

# Warren County Genealogical Society

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## From the President:

Greetings —

I am just back from our trip to the State Historical Library. Thanks to all who went through the numerous date changes. Ten members participated today.

Thanks to all who helped with making the fair a success. Much interest was generated by the judging, display and book sales, which have been fantastic—approximately \$400.00 in sales since June.

The new cemetery book is selling very well. Thanks to Marieta and the cemetery committee for all their work. Great job! We are planning to have a sales booth at Log Cabin Days. Details are being worked out.

A Beginners' Workshop is being planned tentatively for October 10. Details will be announced in the *Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune*.

See you all at our next meeting, Monday, Sept 21 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call question: Give one new "bit" of information you have learned from research over the summer.

See you there—Bring a friend!

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## Calendar:

- September 21 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Bill Sharp from Camp Dodge  
Topic: Veterans' Records
- October 2-3 IGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.  
Marshalltown
- October 10 BEGINNERS' WORKSHOP  
Tentative plans: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
at Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
Call Ev at 961-3271 for specific details.
- October 13 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
- October 19 CEMETERY COMMITTEE, 6:15 p.m.  
Bring results of your summer cemetery walking.  
REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Ron Roberts  
Topic: Iowa Coal Miners Migration  
Roll Call: Your coal mining connection
- November 10 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
- November 16 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Ev Brightman  
Topic: "A Prairie Reunion"

WCGS regular meetings are held at the Indianola Public Library on the third Monday of the month (September through May, except no meeting in December). Special meetings may be planned for the summer.

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## Editor's note:

Wow! So much is going on!

This issue features Lacona in the south eastern corner of the county. Lacona was selected this year by the Warren County Historical Society for Log Cabin Days recognition September 26 -27.

YES! A member responded to last month's plea for someone to index previous newsletters. I received a call from new member, Mary Pancratz, who lives in California. She will be travelling through Indianola in a few days, stopping to see her sister, Genevieve Hastie, and picking up a set of newsletters to begin her project. Thank you, Mary, for volunteering!

I collected information from the 1998 Warren County Fair exhibits. This information will be found in this and upcoming newsletters to give you ideas for 1999 exhibits.

Thanks to Ruth Hall for sending along some fun Internet items for inclusion in the newsletter.

Sales have been brisk on the Cemetery Book reprints. We are making 10 copies at a time and can always get more.

I have a new Internet address. Please feel free to contact me whenever you want at Marieta51@aol.com. I try to check my e-mail almost every day.

Please feel free to contact me if you have items you'd like to see in the newsletter or if you have a query to be included. Also, comments and suggestions are always welcome. We haven't figured out how to set up our fax machine yet at home, however, you can fax items to me at my work number, 515-224-8336.

One additional item: Our family will be adding a genealogical name and date to the books in a few days—our oldest son, David Jr, is marrying Trisha Schnee of Bevington, IA. What a wonderful time in our lives!

Enjoy!

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Grandma is amazed at all the modern appliances that are supposed to take the labor out of doing things she didn't even know needed to be done.

Grandpa thinks the country was better off when folks opened meals with a prayer instead of a can opener.

*A fun item from the Internet:*

## You know when you're an addicted genealogist—

- When you brake for libraries—
- When you get locked in the library over night and you never even notice—
- When you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery—
- If you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall—
- When you think every home should have a microfilm reader—
- If you'd rather read census schedules than a good book—
- When you know the town clerk in every county by name—
- If town clerks lock the door when they see you—
- When you're more interested in what happened in 1797 than 1997—
- If you store your clothing under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals—
- If you can pinpoint Kirkcaldy and Inverness on a map, but you're still not sure if Chicago is in MI or IL—
- When all your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin"—
- If you've traced your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it fully documented, and still don't want to quit!

## Query:

**HOWE, DOWDEN.** Looking for information on Cora Howe, married John Dowden, Jan 2, 1895. Cora was the dau of Andrew J. Howe and Eliza Jane (Pendry) of Ackworth, IA. John Dowden was son of Otho Dowden and Sophia (Vandevueter) Dowden. Richard A. Flanagan, 35 Meadowbrook Ave, Warwick, RI

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Newsletter published six times per year. Membership dues \$6.00 per individual or \$9.00 per family.

## Bits and pieces about ...Lacona

### Emigrants From East and South Settled White Breast Township

*The Lacona Ledger, Thursday, June 7, 1956*

Facts brought out when the Warren County court house was dedicated show that White Breast township had a part in the early development of the county. Warren County was opened to settlement in October, 1845. In the year of 1849, many settlers known as "Forty-Niners" of the east were lured to California to look for gold and find a fortune. Others left their homes in the east and south to seek new homes in a new country where they could rear their families and establish homes. As this particular part of the country was well timbered and watered by the beautiful stream of White Breast running through this territory, many newcomers settled here.

Indians were numerous but not hostile.

The early history of this township apparently dates back to 1843 when William Willis and his brother, Martin Willis came from Davis County, Iowa and made a temporary settlement in what is now known as White Breast township. They were the first settlers here.

They came back in 1844 and 1845 and moved their families here in 1846. Their closest neighbors were on the Des Moines river about 12 miles from the present site of Knoxville and also a small settlement in the vicinity of Hartford, but neither one knew of the other settlement so were of no aid to each other as neighbors.

The Willis men often went down in Missouri a distance of 100 miles, to mill. Soon after their coming Nicholas Helms of the settlement near Belfountain settled in Dallas township, Marion county. One day while in pursuit of a deer he heard chopping in the timber and following the sound he found the Willis' clearing a field. He rejoiced to find neighbors and the friendship thus kindled proved lasting. His daughter, Lucinda Helms, was united in marriage to Fielden Willis in 1847 being the first couple to be married. The license was procured in Oskaloosa.

Nicholas Helms in 1849 purchased land of Henry Stuckenburg in Section 26, where he moved. The patent for this land was received Dec. 17, 1849. On Nov. 13, 1849, Isador Ripperger, Anthony Duchferger, Michael Ripperger and Philip Wechsel certified to land in Section 23 and on the same date Michael Ripperger certified to land in Section 14, where they remained and raised large families.

