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## The Elusive Ancestor

by Merrell Kenworthy  
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I went searching for an ancestor;  
I cannot find him still,  
He moved around from place to place,  
and did not leave a will.

He married where a courthouse burned,  
He mended all his fences,  
He avoided any man who came,  
To take the U.S. census.

He always kept his luggage packed,  
This man who had no fame,  
And every 20 years or more,  
This rascal changed his name.

His parents came from Europe,  
They should be upon some list,  
Of passengers to the U.S.,  
But somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this whole world,  
Is searching for this man,  
So, I play geneasolitiare,  
To find him if I can.

I'm told he's buried in a plot,  
With tombstone he was blessed,  
But the weather took some engraving,  
And vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks,  
Decided to keep records,  
No family Bible has emerged,  
In spite of all my efforts.

To top it off, this ancestor,  
Who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain,  
Betrothed a girl named Jones.

## Calendar:

- June 22-28 Fair Entries  
July 12-13 IGS Meeting - Tony Burroughs, speaker  
July 27 Warren County Fair  
9:00 - 12:00 Noon - Bring fair entries  
1:00 p.m. Judging  
Aug 1 9:00 - 11:00 Pick up fair entries  
Sept 10 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 16 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: Donna Donald/Sharon Johnson  
"Grandma's Pie Dish"  
Roll Call: Name an item that you have that  
belonged to a grandparent  
Oct 3-5 IGS Annual Conference

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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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## Marieta's rambling comments:

Surely some of you were wondering if you had paid your 2002 dues for WCGS; others knew you had, but probably wondered if they were paid in vain! Finally—a newsletter! Actually—a DOUBLE issue!

Brief explanation—(hopefully you will forgive my tardiness). My husband and I are in the middle of a huge, do-it-yourself remodeling/addition project with our house! We began right after Thanksgiving and had hoped to be done by the end of August, but it now looks like it will continue into the fall. Our son David is a carpenter, son Randall has done a variety of woodworking, and son Scott is a willing learner and gopher! All have spent many hours helping us. I have been doing all of the painting, refinishing and finishing—ceiling, walls, kitchen cabinets, woodwork and hardwood floors. We are definitely more than half done, but it is beginning to move very slowly. Dave is currently learning to be a bricklayer and his work looks pretty good. I am currently working on a floor. The entire project has been a mess and a lot of work. The good news is that when we are finished I will have a genealogy room, as well as several other things I've wanted. Therefore, some of our other interests have taken back seats—including the newsletter.

We have managed to squeeze in a little genealogy. I've given a couple programs to groups and I've been in contact with a couple distant family members who have some helpful clues. In addition, we combined a couple graduation trips to nearby states with doing some quick research. Dave is getting more interested in the genealogy meetings and likes to go when I give programs so he can critique me—letting me know if the program was too long or needs a little spicing up.

Please take particular notice in the newsletter regarding the IGS opportunities. The Tony Burroughs visit in July is guaranteed to be good! He is a fabulous speaker and everyone will learn a lot. Then, the IGS Annual Conference in October is featuring Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, a well-known and credentialed genealogist. In addition, there are a couple IGS volunteer needs. If you can help, please contact me.

County Fair entries are due the week of June 22-28. Remember, at that time you only register your good intentions. If your good intentions don't all work out, it is no problem. It is better to think big! Hopefully, however, we will see most of your projects on Judging Day, July 27!

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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## Mini-Genealogy Classes at the Warren County Fair

Again this year we will be offering Mini-Genealogy Classes at the Fair. Each class will be taught by Marieta Grissom. Each class will last approximately 1 hour and there will be no fee, no pre-registration. It will be a "stop by and learn" opportunity.

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| Sun, July 28  | 1:00 p.m. Basics<br>3:00 p.m. Where to go from here<br>6:30 p.m. Time Lines     |
| Mon, July 29  | 1:00 p.m. Census Records<br>3:00 p.m. Time Lines<br>6:30 p.m. Basics            |
| Tues, July 30 | 1:00 p.m. Basics<br>3:00 p.m. Where to go from here<br>6:30 p.m. Census Records |
| Wed, July 31  | 1:00 p.m. Time Lines<br>3:00 p.m. Basics<br>6:30 p.m. Where to go from here     |

This will be a good opportunity to brush up on your research skills and to ask those "What do I do about this" questions.

### Officers 2002:

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## Bits and pieces about ... The Warren County Poor Farm

*Please note: The spellings are the way they appeared in the newspaper. You will see the same name spelled differently each time it appears. All of the following articles, except the final one, were taken from photocopies found in a notebook entitled "County Farm" at the Warren County Historical Library. Some of the articles are only dated by year and the name of the newspaper is not always given.*

### Second Visit to the Poor Farm

1879, *The Indianola Tribune*, Indianola, IA

*(Unfortunately, the previous article that is referred to is no longer available.)*

Several months ago, many of our readers will remember, a sketch of a visit to the poor farm appeared in these columns. Some changes have occurred since, our stay at the farm this time was more prolonged, and some readers have been added to The Tribune's list since our former sketch, so that another imperfect notice of the institution and its workings may not be altogether uninteresting. We will first go over a few details, after which we will endeavor to make our article as different from the former one as will help to make it readable to even those who may have the other freshly in mind. There are in the farm three hundred and forty acres of fine land, this lying about seven miles southwest of Indianola. On this there is an orchard of five hundred and fifty apple trees; also near or quite forty grape vines and about twenty cherry trees, besides some other small fruit. The whole farm is well fenced and under cultivation. The county house itself is an imposing structure. It was so glowingly described in our former article that we shall not attempt the duty again, but will simply say that it is fearfully and wonderfully made, and that one would hardly discern for what it ever was made without the assistance of the county records which say it was intended for a poor house. There are three small buildings, one of them an addition to another erected during the past summer, these buildings being largely necessitated by the inconveniently constructed original structure. Aside from these there is a large barn and other out buildings and some very neatly laid out grounds.

### Familiar Faces Missing.

No new inmates have been lately taken to the poor farm, though two or three familiar faces are now missing. Prominent among these is that of Sam Johns. After nearly eighteen years that he was supported by the county, Sam Johns was taken away by a brother a few weeks since, The Tribune making mention of the fact at the time. Another missing countenance is that of Mr. Alexander, the father of "Sweet Potato Alexander," of this city, who was taken away by another son the same day that Mr. Johns bade farewell to his longtime pauper home. It may occur to some that the name

of "Sweet Potato Alexander" occurs rather frequently in this connection. We desire that it should be so. The meanest man in Warren county needs to be "kept before the people," A man who will first take from his poor and decrepit old father the sum of thirteen hundred dollars and then throw that father upon the official charity of his fellow taxpayers, when he is abundantly able to take care of him, ought to be advertised and in the same connection the brother and nephew of Sweet Potato whose more generous hearts prompted them take the poor old man out deserve praise. Still another missing face is that of Mr. Jesse Davis, who in August was laid away in the pauper grave yard—or what was left of him after a night's session of Indianola doctors at the poor house. The other two characters missing are the notorious Dora Knotts, who ran away Sept., 27<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Christy who took similar leave a couple of weeks or so ago.

### The Present Occupants

These are Grandmother White, Mrs. Lewis, Becky Henshaw, Ann Rogers, Melissa Flinn and boy, Mary Fisher, "Mary" and "Cloda" (silly); Bing Cason, (foolish); Mary Ann Bishop and Mary Lewis (crazy). It will be seen that there are only two male inmates, one of these Cason, the part hog man and the other the Flinn boy, a child about three years old.

### A Romance of the Poor Farm

About a year or so ago, one of our Indianola druggists was crossing the country to Des Moines in a buggy. On his way he overtook an old man, whom he asked to ride and whom he left in Des Moines. In August last, when Jesse Davis ... physicians ... accompanied them. Seeing the corpse on the table he recognized it as that of the old man whom he had assisted several months previously to Des Moines.

But a circumstance more touching, perhaps, occurred at the same time. The druggist had heard of Grandmother White and meeting her at the poor farm he asked her if she recognized him. She did not. He then asked her if she remembered a marriage that was performed in a store in an Illinois town about twelve years ago. She said she did and the circumstances became fresh to her mind. Her husband was a minister who had given up preaching and the store was his. The druggist and wife were the couple whom he married and Mrs. White was there as a witness. The minister who performed the ceremony is now dead. His wife is an inmate of the Warren county poor house. The couple married are living in Indianola, the husband being proprietor of one of our drug stores. Time brings about strange results, gay and sad.

### The Poor Farm Management

We incline to the opinion that the Warren county poor farm is exceptionally well managed. Institutions of the kind are

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seldom expected to pay expenses, let alone making money. Our poor farm comes out ahead each year, or has since it has been under the present management. Last year, 1878, the cost of hired help was \$420.40. With the aid of this much extra labor crops as follows were raised: Thirty-three acres of wheat, yielding 390 bushels; sixteen acres of oats, yielding 600 bushels; eighty-seven acres of corn yielding 2,900 bushels and thirty tons of hay from the meadow land, extra.

The cost of help the present year, 1879, is \$391.50 or 29.90 less than last year. The crops raised on the farm this year are as follows: Thirty-eight acres of wheat yielding, 387 bushels; twenty-three acres of oats, yielding 762 bushels; seventy acres of corn yielding 2,800 bushels and 45 tons of hay.

The yield of wheat last year was larger proportionately than this year; that of oats is larger this year, as is also that of corn and hay. The extra prices of these articles this year count largely over last. The average yield of corn has been increasing for three years, it being 30 ½ in '77; 33 ½ in '78; and 40 in '79.

The sales of stock last year amounted to \$1,067.12; the sales so far this year, to \$1,185.97. There is about \$40 worth yet to be sold, which will make an excess of about \$150 over last year.

Besides the products mentioned, the farm has supplied the house with all the eggs, butter, chickens, vegetables, fruit, etc., necessary, besides selling a little. The expense for extra help includes the hauling of wood and coal—in fact all incidental expenses of that character.

In the way of stock, there is now upon the farm 58 head of cattle, 69 hogs, 4 work horses and 1 colt. There are also about 300 chickens and twenty turkeys. During the year the losses by death of stock have been as follows: 1 colt, \$40, mare, \$60, cattle, \$42; and hobs \$15—a total of \$162.

Besides the stock, corn and grain raised, the farm this year produced 175 bushels of potatoes and 5 bushels of beans—hand picked.

**Feeding the Paupers**

The following is a list of the parties who boarded at the poor farm during the three months ending October first, and the number of meals furnished to each:

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Sam Johns         | 225 |
| James Alexander   | 225 |
| Dora Knotts       | 249 |
| Anderson Brafford | 135 |
| Jesse Davis       | 120 |
| Mrs. White        | 270 |
| Mrs. Lewis        | 270 |
| Becky Henshaw     | 270 |

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Ann Rogers            | 270   |
| Milissa Flyn and boy  | 540   |
| Sarah Christy and boy | 540   |
| Mary Fisher           | 270   |
| Mary and Cinda        | 540   |
| Bing Cason            | 270   |
| Mary Ann Bishop       | 270   |
| Mary Lewis            | 270   |
| Total                 | 4,731 |

These meals at five cents each, which is about the cost, amounted to \$235.70. At the rate for this quarter the number of means for the whole year would be 18,936.

**Improvements Needed**

Needed improvements were made at the poor farm during the past year by the placing of buildings in their proper locations, adding a little to the room and in other ways. Another greatly needed improvement is a cistern. With such hard water, as we have in this country, a man is scarcely justified in building a one story house without having in connection with it a first-class cistern. Certainly for a house where washing has to be done for so great a number of occupants, and where this is so much scrubbing and cleaning to do, so inexpensive an improvement as that of a cistern ought to be provided.

