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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER

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Spring 1988 - Peggy Arnold, Editor

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Dear Members,

March 7, 1988

Welcome to the 1988 Davis County Genealogical Society. I hope to see a lot of you at the regular meeting or using our Genealogy Library in the basement of the Bloomfield Public Library. We have worked hard for several years to expand our library collection and will continue to do so in the years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 1987 officers for a job well done. Much was accomplished during the past year and the people you elected to office directed the path of the society.

As your new President, I have set-up a few committees to keep the society moving forward on projects we have going. Newsletter: Peggy & Verle Arnold; Records & Clippings: Dorothy Goldizen, Helen Walker, Victor Vitzgerald and Olen McMains; 1988 Newspaper Clipping: The Arnolds; Program: Mary Ellen Redmon.

I have adopted the slogan "Back to Basics" as my theme for the coming year. I feel we all have something to contribute to our society and we have to be willing to give back instead of just taking. Our purpose as a society is to promote the study of genealogy, preserve records of the past generation, and to assist one another in our constant search of personal genealogy. This statement is from the preamble of the By-Laws adopted by our society in January 1974. I challenge each member, new or old, here or away; to think of this and to volunteer your time. Come to the meetings and contribute your opinions and always be ready and willing to share your information with the society or any person interested in genealogy.

Look for information in the next few months about what the society has sent to the Iowa Genealogical Society for publication in the Profit Share program. We will have several items published during the year.

I hope you are looking forward to another very outstanding year. I'm going to give it my best effort.

D. Sue Spilman, President

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Dear Members,

One of our members, Dorthea (McReynolds) Rudd, Ococe, FL, has donated several old pictures of school groups to our Society. Two are groups of the Normal School, probably before 1917. The Mark school is represented by four photos. One large picture shows Rev. Overturf baptizing Howard and Ray McReynolds (Page 6)

ORIGINAL LAND ENTRIES, PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA (T68N - R12W)  
(February 25, 1848). Compiled by Archie Rupe. (Also T67N - R12W).

