

QUERY:

ANTHONY Need add info on NELSON ANTHONY, b. 1835, Jackson Co., O.; m. June
PACKARD 1, 1859, Appanoose Co., Ia., to ALMINA M. PACKARD, b. Oct. 22,
COWELL 1840, Van Buren Co., Ia. GEORGE ANTHONY, Jr., father of NELSON
ANTHONY was born Mar. 15, 1796, Pa., and d. Dec. 5, 1857, Appano-
ose Co., Ia. Mary Jane ANTHONY, dau. Nelson Anthony, b. Jan. 13,
1860, Melton, Appanoose Co., Ia., m. John Cowell, b. Sept. 15,
1846, Davis Co., Iowa--Debbie Collins, Box 231, Ada, OK 74820.

KNEDLER Need add info on NANCY KNEDLER, b. June 3, 1816, m. John H. Martin
ACTON (1841) and HANAH KNEDLER, b. Mar. 19, 1810, m. Jan. 14, 1830 to
MARTIN JOHN ACTON. They had five children according to 1850 census.--
Barbara Knedler, 7180 St., Rt. 753SE, Greenfield, O. 45123.

BURRIS Seeking add info on JAMES BURRIS family, b. N.C., wife MARTHA
BARTLETT, b. ILL., dau Mary (Millie), b. 1850, son, William b.
1854, and dau. Lucy, b. ca. 1857-58.--Willard G. Burris, 1014
Larkin Way, Napa, California 94558.

Sue Spillman is typing the 1860 Davis County Federal Census.
Jerry Green is editing the copy.
Helen Walker is indexing the seven 1939-1958 15x21 scrapbooks
of clippings from Davis County newspapers.

Sue Spillman has the 1882 D.C. History book index ready to type.
Books with early newspaper clippings in them need to be indexed.

If anyone wishes to help--contact Sue Spillman.

FOR SALE:

* INDEX TO THE PIONEER HISTORY OF DAVIS COUNTY *
* by Dillion Payne, 44 pages, 5"x7" paperback. *
* This is a list of the names, alphabetized, *
* of the people mentioned in the book with *
* page numbers where info can be found. \$3.50 *

Davis County Genealogical Society
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TO:

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205 W. Arkansas
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CEMETERIES

Cemeteries were more sacred than a place of beauty in the days when families were pushing west. Birth and death did not wait for a family to reach their destination. When a communicable disease spread through a family, burials were made immediately upon death. The most convenient spot closest to the trail edge would be chosen.

Time erased all physical evidence of many burial plots, even though they were recorded in early history as cemeteries. A change in a wagon trail would isolate a few graves, or a flood could easily wash away a shallow grave if it was too close to a stream.

Most rural cemeteries were established as a memorial to a loved one. A few acres of the family homestead would be set aside and identified under the same name as the donor.

Large families reserved space in their community cemetery for at least two generations. No cemetery was platted until it was discovered that many graves were unmarked, and vacant burial spots were lost. Very little caretaking took place until a grave was opened. Like all worthwhile projects, it fell to a few to do a lot.

We hope that when you visit a cemetery you take note of the special caretaking. This is not done just for the special occasion, but it is done regularly throughout the growing season. This is the result of a few dedicated people operating on a very small budget made up on the basis of private donations and funds set aside by our county government.--Pioneer Trails, Des Moines, Ia.

The St. Louis Genealogical Society is beginning a new service. For a fee, their research committee will do limited research and will check the index to any of their own publications and the index to any volume in the library. For more info write the Society at 1695 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 203, St. Louis, Mo. 63144.

QUERIES:

HOLE (Hale) Need info on Josphe HOLE (Hale) Family, b. ca. 1801 Ohio, d. ca 1890 Drakesville, Davis Co., Ia. Wife--Elizabeth. Raised an orphan, Eliza J. Dowden b, ca 1833 Indiana, d. 1905 probably, Decatur Co., Ia. Eliz. m. (1) ca 1849 Davis Co., Ia., Abel Edwards, (2) 1894 Decatur Co., Ia., Wm. H. Young. Need place of residence in Indiana for Joseph Hole and Eliza. J. Dowden. Would like to correspond with any descendant of Joseph Hole.--Mrs. John L. Hakkili, 6240 San Martin St., N. Highland, CA 95660

DODGE Need info or would like to correspond with descendants of JOHN WESLEY DODGE of Bloomfield, Davis Co., Ia. Related to JAMES WATSON. Will exchange information.--Mrs. Vella Miller, 8314 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66212.