**Paupers at Random**

Frequently, and often just, complaint is made by tax payers because of allowances made for taking care of paupers in different parts of the county. Some of them are allowed only a dollar a week, while some are allowed as great an amount as two dollars or more. Besides the regular appropriations there are often allowances for the buying of wood and coal, or for medical purposes, or something of that kind. There are cases in which it is better to make allowances of this kind than that the parties should be taken to the poor farm. Where only temporary aid is needed, where the putting of one person upon the poor farm might be the means of bringing others there, and where any similar circumstances have an influence it may be best to make allowances to the parties at their home, but we think that as a rule, money would be saved the county, and the parties would be just as well taken care of, if taken to the county house. The buildings have been erected and fitted up with good rooms, which are well cared for. The corn, wheat, potatoes and beans fed, are here raised up on the county's own grounds. Good fires are provided, and the fuel devoted to the warming of a few occupants may as well be applied to the warming of others. One physician can attend to all the needs of all the sick and the bill for attending the sick at the poor farm for a single year, if properly watched, need scarcely exceed what it now frequently costs for doc-

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toring one or two individuals in various parts of the county. And to sum it all up, the expense here for each person is nominal as compared with the cost of keeping a single person anywhere by himself. Therefore, whenever it is expedient, persons needing assistance from the county had better be taken to the poor farm, and township trustees ought to be very careful in this matter, for it is upon the township trustees usually that the blame for these miscellaneous appropriations should rest, and not upon the board of supervisors.

### Reflections

A night and a half day at the poor house affords one a sight of many things that are interesting. There are things grave and things gay; things laughable and things that almost bring tears. One can here see the sad side of life. A personal study of each pauper that enters or leaves during a few years' time, would doubtless reveal many strange phases of human life. The whys and the wherefores would be worth studying. Why did this one come here, and why did that one? The one, possibly, from pure shiftlessness, the other perhaps because in old age he or she had become a burden upon a selfish offspring whose success in life was brought about by the days of hard labor and nights of worrying anxiety of the one who now is a charge upon the county. In the round of Iowa poor houses there are doubtless many histories that will forever remain unwritten, many sermons that will never be preached outside the poor house walls—possibly now and then a song that is never sung except in the heart of a patient and weary one whose days are numbered and who is anxiously waiting to be called Home.

### The Poor House as a Home

Rev. Robert Collyer, in one of his home talks, tells of a boy who as born in one of the poor houses in the old country. Leaving it after a time, he became successful and honored man. One would scarcely think that to one like him, the old song, "Home sweet home," would come with much delight, and yet once a year, Mr. Collyer tells us, the grown up went back to the lonely home of his babyhood. Its associations were not repulsive to him, but of a tender character, for he first saw the light here and here he had been nourished and cared for from infancy until he had become a lad. Home, even if it is but a poor farm home, always has a significance.

### Probe Is Made by Grand Jury of Poor Farm

1933, newspaper unknown

Immediate Change in Management Is Recommended. Also Suggested 40 to 80 Acres Be Sold

A situation which has prevailed at the county poor farm came to the head this week when the Warren county grand jury made its report and recommended that there be an immediate change in management and that certain improvements be made for the comfort and convenience of the occupants. After listening to the report Judge E. W. Dingwell concurred in the findings and ordered that certain specific recommendations be carried out.

The report stated that it was realized the improvements would cost money and that they be made by taxes. However, it was recommended that 40 to 80 acres of the 360 acre farm to sold at a fair price and that the money be used to comply with the improvements suggested. The report stated there would still be land enough left.

### Indictments later

Criminal indictments found by the grand jury were not announced by Sheriff Frank Houghtaling and will be given out today.

The report on the poor farm stated that the farm of 360 acres was not self-supporting and that for the past several years the expenses had been from \$2,000 to \$5,000 more than the income. The members of the grand jury felt that if it were properly managed it should show a profit or at least break even.

"There are only 120 to 125 acres under cultivation," says the report. "The rest is idle or in pasture which is not needed for the amount of stock on the farm. There should also be a larger garden."

### As to Milk Cows

There are 18 good milk cows on the farm, but the calves run with them so that there is not enough milk, cream and butter for the inmates. The jury recommended that the calves not run with the cows. The report says there are less than 100 chickens and the occupants get little or no chicken meat and not enough eggs. There should be 200 to 300 chickens on the place, the jury said.

A healthy diet for old people should consist of plenty of milk, cream, butter, eggs and chickens. "We believe they

*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 gleaming this information from articles, scrapbooks, books, etc in the WCHS 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.*

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are not getting a proper diet," said the report.

It is recommended that the butchering be done on the farm, that bread, cookies and other pastry be cooked for the occupants, and that the county board purchase a refrigerator to preserve fresh foods. A cinder pile close to the house should be removed, the wells covered to prevent surface water from flowing in, and that the outside toilets be made more sanitary.

### Furniture Broken

The grand jury in its visit to the farm examined the dormitories where the women occupants sleep and found the furniture broken and dilapidated, the beds dirty and in bad condition and not fit to be occupied, nor was the dormitory properly ventilated. The plaster was broken off the bathroom, said the report. The men's dormitory was in about the same condition the jury found.

Expenses have run from \$300 to \$500 per month and nothing has been sold but about \$30.65 worth of cream in June. Two loads of wheat were sold but no report has yet been made of it, according to the document. Other cows have been pastured on the farm, but there is no report of rent received.

### Clean and Paint

The walls should be cleaned and painted to provide light and a pleasant place for the occupants to live in. The water supply in the bathrooms was not satisfactory and the occupants themselves were not in a clean and suitable condition, reads the report. With a little care and help this situation could be remedied.

The report recommends a parlor or sitting room at the south end of the dormitory to provide a cheerful place to rest and read, screens on doors, and the windows repaired. Occupants for some reason fail to read the county papers, which are furnished by the editors of county papers.

### Want New Manager

"We further recommend that there be an immediate change in the management and that a competent and energetic man be employed to look after it and the occupants," says the report. "We recommend that the board of supervisors make a written contract with him and require him to furnish bond to guarantee that the terms of the contract be carried out."

The report also spoke of the orchard and that it needed trimming to preserve the trees and the fruit from them be canned.

The report was signed by S. R. Shreves, foreman, R. A. Fee, E. M. Patton, D. M. Barr, W. Beem, J. F. Hall and Pete Miller.

## Canning Plant at Co. Farm is Burned Thursday

1935, newspaper unknown

Was Built by Board of Supervisors to Can Stuff for Emergency Relief and for Inmates

Fire broke out in the incompleated canning plant at the county farm about 7:30 o'clock last Thursday evening and practically destroyed the building.

The loss to the building is estimated at between \$500 and \$700 and there were minor losses to equipment of perhaps \$100. A set of carpenter tools was also destroyed.

Carpenters still had a few hours of work to do to complete the building although canning operations had been in progress for several days.

### Five Acres of Corn

The board of supervisors conceived the idea of erecting a building there to can fruits and vegetables and later the plan included clients on emergency relief.

Five acres of corn had been planted and workers had been engaged in canning this a few days prior to the fire and on the day of the fire. A hundred and ten cans of corn were processed and sealed Thursday. The intention to can the total acreage will be carried out.

Canning operations were resumed Friday afternoon. The fire failed to reach the furnace and the floor was damaged but little.

### Remodeled Building

The plan was a remodeled building and its construction was thought justified in order to provide food for relief clients and for the inmates at the county farm this winter. The plan would effect a considerable savings.

The apple orchard produced a good crop and there is a quarter of an acre of tomatoes. Meats will also be canned.

It is thought the fire started from a heated vat. The plant will be rebuilt, probably as a WPA project.

## County Farm Comfortable; Patients Well Cared For

1937, *The Tribune*, Indianola, IA

Record and Tribune Reporter Visits Farm, Uninvited, Following Criticism by Dr. E. E. Shaw

Friday morning about 8:30 a Record and Tribune reporter arrived at the county farm. He had sent no notice ahead nor had the steward and matron, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reynolds, received their Friday Record containing the criticisms of the farm given by Dr. E. E. Shaw in his talk at the city forum

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Wednesday evening. Dr. Shaw stated that his criticism was not leveled at the present management of the farm, as he had not been there since Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds took charge.

But in view of the statements made, the public and particularly the friends or relatives of residents or prospective residents of the county farm may like to know something of the conditions.

### Commend County Farm

As a result of the visit and the inspection, the Record and Tribune have commendation, rather than criticism, for the way the farm is kept by the steward and matron. As a home for indigent, sick and aged, the plant is out of date, although it has been much improved, in the past two or three years, partly with WPA help.

As to the conditions of the farm under former stewards, the Tribune report is not competent to testify. A few years ago he asked a former neighbor who spent his last days there. The man said he was well cared for and had no complaint.

### Residents May Be Comfortable

A county farm by its very nature, cannot be an outstandingly attractive place. While it gets patients who are in poverty through no fault of their own and who, by all right and justice, should have a comfortable and cheery place to live, at the same time it gets a good share of the trifling, ignorant, disagreeable and dirty, with whom it is a constant fight for the steward to keep clean surroundings. As Abe Martin said about "seein' a man eatin' his breakfast down town, don't say nothing till you know both sides."

In spite of its drawbacks, there ... furnished room can be. The hall leading back to the sleeping rooms was clean.

The three men living in the building each have a room. Each man is supposed to care for his own room. They don't look like rooms in the Fort Des Moines hotel. They are plainly furnished, each with single iron bed, chair, commode and such personal belongings as the occupant may have. The rooms are small, about 8x12 feet.

### Dormitory Rooms Out-of-Date

More modern homes have larger rooms with several beds in a room. It is easier to clean under the beds, and there are fewer corners to accumulate dirt.

The beds appeared comfortable and the bedding as clean as ordinary use would leave it. Mrs. Reynolds said afterward that the home needs more blankets in place of the old cotton filled comforters. Such blankets as they have are washed every week, but the old comforters cannot be, for reasons understood by every housewife.

Were the rooms clean? Yes; not as clean as a meticulous housekeeper would keep them, but as clean as a single man would do it and more so than most of them would. One man had his room all made up. He cleans it every morning the first thing. He had not swept yet, but his bed was made and the room was neat.

### A Bath the First Ceremony

Everything is plain. It has to be so that it can be cleaned to keep down vermin, which requires a constant battle, as the newcomers frequently bring it with them. The first thing that is done with a newcomer is to give him a bath. Sometimes this requires a battle, the steward said; but one of the regular residents stands right by the steward and together they see that an incoming patient gets a bath if they have to scrub him themselves. There are bathtub, toilet and lavatory in the building.

### Well Furnished Kitchen

The kitchen has a sink with draining boards, cupboards, coal range, hot and cold running water. The floor is covered with linoleum. The dishes had been washed and put away and the room and surroundings were clean, as clean as anybody's. Sunlight can come in on only one side. The kitchen might be better if it received more direct daylight, but it was well enough lighted a make a good photograph of it, which is printed herewith.

The dining room for the residents contains two tables, one for the men and one for the women. The room was clean, the tables covered with oilcloth.

### Comfortable Living Room

Only one sleeping room was in use. It was overcrowded with the occupant's personal belongings. Of course, it did not look as neat as if it had contained less luggage; but if this old lady wants her personal effects around her in her old age, that is her business.

A comfortable living room is maintained in the front of the building; but it was not heated, as the one resident preferred to sit about the kitchen and dining room where the work was going on.

The heating plant is in the basement of this building, which is of brick, the only brick building on the farm. The steward's private residence connects with the woman's building; so that the women are not left unprotected.

The kitchen in the steward's home has been improved with commodious cupboards, sink, but no hot running water as yet.

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### What is the Matter?

The general appearance of the place is neat. It is "picked up." The grass in the front yard is just about all gone, possibly due to drought. The ground is covered with dead weeds, which have been kept mowed to make them look as well as possible. A good many lawns are in the same condition. The paint on houses and barns is bright and fresh. The reporter did not visit the fields to know how the farming is done. There is a good crop this year.

Then, what is the matter with the county farm?

In the first place, the rooms are more like stalls than rooms. They are harder to clean than wards with more beds. It is hard to force heat into the men's dormitory.