<u>(T-67N - R-12W) - Name</u>	<u>Date of Entry</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Entry</u>		
Wm. M. Amend	5-30-1855	160A	John Moore (2)	5-26-1854	240A
Enos T. Boyd	3-15-1855	40A	Samuel Moudy	9-5-1848	40A
Iram Boyd	3-15-1855	80A	Gerard Miller	2-1-1851	120A
Isaac Brumley	3-6-1854	120A	James Mail	1-20-1852	160A
Jacob Brumley	3-6-1854	80A	John V. Myers	4-20-1855	80A
Chas. W. Beal Sr.	5-26-1854	320A	Andrew B. Moore	5-30-1854	128A
Jacob Brumley	3-6-1854	40A	Francis C. Pinnell (2)	10-1-1851	385A
David S. Bingham	9-21-1850	160A	Zadoc B. Rooker	3-17-1848	120A
Wm. H. Bish (4)	11-16-1849	344A	William Rader	4-15-1852	166A
Savah Butcher	9-6-1854	80A	James Rupell	6-10-1854	40A
James Burns	12-25-1854	45A	James Russell	6-10-1854	160A
Robert Burns	5-25-1854	60A	William L. Smith	4-20-1855	40A
Joseph N. Bish (2)	6-18-1849	167A	William Stricklin	1-15-1851	40A
Fielding Buckner	11-16-1850	40A	Wm. D. Tribilcock(2)	1-23-1854	344A
Stiles S. Carpenter(2)	6-25-1850	160A	Amos Wagler	6-7-1854	80A
Daniel Comer (3)	8-28-1849	126A	Lewis B. Wayland	6-26-1847	80A
Samuel Carpenter	2-12-1852	40A	Elias A. White (2)	7-1-1855	200A
Henry Corrick	6-7-1854	120A	Jesse Williams	8-24-1854	40A
Nelson Clark	8-19-1852	85A	Miles White	6-4-1855	80A
James Doran	9-1-1853	160A	John Wilfong	2-2-1855	80A
Harvey Dunlavy (2)	9-27-1853	400A	Lewis B. Wayland (2)	6-30-1847	91A
James Doran	9-1-1853	49A			
H. Clay Dean	2-10-1854	482A	(T68N - R12W)		
David E. Eckert (2)	8-27-1852	160A	Geo. W. Awalt	5-7-1849	174A
John W. Ellis (2)	6-8-1855	99A	Hugh Abernathy (3)	5-25-1846	160A
Finley Egbert	8-28-1855	40A	James Abernathy (2)	5-25-1846	120A
Jane Fenton	5-29-1854	320A	Wm. T. Abernathy	6-5-1854	40A
Richard Gross (4)	5-24-1854	320A	Kendal B. Adkins	9-28-1853	40A
David W. Gross	5-24-1854	160A	David K. Brown	5-6-1850	40A
Henry D. Gross	5-26-1854	80A	John Brown (5)	8-28-1848	1120A
John Garmon (2)	7-19-1847	240A	Henry W. Briggs (3)	4-16-1849	320A
James Gleason	7-26-1848	160A	Bernard Blackaly (2)	7-20-1853	200A
Bailey Gross (2)	5-26-1854	200A	Charles W. Barry	6-18-1852	160A
George Gorman	7-23-1851	160A	George Burrows (3)	11-27-1852	120A
James W. Gleason	9-27-1853	80A	David Burns (3)	12-21-1854	240A
James Garmon	6-17-1853	40A	James T. Brown (5)	10-21-1854	428A
Commodore Harrel	3-15-1855	80A	John Cambridge	5-5-1847	41A
William Harrel	3-15-1855	80A	Wm. Geo. Clark	2-11-1845	171A
Sylvester L. Hubbard(4)	4-19-1850	320A	William Carr	5-25-1846	246A
Jacob J. Hayden (2)	12-31-1850	240A	David Collins	11-17-1849	480A
Oliver W. Harmon	4-25-1851	46A	Carlos A. Clark	1-18-1853	80A
Persley P. Harrod	9-1-1853	80A	Hezekiah Chapin (2)	8-31-1852	160A
Robert W. Harrod (2)	9-1-1853	128A	Susan Eliza Chapin	8-31-1852	80A
Syvester L. Hubbard(2)	5-10-1850	200A	Franklin S. Corwin	10-22-1853	160A
Bernhart Henn (2)	9-27-1853	120A	Miles Clark	9-20-1853	80A
Benjamin Ingersol (2)	10-9-1854	212A	Bushrod W. Cravin (5)	1-18-1849	640A
James F. Ingersol	5-30-1854	80A	George W. Conwell(2)	9-28-1853	170A
Ward Lamson (7)	1-10-1852	748A	Daniel Collins	2-1-1857	40A
John Lyon	11-7-1854	120A	Oliver Codner	12-10-1853	200A
Robert McElhinny	3-5-1855	120A	Jacob Conrad	6-21-1854	176A
Samuel McClammon	6-13-1855	40A	Stiles S. Carpenter(2)	10-7-1850	160A
Robert N. McLeland	11-6-1854	160A			