EVANS ALEXANDER EVANS married first MARY HOWARD (dau of Asa & Mary Howard) HOWARD July 4, 1857, by Squire Burton in Davis County, Ia. Need names of their children, date Mary Howard Evans died & place of burial, also Alexander Evans death date and place of burial.--Joyce Hedman, 2315 Hillhurst Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

EVANS ALEXANDER EVANS married second a sister to his first wife, Mary HOWARD HOWARD, who was LUCINDA HOWARD GHE. They married Aug. 29, 1863. Lucinda died Oct. 27, 1874, need cemetery where she is buried. They had son GRANT EVANS, need data on him. Need ALEXANDER EVANS parents' names. Believe he was a blacksmith in the Monterey area.--Joyce Hedman, 2315 Hillhurst Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027.

Mary Spies, Cumberland, Md., sent this copy to the Poweshiek Co., Ia., Searcher, It was published by the Genealogical Society of Allegany Co., Md. and in the Poweshiek Co. Searcher.

WHO NEEDS A GYM?

Genealogical research is a seasonal avocation which contributes to physical fitness.

Research in county courthouses---

To heave weighty tomes of land records, will books, and administrative accounts develops biceps, triceps and pectoral muscles.

Research in genealogical libraries --

To balance on one foot on a tiny, metal roll-around stool, and reach to a top shelf for a ponderous county history while, simultaneously, trying to read the title, side-ways, with bifocals, develops coordination and grace -- or patience, during convalescence.

Research in city cemeteries --

To walk, briskly in invigorating early morning air, through neat rows of well-marked stones, stretching and bending to read inscriptions, will aerate the thoracic area and strengthen calf muscles.

Research in country cemeteries --

To clamber up briery banks, to wade the muddy streams, to plod meadows and fields where the remote burial grounds are located can be accelerated to maximum physical benefit when a four-footed landowner makes an unfriendly appearance and decides that one is an intruder to be chased away.

So, as a four-season sport, requiring no license, indoors or out, combining the best of hunting, fishing and cross-country dashes, genealogy has many devotees.

HOME COMPUTERS FOR GENEALOGY RECORDS---

Traditional families are hard enough to trace in genealogy research, worse is the record keeping of step-families. Nearly 75 percent of divorced women and 83 percent of divorced men remarry and by 1990, according to some sources, there will be more step-families than traditional ones.

The computer makes an ideal storage unit for names and relationships. If stored in the computer, traditional and step-families can be printed out in a matter of seconds.

Example - a child whose divorced mother had four children and married a widower with four children, all under 18 years of age. One of the children, John was the only child in school with a brother named John, sisters two months apart and brothers six months apart.

In a few seconds, a computer printout could tell which were brothers, and sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters, step-brothers and step-sisters. It could tell who the parents are, who their relatives are including aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc.

Think about it, a home computer might be the answer to keeping the family records.

Preservation Hints --

Tape on your valuable documents or photos can cause yellowing and the documents may be damaged when tape is removed. Instead of tape, place in a plastic envelope.

--DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY--
 TREASURER'S REPORT - SEPT. 1983 TO DEC. 31, 1984

<u>Total Income for Period:</u>	
Bank Receivership	\$94.58
Family Research	20.00
Queries	2.00
Penny March	42.35
Sale of Supplies	138.15
Memberships	498.00
Film Rental	63.00
Sale of Books	108.75
Total to be accounted for	<u>\$966.83</u>

<u>Disbursements for Period:</u>	
Microfilm Reader Repairs and lamps	\$95.80
Iowa Genealogical Society - Books & Charts	70.52
Everton Publishing - Books	24.15
Newsletter - Printing - Postage	127.55
Postage - Return of Film	11.08
Film Rental Deposits	103.00
Supplies - Paper, Binders, etc.	239.49
Genealogical Society of Utah - Film	15.00
State of Iowa - Sales Tax	2.60
Total Disbursements	<u>689.19</u>
Balance in Bank as of December 24, 1984	\$277.64
Balance accounted for	<u><u>\$966.83</u></u>

The Davis County Genealogical Society has subscribed to a new paper called LOST AND FOUND, Boise, Idaho, which cost \$12 a year. With this subscription, each member of our society can and should put in a query. They are free. This paper is a paper of queries. Copies will be kept in the Genealogy Room at the library.