The others that came in their group went back to Indiana, from where they have moved in their horse drawn covered wagons.

*continued from previous week*

*The Lacona Ledger, Thursday, June 14, 1956*

Owen Ruble entered land in Section 17 in 1857 but most of the settlers came in the early fifties and sixties.

In 1854 John Mitchell entered land in Section 36 and received the patent in 1885, signed by Franklin Pierce and this land has been owned by the Mitchell heirs continuously since that date.

In 1853 G. E. Bartlett came to this county settling in White Breast township where he remained until 1859, going to Pikes Peak, returning after two and one-half years. He was very active holding offices as township clerk, trustee and county supervisor. He was secretary of the first school board and set out the first orchard in the township. He also kept a general store, post office and hotel. In 1854, Samuel Myers and Henry Oxenreider came here and settled. Mr. Myers entered land from the government and also purchased land and at the time of his death owned 400 acres.

In 1885 a caravan of covered wagons was seen coming from the east which were the Cochrans, Corwins and McDonnells, Clevengers, Pollets and Warnocks. The town of Lacona was laid out in 1856 by Samuel Myers and Willis Clevenger and was three blocks square.

The early business men who figured in the early settlement of Lacona were G. E. Bartlett, Samuel Myers, Isaac Myers, J.M. Cochran, William McClellan, manufacturer of wagons and buggies, Dr. Applegate, Dr. John Miller and Dr. J.S. Starr. It is said by the older residents that Dr. Starr gathered roots, bark and herbs along White Breast creek and made medicine he used in his early practice here.

John Oxenreider taught the first school in Lacona and also in the township.

When the Civil War broke out and a call from the government came for men to support the Union, many left their homes in response to the call of President Lincoln. Among those were John Milton, and Samuel Oxenreider, J.M. Cochran, who was made captain, Willis Cook who lost his life in the first engagement, Anderson Willis, Wills Clevenger and others.

The atlas of Warren county of 1872 gives the population of White Breast township at 1,016.

The early settlers relate many experiences of hardships. I.C. Shupe and family moved to this township and located northwest of Lacona where he purchased land. His father, Jacob J. Shupe followed him in 1858 and he also purchased land and engaged in farming and stock raising.

## Bits and pieces about ... Lacona, *continued*

David Williams and family moved from Lee county to this place in 1859 and was noted for his stock raising and farming.

Among the early settlers in the northwest part of the township was Henry Goode. A minister of the Presbyterian faith settled one and one-half miles north of Lacona. He was the Rev. Triss, who was also an early postmaster.

In Section 1 a Quaker settlement was established. Among those were Uriah Hodson, Folgers, Hyltons and Reynolds. These people sold to Germans who established a church in an early day, calling it Rosemount. There was a post office in the home of Uriah Hodson and he was postmaster.

The early settlers farmed in a very crude way. The sod was plowed with oxen and the corn planted by cutting holes in the sod with an ax and the corn was dropped in the holes, which was termed axing in the corn. Later they used the hand planter which was a great improvement.

The railroad, a branch of the C.B. and Q. was established through the township and Lacona became a good shipping point for stock and grain.

In 1866 the Michael Fantz family moved here from Illinois, locating a short distance from Lacona and built a log house near the bank of White Breast creek and for a number of years this place was a popular gathering place for the young people in the summer.

Located in Section 26 is a little country cemetery which should be a hallowed spot to this community as it contains the graves of the following pioneers: Nicholas Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Fielden Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Myers.

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### From 1927 Student Theme Lacona's Beginning Dates Back to 1853

*Taken from a newspaper, date unknown. Newspaper Editor's note: The following History of Lacona was written by Layard K. Shupe on March 21, 1927, as an English assignment when he was a high school student at Lacona. His teacher, a Mr. Ervin, gave him an A-plus for his efforts.*

*The theme was submitted to the Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune by his mother, Mrs. Leota Shupe, 207 W. Boston Ave., who found the original copy while browsing through some keepsakes.*

*Layard Shupe was in business at Jefferson when he died in 1963. His father was the late Ray Shupe.*

*Information for the theme was obtained in an interview with Samuel Oxenreider, who has three daughters currently living in Lacona: Mrs. Sadie Goode, Mrs. Mary Miller and Mrs. Daisy Fogle.*

### History of Lacona

The beginning of what is now the City of Lacona, dates back to about the year 1853, when J. T. Lacy living and owning several acres of land one mile west of here, christened all the surrounding territory "Lacona Prairie."

In the year of 1854 Willis Clevenger and Samuel Myers, coming to this part of the country, each purchased land from the government at \$1.25 per acre. This land was that on which our present town of Lacona is situated, Myers purchasing the land which is now the south of our east and west main street, while Clevenger bought the land on the other side.

These two men made plans to lay out a city, which they did in the year 1856, and named it Jefferson. In the year 1858 the settlers of the town renamed it, calling it Lacona, on account of there being another city in the state by the name of Jefferson.

### \$10 Per Lot

Lots were sold by Myers and Clevenger at \$10 per lot, upon which homes were built.

These houses were built of logs and other crude material. The first building was built by Myers, and is now occupied by Lacona Auto Co. This building was made of logs and built for a hotel.

The first store to be erected was built by John Cochran and Mr. McKinley, where the present Stewart and Co. elevator is located. This mill accounts for the naming of "Mills Branch."

The first school house in the township was built on what is now the Lo Goode farm. The first school building in Lacona was erected just opposite the Lacona park. This building was built by a man named Garrison, for a residence, but before completion, was sold to John Oxenreider, who not having a deed for the land, sold it to the township for a school building. This school was taught by Mr. Briley, who was a grandfather of C. B. Mosher. The Lacona school building was moved over into the park two years later.

### First Rural School

The first rural school near here was taught by John Oxenreider. When the Civil War broke out every able-bodied, within the age limit, enlisted except the blacksmith who was John Cook.

The first man from Lacona to lose his life in the Civil War was Willis Cook. It was the first battle in which his regiment engaged.

## Bits and pieces about ... Lacona, *continued*

The first church to be built in Lacona was erected where the G. Gray home now is. It was the Presbyterian church, which was later moved back and used for a barn.

