboe Court, Webster City, Ia. 50595. --copied from Hamilton Heritage Hunters.

POPULATION CENSUS ITEMS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

1790-1980

BC-654
(4-21-81)

(Includes supplemental schedules open to the public; excludes questions asked on a sample basis only).

(This article lists what each census gives for genealogy data.)

1790

Name of family head; free white males of 16 years and up, free white males under 6; free white females; slaves; other persons.

1800

Name of family head; if white, age and sex; race; slaves.

1810

Name of family head; if white, age and sex; race; slaves.

1820

Name of family head; age; sex; race; foreigners not naturalized; slaves; industry (agriculture, commerce, and manufactures).

1830

Name of family head; age; sex; race; slaves; deaf and dumb; blind; foreigners not naturalized.

1840

Name of family head; age; sex; race; slaves; number of deaf and dumb; number of blind; number of insane and idiotic and whether in public or private charge; number of persons in each family employed in each of six classes of industry and one of occupation; literacy; pensioners for Revolutionary military service.

1850

Name; age; sex; race; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic; value of real estate; occupation; birthplace; whether married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether a pauper or convict.

Supplemental schedules for slaves; public paupers and criminals; persons who died during the year.

1860

Name; age; sex; race; value of real estate; value of personal estate; occupation; birthplace; whether married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether deaf and dumb; blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict; number of slave houses.

Supplemental schedules for slaves; public paupers and criminals; persons who died during the year.

1870

Name; age; race; occupation; value of real estate; value of personal estate; birthplace; whether parents were foreign born; month of birth if born within the year; month of marriage if married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic; male citizens 21 and over, and number of such persons denied the right to vote for other than rebellion.

Supplemental schedules for persons who died during the year; paupers; prisoners.

1880

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; month of birth if born within the census year; occupation; months unemployed during the year; sickness or temporary disability; whether blind, deaf and dumb, idiotic, insane, maimed, crippled, bedridden, or otherwise disabled; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents.

Supplemental schedules for the Indian population; for persons who died during the year; insane; idiots; deaf-mutes; blind; homeless children; prisoners; paupers and indigent persons.

1890

General schedules--destroyed. Supplemental schedules for Union veterans of the Civil War and their widows.

1900

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years married; for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration and whether naturalized; occupation; months not employed; school attendance; literacy; ability to speak English; whether on a farm; home owned or rented and if owned, whether mortgaged.

1910

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years of present marriage; for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace and mother tongue of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and whether able to speak English, or if not, language spoken; occupation, industry, and class of worker; if an employee, whether out of work during year; literacy; school attendance; home owned or rented; if owned, whether mortgaged; whether farm or house; whether a survivor of Union or Confederate Army or Navy; whether blind or deaf and dumb.

1920

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; if foreign born, year of immigration to the U.S., whether naturalized, and year of naturalization; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue of foreign born; ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; home owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaged.

1930

Address; name; relationship to family head; home owned or rented; value or monthly rental; radio set; whether on a farm; sex; race; age; marital status; age at first marriage; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign born, language spoken in home before coming to U.S., year of immigration, whether naturalized, and ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; whether at work previous day (or last regular working day); veteran status; for Indians, whether of full or mixed blood, and tribal affiliation.

1940

Address; home owned or rented; value or monthly rental; whether on a farm; name; relationship to household head; sex; race; age; marital status; school attendance; educational attainment; birthplace; citizenship of foreign born; location of residence 5 years ago and whether on a farm; employment status; if at work, whether in private or nonemergency government work, or in public emergency work (WPA, CCC, NYA, etc.); if in private or nonemergency government work, hours worked in week; if seeking work or on public emergency work, duration of unemployment; occupation, industry, and class of worker; weeks worked last year; income last year.

1950

Address; whether house is on farm; name; relationship to household head; race; sex; age; marital status; birthplace; if foreign born, whether naturalized; employment status; hours worked in week; occupation, industry, and class of worker.

1960 and 1970

Address; name; relationship to household head; sex; race; age; marital status.

1980

Address; name; household relationship; sex; race; age; marital status; Spanish/Hispanic origin or descent.

PROOF (A Philosophy for Genealogists)

THE PROBLEM OF PROOF (A Philosophy for Genealogists). Notes from an address given in Seattle Genealogical Society by Mr. Dan Carney, SCS member.