ORIGINAL LAND ENTRIES, PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA (T68N - R12W)  
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(T 68N - R-12W) - Name			Date of Entry	Name	Date of Entry	
Daniel Christner	4-25-1854	160A	Michael Miller	11-9-1853	302A	
Thomas Cherry (2)	4-13-1854	320A	Wm. B. Miller	10-5-1854	80A	
Oliver Codner	12-10-1853	160A	Nicholas Miller	10-16-1854	40A	
C. A. Clark	7-26-1853	80A	John McIntosh	1-12-1854	40A	
Thomas Devin	5-25-1846	173A	Wm. D. McBride	1-18-1849	40A	
Lewis Darnall	6-16-1846	40A	Chloe G. McKay	5-13-1854	80A	
James Davis	9-27-1847	40A	James McClelland	5-16-1854	160A	
Charles W. Deal, Jr.	5-26-1854	80A	William Nichols	7-30-1850	40A	
William Davis	9-27-1847	40A	Amanda F. T. Nelson(2)	5-7-1853	160A	
David C. Eckint	7-24-1854	80A	John Oliver Etal	1-30-1847	160A	
John R. Etheridge	9-2-1853	80A	Ephraim Owings	1-12-1852	160A	
John W. Ellis	5-11-1855	40A	John Patridge (5)	6-16-1846	600A	
Adaline Elliott	11-30-1854	80A	Alpheus Phelps	6-16-1846	40A	
Joseph Fountain	6-7-1847	40A	Benj. F. Pearson	8-20-1847	47A	
Moses Fountain	6-16-1846	40A	Levi Pickens	9-25-1848	174A	
Leter Froyer	7-11-1854	40A	Wm. P. Pearson	6-29-1855	80A	
James Fulton (2)	5-21-1847	240A	Nabeth Parks	1-1-1854	80A	
Bennington Fulton	5-21-1847	40A	Jacob Powell (2)	12-11-1853	480A	
Wm. C. Graham	6-17-1846	40A	Jeptha I. Plank	12-2-1853	160A	
Henry D. Gross	5-24-1854	160A	Bartlett Powell (2)	2-13-1853	160A	
Bailey Gross (2)	5-26-1854	320A	Benj. W. Redman (3)	6-15-1847	200A	
Sally M. Goldthwait	5-3-1854	80A	Saml P. Roland (2)	5-25-1846	120A	
John Harper	5-5-1847	120A	Nacy Rains	1-1-1855	40A	
Francis Thos. Husong	5-29-1851	91A	John W. Rigsby	1-29-1850	160A	
Wm. Hopkins, Sr.(2)	5-25-1846	200A	Robert Russell	4-17-1855	80A	
Wm. Harris	9-24-1855	40A	James A. Scott	10-16-1848	142A	
James Harris (4)	5-5-1847	187A	John Swally	9-1-1849	80A	
Wm. W. Hopkins	3-8-1850	40A	Wm. D. Smith	12-4-1844	172A	
Joseph Hardesty	2-14-1851	40A	Stephen L. Saunders(2)	6-6-1846	277A	
Peril C. Haines	10-28-1852	40A	Wm. M. Shelton	9-27-1847	40A	
Mary Hardesty	3-19-1853	40A	Wm. Swinney	9-27-1849	160A	
Wm. W. Hopkins Jr.	6-16-1846	80A	John String	6-1-1849	160A	
John Harper (2)	5-5-1847	160A	John Swalley (2)	9-2-1853	120A	
Samuel House	10-25-1852	160A	Benj. Swalley	1-10-1853	40A	
Samuel Headings (2)	7-11-1854	80A	Henry C. Smith (4)	12-22-1853	320A	
Nachall D. Hill	5-26-1855	120A	John B. Smith	5-25-1846	160A	
Macall D. Hill	8-7-1855	40A	Thomas B. Shump	5-9-1854	160A	
Wm. W. Holland	5-8-1855	120A	John Simms (2)	10-5-1852	80A	
Jacob Hayden (3)	7-30-1851	360A	Harlen Sholly	12-22-1853	80A	
Margaret Harrell	10-28-1853	80A	Peter Schantz	4-28-1854	80A	
Wesley A. Hobbs	6-15-1854	40A	James Smith	2-4-1853	40A	
Landon Jolly	2-23-1855	80A	John Saner (2)	5-10-1854	160A	
Luther H. Kreigh	4-12-1855	40A	Jacob Saner	5-10-1854	80A	
Wm. R. King (3)	10-28-1846	200A	John Teter	11-23-1849	40A	
Christian Knopf	7-11-1854	80A	John Teeter	5-13-1851	120A	
John G. Lisle	1-11-1850	43A	Jonathon Tulwiler(2)	4-27-1848	200A	
Sillick Lain	12-15-1848	43A	Samuel W. Taylor	1-27-1854	80A	
Ward Lamson	12-14-1850	186A	Peter Troger	5-6-1854	240A	
John C. Lank	6-20-1846	40A	Franklin Tast	6-19-1854	80A	
Andrew Maurer (3)	7-11-1854	160A	? Taylor	7-26-1853	320A	
Gerard Miller	2-1-1851	40A	Wm. Williamson (3)	8-15-1848	160A	
Christian Miller	4-7-1854	160A	William Walker	5-25-1846	80A	
Fleming Mize (5)	4-4-1855	360A	Byram F. Wilson (2)	6-16-1846	120A	
Anderson Myers	10-18-1853	40A	Joseph Williamson	11-25-1846	80A	

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Wm. Waterman	11-26-1847	54A
Wm. S. Wallace (2)	8-6-1849	320A
Jesse William (2)	7-21-1854	262A
Abraham Weaver	3-2-1855	80A
Ezekiel W. Woodward (4)	11-22-1853	320A
Peter Waltz	6-22-1855	80A
William C. Wallis (2)	10-13-1849	80A
Logan Wallis	8-9-1853	40A
William A. Webb	12-12-1853	80A
? Wilkerson	7-26-1853	320A
Amos W. Youst (3)	5-11-1853	200A
P.W. Youst	7-26-1853	120A

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## Genealogy Tips

### Railroad Workers' Retirement Records

Several genealogically valuable records are available for retired railroad employees at no cost. These records can include a copy of the death certificate as well as the pension application papers which can be of great worth in genealogical research.