The location is bad. It costs \$7 every time a doctor is needed, and doctors are frequently needed. It is a long way to haul coal and other supplies. The place is isolated so that the residents do not even have the entertainment of seeing people go by. It is at the dead end of a road a half mile from any main highway.

Farming is one business. Taking care of the indigent and afflicted is another. The two don't mix. The county collects no taxes off the land, and at that cannot make the farm pay.

The patients at the farm could be more economically cared for on some smaller tract nearer to a town and would have better care and more cheerful surroundings. By WPA help, even though it was slow and inefficient, a considerable improvement has been made in the present plant; but it hardly seems good business to put any more money into it.

### County Board Leases 68-yr. Old Poor Farm to Albia Man

1937

Plan Is to Board Out Three Patients in Future and Two Will Receive Old Age Pensions

A plan, which the board of supervisors has been considering for two or three years, was put into effect last week when the 360-acre county poor farm was leased to P. J. Cozad of Albia. Possession will be given March 1.

All personal property including livestock and machinery will be sold at auction at a big sale to be held at the farm next Saturday, Dec. 4. Value of the property to be sold is estimated at between \$8,000 and \$10,000 by members of the board, Luther P. Williams, Fred C. Stiffler and Ora Shoemaker. ...

Pension Law Reason for Lease

"Our decision was reached when it became apparent that the old age pension law would take care of future patients in a very large measure and we regarded it as good business to lease the farm and board out the patients," the board explained. ...

### Farm Losing Money

The county farm has been losing money for years. Last year the loss was around \$3,000. ...

The present county farm has been owned by the county for 68 years. It was purchased by a board of supervisors on April 3, 1869, from proceeds from the sale of another county farm which was bought in 1858, deed to which was not made until 1869.

### First Farm 120 Acres

The first farm, located northeast of Indianola, was purchased from James Nichols of Jackson, MO. It contained 120 acres and was bought as an investment for \$1,940. It was sold for \$5,000, which was immediately re-invested in the present county farm. The original 320 acres cost the county \$10 per acre.

The records in the office of County Recorder Alice Crawford Woodward and on the county plat books in the office of the County Auditor Abe Traub, show that most of the land in the present county farm was entered from the government by David Demaree in two 160 quarter sections, one on Feb. 8, 1853, and the other on Feb. 17 of the same year.

The 210 acres referred to came into the possession of Frank Childs and T. H. Kendall through purchase from Burton & Carson on March 8, 1869, and in turn sold it to the county on April 3 of the same year.

### Two More Twenties Added

On Feb 7, 1916, the then county board bought an additional 20 acres from A. W. Barker and a second twenty was added on April 4, 1927, through purchase from Thomas H. Simmerman.

Warren county is one of the very few counties in the state which have disposed of their county farm problems through leasing. Wright county recently leased its farm. The average cost of operating county farms is \$10,000 annually. It is estimated \$750,000 is spent on county farms per year. Much of the annual cost of county farms is reduced by the sale of farm products, which have been raised on the farm.

Reynolds to Leave Jan. 1

## Bits and pieces about ... The Warren County Poor Farm, *continued*

Between the years 1854 and 1869 there were many indigent persons depending on the county but they were boarded out. The History of Warren County states that the county has always been fortunate in having first class stewards to care for the county charges.

The present steward is L. E. Reynolds, who has been in charge since a number of improvements were added during the past year or two. Mr. Reynolds has asked to be released on Jan 1. He and Mrs. Reynolds expect to live on a farm, but have not announced their plans.

### **History slips slightly away: County farm sold for minimum price to former residents in silent auction**

Feb 5, 1992, *The Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune*.

A 122-year-old piece of Warren County history quietly slipped into the past over the weekend.

The Warren County Farm was sold Feb. 1 in a silent auction.

"We're ending an era," Supervisors Chairman Ken Hatcher said in an introduction to spectators and bidders at the start of the Saturday morning sale in the district courtroom. "It's one of the few county farms left in the state. This represents a change in philosophy for how one cares for the mentally and physically handicapped."

County officials received the \$261,750 minimum bid they were seeking for the 360-acre farm from a couple who grew up in Warren County but now live in Kansas and plan to move back to farm.

Bart and Cindy Brummer of Lenesa, Kan., sat in the back row of the courtroom and waited 2 ½ hours after the auction started to make their first and only bid on the farm.

### **Inmates at the Warren County Home:**

*(The following is a combination of information taken from a notebook that was handwritten by Edith Conn and information in an official County Home Record book at the Warren County Historical Library.) The list is far from complete. It seems to begin mostly in the 1920s. Another source of names for residents of the county farm would be the census records.)*

Charles ALLEN  
Arrived Aug 1933, left Dec 8, 1936

William ASHFIELD  
Arrived July 10, 1934, age 70 years; left July 15, 1935

Gail ANDERSON  
Left March 6, 1929

Frank ADKINS  
From Carlisle, admitted Nov 3; left Jan

Frances Sarah BISSELLE  
Died Jan 17, 1923 of old age

Riley BARKER  
From Indianola

John BISHOP  
Admitted Feb 22, 1923, Summerset; died Nov 25, 1923, old age 99 years

Amos BINGLEY  
Admitted Nov 12, 1929; taken to Clarinda State Hospital, Jan 2, 1930

Mrs. John BENNETT  
Entered March 3, 1930, from Indianola, left July 20, 1935; returned July 15, 1936, left July 27, 1936

George BUDD  
Admitted Jan 4, 1917, from Indianola, left April 1918

Emily BISHOP  
Admitted 12 Nov 1930, from Summerset, age 78 years

Mrs. Lucinda BROOKS  
Admitted Aug 7, 1917, from Indianola, died March 20, 1923, La grippe and old age

Lindley CRAVEN  
Died Sept 4, 1931

Mrs. Joe CLARK and 3 children  
Admitted Nov 28, 1933, left Dec 27, 1933

John CESSFORD  
Admitted, April 15, 1922, from Indianola

Albert DECKER  
Admitted Feb 1913, from Indianola, died Dec 25, 1919

Rebecca DILLO  
Admitted Jan 28, 1929, left April 30, 1930, admitted Feb 23, 1931, died March 17, 1932

John DECKMAN  
Admitted June 1, 1935, age 66 years, left June 15, 1935, returned Nov 20, 1935, left June 30, 1936, returned July 24, 1936, left July 4, 1937

Bits and pieces about ... The Warren County Poor Farm, *continued*

Eliza DONATHAN

Admitted Sept 1919, from Indianola, died Jan 16, 1923

Rachel DEZELOCK

Admitted Feb 20, 1922, from Spring Hill, died May 1923, stroke

George DOUGLAS

Admitted Feb 8, 1918, from Beech, died Feb 11, 1928

Lucinda ENSLEY

Died Feb 7, 1929, from Indianola

Jerry EPPS

Died Jan 1, 1935, age 73

Herbert EVERARD

Born April 26, 1853, London, England, naturalized citizen of U.S., admitted Jan 17, 1936, left March 28, 1936, received \$18.00 pension Feb 26, 1936, turned \$18.00 to Board

Earl P. FISHER

Has a burial place in the Fischer lot in Old Cemetery at Indianola, requests Overton undertaker; age 69, admitted Dec 30, 1929, from Indianola, rec'd pension Feb 12, 1936 of \$18 a month; turned to the Board

Sid EARL

Admitted May 24, 1930, from Spring Hill, died July 18, 1930

John FAGAN

Admitted Jan 9, 1932, died April 16, 1934

William FURGESON

Admitted Jan 1, 1923, from Lacona

Wiley GRAHAM

Admitted May 7, 1917, from Indianola, taken to Tuberculosis Hospital at Oakdale, IA Aug 1, 1917, died Aug 15, 1917; treated for phlebitis of leg by Dr. NEWSOME

Thomas GILL

Admitted Feb 23, 1933, died March 17, 1933

William GALLODAY

Admitted Oct 22, 1917, from Hartford, died Nov 15, 1923, heart trouble

John HARRIS

Admitted May 1915; died May 24, 1932

Anna Geneva HART

Admitted March 1919, went to her sister's

Frank HILDRETH

Died Dec 20, 1929

Joe HICKS

Admitted Dec 5, 1929, left 9 March 1930, admitted March 1933, left April 1933, admitted July 16, 1934, left March 2, 1936, admitted Dec 24, 1936, left March 17, 1937

Chris HAUG

Admitted Nov 18, 1936, from Milo, left Dec 15, 1936

Melissa JONES

From New Virginia

Robert KEUSTER

Admitted Jan 23, 1935, age 65, died July 21, 1936

Lewis LEGGINS

Died Sept 20, 1937, from Summerset

William LAMPHERE

Admitted Nov 1916, admitted to Clarinda Jan 17, 1929

George B. LEEPER

Admitted Jan 23, 1932, age 69, died Jan 25, 1932

Nettie LANDMESSER

Admitted Nov 18, 1932, age 77

Walter LEWIS

Admitted Aug 15, 1932

Samuel LITLER

Admitted June 9, 1936, age 73, from Milo, relatives: niece Elsie SLODER, Sandyville, religion: Christian Church; burial lot at Belmont Zion, beside brother; died July 10, 1937

Jennie MAXWELL

Admitted Jan 1907, from Palmyra, guardian: W. G. STANLEY

David MARSH

Admitted Sept 1909, from Indianola, taken to Clarinda July 14, 1918

H. C. McCLEARY

Admitted November 1918, from Indianola, transferred from IOOF Home in Mason City, died June 24, 1931

James MULLEN

Admitted Aug 1, 1929, died June 27, 1932

Bits and pieces about ... The Warren County Poor Farm, *continued*

Isom MARSHALL

Admitted Aug 3, 1932, left march 1933, returned Aug 1933, left Nov 1, 1935, returned Jan 6, 1936, left Feb 16, 1936, rec'd pension Feb 12, 1936, \$18.00 a month

Fanny METCALF

Admitted Feb 17, 1933, age 70, born Feb 10, 1866

Josiah H. MURPHY

Admitted June 23, 1917, from Indianola, died Feb 22, 1918, bronchitis, general weakness

Sylvia McCULLEY

Admitted Apr 12, 1928, age 36, to Clarinda State Hospital Feb 19, 1930

J. J. McCOMBLEY

Admitted Feb 7, 1918, from Norwalk, to Oakdale Sanitarium

Mrs. Kitty NUZUM

Admitted Jan 15, 1934, age 70, left April 9, 1934

Dr. J. W. NUZUM

Admitted Feb 6, 1934, age 88, left April 9, 1934, admitted Nov 23, 1936, age 90, left March 12, 1937

James W. PRINCE

Admitted May 1914, from Indianola

John PULLEY

Admitted 1907, from New Virginia, died Nov 1921

Helen PAGE

Admitted March 2, 1932, age 8, left May 1, 1932

Donald PAGE

Admitted March 2, 1932, age 10, left May 1, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. PAGE

Admitted March 2, 1932, left Nov 3, 1932

Marvin RICHMOND

Admitted Nov 14, 1930, age 59 years, died Nov 14, 1931

Florence RICHMOND

Admitted Nov 14, 1930, age 67 years, left Jan 7, 1932, returned April 29, 1932, died May 11, 1932

Clarence E. ROBISON

Admitted July 20, 1936, age 54, born Nov 28, 1882, left July 25, 1936, relative: mother Matilda ROBISON, Cumming, IA R.D. 1

Casper ROBINSON

Admitted Sept 29, 1936, born Feb 8, 1856 at Ogle Co, Illinois, age 80, relatives: Sam CLEARY, Milo, Ev-

rett ROBINSON, Grundy Center, left Nov 8, 1936, returned Nov 8, 1936, committed to Clarinda, Nov 24, 1936.