Perhaps the most critical area in genealogy is that which is most critical in theology and all other branches of science: the method of establishing the truth of certain facts. No longer is it possible for the genealogist to set his sights on an absolute, formerly described in terms of "proof". It is now recognized that there is no such thing as "proof" - even in the realms of mathematics or pure science. Truth is established, not in terms of "proof", but in terms of evidence. The method of establishing the truth of certain facts in genealogy is a careful and analytical amassing and weighing of evidence. The ultimate goal is to arrive at a sufficiency of evidence. And the point at which (subjectively speaking) evidence becomes sufficient enough to satisfy you, the researcher, may be called your Threshold of Evidence. Some people are so constituted by nature that it takes very little to convince them. Almost any statement they read in print - even mimeograph or ditto will do - is good enough for them. In fact, sometimes intuition itself seems to suffice in lieu of evidence; for I have known "genealogists" to will themselves into relationship with a desired ancestor. For such, the Threshold of evidence is rather low. But for those whose sights are set a bit higher, the question is: What sort of evidence is sufficient?

I should like to bypass the obvious answer, other than to affirm that original, primary, documentary evidence is always best. This goes without saying. However, in those frustrating instances where such is conspicuously absent, the gathering of sufficient evidence is not always as impossible a task as some think. It is a subjective task; but if done intelligently, analytically and discerningly enough, there CAN be a way, even where there is no "will" (or certificate, or tombstone, etc.). For where there is no reason to suspect collusive fraud - purposeful tampering with of evidence - circumstantial evidence MAY be as sufficient as primary documentary evidence. A multiplicity of pieces of minor circumstantial evidence, with divergent origins/natures but converging testimony, MAY be amply sufficient, every bit so as primary evidence.

At this point, it might be in order to suggest the investigation of the following possibility: a degree of objectivity might be lent to this otherwise subjective approach by the science of Statistics. This science deals with the extrapolating from known data of certain predictables. It might lend objectivity to the problem of predicting the probability of relationship, etc., from a statistical analysis of the sufficiency of any given body of collected genealogical evidence.

The question remains as to how best to deal with such evidence once it has been acquired. The problem is, of course, that the Threshold of Evidence of the compiler of a genealogy may be lower than that of some of his readers. And so it would seem that the best plan is to marshal all available evidence - the more the better - for any claim made in the genealogy; and then to devise a method for setting it down plainly enough so that each reader may evaluate it for himself and from it draw his own conclusions.

LIST OF KNOWN CEMETERIES IN DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA

	Name of Cemetery	City	Name of Twp.	Sec. No.
1.	ADAMS	Ash Grove	Marion	28
2.	AMISH (Plainview)	Milton	Prairie	24
3.	ANDERSON	Selma	Salt Creek	13
4.	ARMSTRONG	Pulaski	Prairie	5
5.	ARNEY (Antioch)	Troy	Union	32
6.	BAILEY	Ash Grove	Marion	7
7.	BAPTIST	Bunch	Fox River	23
8.	BARKER S. of line & in Mo.	Stiles	Grove	14
9.	BEAR	Ash Grove	Soap Creek	7
10.	BELL	West Grove	West Grove	5
11.	BETHEL	West Grove	West Grove	14
12.	BETHELHEM (Money Cem.)		Salt Creek	16
13.	BIRDWELL		Wyacondah	14
14.	BLOOMFIELD (Old Cem.)	Bloomfield	Cleveland	24
15.	BLOOMFIELD (I.O.O.F.)	Bloomfield	Cleveland	30
16.	BRAGG		Wyacondah	1
17.	BREEDING		Soap Creek	29
18.	BROWN	Pulaski	Roscoe	30
19.	BRUMLEY or Hubbard	Pulaski	Roscoe	9
20.	BURGER or Burgher	Monterey	Fabius	29
21.	CAMMACK	Bloomfield	Cleveland	22
22.	CATHOLIC	West Grove	West Grove	18
23.	CLARK	Troy	Union	33
24.	CHEQUEST			
25.	COLLINS	Stiles	Grove	34
26.	COUNTY HOME		Cleveland	4
27.	CUPP		Union	20
28.	DAVIES		Cleveland	24
29.	DOOLEY		Wyacondah	32
30.	DRAKESVILLE	Drakesville	Drakesville	8
31.	DUNNVILLE	Floris	Lick Creek	32
32.	DUTCH PLATS			
33.	DABNEY			
34.	EDWARDS		Cleveland	36
35.	EVERGREEN		Wyacondah	17
36.	FENTON		Wyacondah	26
37.	FITE or Litgner		Salt Creek	4
38.	FIEDLER		Lick Creek	16
39.	FLORIS (I.O.O.F.)	Floris	Lick Creek	14
40.	FOUNTAIN	Troy	Union	31
41.	FOX VALLEY BAPTIST			
42.	FRENCH		Grove	5
43.	GLASGOW	Selma	Salt Creek	22
44.	GLASSBURNER	Bunch	Marion	28
45.	GORE		Perry	
46.	HARBOUR		Soap Creek	26
47.	HAMMONS	Bunch	Fox River	2
48.	HINING		Lick Creek ?	
49.	HANSON		Marion	21
50.	HEMM		Salt Creek	25
51.	HIDEBAUGH	Troy	Salt Creek	36
52.	HILL			
53.	HOPEWELL (Wapello Co.)		Marion	2