A mill was built on White Breast River near the present home of R. S. Landes. This was a typical water power mill, and the cliff can still be seen where this mill once stood.

### Railroad Comes

The first railroad was built through here in the winter of 1878 and 1879.

At present, the city has progressed in that the buildings are mainly constructed of concrete and the best building material available.

The city now has a modern built and equipped school building, four churches, general stores, hardware, meat markets, cafes, produce and poultry dealers, modern equipped printing office, garages, a telephone exchange, jewelry stores, opera house, an up-to-date filling station, two banks, barber shops, an up-to-date drug store, a fully equipped blacksmith shop, a post office with rural service, one medical doctor, a dentist, two lumber yards, an elevator, feedmill, and various other business dealers. All of these places being in the city of Lacona, the garden spot of Iowa.

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## Recollections of 120 Years Ago Found

*Taken from Chariton Herald-Patriot, Chariton, Iowa, Thursday, September 5, 1963:*

*Newspaper Editor's note: Recollections of the early Lacona, Lucas and country scene—dating at times to 120 years ago—have been found in an article which appeared March 9, 1899, in the "Lacona Ledger". Authoring the reminiscences was W. A. Willis, father of Mrs. W. P. Hancock, Rt. 3, Chariton, a long time resident of the community and Lacona.*

*Mr. Willis, since deceased, recalls the trials and tribulations which confronted his father and grandfather when they established a settlement near the Lucas-Warren county border.*

*Relatives of Mr. Willis now live in Chariton. They are Glenn, Harold and Mrs. Glenn (Marie) Bocker. Marie, Glenn and Harold are grandchildren of "Uncle Frieden Willis", whose marriage to Lucinda Helms in 1847—according to the article—was the first marriage in the settlement.*

*The White Breast township referred to in the early part of the article is located in Warren county. The White Breast creek reference—where a description of the beating off wolves with clubs is given—refers to the creek in Lucas county.*

*We are indebted to Mrs. Hancock for permission to reprint the following account of 120 years ago.*

**by W. A. Willis**

My father, William Willis and his brother, Martin Willis, were the first settlers in White Breast Township; having made a temporary settlement in the year 1843. They were here again in 1844 and again in 1845, making them possibly the first white men in the country, although Mr. Parmales is acknowledged to be the first; he also made temporary settlements in the county in 1843.

They removed with their families, from Davis County, Iowa, in the year 1846, before I was quite two years old, fifty years ago this spring, my uncle and grandfather arriving soon after this, making the first settlement in 1846 in this White Breast.

The nearest neighbor we had was on the Des Moines river 10 or 12 miles east of where Knoxville is now located. There were also a few settlers in the neighborhood of where Hartford is now located, but neither settlement knew anything of the location of the other, we were, therefore, of no benefit to each other in the way of neighborhood.

During the summer of our first settlement Nicholas Helms came from the east part of Marion County, settling in Dallas Township, two miles from our settlement, he believing that he was the only white settler that far west of the Des Moines river. One day soon after, while in pursuit of deer, he heard persons chopping in the timber west of him, he followed in the direction of the sound and soon

*Thelma Pehrson is helping me with "Bits and pieces about ..." This will include information about various communities, events, or whatever strikes her fancy. The same subject may be featured more than once, depending upon the information found. Thelma is Librarian for the Warren County Historical Library and is gleaning this information from articles, scrapbooks, books, etc in the WCHS Library. (Much of this information was collected by Edith Conn for the Library.) For more information about the WCHS Library you may contact Thelma at 515-961-4409 (home). The Library is open Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

## Bits and pieces about ... Lacona, *continued*

came to where my Grandfather and sons were clearing a field.

He rejoiced to find he was in a neighborhood and a warm friendship was kindled from that day that continued as long as they lived.

I remember at another time my father and mother went to Uncle John's to spend the evening, and put us children to bed with orders to go to sleep. During their absence two of our cows got into the cabin and chewed the blankets and quilts that covered us. Not being satisfied with what they had done, they got the lid off a box of clothing, chewing everything that came in their way. Among other things, they got hold of a cotton handkerchief that had two twenty-dollar gold pieces in it. It was too many for them. They spoiled the handkerchief, but when they struck the gold they spit it out, and from that time to the present I have been in favor of a gold standard.

I will add further that Indians were numerous up and down the stream of White Breast and ever and again could be seen the blue smoke as it went curling Heavenward from their wigwams, or could be heard the war cry of some Camanche brave, or with bow and arrow he would put a stop to the speed of an antelope or deer that was seen scurrying across the hill tops.

I served in the army under Col. T. T. Henderson, one of the earliest settlers of the county, and am one of four out of 14 who survived the tortures of a Rebel prison. But those days have long since gone. Instead of the smoke and din of battle, we now have the noise and hustle of commerce, instead of the smoke of wigwams, we see the villages blooming as the rose, and instead of the deer and antelope, we see the cattle on a thousand hills. Let us all be glad for the extremely favorable conditions of today.

The first contracting parties for matrimony were Uncle Frieden Willis to Miss Lucinda Helms, which took place the next year, 1847, the license being procured at Knoxville, if I am not mistaken. During this year my brother, Henry H. Willis, was born on March 4<sup>th</sup>, being the first child born in the township, and about the fourth boy in the county. During these years of early settlement I remember of my father occasionally going with a team of oxen to Missouri to a mill, a distance of over 100 miles.

But during the winter of 1847 or 48 was the winter of what all of us old settlers remember as the deep snow winter. We grated corn for bread and made hominy during the winter. The snow was merely four feet deep on the level, I remember during the winter of deep snow that the wolves became so hungry they would catch a pig when my father would be

throwing clubs at them. The wild turkeys would come from the timber and eat with the hogs as regular as we fed. I remember on one occasion my father killed a large gobbler with a club, but it was too lean to eat. I also remember during the deep snow of a man who was caught in the storm in the vicinity of where Afton is now located, and undertook to get back and if possible find a settlement.