Barton STEPHENS

Admitted 1914, from Spring Hill, guardian Oren ALEXANDER of Cumming

Clarence STUDLEY

Admitted 1916, from Indianola, left June 2, 1917

Sarah STULTZ

Born Dec 30, 1850, Canton, Ohio, arrived Nov 26, 1929, left Dec 8, 1929, guardian Dr. Ruth VAN CLARK

John STARWALT

Admitted Feb 1930, from Milo, left May 16, 1930, admitted Aug 21, 1930, left June 12, 1931, admitted May 5, 1932, died May 6, 1932

William SUMMONS

Admitted May 22, 1930, from Indianola, left May 29, 1930

Harley SANGER,

Admitted Feb 22, 1932

Buster SMITH

Admitted March 2, 1932, age 20

James STEPPLER

Admitted Dec 17, 1932, age 63, born in Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. George SHAVER

Admitted March 8, 1933, Mrs. SHAVER died March 19, 1935

Henry STAM

Left Oct 18, 1936, killed by car Dec 21, 1936

Joseph TAYLOR

On parole from Clarinda Hospital, returned to Clarinda Hospital

Tampa VAN BRUNT

Admitted Oct 15, 1917, from Indianola, guardian, Mahala HARGIS sister

Ruth VICKROY and 3 children

Admitted Sept 1, 1937, from Milo, left Sept 9, 1937

Edd C. WILLETTS

Admitted June 11, 1915, from Norwalk, left July 1917, to Knoxville Ineborate, returned May 1918

Luther WILLETTS

Admitted May 16, 1930, from Ackworth, died Jan 14, 1936

Bits and pieces about ... The Warren County  
Poor Farm, *continued*

Mrs. Esther WHITLOW

Admitted Nov 22, 1932, daughter Wanda May born  
Jan 4, 1933, left Jan 14, 1933

A. F. WHEELER

Born May 16, 1860, Allamakee Co, Iowa, Nephew  
Mark H. RODERICK, Clear Lake, Iowa, widower,  
wife buried Evergreen Cemetery, Allamakee Co,  
Iowa, died April 26, 1936

Mrs. Francis C. WRIGHT

Admitted Sept 24, 1937, age 74, from Norwalk, left  
Nov 1, 1937, Geo W. WEEDEN & Louis H. WEE-  
DEN, East Greenwich, R. I.

Clarence WHITLOCK

Admitted March 30, 1929, left May 8, 1929

J. M. WHITE

Admitted Dec 23, 1929, from Carlisle, age 80, left  
March 6, 1930

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WCGS Calendar, *cont'd from page 1*

- Oct 8 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 14 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: Marty Hall "Gravestones"  
Roll Call: Something you especially like  
about a gravestone you have seen
- Nov 12 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 18 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: Marieta Grissom "Proof or Poof"  
Roll call: Name an ancestor you would like  
to have known personally
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HINTS

If you have trouble with BLEED-THROUGH when  
copying or scanning documents, put a piece of dark  
paper behind the original. *Fairfield Trace, Vol. 18,*  
*No 2, via Jasper County Gleaner, May 2002*

When photocopying OLD YELLOW NEWSPAPER  
CLIPPINGS, select the "photo" option on the copier to  
eliminate the gray background. Your copy will be  
clear and crisp. *Westward into Nebraska, Vol. 21, No.*  
*6, via Jasper County Gleaner, May 2002*

Origin of Memorial Day

*via Union Roots, Union County Gen Society, Creston, IA,*  
*May 2002*

The story of Memorial Day began in the summer of 1865,  
when Henry C. Welles, a prominent druggist of Waterloo,  
New York, mentioned to some of his friends at a social  
gathering that while praising the living veterans of the  
Civil War, it would be well to remember the patriotic dead  
by placing flowers on their graves. Nothing resulted from  
this suggestion until he advanced the idea the following  
spring to General John B. Murray. Murray, a Civil War  
hero and intensely patriotic, supported the idea whole-  
heartedly and marshalled veterans' support. Plans were  
developed for a more complete celebration by a local citi-  
zen's committee headed by Welles and Murray.

On May 5, 1866, the village was decorated with flags at  
half mast, draped with evergreens and mourning black.  
Veterans, civic organizations and residents, led by General  
Murray, marched to the strains of martial music to the  
three village cemeteries. There impressive ceremonies  
were held and soldiers' graves decorated. One year later,  
on May 5, 1867, the ceremonies were repeated. In 1868,  
Waterloo joined with other communities in holding their  
observation on May 30. It has been held annually ever  
since. For many years this was called Decoration Day,  
and communities through out the country celebrated by  
placing flowers on graves, not only those of soldiers but  
relatives and friends, as well.

Waterloo held the first formal, village-wide, annual obser-  
vation of a day dedicated to honoring the war dead. One  
hundred years later, on May 5, 1966, the State of New  
York recognized Waterloo, by a proclamation signed by  
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. This was followed by  
recognition by the Congress of the United States when the  
House of Representatives and the Senate unanimously  
passed the resolution on May 17 and 19. It read in part as  
follows: "Resolved that the Congress of the United States,  
in recognition of the patriotic tradition set in motion one  
hundred years ago in the village of Waterloo, NY, does  
hereby officially recognize Waterloo, NY as the birthplace  
of Memorial Day..."

On May 26, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson, also  
signed a proclamation recognizing Waterloo as the birth-  
place of Memorial Day.

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*When reading a gravestone in a cemetery old,  
And finding a family's story told  
Let me as long as life shall last,  
Live for today, but revere the past.*

## Iowa Genealogical Society NEWS

### Our new IGS Representative

Our new IGS Representative is Terry Nereim. District 8 includes Polk, Warren, Jasper and Marshall Counties. She grew up in Des Moines, but lives now just outside Pleasant Hill. She is married with 2 children of her own and her husband also has 2 children. Two are in college, 1 in high school and 1 still in elementary. She has been interested in genealogy for many years, but did not become an active researcher until about 3 years ago. She hopes to attend one or two WCGS meetings a year.

### Tony Burroughs Coming to Des Moines

The Iowa Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that Tony Burroughs will be presenting a one-day genealogy workshop on July 13 at the Four Point Sheraton, Army Post and Fleur Drive in Des Moines. If you've never had the opportunity to hear Tony speak, you're in for a real treat! As the speaker at the 1999 IGS Annual Conference, Tony's entertaining presentations earned him a standing ovation from the crowd. A reception and book signing event will be held Friday evening and Saturday will be filled with four energizing presentations. Cost for Friday evening is \$5.00; Saturday is \$45.00.

### "Your Elusive Ancestor"

The IGS Annual Conference will be held October 3-5 at the Area Community College in Marshalltown. The main speaker will be Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, a Certified Genealogist specializing in writing narrative family histories. These conferences always offer a lot for everyone! The speakers offer a lot of useful information and food for thought. The vendor area is always the best place to review the latest genealogical resource materials. The workshop sessions offer a variety of topics. Meeting other genealogists encourages research networking. Don't miss out! You'll be glad you attended!

### IGS Needs Help!

Margaret Foster has contacted Marieta Grissom regarding the desperate need for Saturday volunteer help in the IGS Library. They have several Saturdays available. The commitment is for 6 Saturdays a year. Or, with enough volunteers, this could be broken down to even fewer Saturdays. It is suggested that we would need to supply 2 people for the Saturdays that we volunteer for. New IGS rules require that the volunteers be IGS members. Anyone interested, please contact Marieta.

In addition, IGS will again have a booth in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair and needs volun-

teers to work 4 hour shifts. If interested, please contact Marieta.

### Other Area Events:

The Marion County Genealogical Society will be hosting a special meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14. Bev Larson from Elk Horn, Iowa will present "Early Iowa Pioneer Women." Bev is a Humanities of Iowa Speaker and her program should be of interest to many. Would anyone from Warren County like to attend? Contact Marieta Grissom, if interested.

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## Before Iowa Became a State

Was your ancestor in Iowa before it became a state? The area now Iowa has been under a number of jurisdictions.

- Iowa (after being home to Indian tribes) belonged first to France.
- In 1763, it was ceded with other territory to Spain.
- 1 Oct 1800, ceded with other territory from Spain back to France.
- 30 April 1803, ceded with other territory by France to the U.S. (Louisiana Purchase)
- 31 Oct 1803, temporary government for the new territory was authorized by Congress
- 1 Oct 1804, included in the District of Louisiana, and placed under the jurisdiction of the territorial government of Indiana.
- 4 July 1805, Territory of Louisiana, with a separate territorial government.
- 4 June 1812, included in the Territory of Missouri (before this next date, perhaps 1831, first permanent settlers arrived).
- 28 June 1834, included in the Territory of Michigan.
- 4 July 1836, became part of the new Territory of Wisconsin.
- 12 June 1838, became a part of the new organized Territory of Iowa
- 28 December 1846: IOWA BECAME A STATE.

*from "Iowa: The Home of Immigrants, being a Treatise on the Resources of Iowa, and Giving useful Information with Regard to the State, for the Benefit of Immigrants and Others," published by order of the Iowa Board of Immigration, 1870, via Monroe County Genealogical Society, Albia, IA, Jan.-March 2002*

## Warren County Fair Rules and Classes:

Fair Dates: July 27 - August 1, 2002

1. \$1.50 for four entries or less; \$2.00 for more than four entries per exhibitor.
  2. Entries are limited to Warren County residents or members of the Warren County Genealogical Society. due to limited space, exhibitors may register one entry in each of twenty classes.
  3. All entries (except classes 37, 38 and 39) should be accompanied by information to show their genealogical connection to the exhibitor.
  4. Please prepare all photo entries so they are ready to be hung. Small photographs may be placed in zip lock bags and corner punched for hanging. Please protect your photos with plastic if not in a frame with glass.
  5. Exhibits which have won premiums in previous years may not be entered again, except as part of a display class.
  6. Artifact and heirloom displays are limited to items that have genealogical significance. This class is not meant to be an antique display. The exhibitor must know and indicate the connection the item has to his ancestry.
  7. Diligence will be used to insure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement; but, in no case will the Management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
  8. Entries are to be in place no later than noon on July 27, and judging will take place at 1:00 p.m.
  9. Exhibits are to be picked up from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 1. Superintendents will not be responsible for anything left after that time.
  10. Superintendents reserve the right to reclassify exhibits, if necessary.
  11. Senior Division is open to all ages. Junior Division is open to those 16 and younger.
  12. Posters or exhibit material larger than 36" x 36" may be judged, but only displayed as space permits.
- Premiums: 1st = \$3.00; 2nd = \$1.50; 3rd = \$1.00

### Senior Division 58: Photographs

Class No.

- 1 Ancestral Portrait (may include man and wife)
- 2 Family Group Photograph
- 3 Ancestral Home Photograph
- 4 Pictorial Family History or Poster
- 5 Organized Collection of Family Pictures
- 6 Ancestral Church

### Senior Division 59: Books and Legal Documents

- 7 Diary, Ledger or Letter

- 8 Baptismal, Birth or Marriage Certificate
- 9 Land Records
- 10 Military Record
- 11 Will or Probate Record
- 12 School Records
- 13 Organization Records
- 14 Genealogical Scrapbook
- 15 Best Display of Documents
- 16 Miscellaneous Item

### Senior Division 60: Genealogical Research Material

- 17 Pedigree or Family Tree Chart
- 18 Lineage Chart
- 19 Time Line
- 20 Genealogical Record Book
- 21 Genealogical Map
- 22 Family Census Records (three or more years for the same person)
- 23 Best Display of Newspaper Research
- 24 Best Display of Genealogical Research Material
- 25 Miscellaneous Research Item
- 26 True Story of the Past, written by exhibitor (Limit: 500 words)
- 27 Biography or Autobiography (complete or segment) written by exhibitor

### Senior Division 61: Heirlooms and Artifacts

- 28 Book or Bible
- 29 Small Piece of Silver or Jewelry
- 30 Piece of China or Glassware
- 31 Small Household Item or Tool
- 32 Needlework Item
- 33 Personal Item
- 34 Religious Item
- 35 Small Toy
- 36 Miscellaneous Item

### Senior Division 62: Iowa Heritage

- 37 Historical Poster depicting the history of an Iowa town, township, organization, or event
- 38 Historical poster depicting the history of a method of lost art, craft, trade or custom common to Iowa
- 39 Photography depicting life in early Iowa

### Junior Division 63: Ages 16 and Younger

- 40 A Pedigree or Lineage, made by the exhibitor
- 41 A Family Picture
- 42 Family Record Book compiled by the exhibitor
- 43 Genealogical poster
- 44 Map showing where Ancestors lived
- 45 Photographs showing present home and an ancestral home

## 2001 Warren County Fair Exhibits

Category: Best Display of Newspaper  
Research

Blue Dave Miller

*(Ed—I have included here the information Dave included on his "card" accompanying his exhibit, as well as the introductory paragraphs of his document to give an idea of the process that was used to prepare this thorough research item.)*

### Sleuthing for Swards

I was searching for a way to share with my children and other family the story of the lives of my great aunt and uncle in Wyoming in 1888 and succeeding years.