LIST OF KNOWN CEMETERIES IN DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA (cont'd)

	Name of Cemetery	City	Name of Twp.	Sec. No.
54.	HOWELL		Wyacondah	8
55.	HUBBARD (See Brumley)			
56.	HORN		Fabius	30
57.	HOPKINS		Fabius	25
58.	INSKEEP	Savannah	Wyacondah	1
59.	JAY		Lick Creek	26
60.	JACKSON		Salt Creek	33
61.	JOHN	West Grove	West Grove	32
62.	JOHNSON		Fabius	3
63.	KELLEY		Wyacondah	6
64.	KINGDOM	Belknap	Soap Creek	25
65.	KNIGHTS PYTHIAS (K.P.)	Pulaski	Prairie	18
66.	LESTER	Bloomfield	Cleveland	14
67.	LAWS		Soap Creek ?	
68.	LISTER	Pulaski	Grove	11
69.	LITGNER or Fite (See Fite)			
70.	MARS HILL (Wapello Co.)		Lick Creek	4
71.	McCONNELL	Bunch	Fox River	1
72.	McCORMICK	Floris	Lick Creek	12
73.	MILLS		Salt Creek	
74.	MARTINSDALE		Salt Creek	
75.	MORGAN		Wyacondah	30
76.	Mt. GILEAD	Floris	Salt Creek	28
77.	MOUNTS		Marion	21
78.	Mt. MORIAH	West Grove	West Grove	7
79.	MONEY (Bethelhem)		Salt Creek	16
80.	NEWTON	Mark	Fabius	11
81.	PADGETT		Salt Creek	29
82.	PANSY HILL	Troy	Prairie	2
83.	PARIS	Bunch	Fox River	8
84.	PARROT or PEDEN		Lick Creek	2
85.	PATTERSON	Stiles	Grove	18
86.	PELLY or PELLA	Bunch	Fox River	19
87.	PIERCE	Floris	Salt Creek	18
88.	POLLARD		Cleveland	33
89.	PULASKI (Old Cem.)	Pulaski	Prairie	7
90.	RATER	Pulaski	Grove	1
91.	REWTER	Bloomfield	Perry	2
92.	STRINGTOWN or Richardson	Troy	Union	35
93.	RIME	Belknap	Soap Creek	1
94.	ROLAND		Soap Creek	26
95.	ROUCH (Rough)	Troy	Union	5
96.	ROUND GROVE	Pulaski	Roscoe	9
97.	RUDD		Soap Creek	17
98.	RUNKLE	Bunch	Fox River	23
99.	SAVANNAH	Savannah	Wyacondah	3
100.	SHERMAN CHAPEL	Belknap	Soap Creek	10
101.	SHINN		West Grove	7
102.	SHUEM (Shunam)	Bloomfield	Perry	15
103.	SMALL		Wyacondah	3
104.	SPENCE	Floris	Lick Creek	8
105.	STILES	Stiles	Grove	34
106.	SULLIVAN FARM (no road to it)		Cleveland	1
107.	SWINNEY	Floris	Lick Creek	29

LIST OF KNOWN CEMETERIES IN DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA (cont'd)

	Name of Cemetery	City	Name of Twp.	Sec. No.
108.	TROY (I.O.O.F.) & Green Lawn	Troy	Union	26
109.	UNION	Stiles	Grove	34
110.	WASHINGTON	Mark	Fabius	11
111.	WEST GROVE	West Grove	West Grove	35
112.	WESLEY CHAPEL	Ash Grove	Marion	13
113.	WESLEY CHAPEL	Bloomfield	Wyacondah	22
114.	WEST UNION	Bunch	Fox River	10
115.	WHEATON	Pulaski	Prairie	3
116.	WHEELER	Bunch	Marion	24
117.	WHITE	Floris	Perry	1
118.	WILSON	Floris	Lick Creek	25

This list was compiled by various members of the Davis County Genealogical Society in 1983.