He finally came to White Breast creek somewhere in the neighborhood of where Lucas now is, and he traveled down the stream on the ice trusting to find a cabin, and after four days and nights he heard Ell Myers driving his cattle. He had made, he thought, about the last human effort pushing his way in the snow. Mr. Myers took him into his cabin and found he was badly frozen. He said he had killed a turkey with his cane during his wanderings and ate it raw. Mr. Myers kept him a few days and then brought him to the home of my grandfather. Uncle Greenberry Willis took him to the next settlement east of Knoxville. I think his home was in Illinois.

The settlers were never too busy to go from three to ten miles to help raise a cabin. A general good feeling existed. There was seldom a law suit those days, but if there was one every man went. On one occasion a certain man swore out a warrant for the arrest of one Isaac Myers, now an honored citizen of Lacona, for assault and battery. It became the duty of father, he being constable, to arrest Isaac, so he repaired to where he was at work in a field, and as they journeyed toward Squire John Willis', two miles east of Lacona, they met the late E. G. Bartlett. Father deputized Bartlett to assist and told him he thought he could see it in Isaac's eye that he intended to try to make his escape when he reached the timber.

Bartlett also thought he could see that he intended to make an effort to escape, so when they arrived at the timber they peeled bark and tied Isaac's hands behind his back and tied bark to each arm and each one holding the bark on either side—my father being on a horse and Bartlett on foot—and in this way they delivered him to his majesty Squire Willis' Court. Every man in the country was already on hand when they arrived. The Squire made an examination of the papers and said he found no cause for action and would therefore release the prisoner. I think it was Bartlett who cut the bonds that bound the prisoner. Thus you see in those days they enjoyed sport more than to fine a man for small and trivial offences.

**Wide Interest in Lacona Fair** 1924

Many Exhibits Shared in the Distribution of the Premiums

The Lacona community fair which was held here October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> drew a large crowd and was pronounced by many as a decided success. The live stock display was far ahead of expectations and much of the stock showed here would do credit to any fair. The poultry exhibit was fine. We will be unable to tell all the prizes won in this department, but will say that your correspondent won the blue ribbon Partridge Cochinchina chickens.

The farm exhibits were great. The domestic science department was well represented with all kinds of choice cooking. The fancy work department was filled to overflowing with all kinds of fancy work, quilts and rugs.

The exhibit of old relics was displayed at the farmers store and contained several articles that were 150 years old and last but not least we will mention the exhibit of school work, both graded and rural work was shown and most of the work here would do credit to older people.

The stock parade at 4:00 o'clock Thursday was good. The Melcher band furnished excellent music for both days.

The Puderbaugh male quartet rendered special music Wednesday. The Brown brothers of near Dallas furnished vocal music for Thursday. Purcell's attraction company with dogs, pony and monkey gave performance both days. Ray Fisher was here with his aeroplane and many of the Lacona people took their first ride above our city.

The American Legion boys gave the closing entertainment and it sure showed army life from entering the Army to the close of the war. Harvey Fetters was commander and showed skill in training the raw recruits and the drill at last showed well-trained Army. All in all Lacona and community may be proud of the fair of 1924.

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**Lacona Is Hit by \$5,000 Fire**

No date given

*The Lacona Ledger*---Between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock Saturday night, fire was discovered in the large barn belonging to Paul Bowles, just east of the incorporation line of Lacona. The alarm was quickly sounded and people rushed to the scene and did all that was possible to keep the flames from spreading, but the fire had gained such headway that it could not be

checked. The barn contained no grain or hay, but there was considerable machinery in it, also a large amount of oil, which were totally destroyed. The residence just west of the barn, owned and occupied by Mrs. E. J. Thompson and daughter Della, was completely wiped out by the flames. All of their household goods, also the fruit in the cellar was saved, although some of the things were damaged in removing them.

The house and contents were insured, and the Bowles barn was insured, but we understand will not near cover the loss. Mrs. Thompson and daughter have moved their household goods to the residence owned by Mrs. Emma Curtis, on West street, where they will reside for an indefinite time. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it seems like we have had several mysterious fires in the past.

About 10 o'clock Saturday night, Paul Bowles had stopped at the barn to get some harness, and at that time everything was all right.

The barn was a large one and could not be built at this time for \$3,000. The house was worth from \$2,000 to \$2,500. It is estimated that about \$1,000 worth of machinery was destroyed in the barn. It was a severe loss to both parties.

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**Lacona Items** *The Indianola Tribune*, June 3, 1930

Union memorial services were held Sunday, May 25, at the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. O. L. Jones, assisted by Rev. O. L. Mossman of the Nazarene church and Rev. T. W. McDonald of the Christian church. The American Legion and Auxiliary and the two remaining Civil War veterans, David Newman and Wm. Humphreys, all sat in a body. A large crowd was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Puderbaugh and daughter, Mrs. Paul McFarland, spent Wednesday in Chariton at the Harley Puderbaugh home.

W. K. Scott, Paul McFarland, Lester Riggs and Jesse Newman went to Chariton Friday evening where they attended a banquet given to the Ford mechanics which was held at Charitone hotel.

Moses Curtis and family of near Norwood spent Saturday with Mrs. J. L. Strain.

*The Indianola Record*, June 12, 1930

James Fetters, Lon Fetters, Mrs. Leota Shupe and her sons Layard and Blaine went to Wisconsin, Wednesday to visit

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Mrs. Fetters who is a patient at the Baker institute. They report her a little improved.

Lisle Wilson of Schenectady, NY and Mildred Wilson of Ames came Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson.

Merrill Mosher has been quite ill with the measles.

The annual reunion of the D. L. Puderbaugh family was held at the Orie Puderbaugh home near Milo Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Puderbaugh and their daughter, Ardys, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McFarland of Lacona, Harley Puderbaugh and his family of Chariton, Homer Puderbaugh and his family of near Liberty Center, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higdon of Higdonville.

Mrs. Harley Mitchell received news of the death of her brother-in-law, Walter Miles, which occurred Tuesday at Kansas City, after an accident Friday. Mr. Miles was an electrician and was injured while installing a radio system.

Mr. Miles and his family formerly lived near Lacona in Lucas county on a farm, leaving the farm and going to Kansas City about two years ago. He is survived by his wife and two small children, a daughter and a son.