1985 ANNUAL MEETING

According to the survey sheets for the 1984 Annual Meeting, Saturday and Sunday is the preferred days for the Annual Meeting. The 1985 Meeting will be held October 26 & 27, 1985 (Sat. & Sun.), at the Air Port Hilton, Des Moines, Iowa. The Scheman Center in Ames, Iowa, was not available for these dates. By popular demand Dr. Schweitzer will be back - speaking on Tennessee, North Carolina and The War of 1812.

THIRD ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

Sponsored by
 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Friday Evening and All Day Saturday, Apr. 12 & 13, 1985. Admission of \$10.00 includes luncheon on Saturday and a Conference report reviewing most of the presentations. For further information write to: Genealogy Library, Box 7660, Des Moines, Ia. 50322 - or call Marj at (515) 276-5923.

MISSING ANCESTORS - Can not find those ancestors in the 1850 census? Then check the California census. About 50,000 people traveled overland to the California gold fields while another 50,000 entered through California's ports. But by 1855, 23000 people had left.--IGS Newsletter.

WHAT IS A LAND DESCRIPTION? A land description is a description of a tract of land in legally acceptable terms, so as to show exactly where it is located and how many acres it contains.

TABLE OF LAND MEASUREMENTS:

Linear Measure	Square Measure
1 inch	144 sq. in.
1 link	9 sq. ft.
1 foot	30 sq. yds.
33 inches	16 sq. rods
1 vara	1 sq. rod
1 yard	1 sq. chain
16 1/2 feet	10 sq. chains
1 rod	160 sq. rods
1 chain	4840 sq. yds.
1 link	43,560 sq. ft.
100 links	640 acres
1 mile	1 sq. mile
1 mile	36 sq. mile
1 mile	6 miles sq.
1 mile	208 ft. 8 in. sq.
1 mile	80 rods sq.
1 mile	160 rods sq.
1 mile	

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT LAND DESCRIPTIONS

Metes and Bounds Descriptions And Explanations of Directions in Terms of Degrees

What is a Metes and Bounds Description?

It is a description of a tract of land starting at a given point, running so many feet a certain direction, so many feet another direction, etc., back to the point of beginning. The following would be a typical metes and bounds example description of a tract of land. "Begin at the center of the section, thence north 660 feet, thence east 660 feet, thence south 660 feet, thence west 660 feet, back to the point of beginning and containing 10 acres, being a part of Sec. No. , etc." In most cases, the same tract of land may be described in different ways. The rectangular system of describing and locating land is the most simple and almost always used when possible.

A circle contains 360 degrees. Explanation: If you start at the center and run 360 straight lines an equal angle apart to the edge of the circle so as to divide the circle into 360 parts. The difference of direction between each line is one degree.

In land descriptions, degree readings are not a measure of distance. They are combined with either North or South, to show the direction a line runs from a given point.

How to Read Descriptions Which Show Directions in Terms of Degrees

In figure 8, the north-south line, and the east-west line divide the circle into 4 equal parts, which means that each part contains 90 degrees as shown. Several different direction lines are shown in this diagram, with the number of degrees each varies east or west from the north and south starting points (remember again that all descriptions read from the north or south.)

We all know what north-west is. It is a direction which is half-way between North and West. In terms of degrees the direction north-west would read, north 45 degrees west. (See figure 8).

Example of a Land Description in Terms of Degrees

At this time, study figure 8 for a minute or two. In figure 8, notice the small tract. The following metes and bound description will locate this small tract "Begin at the beginning point, thence N 20 degrees west - 200 feet, thence N 75 degrees east - 1320 feet, thence S 30 degrees east - 240 feet, thence S 45 degrees west - 420 feet, thence west - 900 feet back to the point of beginning, containing so many acres, etc."