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The Appanoose County Genealogical Society is selling its first publication effort, the INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY BOOK. It includes tombstone readings from the four known cemeteries in Independence: Brushy (or Chariton River Baptist Church cemetery), Cozard, Milledgeville and Johnson.

The books sell for \$3 each, which includes tax and available from any genealogy society member or at Centerville Skelgas south of town. If books are to be mailed 75 cents should be added for postage. ---Ad Express, Iowegian--Center-ville, Iowa 52544.

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"Genie" Researching Hints by the Program Committee for the Iowa Genealogical Annual Conference, November 4-5, 1983, 37 pages, has been added to our library. It is a yellow, 8 x 11 pamphlet, and it is indexed. Some of the things that it contains are "Hints and Tips for Genies" pages 13-37, which includes: Tips on tracing your family tree, (1) You're Number one, (2) Keep the record straight, (3) One step at a time, (4) Pencil versus pen, (5) It's a family affair, (6) Dates are vital, (7) They went thataway, (8) Where there's a will, (9) Names on the land, (10) Pension Papers Pay Dividends, (11) Check the churches, (12) Learn to love libraries--all from page 14. So check pages 15 through 37 for helpful hints, also. They include the latest hints and suggestions on where to hunt.

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THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER, the magazine published bi-monthly at a cost of \$4.00 per issue, is in the Public Library on their Reading Shelf. It's for us to use! It is a good research source and help.

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PIONEER TRAILS, Polk County Newsletter, Des Moines, Iowa, December 1983, includes a list of "Abandoned Towns of Polk County, Ia." from The Abandoned Towns, Villages and Post Offices of Iowa, by David C. Mott, taken from the Annals of Iowa, 1930-1932. If you wish to see this list see our Notebook on Iowa County Chapter Newsletters. Our chapter exchanges newsletters with many Iowa Genealogical Society chapters and the se news letters are kept in this notebook. They are filed by county and contain uddles of very valuable information on the latest genie news in Iowa.

The above Pioneer Trails Newsletter also includes a story about the Illinois State Archives' file index for the 1860 Federal Census. For a mail request this inter-file can be searched for one or two specifically named persons.

QUERIES

. Stephen Ridenour, R.R. #2, Box 115A, Shattuck, Okla. 73858. Seeking infor. on Jacob Ridenour. a g.g. grandfather who lived in Troy, Iowa; Two children Waren and Charlie born after 1880 census, need infor on them. Jacob was Civil War vet--need infor on this. Nee infor about father born in Pa.

Barbara Knedler Breakfield, 7180 St., Rt. 753 S.E., Greenfield, Ohio, 45123. Need infor about John Cumnard Brown and his 1st wife, his second wife's name was Flora, ca. 1865. He was in Civil War. Also, infor on Osgar Milton Carson, wife Ollie?, ca 1910.

Clyde W. Downing, 31424 W. Lake Morton Dr., Kent, WA 98031. Seeking infor. g.g.grandfather Isaac McCracken and his wife Susan Hamilton McCracken who moved to DavisCounty together with their children about 1849 from Hendricks Co., Ind. My g.grandfather Josephus McCracken married in Davis Co. to Hattie-----11 Nov. 1866, d. 1872 and he later married Nancy Goode on 26 Oct. 1876. My grandmother Maud Sara b. 4 Aug. 1879, Davis County. Isaac d. 1 Dec. 1886, Susan d. 12 Mar. 1879 in Davis County.

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The HAWKEYE HERITAGE, published quarterly the The Iowa Genealogical Society, Des Moines, Ia. 50322, Vol. 17, Fall-Winter, 1982 No. 4, and Vol. 18, Spring, Summer and Fall, 1983 Vols. 1, 2, 3, contain a listings of recent IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY ACCESSIONS. Vol. 17's is on page 200-206 and Vol. 18's are on pages 78-82, 143-146. These volumes are on our library shelves.

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THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WILL BE

January 19, 7:30 p.m., Public Library. Bring your problems and questions.

Perhaps someone may be of help to you. This will be the first meeting of 1984.

From Davis County Genealogical Society
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TO:

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West Grove, Ia.

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