Mrs. Wes Smith who has been seriously ill for several days died Thursday evening. The funeral was held at the home Saturday at 2:30 conducted by the Rev. O. L. Jones with interment at the Cochran cemetery. Her husband, who survives is in a critical condition and is being cared for by his daughters at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Glen Curtis. She is survived by three daughters, and one son. Mrs. Glen Curtis and Mrs. Fred Willis of Lacona, Ray Smith and Mrs. Nellie Ashby of Chariton.

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*The Indianola Record, July 1930*

Christ Konrad who has been quite ill with heart trouble is is now a little improved.

Mrs. S. J. Shupe took the Live Wire class of the Christian Sunday school with their teacher, Mrs. May Mills, to the school house north of Lacona where they had a picnic and weiner roast. The members of the class attending were: Billie Rankin, Chas Crawford, Charles Neer, Kenneth Furguson, Willard Shupe, Max Goode, Wayne and Wendall Butler, Roy Williams. Junior Hall of Chariton, who was visiting his cousin, Willard Shupe, went as a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford DeVore left Monday for Britt where he will resume work with the telephone company.

Cecil Butler and his family of Milo spent Sunday afternoon at the J. W. Butler home.

Harold Miller and his family spent Thursday at the Howard Amos home near Indianola.

About 65 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Douglass who were visiting here met at the City Hall where a picnic supper was planned in their honor. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass left Lacona about thirty years ago, visiting here about 10 years ago and returning to their home town again last Tuesday for a few days' visit with old friends. The picnic supper was planned that they might see a greater number of their friends. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Douglass of Orange, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell and Mrs. H. A. Hogan and her son of Clarinda; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bell of St. Joe, MO; Mr. and Mrs. John Bissett, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Goode and their daughter, La Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kessler all of Milo; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Kessler of Indianola, Mary Hess of Liberty Center,; Mrs. Charles Fantz, Lissie and George Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Will Thorne, L. H. Myers, Herman Robbins, and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stokesberry, Hazel Haltom, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Beeman, Mr. and Mrs. Linn Stanley, Mrs. J. W. Bowles, R. E. Fogle and his sons, Stewart and Lee, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Allen, Mrs. Myrtle McKnight, the Rev. O. L. Jones, Mrs. Jane Rogers, David Newman, Mrs. A. E. Newman, Vivian and Velma Newman, Louise Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. V. Shupe, Mr. and Mrs. John Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rodgers, and Maxine Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ralston.

Jessie Newman of Lacona and Velma Lawyer of Liberty Center went to Des Moines where they were united in marriage. The couple was accompanied by Merl Trotter and Loraine Caviness both of Liberty Center. Mrs. Newman is the daughter of Carrie Lawyer of Liberty Center.

Mr. Newman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Newman of Chariton, and has been Ford salesman at the Scott garage here for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Newman have rented the Alice Bearden property and will begin housekeeping at once.

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*The Indianola Herald, May 23, 1940*

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Konrad, Chas. Thomason and Thelma Patch left Saturday noon for a week's vacation via Spring-



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field, Mo., for Memphis, Tenn., where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Konrad's brother, John Shupe and family. They also expect to visit points in Mississippi and other parts of the south before returning home.

Miss Irene Tigner of near Liberty Center spent from Monday until Friday with her grandmother, Mrs. N. C. Sandy.

On Thursday afternoon Frank Fehrer, Jr., had the misfortune to cut his left hand quite badly on a tin lunch box in the refrigerator and is not able to use that hand.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Christ Konrad walked from her home at her son Jerome's to the home of her son, Paulus, a distance of two blocks, and visited a few hours with his family before walking home again. For a woman who is past 86 years, and who was not very well last winter, this is quite an improvement for her and also an achievement.

Mrs. Robert Bauer, who has been teaching the school one mile south of Lacona, closed her year's work with a picnic dinner in which parents and patrons participated. Mrs. Bauer has been asked to return this coming year.

Little Joe Moon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moon, has been under the doctor's care the last few days.

Mrs. N. C. Sandy is spending the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Belva Tigner, near Liberty Center. On Sunday, she will go to the home of her son, Bert, in West Des Moines for a few days' visit.

James Bauer, who has been teaching in Marion county this past year, closed a very successful term of school this week. On Friday, the school had an exhibit for the benefit of parents and friends interested in the children's work. Although his services were appreciated in the school district and both teacher and district regret his leaving, he has accepted the position as teacher of the Clarke school in Warren County for next year, on account of being nearer his home.

Mrs. Gary Butler entertained a number of little people at her home on Wednesday afternoon, May 15, in honor of her little daughter, Jewell May, who celebrated her third birthday.

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### How Many Were Born in Log Cabins?

*The Indianola Herald*, July 18, 1940

Lacona--How many residents of Warren County were born in log cabins? . . .

We have two persons in Lacona who were born in the same log cabin. Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, daughter of Jesse and Charlotte Mumford, was born October 28, 1857, in a log cabin one-half mile south of the Warren County line in Lucas County. After her marriage, she lived in the log cabin where she was born and her oldest child, Mrs. Van Parkins, was born in the same cabin. Mrs. Mitchell has lived in Lacona 18 years and the rest of her life about four miles south of Lacona on a farm. She was the mother of twelve children. Mrs. Parkins has lived in and around Lacona all her life. She has devoted her life to her home and her three children and raised from infancy, her sister's motherless children and for more than five years has cared for her invalid mother.

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### Mrs. Konrad Has Lived In Lacona for 61 Years

*The Indianola Herald*, May 23, 1940

by Verna I. Shupe

It was just a few days after her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday when the biography of Mrs. Christ Konrad was begun.

Walburg Gruebel, daughter of Paulus Gruebel and Margaret Kessler Gruebel, was the third daughter of this family, there being two older children, Margaret and Rachel.

Walburg was born Feb. 25, 1854 at Kissinger, Germany. Upon being asked, "When did you come from the old country, Mrs. Konrad?" she replied, "Oh! I was just six weeks old. I don't remember anything about Germany. All I know is what I heard them talk about it."

The next question about the location of her parents in America was answered as follows: "Upon arrival in America they came to Iowa and located five miles east of Lacona, on a farm near the Renigers, where they stayed awhile before they moved to their own place."