See Vol. II, No. 4, Winter 1984-84 issue for another Land Description article on Township Survey Information.

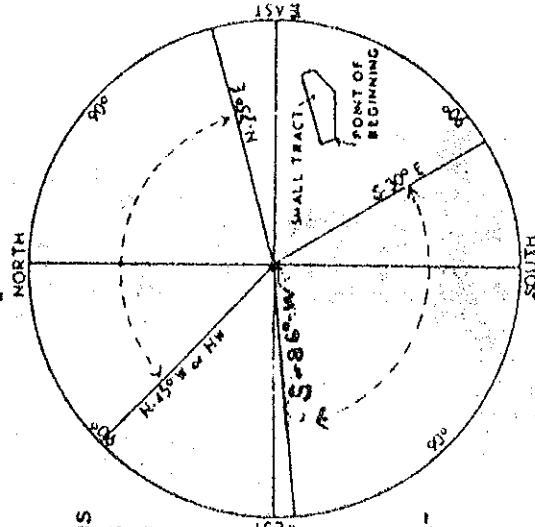
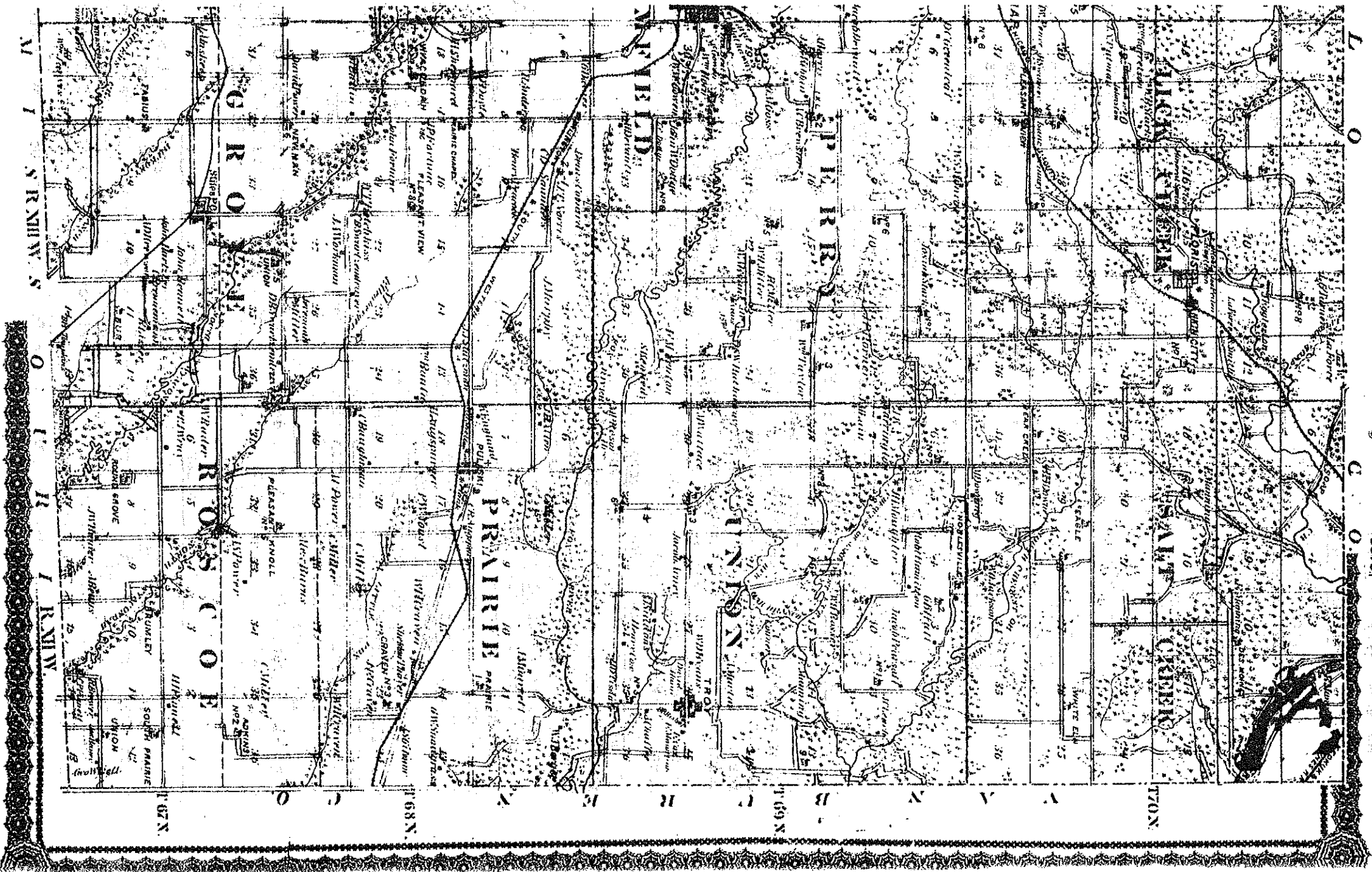
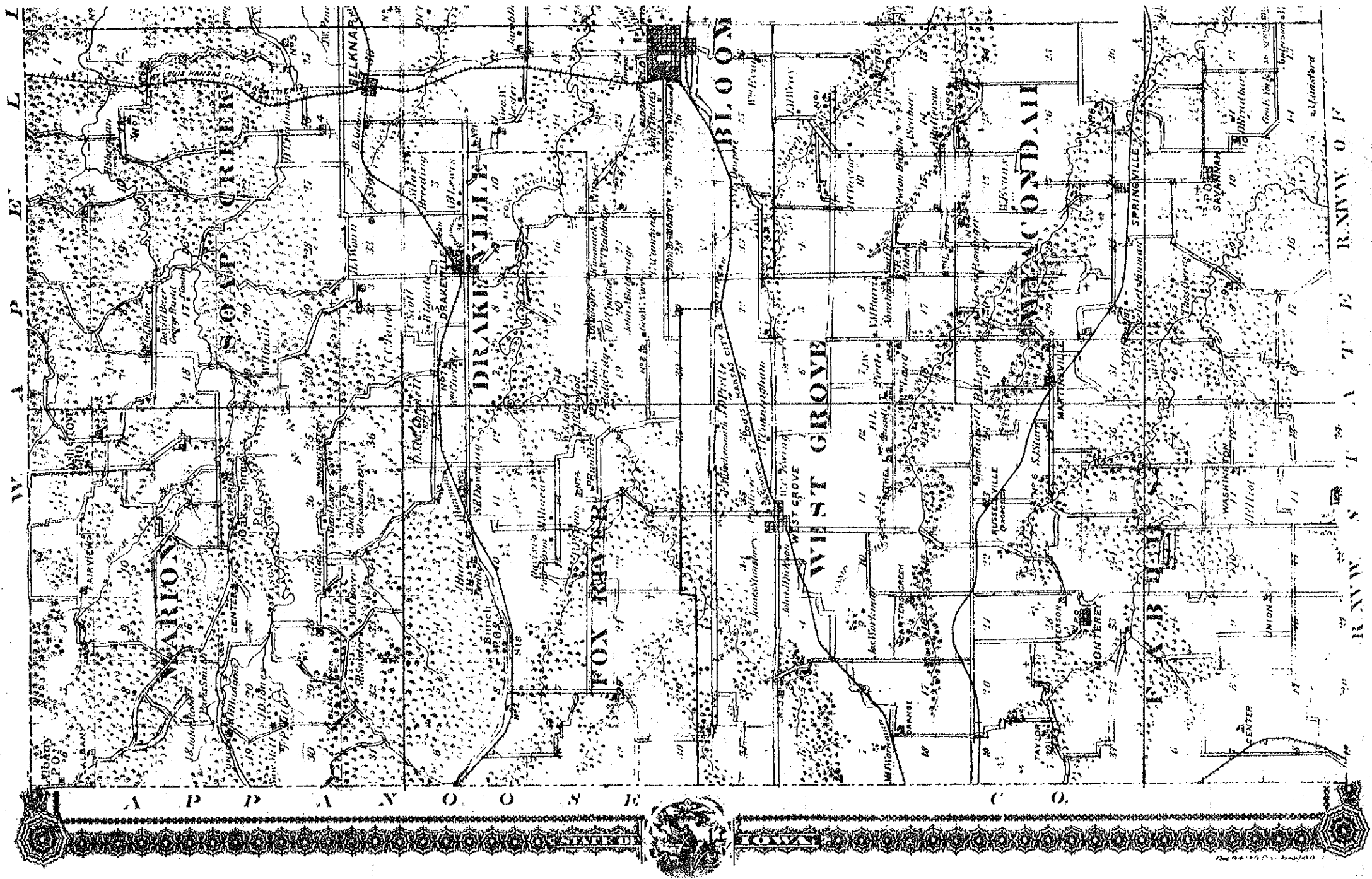