After gaining much information on them from the newspapers in the area where they lived, I had a marvelous picture of their lives. They built the first residence in the town of Guernsey, Wyoming, a hotel that still stands, in spite of early struggles eventually owned a great deal of land, and were leading and enterprising citizens of the area.

I chose this method of summarizing the newspaper articles and items. It did not require me to make copies of all the items, and did not require the family to search for each item in every copy. Reaction from each person I gave it to was enthusiastic.

Tracing the lives of the Seward and related families through newspapers – 1905 to 2000

The following pages are a recreation of the many news items found in Wyoming newspapers between 1905 and 2000 as we searched for the Seward family in Wyoming. These news items help us trace the movements and describe the lives of our ancestors through the years.

They were retyped into this document because, as the kind people of Guernsey and Thermopolis, Wyoming searched for information on their history and ours, they copied many, many items, but they were mostly a single item on an 8 ½ x 11 inch copy. They needed to be put into chronological order so that the threads of the lives of the Seward and related families could be more easily understood. Perhaps we lose some of the drama of the actual newspaper article this way, but make up for it in ease of following their daily and yearly comings and goings.

So many people have helped with the research, we can't begin to name them all. ...

Category: True Story of the Past

No ribbon,  
but interesting story! Jane Godwin

## An Iowa Adventure

A faded article in our family scrapbook, taken from the Adams County Free Press of Corning, Iowa, tells of the disappearance of Prof. E. G. Jones, piano teacher, and Miss Grace Runyon of Corning. The event occurred on July 11, 1913 when Miss Grace was eighteen years of age.

Because of the circumstances of the disappearance, it was feared that Miss Grace might come to some harm. When her family realized she was missing, telephone messages were sent in every direction for the police to apprehend the couple if they were found. Late in the evening it was learned that the two had been seen in Red Oak, and immediately Miss Grace's father, W. W. Runyon, and three friends set out by automobile for that city. On arrival, they found that Prof. Jones and Miss Grace had gone on to Shenandoah. The next morning, the two were found at the home of the professor's sister, Mrs. Darling. Miss Grace returned to Corning with her father and Prof. Jones was arrested on a charge of compelling Miss Grace to accompany him against her wishes.

Miss Grace's story of the events was as follows: Prof. Jones appeared at her home early in the evening and asked her to accompany him on a walk, saying it would be their last opportunity to talk before he left town the next day. Upon arrival at the outskirts of town, he told her that she must marry him or they would die together. He produced a shotgun and Miss Grace was compelled to walk with him to Brooks. There she refused to walk any farther and rented a car, using her personal check. She engaged two youths to drive them first to Villisca, then to Red Oak and Shenandoah. She did not suffer any indignities at the hands of Prof. Jones.

Prof. Jones came to Corning some months previously and secured a number of piano students. He was a very fine musician and was held in high regard by his students and their parents. He had been paying attention to Miss Grace, but their friendship had been broken off. Miss Grace said that he had threatened bodily harm to her and her family if she did not marry him. The abduction was a surprise to all, however.

Miss Grace was my mother's first cousin and they spent many summer vacations together in Corning and Omaha. They kept up a correspondence until their deaths in 1971.

In 1970, a family member sent a copy of the newspaper article to Meredith Willson, pointing out how similar this story is to the theme of Willson's "The Music Man." Mr. Willson replied by letter saying, "Sorry you didn't send me the Corning story years ago. It's a better yarn than the Music Man."

2001 Warren County Fair Exhibits, *cont'd*

Category: Personal Item  
Blue Vicki Felton

My Quilt

My mother's mom had 2 sisters. Betty Day and Thelma Robison were their names. They both did needlework. Aunt Betty and Aunt Thelma worked together and made me this beautiful quilt. It is very special to me as neither Aunt nor my Grandma are still living. My 2 Aunts hand stitched this quilt. Neither Aunt had any children of their own, so they did things for my grandparents' 7 children and 13 grandchildren.

Category: Personal Item  
Red Ann Konrad

This shawl was brought to Lacona, Iowa, in 1871 from Lemberg, Bavaria by my great grandmother Elizabeth Konrad (April 2, 1845 – July 8, 1930). She wore the shawl when she married Alois Wachter, February 21, 1876 at Rosemount, Warren County, Iowa.

Category: Miscellaneous Item  
Red Nancy Michaelson

This colorful wooden beaded bag belonged to my mother, Lorena Helen Forster Michaelson. The photo with her holding the bag is dated 1937 (wonder what color her polka dot dress was?). The tag inside reads "Made in Czechoslovakia." Having a photo of my mother with the bag, plus the beautiful craftsmanship, make the bag a real treasure to me.

Category: Family Group Photograph  
(exhibitor's lost family)  
Blue Dave Miller

This is not an old photograph, but it is a most valuable photograph to me because it is of family that I lived 64 years without knowing I had.

When I was sixteen years old I asked my mother to tell me everything she knew about the family. She proceeded to give me a thorough list, including dates, of most of the people on her side of my family. I still have that original list of people.

What she did not tell me, and I had no inkling of, is that after my great-grandfather disappeared from the scene in 1859, my great-grandmother married again and had five more kids. These children would have been half sisters and brother to my mother's father—my mother's aunts and uncle.

Even stranger, my mother's half sister, whose own mother died at the time of my aunt's birth, was raised by my great-grandmother and her new family. My aunt used to talk about the Barrett's, but I supposed they were friends, and never suspected, while growing up, that they were my own cousins.

Two years ago, I began to trace my grandfather and his sister's roots. I found out enough about them to seek information in Peoria County, IL, and began to suspect that there was more there than I knew. In my great-grandmother's obituary, I found her married name, and later found the name of the man she married in 1860. Two years ago, I was searching the Peoria County, IL Gen-Web pages and came across an inquiry about her second husband. I answered that inquiry and found my long-lost family. We had a first-time reunion a few months later, and my cousin provided me with this picture showing the family I never knew I had. Since I have few relatives left on that side of the family, it meant a great deal to me. My new-found cousin and I have formed a family research partnership that has been very productive, and the first of July 2001 traveled with our spouses to Wyoming where we made new and exciting family discoveries.

Category: Biography/Autobiography  
White Virginia Wheeldon

Catharine Malinda Trobaugh Clary

My great-great-grandmother Catharine Malinda Trobaugh must have been a very strong pioneer woman. She was born March 21, 1824 in Tennessee and died February 26, 1891, probably in Iowa. On May 18, 1844 in Green County, Tennessee, she married John Harmon Clary, Sr., who was born in 1821 in Tennessee and died July, 1865 in Mobile, Alabama. With one small child in 1850 or 1851, they moved with other family members and friends to Clinton County, Indiana. There two children were born. Then in 1854 some of these families moved to Richland County, Wisconsin. There, four more children were born. Some families moved with covered wagon and teams of oxen, but the Clary's had a team of horses. One of John's brothers remained on the family farm in Tennessee.

Clary's were among the early settlers of some communities in Richland County, Wisconsin. They helped plot the town of Westford, set up the government system and held some offices.

John answered the call of the Militia in February 1865 two months before their youngest son was born and died when the baby was three months old without ever seeing him. He contracted smallpox and died in a prison hospital. Someone recently told me that as family tales go, Catharine told John if he went to war don't bother to

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come home.

In 1868, Catharine married Jonathan Leonard. What happened to him is still a mystery. In 1870 or 1871 (depending on which son's obituary one is reading) Catharine packed her wagon again and leaving her eldest son on the family farm in Wisconsin, moved with the younger children and some other family members to southern Warren County, Iowa. She traded a team of horses for 80 acres near the Warren-Clarke County line. The farm was later occupied by the youngest son and his family until the 1950s.

In 1872, Catharine and William Wright went to Bethany, Missouri to be married. What happened to William is another mystery to unravel. Even though Catharine married three times, she was always known as Grandma Clary.

She was buried in Shaver Cemetery in Warren County, Iowa as Catharine Malinda Clary. The tombstone is also inscribed with John's name, but he is not buried there. The location of his grave is unknown.

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Jay DeYoung's 2001 judging comment: After the judging was completed Jay encouraged our exhibitors to do a better job of explaining what they learned genealogically from this exhibit. In other words answer the question: What did I learn about our family history/genealogy from this that I did not know before?

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### Research Helps:

#### Newspapers were Important in the Lives of our Ancestors

*noted in the AntiqueWeek 13 November 2000, page 32B  
written by Ruby Coleman, of Valentine, NE  
via Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society, Fremont,  
NE Spring 2002*

The lives of our ancestors are spelled out in newspapers, some more distinctly and dramatically than others. Newspapers were important in the lives of our ancestors. Just as today, they brought news of the community and area.

The first United States newspaper with a continuous run was *The Boston News-Letter*, which began publication in 1704. Newspapers were started, changed hands, moved on, and, while many have survived the ravages of time, there were many lost or destroyed.

As a general rule, newspapers prior to about 1910-1920 did not post obituaries as we know them today. If the deceased died an unusual or violent death or was a prominent person, there may be an obituary. Sometimes there is a brief mention of the death sans formal obituary.

However, much can be learned from reading old newspapers. They provide information on the times in which our ancestors lived, the businesses they frequented, the weather, the crops and the political and economic conditions. More importantly, we can pick up clues to extend our research by looking for the following items:

- marriages, birth, divorce notices
- social event information
- "gossip" information
- legal notices
- school and church news
- obituaries, followed by thank you notes
- military rosters
- advertisements
- unclaimed letters
- historical stories and "X years ago" columns
- tax lists
- election reports
- deed and mortgage lists
- anniversary celebrations

Unfortunately, newspaper clippings found in home sources, such as trunks and chests of drawers, often have no identifying information as to name of newspaper or date. Always check the backside of the clippings for any clues.

Many libraries have newspaper collections and in some instances the old newspapers have been microfilmed. It is important in your ancestral locations for specific time periods. At the same time, inquire about newspaper indexes that have been published.

Start looking for newspapers on a local level, such as the current newspaper office or the library. Then begin your research at other libraries, such as state libraries or archives or libraries with large genealogical collections. Many newspaper collections have been microfilmed and are available on interlibrary loan. There are over 62 million pages of United States newspapers on microfilm.

The United States Newspaper Program is a cooperative effort between states and the federal government to locate, catalog and preserve newspapers on microfilm. The time period is eighteenth century to the present. To learn more about this worthwhile project and check various states for newspapers status, visit <http://www.neh.gov/preservation/usnp.html>.

As newspapers are cataloged, they are entered into the

## Research Helps: Newspapers, *cont'd*

national database maintained by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). This is accessible at many libraries. Once microfilm of a newspaper is located, the same source will indicate the availability by interlibrary loan.

The Library of Congress Catalogs of Newspaper Holdings on the Internet can be found at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/news-cats.html>. The states of Florida, New York, Virginia and Texas have newspaper program catalogs accessible from the same site.

"Newspaper Abstracts" is a growing area on the Internet that should be checked. It can be found at <http://www.newspaperabstracts.com>. This contains newspaper abstracts and extracts published in United States newspapers prior to 1923. The information is submitted by individuals with an interest in genealogy, history or newspapers.