"Were there any other children besides you three girls?" Mrs. Konrad smiled as she said, "Oh yes, there was a big family, 12 of us."

"Do you remember their names?" Quickly she answered, "I'll name them, one after another, the way they come in the family. Besides the first three of us, I mentioned, there were six other girls, Mary, Emma, Millie, Jocie, Martha and Barbara, and three boys. The first boy was named George but he died, so when the next boy was born they named him George, too, so there were two George's in our family and one boy, my brother, Frank, but he is dead too. But I still have one brother, living in Wiscon-

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sin, and he is the second brother George. Besides this one brother, I have a sister Millie Sockriter, who lives in Melcher, and a sister, Jocie Miller, living in California."

"What do you remember about your home, your earliest recollections?"

Mrs. Konrad replied, "People just had log houses then and my father built our house of logs on the farm he bought and it was four miles from Reniger's."

"Where did you go to school?"

Mrs. Konrad said, "When I was old enough, which was about six years, I went to the McCollum school house on the old Martin Miller place northwest of Bauer, and old Solomon Hodson taught there several terms and was the only teacher I ever had. He was the only man around there smart enough to teach us. Our settlement was known as the Martin Miller settlement and consisted mostly of German people."

Mrs. Konrad was sitting on a straight back chair, quite intent on answering all questions, and although she was offered a rocking chair said, "Oh, I am alright here. I don't sit very much in a rocking chair. I hardly ever do sit in anything but a straight back chair."

To the question, "When were you married?" Mrs. Konrad raised her head and lifted her eyes while with her finger she pointed to her marriage certificate which hangs in a frame on the wall in her room. The following is a copy of her marriage certificate.

"I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. 1879, in the Church of St Mary's, at Rosemont, Iowa, I joined in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, Mr. Christ Konrad and Miss Walburg Gruebel, according to the rites of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, Rev. S. F. Wieland, Presented by C. F. Weiler, Teacher at Bauer, Iowa." . . .

After making this copy, Mrs. Konrad was naturally asked, "Where did you go after you were married for a wedding trip?"

She made this reply, "We moved to Lacona the next day and I have been here every since. We moved down where Paulus' store is now." (She referred to her son's store.)

"How old were you when you and Mrs. Konrad were married?"

She answered, "I was 25 years old and so was he, only he

was just 20 days older than I."

"Besides Paulus, how many other children did you have, Mrs. Konrad?"

She said, "We had five boys, four of them are living. They are Paulus, Frank, Simeon, and Otto Barney, who died when he was six weeks old, and Jerome, the youngest."

### Goes to Church—Runaway Team

"When Paulus was just a little fellow, we hired a team of Art Shupe to go to Bauer. Paulus was standing down in front and pressed too hard against the dashboard and as the front board loosened, it fell out and frightened the team which started to run away. One of the horses went into a ditch and the other one got unhooked. I was so scared I didn't know what to do." . . .

After a few moments' silence, she added, "The Rosemont church was built about that time."

Then she said, "It is warming up a little now, and that will make the gardens grow. I always had an early garden, a secret garden, where I had just two beds, with early plants, always crowded full of garden seeds."

### The Big Fire—October 1877

"If it hadn't been for that big fire, we would have had plenty, for the blacksmith and wagon business was good then. Then came the big fire and burnt up everything. Almost wiped out the whole town. It started at midnight and the whole town was on fire from west to east on the south side of the main street of business then.

"The fire started this way,--a man moved from Ottumwa to a place west of Dr. Starr's house and office and the fire started at this man's place. He was selling liquor here in Lacona.

"After the fire got started, it burnt Dr. Starr's house and office, then George Howard's drug store, then Gene Baker's and then our house.

"There wasn't as much as a chip left. The pump above the platform burned and the rest fell in the well. The only thing left was half a hitching post where we tied a horse or cow, and the only thing that saved that part of the post was the green grass around the bottom of it.

"We had placed Paulus and Frank on a cushion across the street from the fire but a spark fell on the cushion and it caught on fire and the children were moved to a safer place.

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"The men tried to save some of the wagons upstairs but the first one got caught in the passageway down and they couldn't get it out so all burned.

"We had some sewing machines for sale too, one of which was saved and stored and sold to Nick Konrad, as a damaged article, which has been used by his wife and family since the big fire in October, 1887, and is still used by his daughter, Margaret.

"I had a big pile of quilts in the upstairs of the house and they all burned, every one, and I never made any quilts after that. They were quilts I had gotten from home. It was terrible. It is a bad thing when you have house and business together for if one burns, both burn, and then all is gone at the same time."

Mrs. Konrad sat thinking for a few moments and in answer to this questions, "What did you do, go into some other building and start up again or build?" She said, "Oh, we moved into what is now the telephone office and later lived in the Nelson property while a new house and blacksmith shop was being built."

### The Cyclone of May 3, 1888

"Only a few months after the big fire, I was nearly scared to death again when the cyclone struck the town and took the roof off the biggest building in town and set it down in the street. I was standing at the window, watching the storm, which had been threatening for some time.

"My son, Paulus, was there at the window too, and Lizzie, my new sister-in-law—my brother, Frank's wife, also. Frank and Lizzie had been married just three days and had come to town in their new wagon to buy their furniture for their home. Frank Gruebel had tied his team at the hitching rack near the Myers and McKinley hall before the storm began, but when the clouds began to roll and the rumbling began, Chris told him he had better unhitch the team and put it in a barn. He had just gotten this done when the storm broke in all its fury and the wind dashed the roof of that building to the ground into the street taking one side of the building with it.

"The force of the roof, with weight bearing down upon it, drove the wheels of that wagon of Frank's right into the ground and almost buried the wheels out of sight.

"I was shaking with fright for I expected every minute to be blown to pieces. When the roof fell, there was an awful crash at our blacksmith shop. As the carpenters were putting up the pillars but hadn't nailed them yet, all of these were knocked down and had to be replaced.

"The cyclone struck the school building also, and moved it on its foundation. Teacher and children were terrified at the noise and feeling the building move.

"There were several men in the building where the roof was blown off. One man, a Mr. Wilson, got behind a counter and when goods from the shelves fell on him, he was smothered to death before they found him buried there.

