



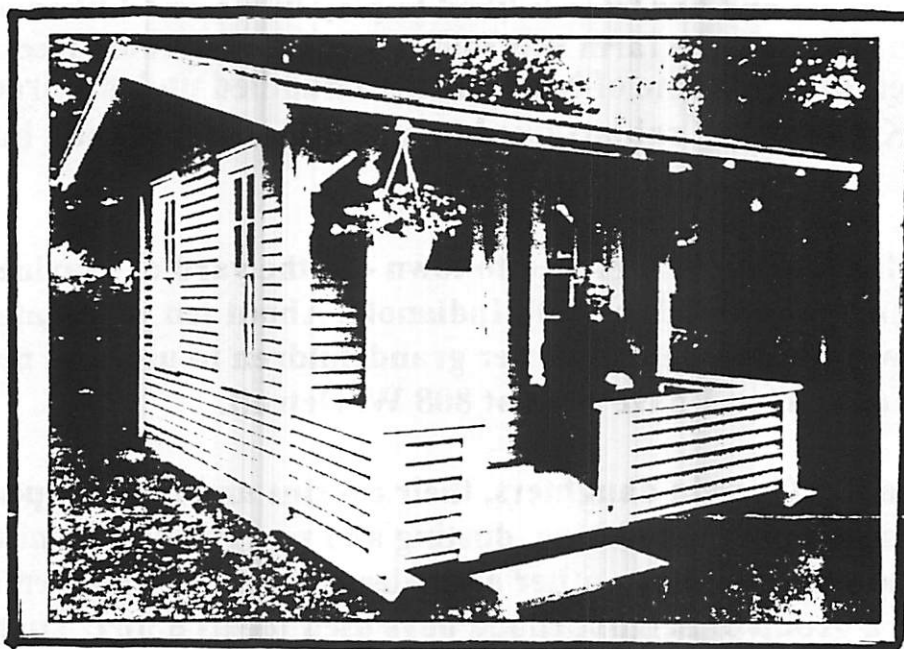
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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PLAYHOUSE

Hello !! Here I am, probably the oldest playhouse in Indianola, fit as a fiddle and ready to tell you about the ups and downs of my 78 years.

I was built by Charles Maxwell, an employee of the Harlan Lumber Company. I was a special entry in a competition in 1916 and then I sat for many weeks in front of the lumber company. Many children came by to admire me and I hear that they collected tickets for a drawing that was to be held at the Warren County Fair. Some lucky child would claim me!

What did I look like? Well, I was 8 feet by 10 feet with two doors and five windows. My prettiest feature was my front porch, with a railing and gingerbread trim. I was painted a dark color, and the doors and window trim were white. I was a real beauty.

Finally, the Big Day arrived! The fair was a bustle of activity, but the most excited fair-goers were the children, sitting in the grandstand with tickets in hand, waiting for the drawing. Of course each dreamed of owning me. Finally the lucky name was drawn - Lorraine Darnall. Her father moved me on a large hay rack to the family farm northeast of town.

Lorraine and her friends liked to play in me and I liked life on the farm. In 1933, the farm was sold to Ernest and Hallie Keeney. I was sometimes the home of baby chickens huddled under a brooder, and the Keeney boys' rabbits liked to hide under me. What a busy time that was!

In the late 1940s, I moved to town - to the yard of Maxine Weeks in a busy neighborhood in south Indianola. About ten years later, Metha Godwin purchased me for her grandchildren to use, and most of the time since then I have lived at 808 W. Detroit.

The five Godwin daughters, their cousins and friends spent many hours sweeping, scrubbing, dusting and rearranging furniture in me. As the years went by, other activities claimed the children's time. One year, a group of neighborhood boys used me as a fort. That was when all my windows were broken. A cedar tree near me grew tall and hid me from sight, my roof leaked and my paint peeled. What a sad appearance I presented!

To tear me down or repair my frame - that was the question faced by my owners in 1993. The five daughters, remembering the good times spent playing house years ago, urged repair. How happy I was to hear that! I was moved away from the tree, and was given a new roof, a fresh coat of paint, a new porch, wall paneling, plastic window panes and flowers on my porch railing. I have been restored, just like the big homes in Sherman Hill.