An interesting newspaper extract at this site is from an 1880 Palo Alto, Iowa, newspaper and pertains to orphan boys sent out by the Children's Aid Society of New York. Details are given, such as names of individuals on the Palo Alto committee, nationality of the orphans and names of the people who took them into their homes. This type of information is often difficult to locate. Time spent in browsing "Newspaper Abstracts" is time well spent.

Don't just look to the past. Current newspapers may contain beneficial information. Look for familiar names, such as in obituaries and legal notices. You may need to place an advertisement regarding a specific family, write a letter to the editor asking for general information or determine if the newspaper has a genealogy column.

There are many newspapers, both weekly and daily, on the Internet. A good site to check is at <http://www.naa.org/hotlinks/index.asp>. For an excellent listing of today's newspapers, addresses and phone numbers, browse the United States Newspaper List (N-NET) at <http://www.n-net.com/>.

Among the old and among the current, genealogists are certain to find some clues and interesting information in newspapers. Even if it is nothing more than a statement about an ancestor renewing his subscription to the newspaper, it provides a link to a place and time period. Jump start your genealogy by doing newspaper research.

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### Watch your Sources!

*by Gert Free, Western Wayne County Gen Soc, Livonia, MI*

When I first began genealogy I was very remiss in citing sources. How I regret that. I still have a few entries that I haven't found where I got the source. New genealogists often overlook this. Recording where a fact was found can be as important as the fact itself.

You may sometime come across conflicting information and if you did not record the source of your original fact, you will not know what to believe! I have come across several different dates for a couple of my ancestors. Most genealogy programs will allow multiple sources and will let you put a check mark on the one you think is the most reliable.

Also, remember that your work will live on. Family members and other researchers who encounter conflicts will want to know what information is reliable and what may be the result of a vague memory or an illegible source.

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### Let's Get Organized

*by Marge Najarian  
Western Wayne Co Gen Soc, Livonia, MI*

Now that you have gathered all of your home sources, what are you going to do with them?

Get 4 large empty boxes and put the surnames of your 2 grandfathers and maiden names of your 2 grandmothers, one on each box. This information is taken from your pedigree chart that you previously filled out.

Now sort out all of the material that you have gathered on each family and put it into their box. Go through each box to see if there is additional information that you might have missed putting on your Family Group Sheet.

If you have additional information on other members of your grandparent's family, but sure to fill out a Family Group Record for each couple.

You can either use a loose-leaf notebook or file folders for this information. The notebook system won't last long as you keep gathering more and more information. Be prepared to eventually transfer this information to file folders.

Put the family surname on a file folder, one for each grandparent. Put a copy of your pedigree chart in each of your 4 grandparent's folders.

Now make a folder for each Family Group Sheet. This includes the siblings of all of your grandparents. As you go back farther and find your great grandparents, you will make more surname files and family group sheets.

Keep each child's material with the parents' folder. When they marry, make a new folder for the new couple. Starting from this point forward all material gathered will stay with the new couple and all previous material will remain in the parents' file.

If you feel that it is necessary to have some of the material prior to their marriage in the couple's folder, make a photocopy of it.

## Research Helps: *cont'd*

### History as an Aid in Iowa Genealogical Research

by Dave Rave, Dec 1988  
from Poweshiek County Gen Soc,  
Montezuma, IA, Jan – March 2002

Iowa was previously owned at different times by Spain and France. France last took possession of it from Spain in 1800. It was later purchased in 1803 from Napoleon by President Jefferson as a part of The Louisiana Purchase, which is when it officially became a part of the United States.

Although Iowa had been owned by France and Spain, they never occupied it. It was actually in the possession of a number of Indian tribes, who were eventually driven off the land. Some of the early Indian tribes to have settled in Iowa were the Ioways (from whom the state got its name), the Dakotas or Sioux, the Foxes (Mesquakies) and the Souks. Today there still is the Mesquakie Indian settlement in Tama County. All other tribes moved elsewhere or were driven out.

While under Spanish ownership there were at least three early white settlements in Iowa. The first was by Julien Dubuque, who received permission from the Fox Indians to mine lead. He and his Canadian assistants with the help of the Indians worked the lead mines until his death in 1810.

The second known settlement was by Basil Girard in 1795. He settled within the limits of the present Clayton County where he cut timber.

The third white settlement was in 1799 by Louis Honore Tesson who operated a trading post at the head of the rapids of the Des Moines River.

Iowa was a part of the Missouri Territory from 1812 until 1821 when Missouri became a state. For 13 years it was an "orphan" until it was attached to the Michigan Territory in 1834. In 1836 it became a part of the Wisconsin Territory.

Iowa became a Territory in its own right on 4 July 1838 with Burlington (formerly known as Flint Hills) as its first capital.

A dispute erupted between Iowa and Missouri in 1839 over the boundary line between the two of them. Both militias were called up, but no shots were ever fired as the dispute was eventually settled by the U. S. Supreme Court in 1848 with Iowa as the winner. It is often referred to as "The Honey War" because the Missourians cut down some hollow trees in which the bees stored their honey, and these were what the Iowans relied upon for their sweetener. What is important about this event is that in searching the 1840

census, you might find your ancestor on the Missouri census rather than the Iowa census, even though they never moved.

In 1849 the capital was moved to Iowa City and in 1846, Iowa became the 19<sup>th</sup> state of the Union.

There were only 44 counties in 1846. This number escalated to 101, but in 1851 was reduced to the present 99 counties. Risley and Yell became Webster County, and Bancroft was combined with Kossuth County.

In 1846, 15,000 Mormons drove across the southern part of Iowa Territory, where they established 14 "Camps of Israel" in Iowa on their trek west. Not all of them followed Brigham Young. Some remained behind and became a part of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Iowa town of Lamoni.

The first of the large number and amount of immigrant groups to settle came from Holland. Dominie Henry Peter Scholte brought 800 Dutch settlers to Pella about 1849. Another Dutch settlement was established in Sioux County by Henry Hospers.

There were early efforts by the ethnic groups to experiment with communal living. The first were the Inspiralists who came from Germany and settled in Buffalo, New York before moving to Iowa in 1854 and establishing the Amana Colonies. For more information on the Amish, read E. and D. Schwieder's book, *A Peculiar People*.

Another group to experiment with communal living was a group of Hungarian exiles who settled in Decatur County in 1850. This project met with failure by 1875.

Icaria was the third communal enterprise in Iowa. In 1860 236 Icarians of French origin settled in Adams County near Corning. It was disbanded by 1881.

As settlements moved westward, it became necessary to move the capital from Iowa City to Des Moines in 1855, where it is today.

The largest number of immigrants came from Germany. The first German settlement was Guttenberg in Clayton County. There were 127,000 Germans in Iowa by 1890 and in 1920 half of the Iowa farmers were of German descent. The Scandinavians would be next. The Norwegians settled in the Decorah area, and the largest number of Swedes settled in Montgomery and Page Counties. The largest group of Danes was in Audubon County with smaller settlements in the northwest part of the state.

Other significant settlements include the British who settled in northwest Iowa, and the Czech or Bohemians who settled in Johnson, Linn and Winneshiek Counties.

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**Death Record Abstractions from  
The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa  
1896**

*January 9, 1896, page 4, col 3*

WEDLEY, little girl of Anthony WEDLEY, died Saturday night of whooping cough and was buried Tuesday in the cemetery at Goode's Chapel.

*January 9, 1896, page 5, col 1-3*

HALL, Carrie was buried in the cemetery north of town recently.

CARTER, infant child of Loran CARTER of Conger, died January 4.

*January 9, 1896, page 5, col 4*

McDANIEL, Harriette died at her home in Conger, January 5, wife of Henry McDANIEL, of dropsy, after a lingering illness. She was in her 50<sup>th</sup> year. The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. Church at Wick on Monday, by Rev. S. W. LEA.

*January 16, 1896, page 4, col 4*

CARTER, infant. Loran CARTER and wife buried their infant babe January 4.

*January 16, 1896, page 4, col 4*

TURNER, Jephtha. J. W. BRYAN, received word last Friday that his brother-in-law, Jephtha TURNER, died at his home in Denver on New Year's night, after only a few hours' sickness of typhoid pneumonia. For many years Mr. TURNER was a prominent citizen of Indianola. He came here among the first settlers in 1854. He was a contractor and builder and many houses yet standing are of his building. Later he was a hardware merchant. After some financial reverses he left Indianola in 1882 to start life anew in the far west, when fortune again favored him. He was 73 years of age when he died.

*January 16, 1896, page 5, col 3*

RICHEY, Samuel. S. L. HOWARD came in from Des Moines Tuesday with the body of Samuel RICHEY in charge and remained until after the funeral.

*January 16, 1896, page 5, col 4*

RICHEY, Samuel was for many years the most generally known man in Warren County. For

a score of years he had officiated as undertaker all over the county. Some years ago he left Indianola and soon became the victim of severe mental and bodily infirmities. He was sent to Mt. Pleasant and died there last Sabbath of cancer. The body was brought here Tuesday for burial. After being prepared it was removed to the home of Mrs. MARSH, a former neighbor. Funeral services were held yesterday p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

*January 30, 1896, page 4, col 3*

ROBERTS, Mr. and Mrs. Charles ROBERTS were called to mourn the loss of their 7-month-old daughter last Monday night. Burial in Indianola.

*January 30, 1896, page 5, col 4*

RICHEY, Samuel, who was buried last week, was a charter member of College Camp 605 M. W. A.

MARSH, Lewis, a one-armed soldier, died at his home in the northeast part of town, last Friday of blood poisoning.

*February 6, 1896, page 1, col 1*

McMANUS. Executors Notice: Mary McNAMUS and Francis McMANUS appointed to administer estate of Edward McMANUS.

*February 6, 1896, page 4, col 3*

EGBERT, James, a very much respected old gentleman who died at the home of his daughter in Crawford County, this state, was brought here last Thursday and buried in the Norwalk Cemetery. Service conducted at M. E. Church by Rev. THOMPSON.

*February 6, 1896, page 4, col 4*

McCARTY, W. P. (See newspaper for complete obit.) For more than forty years a resident of Indianola, died at his home in Pottawattamie County January 24 where he had moved last November. Had been in the insurance business. He was born Sept 29, 1821 in Franklin Co. Indiana. When he was 9 years old, he moved to Porter Co. Indiana. When about 20 years of age he went to Lake County, where he was married in 1847 to Miss Sarah TAYLOR, who lived only six years after their marriage. To this

union were born three children, none living. On April 27, 1854, he married to Miss Maria BRYANT of Pleasant Grove, Indiana, who survives him. They had eight children, seven still living. He moved to Indianola, Iowa in June 1855 and lived here until November 1895. He joined the M. E. Church when he was 25 years of age.

*February 6, 1896, page 5, col 5*

HIGBEE, Mrs. Rebecca, 81 years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Madison SNYDER last Sunday and was laid to rest Monday.

PRUTZMAN, Mr. who was reported last week as being very low with dropsy, died Thursday morning and was buried Friday. Services were held at M. E. Church by Rev. THOMPSON.

*February 20, 1896, page 4, col 5*

EADS, Mr. Clark of Clarke County, died of consumption at the home of his father-in-law, John M. HAWORTH, Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> and was buried Monday at Ackworth.

*February 20, 1896, page 5, col 2*

McKINNY, John. Grandma McKINNY of Barney, attended the funeral of her little grandson, John. Rawsel L. McKINNY and wife buried their 8-month-old boy at Wick last Friday.

*February 27, 1896, page 5, col 3*

HALL, the body of Mrs. HALL was brought in from Kansas Wednesday morning for interment. Eli JOHNSON was in town to attend the funeral of his wife's mother, Mrs. HALL.

HAYES, Ed. Ex-Congressman died yesterday about noon at his home in Knoxville.