"Joe Purcell had gone to the store to buy a pound of butter and after the storm was over, he still has his butter under his arm.

"Plans were made by the owners of the building to have the roof put back again and they employed Art Shupe to raise the roof. He got several loads of railroad ties and by building a structure of ties, one upon another—he raised that roof and put it back in as good shape as before, where it remained for 30 or more years until it was torn down."

Mrs. Konrad then said, "Lots of things have happened since those days, the best years of our lives but we don't realize it then."

In answer to this question, "When did Mr. Konrad die?" she replied, "He's been dead ten years now. We always thought we would go together but I am still here. That is something all of us must do. We will all die some day."

Throughout all these questions, Mrs. Konrad hadn't asked one single question and then, suddenly, as though we wondered if she was all alone in a class by herself, ventured to ask, "Are you writing the history of some other old women in town, besides mine?"

The answer was this. "Yes, but yours comes first as you are the oldest woman who has resided for the longest continuous period in Lacona."

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### Lacona Girl Wins Arithmetic Honors 1941

The importance of soil conservation was again brought to the attention of the people of Iowa by Governor Wilson when he issued a proclamation setting June 2 to 7 as Conservation week.

On receipt of the governor's proclamation, each eighth grade pupil of the rural schools in Warren County was mailed a copy of it, together with a list of 10 arithmetic problems.

#### Contributes Problems

The problems which were contributed by L. J. Nickle, county agent, included two on contouring and

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terracing, several on soil building by using commercial fertilizers, rotation of crops, tree planting and gully control.

Although several of next year's eighth graders made a good showing on the arithmetic side of solving these problems, only one pupil received a perfect score. Mildred Turner of Lacona, enrolled in Primerose school, received the first place honors.

### Rate High

Others who rated high were: Edna Morris and Eddie Kennedy of New Virginia, Thorn school; Gordon Haltermann of Ackworth, Ginder school; Marilyn M. Runyan of Milo, Concord school; Rose Clark of Carlisle, Island school; Robert Schirner of Indianola, Whitman school; Marvin Smith of Milo, Motor school; Margaret Wade of Norwalk, Greenfield Grove school and Donald Crow of Prole, Dover school.

Honorable mention was given to the following: Betty Kading of Pleasant View Belmont school, Leonard Walters of Craven school, Leland Moffett of Ginder school, Juanita Hammer of Locust Grove school and Norma Cleveland of Belmont Center school.

R. C. Norris,  
County Superintendent

## Items of general interest

from *The Leader*, September 4, 1873

Miss Alice Barker went to Winterset, last Thursday evening, where she will be engaged in teaching during the coming year. Miss Barker has the best of recommendations, being not only a graduate of Simpson College, but also the valedictorian of her class.

## Marriage Licenses

Issued during the month of August, by T. W. Irion,  
Clerk of Warren County:

John Bare and Elizabeth McCormick  
Wm P. Johnson and Mary F. Brown  
Marion Baldwin and Anna Mote  
L. H. Jones and V. A. Nichol  
Perry A. Smith and Mary J. Neal  
U. F. Williams and Margaret M. Beam  
W. U. McCampbell and Lucy E. Chumbly  
A. Dalbert Bryan and Nancy L. Thomas  
Eleven Woodford and Almeda Wagoner  
C. K. Kennedy and Louella M. Green

## List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Indianola, Iowa, for the week ending September 4th, 1873:

Hallenbach, J. T.  
Nickolson, Wm  
Roberts, J. H.  
Smith, Samuel  
Merril, G. J.  
Snyder, Geo  
Smith, Laura Miss  
Welch, Wm  
Words, Prissler Miss

HELD FOR POSTAGE

Mrs. D. Allen, Des Moines, Iowa

Persons calling for the above letters will please say  
"advertised." Office open Sunday from 12 to 1 p.m.  
J. N. Andrew, P.M.

## School Teachers

The following is a list of the names of the teachers in our Public Schools:

Prof. C. C. Chamberlain, Principal  
W. F. Powell, assistant in High School  
R. L. Philips, Grammar School  
Ella Reynolds, 1st Intermediate  
Mrs. Weede, 2nd Intermediate  
Miss S. Goodman, 1st Primary  
Miss Lacy, 2nd Primary

## Real Estate Transfers

For the week ending August 30, 1873. Reported by Henderson Bros., Real Estate Agents and Examiners of Titles, Indianola, Iowa:

Walter B. Beebe to D. J. M. Wood, eh swq 16, 74, 23, 80 acres—\$850  
James M. Powel to H. C. Trotter, eh neq 7, 75, 22, 80 acres—\$1200  
E. D. Pugh to Mahala Pugh, pt swq seq 25, 75, 24,—love, affection, and \$5  
Jesse Marsh to Stephen Marsh, nwq nwq neq 9, 77, 23, 10 acres—\$100  
Wm Silvers to Samuel Spring, swq swq 6, 77, 24, 40 acres—\$1600  
Llewellyn Worthley to Harvey M. Reed, swq neq 28, 75, 23, 40 acres—\$240

W. H. Berry, J. H. Bland, and F. O. Ellison, who have been reading law in this city, were admitted to the Bar at the August Term of Court.

## Preserving Paper Items

*The following is information brought to us by our fair judge, Jay DeYoung. Jay received this information from Dollie Be Dillon of Oskaloosa, Iowa, who demonstrated this method of preserving paper items at the New Sharon Area Historical Society, on September 7, 1995.*

Paper goods, particularly newsprint, deteriorates rapidly due to high acid content. Prior to the Civil War newsprint was produced primarily from rags, and contained very little acid. We find newspapers from that period in excellent condition. After the war they began to use wood pulp for newsprint production. Acids were used to break down the cellulose in the pulp, and alum was added as part of the process. As a result newspapers printed since that time become brittle and turn yellow with age.

Here is an easy process to neutralize acidic newsprint using two commonly available products: club soda and milk of magnesia.