My neighbors admire my beauty and my owners are proud of my appearance. Sometimes children come to play in me and I hope that soon some of those who knew me years ago will come to visit and reminisce. I look forward to many more years of usefulness.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

In a previous letter I mentioned I had a new desk and now through the generosity of a cousin, I now have a computer to work on. I probably will not use it a lot but it should be fun to play around with and perhaps I'll even try some genealogy charts on it.

Do hope you folks enjoyed the fair. As usual those who watched the judging got lots of tips from Jay's comments and ideas for how to improve or what to enter next year.

Log Cabin Days was another interesting event so thank those who worked so hard to make it worthwhile.

We've received some very good periodicals with surnames including Trail Breakers-Vol 20, No. 4, 1993-94 by Clark Co. Gen. Society, Vancouver, WA also their DIRECTORY 1994-1995.

HAWKEYE HERITAGE also gave our 7-ATLAS reprint a very good recommendation. Don't forget it as a great Christmas gift for those who have everything.

Did you see the nice article about the restored playhouse of Roy and Jane Godwin. Jane used that as one of her fair entries but limited to only 500 words was not as descriptive as the newspaper account. (See pages 1 and 2)

She got a blue ribbon too!
Our Pres. Vicki Montgomery did the 1857 Richland Township Warren County Tax Lists.

There was also a neat article about the ARABIA which was the program given us by Charlotte and Roger Banks. It was in a recent D.M. Register Datebook for Sept. 29, 1994.

Maybe the little clip 'point of view' on page 7 explains why some of the census records are so hard to read decipher.

We should have some new officers after tonight's annual meeting. If you are asked to help, please say "YES" or at least offer some good suggestions for programs and/or activities.

Take care.

Willa Jean

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1857 RICHLAND TOWNSHIP WARREN COUNTY TAX LISTS (ORIGINAL BOOK at WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY, Indianola, IA - More information is listed)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SECTION #</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
ALSOP, G. O.	13	23	80	HARTFORD
ANDERSON, LUTHER				HARTFORD
ANDERSON, LEONARD				HARTFORD
ALLEN, C. B.				HARTFORD
ARNOLD, G. G. M.	22	22	150	HARTFORD
ACKLEY, WILLIAM H.	24	22	80	
ATKINSON, DANIEL	23	23	40	
ARNOLD, J. B.	21	22	27	
ARNOLD, B. B.	16	22	10	
ADAMS, PHILLIPS				PALMIRA
ABLE, A. W.				PALMIRA
AHTEL, THOMAS				
ANDERSON, L. U.	36	22	80	HARTFORD
ALSOP, JAMES				
BURT, CALVIN				NOT GIVEN
BURGETT, JOHN H.				NOT GIVEN
BRICE, M. P.				NOT GIVEN
BANE, DAVID				PALMIRA
BERGE, MORRIS				NOT GIVEN
BOYD, THOMAS	26,27,28,34	23	220,40,40,40	
BECK, ADAM				PALMIRA
BURT, WILLARD				NOT GIVEN
BARTHOLAMEW, G. M.				PALMIRA
BERNARD, NICK	36,25	23	120,120,40	
BARNHIZER, WILLIAM				NOT GIVEN
BERRY, THOMAS				NOT GIVEN
BADGLEY, CLARK	29	22	160	
BLACK, SAMUEL	28,29,19	22	167,30,40	
BARNHOUSE, JOHN	20	22	40	
BAGUE, F. N.				NOT GIVEN
BRINKOFF, JACOB	21,28,24	22	120,40,40	
BIRGHAM, AARON	1	22	80	HARTFORD
BARKHEARST, H.	7,14,11	22,23	10,30,81	
BROWN, JAMES	23,14	22	320,240	
BROWN, W. F.				NOT GIVEN
BURNET, HULET				HARTFORD
CAMPBELL, DAVID	29,25	23	25,160	
CANTRIL, WILLIAM				PALMIRA
CRRB, JOHN	25	23	40	