In a recent request the following documents were sent in response to my letter: Description and Certification as to Acceptability of Evidence Submitted (RRB Form G-91), death certificate, Application for Employee Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act (Form AA-1), and Employee's Statement of Compensated Service Rendered (which consisted of three pages) (Form AA-15).

Form G-91 included name, age, place of birth — including county and state, social security number, information concerning the railroad worker's former military service, and date and condition of record.

Besides the death related data on the death certificate, it also included date and state of birth, age, married status, father's name, but not the mother's, and social security number.

Form AA-1 provided the social security number, name; birth date and place, including County; both parents' full names, including mother's maiden name; marital status of railroad employee and wife's name; age at retirement; information about prior claims; name and address of employer; last occupation, department, and location with dates; and last working day.

Form AA-15 included social security number; full name; date and place of birth, including city, county, and state; parents' full names, including mother's maiden name; statements of service; employer; pay-roll name; various occupations with beginning and ending dates as well as departments and locations; signature and address; and statement of Labor Organization Service, if any. Each file may contain more than one Form AA-15. These often include additional data as they are recorded at different times.

Address requests to United States of America, Railroad Retirement Board, Public Affairs Officer, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611. There is no cost. The reply to my inquiry was received in less than a month.

Please note that railroad retirement records did not begin until 1937. This facility does not house retirement records for men who died previous to this date.

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### Genealogy and Local History

Genealogy has been around for many years but it was usually done by society matrons seeking membership in a patriotic society. My interest stems from a social studies project in my freshman year of high school. I grew up in a two-family household, and there were cousins, aunts and uncles who paid frequent visits. "Family" was a part of my life.

Today, many people are missing that "family" connection and are looking for it through genealogy.

## QUERIES

BROOKS - Need parents' names of Anson Jackson Brooks, b. 19 Jan. 1818, Erie, N.Y., m. Susanna Fiedler in Iowa 1846.--Faye L. Melton, 118 S. Union, Apt. 317, Ottumwa, Ia.

COONS, HOCKERSMITH, RUNKLE, ATWOOD - Wish to corres. with desc. of Coons, Hockersmith, Runkle and Atwood families. Especially desire info.

LEWIS RUNKLE who died 12 Dec. 1853 in Davis County, & will share data on any of above families.--JoAnnMcQuade, 1810 17th St., N.E. Salem, OR 97303.

What then does genealogy have to do with history? Quoting from *Know Your Ancestors* by Ethel W. Williams, PhD. Dr. Williams says, "Family history is the basis of all history. The combined history of families makes up the community history, whether that community is a village, city, town or county. The combined county histories make up the state history and the combined state histories make up the national history. Thus, genealogy and history go hand in hand, each one contributing richly to the other." (Dr. Williams also goes on to explain how genealogy is a part of biography, geography, sociology, law, medicine and linguistics.)

"... Each one contributing richly to the other." The families in my county and yours have contributed richly to its history. If you read a history of your county, you will see many familiar names that are a part of your county today. These are the people who shaped our counties, our states and our nation. All of these people have made an important contribution to our heritage.

We need to remember, preserve and appreciate these contributions. That is why our historical museums and libraries are such an important part of our lives. That is how history and genealogy go together "each one contributing richly to the other."

I'd like to share with you another quotation concerning our heritage. This is from the *Glenville Progress*, February 11, 1937 in a story by Rev. W.E. Thompson: "Now all the original pioneers in this locality (Towhead Settlement in Oakland Township), and indeed, of Freeborn County as a whole, have passed to the Great Beyond, but they have left enduring monuments. As people pass through the county, what do they observe? The fine groves planted by these early pioneers and the land built up to a high stage of cultivation by which the present generation is greatly benefitted, and in sincere gratitude to the sturdy men and women of pioneer days. They should rise up and call them blessed".

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