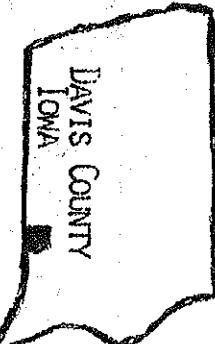
FIGURE 8

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DAVIS COUNTY
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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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REGULAR MEETING: Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield Public Library, 107 N. Columbia St.
OFFICERS: President: Sue Spillman, 401 Arkansas Ave., Bloomfield, Ia.
Vice Pres.: Archie Rupe, R.R.#3, Bloomfield, Ia.
Secretary: Phyllis Thomas, R.R.#3, Bloomfield, Ia.
Treasurer: Olen McMains, 607 N. Washington, Bloomfield, Ia.
Librarian: Jerry Greene, 205 W. Arkansas, Bloomfield, Ia.
WORK DAY: Every Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m. until noon.
NEWSLETTER: Published quarterly - Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter.

From the President's Desk:

Dear Members,

Here it is the middle of March and spring is in the air. I'm sure many of you are making your plans for summer vacations. Many of you will be doing genealogy research on your vacation. There are several genealogy bus trips available. If you are interested, check with I.G.S. or any local genealogical society.

As in past years, I'm asking for our members to volunteer to be available to man the Genealogy Room in the local library so that visitors can do research there. We have been lucky to have so many that give willingly of their time. We say "Thank You" to them. I hope this luck will continue in the coming years. If anyone that isn't already volunteering would like to volunteer, please contact me, as we always need volunteers. Since January 1, 1985, over 100 persons have used our library room plus 17 from outside our county.

I'm planning to have another workshop soon for members and others that are interested. Possibly May would be a good time for this. It should be sometime before summer starts. We can always learn a new and easier way for doing our own records by attending these workshops.

Our profit-sharing project with the I.G.S. society is going well. We received \$88.40 in February. We hope to have the 1860 Davis County census in the program this year.

Well, I've rattled on enough for now. Hope to see you at our next meeting or down in the genealogy room at the library doing research.

Happy Hunting,
Sue Spillman, president.

The Genealogy Library Room

has a new look. Remember-- the shelves were not quite far enough apart to let a notebook or an 8 1/2" x 11" folder stand up? Thanks to Olen and Ann Ellen McMains, and Victor Fitzgerald, and their tools, the shelves have now been changed so that all of our books can stand up on the shelves. Everything has been placed in sections. I will soon place labels on the shelves so that material will be easy to find.

Peg Taylor gave us a long 3" x 5" file box along with her completed surname cards. This

The Drakesville Cemetery records have been typed. Our chapter has one copy, the I.G.S Library in Des Moines has one copy, and the Drakesville trustees have one copy.

will be used to file the surname cards we have in and to index the lineage charts, family sheets, and family histories. I urge members and other interested individuals to send surname cards (like you would prepare for the I.G.S. Surname Index) for the file. If you have not yet put your lineage charts in the genealogy room library, please do so. And, any material you care to donate to our Genealogy Library will be accepted. This is how we have obtained most of the collection we now have.--Jerry Greene

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For Arm-Chair Genealogists--

If you need a census microfilm from some place other than Davis County, Ia., in doing your family research, contact Verle Arnold. He can order microfilm rolls for you from the Census Microfilm rental program. Rental is \$4.00 per roll for 30 days. The society's microfilm reader in the Genealogy Room can be used.