Page 2 of 1857 Richland Township Warren County Tax Lists

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SECTION #</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
COATES, JOHN				NOT GIVEN
COATS, THOMAS				NOT GIVEN
CAIN, SAMUEL	9	22	80	HARTFORD
CLARK, NANCY	8	22	160	
CLARK, DANIEL	4	22	53	
COY, C. W.				NOT GIVEN
COY, JAMES				NOT GIVEN
CALHOUN, J. T.				NOT GIVEN
CALHOUN, N. J.	15	22	160	
COOK, JOHN	16	22	40	
COOK, JOHN adm. of Willis Cook	7	22	80	
CARRACK, JOHN B.	20	22	120	
COATS, WILLIAM	24,23,15	23	89,50,20,20	
CARPENTER, CHARLES	21	22	30	
COOK, GEORGE				HARTFORD
CLARK, JOHN T.				NOT GIVEN
CAVES, CYRUS	12	25	160	
CORZATT, SAMUEL				NOT GIVEN
CONN, A. F.	25	22	40	
DUNKAU, JAMES				
DUNCAN, A. J.	21,29	22	84,40	HARTFORD
DUNCAN & HANCOCK				HARTFORD
DOTSON, ASRIAH	27,34,35	22	80,80,10	
DAVIS & GILLMAN	35	22	20	
DAVIS, JOEL	26	23	40	
DAVIS, J. B.				
DASHIELL, M. A.				HARTFORD
DEKIN, T. J.				HARTFORD
DRAPER, JOHN	18	22	146	
DALBY, A. B.	34,33	22	40,40	
DENNIS, SAMUEL				
DAUGHERTY, BENNETT				
DAVIS, JEROME, adm. of W. ROWE	10,15,14,11	22	72,40,40,40	
DOW, A. R.				HARTFORD
DOW, WM. P. & S. A.	21	22	1	
FRAZIER, THOMAS				
FRAZIER, DANIEL	22,26,27	23	400 TOTAL	PALMYRA
FREEL, WILLIAM				PALMYRA
FREEL, MATHEW	25,2	22	20,80	

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SECTION #</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
FERMAN & MACKELROY	24	22	40	"mill property"
FARLEY, HARLEY	36	23	80	
FLESHER, CHA STOPHER				PALMYRA
FLESHER, BENJAMIN F.				PALMYRA
FLESHER, LEONARD				PALMYRA
FLESHER, C. P.				PALMYRA
FISHER, ALFRED	16	22	80	
FREEL, JAMES	15	22	80	
FOX, DANIEL				
FISHER, JOHN W.				HARTFORD
FURMAN, SAMUEL	24	22	40	
FREEL, HARRISON	15	22	80	
FLORZINS, THOMAS	14,22	22	40,159	
FOUTS, ZIMERY				
FORDHAM, GEORGE				HARTFORD
FARLEY, JOHN	25,26,37,38	22,23	40,20,120,95	PALMYRA, E. INDIANOLA
GURTIN, SILAS				
GRIFFIN, S. S.	2	22	10	PALMYRA
GILPIN, LACEY	13,23	23	20,10,20	SANDWILLE
GLOVER, J. C.	23	23	22	
GLASGOW, JOHN	3	22	80	
GOBLE, HIRAM	36	22	40	HARTFORD
GILPIN, SYLVESTER				
GILDOW, DANIEL				
GUY, A. J.	11,2	22	40,20	
GUNLOCK, CLARRISSA				
GUTHRIE, WILLIAM				
GILLESPIE, SILAS				
GROOM, O. S.				
GRAVES, G. W.				
GUTHRIE, U.	22,27,26	22	160,40,80	
GUTHRIE, N., adm of Bear				
GILLMAN, M.	30	22	40	
GILLASPY, GEORGE	11	22	84	
GROOM, H. W.				PALMYRA
HAGAN, GEORGE				
HILTON, J. A.				
HAYWORTH, B. H.				
HARTMAN, DAVID				

IN WHICH WAR DID YOUR ANCESTOR FIGHT?

<u>IF BORN IN</u>	<u>NAME OF WAR</u>	<u>DATES OF WAR</u>
1626-1656	Bacon's Rebellion	1667
1639-1743	Intercolonial Wars	1689-1763
1713-1743	Pontiac's Rebellion	1763-1765
1720-1763	American Revolution	1775-1783
1740-1791	Indian Wars	1790-1811
1762-1794	War of 1812	1812-1814
1762-1812	Blackhawk War	1832
1796-1828	Mexican War	1846-1848
1806-1849	Civil War	1861-1865
1848-1880	Spanish-American War	1898

From KYOWVA Genealogy Society, Huntington, WV and Linn Co. Heritage Hunters, July 1994

Many so-called "lost" censuses are not really lost according to information found in the Black Hills G.S. Aug. 1989, examples are:

- The 1860 Colorado census is with the Kansas census.
- 1860 Oklahoma census is with the Arkansas census in that it was then Indian land.
- 1860 Wyoming census is with the NB census
- 1860 Nevada census is with the Utah census
- 1860 Montana census under the Nebraska "unorganized" territory listing
- 1860 census of Missoula Co. Montana is with the Spokane Co. Washington census
- 1820-1830 Wisconsin census is with Michigan

The Searchers Aug. 1990, Keo-Mah Tracer, Dec. 1991 and Wayne Co. Genie, April, 1994.