*February 27, 1896, page 5, col 4*

HUTT, Thomas. Last Thursday night, Thomas, son of Meredith HUTT, of White Oak township, was out with his nephew, a boy in his teens, trying to drive off some troublesome dogs. One got fast in the fence and the boy attempted to shoot it with a .22 caliber rifle he was carrying. By some accident the gun was prematurely discharged. The ball entered Thomas HUTT's bowels, wounding so severely that he died Saturday morning. Deceased was a promising young man, unmarried and about 27 years old.

SHARKEY, daughter. A most distressing fatality occurred yesterday morning at the home of Edward SILCOTT on South Third Street. Mr. SILCOTT and his daughter, Mrs. Flora SHARKEY, had started to drive over to St. Charles, leaving Mrs. SHARKEY's little 3-year-old daughter in the care of her grandmother. The little girl ran out of doors. In a moment the grandmother followed to look after her only to find her head downward in the swill barrel, dead.

*March 5, 1896, page 5, col 4*

LEGGET, Jesse, a resident of Jefferson township since 1862, died February 27, 1896, aged 91 years, 5 months, 29 days. The funeral conducted by S. W. LEE was from the home of his son, John L. LEGGET of Lothrop. Besides his son, 2 daughters survive him, his wife having died in 1877.

*March 5, 1896, page 5, col 5*

McPHERSON, Mrs. Voli, died, Thursday morning February 27, 1896 at 2 o'clock, after an extended illness. The funeral was held at the Baptist Church south of town on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. Rev. S. W. LEE of Wick conducted the services. The deceased was aged about 67 years and had been a resident of Madison County for more than 25 years.

BAIRD, J. W. died at his home in St. Charles, Sabbath morning March 1, 1896, aged 72 years, one month and seven days. He was a prominent citizen of this city. He had been a ruling elder in the St. Charles United Presbyterian Church for more than 35 years and a man loved by all. His children were all present except Mrs. BLACKWOOD. Rev. J. BOYD of Carlisle preached the funeral sermon, the pastor, Rev. COCHRAN being absent.

*March 12, 1896, page 4, col 5*

MILLER, Mrs. Eli, who has been sick for several weeks, passed away Thursday morning. The funeral was held at the Christian Church Sunday at 11:00, conducted by Rev. MATLOCK of Des Moines. She has been a member of the Christian Church for 45 years. She leaves an aged companion and four grown children.

SPOHN, child, a little child of Mr. and Mrs. SPOHN in the west edge of town, died Sabbath of measles.

*March 12, 1896, page 5, col 4*

AMLONG, Mary, died Sabbath morning March 8 at the family home on West Third Ave. She was wife of John W. AMLONG, age 68 years, 7 months and 8 days. She and Mr. AMLONG were married in Warren County, Pennsylvania in March 1849. For 47 years they had journeyed life's pathway together. They moved to Indianola in 1879.

*March 19, 1896, page 4, col 5*

BUTTON, our Editor, E. R. BUTTON, was called to western Iowa to attend the funeral of his father-in-law one day last week.

CAMINE, Elsie, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CAMINE, who has been sick so long with dropsy, died Thursday night. The funeral was held at the M. E. Church Sunday, conducted by A. A. THOMPSON.

*March 19, 1896, page 5, col 2*

BERGER, Victor. O. K. BUTLER received notice of the death of Rev. BERGER's son, Victor of Oxford, Ohio on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

*March 19, 1896, page 5, col 3*

MURPHY, Mrs. Rees died very suddenly, Monday morning at the family home.

*March 26, 1896, page 5, col 4*

GIRL, little, name unknown in Spring Hill items. Rev. FARLEY went to Wick Monday to preach a funeral sermon for a little girl.

MAINE, Minnie. One of Mr. and Mrs. John MAINE's twin girls was buried in the cemetery of this place (Wick). Little Minnie aged 3 years, 5 months, 2 days. Rev. FARLEY conducted the services.

*March 26, 1896, page 5, col 5 & 6*

PEARSON, O. E. murder and death of photographer (see newspaper for long article).

*March 26, 1896, page 6, col 2*

SMITH, Mrs. W. died at her home in south Indianola Wednesday, March 11 after a protracted illness of a complication of diseases. Age about 52 years. Cause of death determined to be cancer. The funeral services were held at the family home Thursday p.m. conducted by Rev. HARRIS. Her only daughter, Mrs. Eliza SHORT of Des Moines was with her.

*March 26, 1896, page 6, col 4-5*

WILLIAMS, Lucy Ann, wife of R. R. WILLIAMS of Liberty township died of consumption on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

CONKLIN, Mrs. Ephriam, mother of Mrs. Richard WOOD, died March 19 at the home of her son Nelson CONKLIN, near Sandyville. It was 18 months to the day after the death of her husband.

*April 2, 1896, page 4, col 1*

JORDAN, Mrs. Jane C. died at her home in First Ward, Friday evening after a few days sickness of congestion of the brain. She was born in Ohio, lived some years in Kansas where her husband, William JORDAN, died some 15 years ago. The family moved to this county in 1865 shortly after his return from the War, and have lived here most of the time since that date. She was about 71 years old. The funeral services were held at the U. P. Church Sabbath p.m.

*April 9, 1896, page 4, col 5*

WADE, Joseph, a middle aged and respected citizen of Palmyra, died last Thursday with lung fever. His remains were laid in the Palmyra Cemetery.

*April 16, 1896, page 5, col 3*

APPLEGATE, Robert. Mrs. L. J. APPLEGATE was called to Winterset last Friday by the death of her nephew.

*April 16, 1896, page 5, col 5*

HEWITT, Jesse, son of Mr. and Mrs. William HEWITT, died quite suddenly Saturday night. He was 17 years of age.

*April 23, 1896, page 4, col 5*

COE, Lee. Mrs. COE received a telegram from Kansas City last week, announcing the death of her son, Lee, at that place by diphtheria. (Norwalk)

*May 14, 1896, page 4, col 4*

FLESHER, Mrs. Caroline died at her late home in Palmyra last Thursday night. Cause heart attack. Painful sufferer for more than a year. Deceased was born in Fayette County, Ohio, 78 years ago. With her husband she came to Palmyra 48 years ago. Her husband passed away 3 years ago. She leaves 10 grown

children, 25 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

FLESHER. Sal FLESHER and family were called to Palmyra on Friday by his mother's death. The funeral was Saturday.

KOFFMAN, Flora died May 5 after several months' suffering from consumption and was buried at Hammondsburg May 7.

*May 14, 1896, page 5, col 1*

FLANAGAN, M. J. E. Mrs. Will S. MYERS received word her sister of Pleasantville had committed suicide.

*May 14, 1896, page 6, col 5*

FALLIS, John, son of J. M. FALLIS died last Saturday of consumption, aged 22. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock Sabbath p.m. by Rev. MILLER.

*May 21, 1896, page 4, col 5*

DITTMER, Joseph. After about three years of suffering Joseph DITTMER died May 11 and was buried May 13.

*May 21, 1896, page 5, col 4*

STEADMAN, Cora. Word has been received here of the death of Cora STEADMAN on Friday, May 8, at Broadwill, Ohio of spinal fever. She lived with John CHESHIRE for several years.

*May 21, 1896, page 5, col 5*

DeBUSK, Rosa, daughter of John DeBUSK, died at the family home, Monday 18 of May of consumption, age 21 years and 8 months. The funeral services were held at the family home yesterday, after which the body was taken to the cemetery of North River Church in Greenfield, township for burial by the grave of her mother.

TICE, Madison, Mrs. Frank McADOO and children of near Indianola have been at Pella because of illness and death of Mrs. McADOO's father.

*June 11, 1896, page 1, col 1*

DITTMER. Administrator's notice of Joseph DITTMER deceased.

*June 11, 1896, page 4, col 5*

FARLEY, Dr. S. died at his home in Palmyra last Friday morning at 3 o'clock from heart disease. Born in Virginia. Boyhood spent in

Indiana. He came to Iowa and settled in Palmyra in 1848 where (with the exception of three years spent in Mahaska Co) he has resided to the time of his death. His early life was spent in farming and blacksmithing, but the last 25 years of his life was spent in the practice of medicine in which he was fairly successful. He was noted for his promptness. It mattered not how cold or dark the night, he would always go when called on. He helped to organize the M. E. Church in Palmyra in 1852. He was 68 years old, had lived here 48 years doing what he could to make Iowa one of the first states in the Union. He was not without weakness, but who among us is faultless. He was a kind husband, a loving father and a good neighbor. He leaves a wife, and four married children. Rev. WILLIAMS conducted the funeral services and he was laid to rest Saturday.

*June 25, 1896, page 5, col 5*

REEVES, Preston, at one time a resident of the county, was drowned in Flat Head Lake, Montana, last week, where he had moved about one year ago. Mr. REEVES is a son-in-law of Mr. R. J. HICKS living southwest of Pleasantville.

*July 2, 1896, page 5, col 5*

DODDS, Otto, operated on at the hospital died not survive, died the next day. Funeral services were held at U. P. Church last Tuesday a.m.

HARVEY, Solomon died Tuesday evening after some weeks of severe illness, age over 74. Mr. HARVEY had lived here about 30 years and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

*July 9, 1896, page 4, col 4*

THOMPSON, Mr. Several from here attended the funeral of Mr. THOMPSON of Cumming last Wednesday.

CALHOUN, Lloyd. S. WESTERFIELD attended the funeral of Lloyd CALHOUN at Indianola, Friday.

NEMEYER, father of MRS. NEMEYER. Mr. and Mrs. NEMEYER left last Thursday evening for Toledo in answer to a telegram stating the death of Mrs. NEMEYER's father.

*July 9, 1896, page 5, col 1-2*

PILMER, Robert, an old settler, for many years a resident of Greenfield twp, died Tuesday morning.

DODDS, Grandmother died Thursday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. F. WHITE. She had overtaxed herself in the care of her grandson, Otto DODDS, during his fatal illness, which made her an easy prey to a disease, enlargement of the liver, with which she was affected.

CALHOUN, Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs.

CALHOUN, died on the afternoon of July 1, after a very brief illness of cerebral-spinal meningitis, age 15 years and 11 months. A bright and promising young life nipped in the buoyancy of youth, almost without warning. The funeral services were held at the parental home Friday p.m. July 3, conducted by Rev. HARRIS and MILLER. A number of relatives from abroad were here for the funeral, among them E. H. JONES, wife and family of Des Moines; Mrs. Ida HOWARD, an aunt from Maquon, ILL; Mrs. E. G. WESTERFIELD, grandmother from Chicago; Silas WESTERFIELD, Milo and others.

*July 16, 1896, page 4, col 5*

KELLER, little child of John KELLER's died last Sunday.

BYERS, the old man BYERS known as "Bee Hunter" BYERS while chopping a bee tree on Saturday evening, fell and killed himself.

McNAIR, Mrs. Sam., who has suffered for several weeks, died on Sunday evening and was buried on Tuesday at Goode's Chapel.

HARVEY, Solomon, age 74. (See July 2, 1896)

*July 16, 1896, page 5, col 3*

STRADLEY, Samuel, a widower, aged 53, was found dead this morning near Maple Grove school. (See newspaper for a long article about death in a horse and buggy accident.) He was a member of Co. "H", Fourth Iowa Cavalry. Formerly lived at Fairfield, but came to Des Moines in 1884 and worked several years for the Pitt Carriage Co., then moved to Spring Hill. His wife died fifteen years ago and was buried at Fairfield. He leaves several grown children. Two daughters, Mrs. Charity

ROE and Pearl STRADLEY, live in Spring Hill. Thomas and one other son live in Great Bend, Kansas; Mrs. Maud GRIFFITH lives in Denver and another daughter lives in Pleasantville, Iowa. Besides the brother John, Indianola, there are three Daniel, James and Thomas, all of Chicago. Burial probably Fairfield.

*July 23, 1896, page 5, col 2*

TOMSON, Mrs. Elmer Tomson's mother died Tuesday morning at the hospital at Mt. Pleasant, whither she had been taken some months ago for treatment. The body was brought here yesterday morning for interment. The funeral services will be held at the home of Elmer TOMSON today at 10 o'clock a.m.