Use the following method:

1. Mix two tablespoons of milk of magnesia (unflavored) with one liter of club soda. If tablets are used, one will do. Let the mixture stand overnight before using.
2. Test the stability of the ink on the item to be dipped by rubbing a Q-tip moistened in the solution on a small printed area. Check the print and the end of the Q-tip to make certain no ink dissolved. Commercial de-acidifiers in liquid and spray forms are available for items that should not be dipped.
3. Clean dirty items with a dry cleaning pad (eraser bag), working from the center to the outer edges.
4. Place the item in a shallow tray of solution, making certain that it is completely submerged. Allow it to soak for three hours. Two hours may be sufficient for mildly acidic papers. A special pen that indicates acidity is available for testing.
5. Very carefully remove the item from the solution and drain it. Place it between two paper towels and blot to absorb the excess moisture. Do not rub the item as it will stretch and become distorted.
6. Place the item on a towel or other fabric and allow it to air dry.

A large item, such as a complete newspaper, may be dipped into the solution folded. It should be left in only long enough to absorb the liquid, as otherwise the pages could become stuck together. It should then be drained

and laid aside. It should be re-dipped periodically so as to ensure that it remains moist throughout the full three hours.

This solution can be reused until it turns yellow.

Paper can be best preserved if it is kept in a stable environment, with temperatures around 65 degrees and the humidity below 70 percent. It should be protected from light, and should not be folded. Staples and paper clips will physically damage paper and will probably rust and stain the item. They should not be used.

Paper items should be mounted on high rag content bond paper. Wheat or rice pastes with insecticides added are available and are considered the archival correct glue for mounting. Old style black paper albums will ruin paper goods, as will "magnetic" page albums, and should never be used. Protective sleeves are excellent if made of Mylar or poly-propylene. Sleeves made of acetates and PVCs (poly vinyl chloride) are very damaging and are unacceptable. Laminating forces hot glues and plastic into paper and destroys it, so it is unacceptable. The encapsulation method, where the item is sealed inside a clear Mylar or propylene envelope is best.

Paper items should not be repaired with adhesive tape of any kind, even the so-called safe Scotch tape. The adhesives are destructive over the long run. Special archival repair tapes and papers are available.

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Throughout the afternoon of judging Jay reminded us of many of the above items. He also gave us some other suggestions.

He suggested

- enlarging pictures on a photocopier to get a closer look at clothing, facial features, etc.
- using aluminum foil between a picture and the backing to prevent fumes from seeping through the backing to damage the photograph.
- checking LOC.GOV on the Internet. This is the Library of Congress Internet site.
- photocopying photographs and other documents onto acid-free paper
- indexing scrapbooks

Jay is always full of good ideas. Merely coming for the afternoon of judging is enjoyable and educational. AND, winning a few blue or red ribbons adds frosting to the cake.

**The following are some examples of items exhibited at the 1998 Warren County Fair:**

Category: True Story of the Past

**A Young Girl's Views on the Second World War**

by Virginia Nelson  
received a blue ribbon

I was just short of my eighth birthday on that terrible Sunday, December 7, 1941, when Japan attacked and devastated Pearl Harbor. A date President Roosevelt said "would live in infamy." Looking back on that part of my life, I can see that my parents and even the whole country (news, etc.) was careful not to present the whole picture of the war.

I was still attending our country school, near my home and remember buying 10 cent war stamps to stick in a folder. I completed and cashed in that folder for a war bond, which cost \$18.75 on April 12, 1945 - another important date, as that was the day President Roosevelt died.

Without a doubt the most depressing thing that happened to me was getting on our consolidated school bus one day in Oct. or Nov. of 1944 and hearing from our bus driver that John McKinney had been killed during the attack on the Leyte Islands. John's father, Ray McKinney and my father, James McLandsborough were first cousins. The McKinney family lived in our neighborhood and I remember John coming to our house before he went off to war. John went off to basic training and never returned to his home not even for a furlough. To this day, I get very sad to think such a young man was cut down in the prime of his life. I know there were many other young men and women from Mahaska County and the whole country that were killed and wounded during the war, but this hit the closest to home.

We all talk about the shortages we had to endure—such as sugar, gas, tires, candy bars, certain food items and many other things. I remember we finally found a recipe that made very good chocolate cup cakes, using corn syrup. If you made a sheet cake, it would fall apart. I was born and reared on a farm in Adams Township in Mahaska County, Iowa—so we didn't have some of the shortages of city residences. We had chickens, pigs, cows and gardens to supply many of our needs.

My oldest brother, Thomas McLandsborough graduated from high school in 1945 and immediately was 1A in the draft. As fate would have it—he had a serious case

of pneumonia and my mother had to have the Red Cross get a short deferment for him, or I do believe the armed services would have taken him sick or not. Later, to my mother's disbelief he joined the Marines. Thomas always said that he was on the verge of being sent to the Pacific War Zone, when the war ended. So for every life taken by the atomic bomb, who knows how many, and who of our service men and women were saved. Many of that generation of men and women have proved themselves to be valuable contributors to mankind, in various ways.

Category: Miscellaneous Item

**Old Postcards** exhibited by Willa Jean Grissom  
received a blue ribbon

As I considered items to bring to the fair, I thought of the lovely postcards my husband's family had divided among the six children. They are great reminders of a gentler time when relatives kept in touch and for special days. Several are addressed to my father-in-law as to "little Davy" (the youngest in his family), some to his mother and father and one to my mother-in-law. Also sorted through some I had and found lots in my parents things and several are of family members. They had a lot in an old trunk that was burned in a garage fire. However, some were with family pictures. Also found four of the building of the Panama Canal, several showing the crows bidding the young men goodbye for World War I and another of an oil field job, old houses, babies, young people and others. I've gone through records to show names and dates if possible and the relationship to me.

A few are from our daughter-in-law's grandmother.

We think they are all most interesting and give a glimpse back in the past.

Category: Genealogical Scrapbook

exhibited by JoAnn Harvey  
received a blue ribbon

This scrapbook is of my husband Dean's family, relatives and ancestors. The index pretty much tells it all to what information is in the book. I have added some notes to explain some of the things and more or less complete some of the information.

This book has information on when his ancestors came to Des Moines, Ia. Family information written by family, census records, maps showing where ancestors lived and it has graduations, weddings, deaths, memorials, cemetery, graves, tombstones, and lots of misc information.

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