WAS YOUR ANCESTOR REALLY BORN IN VIRGINIA?

Did you know that reference to a person having been born or lived in Virginia as early as 1728 and as late as 1863 could indicate that he or she was born or had lived in many other states? It could mean these other states:

- Illinois 1781-1816 statehood
- Indiana 1787 to 1816 statehood
- Kentucky 1775 to 1792 statehood
- Maryland 1775-1792 statehood
- North Carolina 1728-1779
- Ohio 1778-1803 statehood
- Pennsylvania 1752-1786 statehood
- Tennessee 1760-1860 statehood
- West Virginia 1769-1863

From Pioneer Sons & Daughters, Sept. 1994

POINT OF VIEW

OCUPSYSHUN - Census Taker:

"I am a census takers for the city of Bufflow. Our City has groan very fast in resent years & now in 1865, it has become a hard & time consuming job to count all the peephill. There are not many than con do this werk, as it is nessessarie to have an ejucashun, wich a lot of pursons still do not have. Another atribeart needed for this job is god spelling, for many of the pephill to be counted can hardle speek inglish, let alon spel there names!"

From Poweshiek Co. Searcher, Jul Aug Sept 1994

GRANDMA

When grandma puts her glasses on
And looks at me - just so -
If I have done a naughty thing,
She's sure, somehow, to know.
How is it she can always tell
So very, very, very well?

She says to me, "Yes, little one
"Tis written in your eye!"
And if I look the other way
And turn and seem to try
To hunt for something on the floor
She's sure to know it all the more.

If I should put the glasses on
And look in grandma's eyes,
Do you suppose that I should be
So very, very wise?
Now, what if I should find it true
That grandma had been naughty too?

But, ah, what am I thinking of,
To dream that grandma could
Be anything in all her life
But sweet and kind and good?
I'd better try myself to be
So good that when she looks at me
With eyes so loving all the day
I'll never want to run away.

--Sunsh

From: Roots and Leaves, Fremont, NE

SEPTEMBER MEETING - MARILYN SCHMITT, DAR

Marilyn Schmitt, Iowa DAR State Lineage Chairman, was our speaker for the September 19th meeting and gave us some good clues on tracing our lineage to become a member or just good ideas for general researching. There is also a "how to" kit available for doing this also and the cost was \$8.00. Thank you, Ms Schmitt for a most informative evening.

Several Boy Scouts and their leaders attended this meeting to help on obtaining their "family living" merit badges. We're always glad to have guests.

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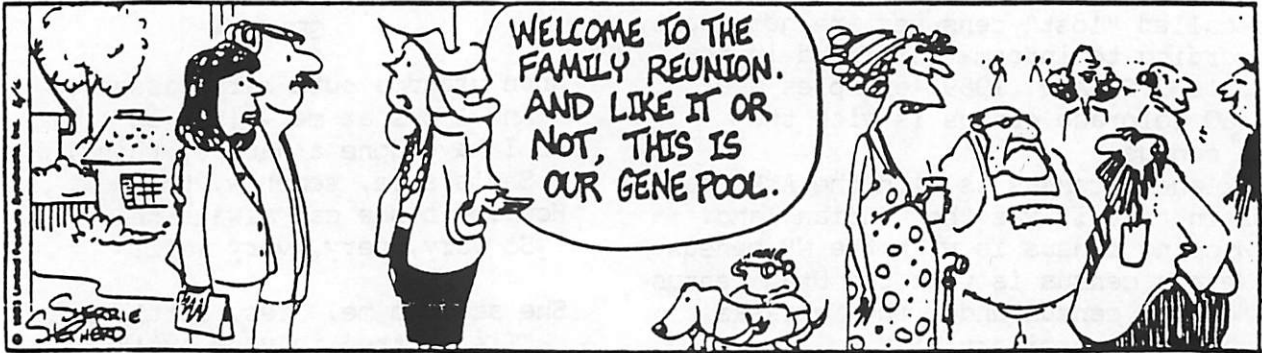
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