*July 23, 1896, page 5, col 4*

WRIGHT. Frank WRIGHT was called to Lucas on Monday by the death of his sister's little child.

*July 23, 1896, page 5, col 5*

McLANE. Old Mr. McLANE of Linn Grove was found dead Monday morning after he had started to the pasture with the cows.

*July 30, 1896, page 5, col 1*

KITTLEMAN, Edd died Friday at the residence of his brother, J. M. KITTLEMAN. The body was taken to Bloomfield for burial.

JOHNSON. Eli JOHNSON's son. Word came to Indianola last Friday from Wichita, Kansas, that the son had just been killed in a railroad accident.

TAYLOR, Mrs. Judge. Friday morning Mrs. T. H. TUCKER received a dispatch from Fontanelle that her mother was dangerously sick. She went on the first train and reached there a few hours before her mother died. The funeral was on Monday. She was well on toward 90 and had been married over 66 years.

*August 6, 1896, page 5, col 1*

BUTLER, a little child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed BUTLER died last Saturday, the result of a number of unfortunate falls.

NEWPORT, Mrs. George, died Saturday morning August 1 after a lingering illness and was buried Sabbath p.m.

*August 6, 1896, page 5, col 2*

ENO, Riley. Monday morning word was received that Riley ENO, formerly of Indianola, died Friday, July 31 at the home of his brother D. A. ENO, at North Ontario, Calif. He had been sick but 10 days.

ADAMSON, Nathan, died at his home in Swan, July 29. He was an old and respected citizen of Swan. Interment today in the Spurgin Cemetery. Funeral services conducted by Rev. HARNED of Pleasantville.

WILSON, Stephen. Word was received here Tuesday that Stephen WILSON had died of flux at his home at DeWitt, Arkansas, Sunday. For many years a resident of Belmont township. He was 46 years of age and leaves a wife and 8 children.

COLTER, Mrs. James was buried last Thursday.

*August 13, 1896, page 5, col 2*

DERROUGH, child. The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DERROUGH died Wednesday night of last week. The little sufferer had lingered at death's door all summer.

SILCOTT, Edd died very suddenly about 2:30 o'clock Tuesday p.m. He was in his usual health and was mowing about his lot in the morning. Later he came up town and was playing croquet back of the Cannigre barracks. He remarked he was getting too hot and quit and went home. He ate dinner as usual and went over to McKEE's to talk to Edd R. While there talking he fell over dead with no symptoms that death was at hand. Probably about 60 years old, an old and worthy respected citizen in Warren County. He is the fourth member of the family to have died of paralysis or apoplexy.

PARK, Carl, aged 13 years was drowned in the Raccoon River at 3:45 yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred at a point in the river but a short distance from the race track west of the city. He was a nephew of W. A. PARK and lived with his grandmother at Indianola and was in Des Moines on a visit with relatives. Two weeks ago Mrs. PARK and Carl came from Indianola to visit the boy's uncle W. A. PARK and his aunts, Mrs. E. G. SEGNER and Mrs. D. M. JOHNSON. The

body was recovered about 9 o'clock Friday morning and brought to Indianola for interment. It was taken directly from the train to the cemetery where the funeral service was held.

FENTON, Mrs. L. P. died at her late residence near Otterbein on the evening of August the 3<sup>rd</sup>. She had been an invalid for many years. Born in LaPorte County, Indiana, January 8, 1846, married to Otis J. FENTON at New Buffalo, Michigan, February 21, 1864. Five years later they came to Iowa and settled in Palmyra where they resided until the 29<sup>th</sup> of June last when they moved into the house where she died. She will be remembered as a kind friend, a faithful wife, a loving mother and above all a consistent Christian. She being a zealous member of the M. E. Church at Palmyra. She was the mother of seven children. A bereaved husband and one son survive her. Last Tuesday her remains were laid to rest in the Palmyra Cemetery. Rev. David CRAIG conducted the funeral services.

*August 13, 1896, page 5, col 5*

COLTER. James COLTER has been living with R. B. McCLELLAND and his family since the death of his wife.

*August 20, 1896, page 5, col 3-4*

HULL, Thomas, 48 years old. He was by birth an Englishman, his early home Houghton, England. He was brought up in the mining business. Coming to this country in 1870, he found employment as an excellent miner. He is survived by his wife and 5 children, Mrs. Matthew ADEY of Fraser, Mrs. Fred CARNES of Ford, and Miss Martha HULL. Two boys Bertie 15 and Homer, age 11. (See newspaper for a long article about his suicide and the inquest that followed.)

*August 27, 1896, page 5, col 1*

JEYS, Mr. and Mrs. JEYS buried their infant babe last Friday. This is their 5<sup>th</sup> child and none are living.

NUNNAMAKER, Samuel, an old resident of this county, died last Saturday. The funeral services were held at the Christian Church Sabbath afternoon.

CUPPS, Will, who has been considered at death's door for months past, died Tuesday afternoon. The remains were taken to Menlo Wednesday for interment.

*August 27, 1896, page 5, col 3*

McCUE, Mrs. Benjamin, struck by a Northwestern train at Jefferson.

*September 3, 1896, page 5, col 1*

BREWER, Mrs. Walter, funeral services at Chariton attended by Wm. BREWER and wife and Erwin HUFFMAN. She died of consumption last Saturday.

KLEPPER, child. A little 17-month-old child of James KLEPPER and wife was brought from Sandyville the parents' home and was interred in the cemetery this place on Sunday.

ZECK, George of Liberty Center, died on Sunday evening from inflammation of the stomach.

*September 3, 1896, page 5, col 5*

TALBOY, Mrs. Anna died at Mason City August 27, aged 82 years. Her remains were brought to Palmyra and interred in the cemetery. She was born in Birmingham, England. At the age of 16 she was married to the Rev. Thomas TALBOY. They came to the United States in 1848 settling in Massachusetts. In 1856 they came to Palmyra. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She leaves grown children and many grandchildren to mourn her loss.

*September 17, 1896, page 4, col 1*

TUCKER, Mrs. who was reported last week as very sick with typhoid fever died Sunday and was buried Monday of last week.

*September 17, 1896, page 4, col 2*

RYDER, Gus death had been in poor health.

*September 17, 1896, page 6, col 6*

BEITZEL, Mrs. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob WHITZEL of Swan, was buried at this place last week.

*September 24, 1896, page 4, col 2*

DARABELL, Ulysses, who has been sick for some time, hung himself in the barn.

*September 24, 1896, page 5, col 2*

VAN TASSELL, Russell, died Sept 20, aged 92. Was born on the Susquahanna River, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1804. His parents Timothy VAN TASSELL natives of New York were farmers. He was first married in 1820 to Miss Almira HART in Pennsylvania.

They had 5 children, the oldest son Russel died in a southern prison in the late war. Another son, John, did valiant service in the war, now living in California. Jane BAULCH lives in Des Moines, Mrs. Eliza Ann NUNNAMAKER, now with us. He had lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and some years in Guernsey County and Meggs County, Ohio. His first wife having died some years before in 1851, he married again. This time a widow with six children, Mrs. Eleanor RICHARDS in Meggs Co. Ohio, with his 5 children to which they added one son, Perry, who died April 28, 1890. Moved to Iowa in 1856. He passed away Sept 20, 1896.

*September 24, 1896, page 5, col 5*

CAMPBELL, Margaret A. was born August 15, 1875 in Fulton Co, Illinois. She came to this country in March 1884 and was married February 25, 1894 to J. M. WALKER of Wick, Iowa and died of consumption September 18, 1896. She united with the M. E. Church in 1891.

SLINKER, G. B. was born Dec. 27, 1815, in Bortitout County, Virginia, and died at his home in Phillips County, Kansas 20 August 1896, aged 80 years, 7 months, and 23 days. His parents removed to Barren County, Kentucky, when he was an infant where he spent his childhood days. At the age of 20 he removed to Menard County, ILL, here he spent 20 years of his life. He was married to Emeline BAXTER in 1841, who died in 1852. He was married to his surviving wife in 1853. Was converted in 1849 and joined the M. E. Church and lived an acceptable member until death. In 1856 he removed form Ill to Warren Co., Iowa where he lived for nearly 30 years, when he removed to Phillips Co., Kansas. He was willing to die. He leaves a wife and 10 children. His funeral discourse was preached by Rev. H. L. RHODES was buried at Bethel Chapel, Phillips Co., Kansas.

*October 8, 1896, page 1, col 5*

HAMBY. Executors notice for Estate of Josiah HAMBY, deceased. Thomas MILLER, Executor.

*October 15, 1896, page 5, col 2 & 5*

TATE, Tom, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. TATE, accident from which he died. The funeral service was held at the house Friday p.m. Tom was born 18 Feb 1883.

TATE, Tom, Resolution of Condolence, Brother Tommie TATE member of the Society of Christian Endeavor of the Church of Christ. Signed by Low K. MOORE, Bertha B. LEGGE, Esta SILCOTT.

*October 22, 1896, page 5, col 2*

BROWN, A. injured while lifting, a rupture developed, surgery revealed a large tumor and the patient died.

MAN, unidentified, fell between railroad cars and was killed. Papers on him bore names of John HURLEE and James THOMPSON.

WELSHONS, child. A small child of Squire WELSHONS was buried at this place Monday evening having died of croup the day previous (Hartford).

*October 22, 1896, page 5, col 5*

BURKHEAD, Mrs. Rev. THOMPSON preached the funeral of Mrs. BURKHEAD of Des Moines, who was brought here for burial last Monday.

*November 5, 1896, page 5, col 1*

LOVE, Wm. R. formerly of this town, died at Eagle Grove of consumption. He leaves a wife and two children.

*November 5, 1896, page 5, col 4*

COTMAN, Mrs. who has been sick for some time with heart trouble, died at her home east of town Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. She leaves three grown children, Alfred and Perry and Mrs. Solomon PERKINS. Rev. THOMPSON preached the funeral service at 2:30 Monday. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband who was killed with a street car two years ago at Des Moines.

LONG, J. B., a Pleasantville stockman kills himself in a Colorado Hotel. Body to be shipped to Monroe, Iowa.

*November 12, 1896, page 4, col 3*

McCANN, children. Two of Mr. McCANN's children died of diphtheria Monday at Wick and were brought here for burial the same day.

*November 12, 1896, page 5, col 2*

McCONNELL, George. Reported that George McCONNELL died one day last week from an overdose of morphine. (However, November 19, page 5, col 2 –seems he did not die from morphine poisoning.)

*November 19, 1896, page 5, col 2*

McELROY, Catherine, wife of John I. Died at the family residence in west Indianola Sabbath morning, November 15. Some three weeks before she had seriously injured her ankle, and this injury seemed to start afresh other diseases with which she had suffered. Still she was not considered seriously ill. She ate her breakfast as usual Sabbath morning. Presently she was seized with a fainting spell and died in a few minutes. The funeral services were held Tuesday p.m. at the Presbyterian church of which she had been a member for nearly 30 years. She was about 62 years of age.

*November 19, 1896, page 4, col 5*

MONTGOMERY, child of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MONTGOMERY on Thursday of scarlet fever.

*December 3, 1896, page 5, col 4*

SHIVERS, daughter six years old of Mrs. SHIVERS, died of diphtheria near Prole last Friday.

*December 10, 1896, page 4, col 5*

ARNOLD, Mrs. John died at her home near Cumming last Monday.

*December 17, 1896, page 5, col 4*

RODGERS, infant child. J. H. RODGERS' infant child died last Monday night and was buried Tuesday at the Hartford Cemetery.

*December 24, 1896, page 5, col 4*

WILLIAMSON, wife. J. E. WILLIAMSON left for his son's at Salt Lake City. His wife died and his sons are grown.

*December 31, 1896, page 6, col 4*

FLACK, Will, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James FLACK, who died last Week was buried Christmas Day. Rev. ERVIN conducted the services at the house and church. Will was about 20 years old and a member of the M. E. Church.





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