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In Memoriam, Louise Pilmer

Louise Pilmer was the best friend Warren County Genealogical Society has ever had. Over the years she donated more time and effort to the goals of the society than anyone else. And, as a charter member (WCGS was organized in April 1973), she understood the importance of the group effort to achieve these goals.

On many, many occasions she opened her home to people manually indexing the Warren County histories, the 1980 cemetery book and the birth book. She could get miraculous mileage out of a single index card by turning it or flipping it to another side for writing another name and page number, and one didn't dare throw out a shoe box that could hold the index cards. Oh, if only these people had been able to use a computer—but, alas, the projects probably would still be on the "to do" lists, if the original indexing group members had waited for technology.

Louise's face was probably so familiar in the Warren County Recorder's office and the Clerk's office that people wondered if she was an employee. She spent countless hours researching, answering queries, recording information for WCGS publications, and offering to help any researcher who had questions while she was there.

She worked with others to lug boxes of books from one event to another—4th of July celebration, county fair, wherever there would be a group of people who might be interested in buying a WCGS publication that was for sale. She went TO the people to promote our society and our books—she didn't wait for the people to come to us.

I remember one time when I was visiting her house, she showed me the WCGS library—how proud she was of the library holdings, though they only filled part of a shelf and part of a file drawer. She knew that the society had to start somewhere and that with persistence one day the library would be much larger.

Louise and Charlotte Rice spent many a Saturday volunteering at the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) library as representatives of the WCGS members. If no other members were available to work, Louise could be counted upon to be there. At this point it has probably been several years since she visited the IGS library—she would be so proud of how much it has grown and improved.

Louise believed genealogy was more than names and

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Calendar:

- Oct 21 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
 Program: Marty Hall - Grave Stones
 Roll Call: Describe something you especially like about a grave stone that 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

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:

Another double issue. Hopefully, this will be the last double issue and we will get back on track with a newsletter every two months.

This newsletter contains a wide assortment of articles. For the cover story I wrote a piece in memory of charter member, **Louise Pilmer**.

The feature article "Animals & Birds" proved to be more interesting than I thought, though I didn't find as much material as I had hoped. I also included an interesting article about "Little Breeches."

The "Research Helps" contains a lot of items gleaned from other newsletters. Hopefully, you'll be able to find something that will help you in your research.

The **Preservation** article on **Gravestone Repair** seemed more practical than the video we watched a couple years ago.

The news from **IGS** is energetic. IGS has a packed schedule with something for everyone. I really encourage everyone to consider an IGS membership and to participate in the activities.

Next year our society celebrates its 30th year and the 20th year of the **County Fair** entries. Check that part of the newsletter for an article about **Thelma Pehrson** and her involvement in the **County Fair** since its beginning.

2003 will be a year to celebrate and grow. We hope to have several **new publications** for sale, as well. One of those publications should be the update for the **cemetery book**. **Virginia Wheeldon** and her husband are working very hard to get it completed. Another publication should be the **newspaper abstractions** that are being included in segments in the newsletter. An **index for the atlas compilation** should be available and, hopefully, the **transcription of the 1895 census**. **Thelma Pehrson** has worked diligently on the index for the atlas and on the 1895 census. Currently, **Peggy Kruse** is typing the index for the atlas. We are looking for someone to type the census--any volunteers?

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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dates—it was family history. So many times we have heard about her pony express ancestor. So many times she put **Palmyra** and **Hartford** on the map! This was her family history and she encouraged others to learn about and claim their own background.

I don't have records at my disposal to indicate what offices **Louise** held with **WCGS**, however, I would imagine she held just about every office. As recently as 6 years ago, when no one would volunteer to serve a year as vice-president—**Louise** stepped in. There was nothing she would not do for **WCGS**, whether hold an office, walk a cemetery, research at the court house. Such an example! Such energy! Such devotion to a cause!

Louise, you may be gone from our sight, but your legacy with **WCGS** will live on for a very long time!

Louise Richards Pilmer, 93, of **Indianola**, died of cancer on **July 13, 2002**. **Mrs. Pilmer** was born **April 19, 1909** near **Swan** and had lived in **Sedona, Ariz, Houston** and **Atlanta** before moving to **Indianola** in 1951. She was a retired teacher with **Hawthorne** and **Emerson** elementary schools in **Indianola**. She is survived by two daughters, **Judy Dietrich** of **Indianola** and **Ginny Parenza** of **Phoenix**; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Harold E.**, in 1951.

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Bits and pieces about ... Animals & Birds in Warren County

The following are several miscellaneous articles about animals and birds (and such) in Warren County.

Buffalo Skull Unearthed on Smith Farm

The Indianola Herald, Indianola, IA, November 26, 1936,
page 1, column 6

Remains of Prehistoric Animal Found When Road is Constructed over South River

The theory that bison never roamed the fields of Iowa was given a severe setback by the discovery of the skull and some other parts of the skeleton of a mature buffalo last spring in this county.

The discovery was made by W. N. Smith and a group of neighbors who were grading down the banks of South river to provide a crossing over the river to the fields on the northwest portion of the Smith farm, located in section four, White Oak township.

Skull Well Preserved

The skull, which is on display in the front window of The Herald office, is well preserved. The horns are heavy and stout and have a spread of 25 inches from tip to tip. The eye sockets are distinctly tubular, one of the distinguishing characteristics of the American bison. Most of the molar teeth are in place and well preserved.

How Long Ago?

One guess on how long ago the herd, of which this animal was a member, wandered along South river is as good as another. From the location of the discovery, no doubt it was hundreds of years ago. The river channel through the Smith farm has been straightened and the skull was found near the old river bed under 25 feet of black loam, which had been washed down by the river.

A Quicksand Pocket

The bones were found in a pocket of fine red sand, which leads to the conclusion that the animal had wandered into a pocket of quicksand, either in or near the river and, being unable to extricate itself, had perished there.

Mining engineers say there is a vein of coal above the level where the bones were found, which would indicate that the buffalo herd was here before the coal had formed. This places the probable time of the buffalo existence back several hundred years.

Will Be Given to State

Mr. Smith has covered the skull with a coat of shellac, as exposure to the air quickly disintegrates the texture of the

bones. It will be taken to the State Historical department at Des Moines for future preservation.

Buffalo Head Found

The Indianola Record, August 4, 1910, page 1, column 3

Hartford--Mr. Pinegar at Ford found an extra large Buffalo head on an Island in the Des Moines river that was petrified, even to the horns were solid rock.

Elk's Horn

The Advocate Tribune, Indianola, IA, July 5, 1900,
page 6, column 3

Uncle Cyrus went down to the river last Sunday morning with a little bit of salt in his bucket to look after the cattle. He could not resist the boyish feeling which came over him; he pulled off his boots and waded into the water. He had no fish hooks with him. When he crossed to the opposite shore he found an elk's horn which had been washed ashore. It was about 3 feet long and had 5 prongs. It seemed old and much decayed.

Double-headed calf

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA, July 7, 1887,
page 5, column 4

The double-headed calf of J. P. Carleton's, which we mentioned a short time since, is now nearly five weeks old, and is thriving finely. The responsibility of taking care of two heads doesn't seem to trouble it any, but it is just as full of calfish ways as any other calf. "Josh" proposes to have its picture taken and then send it out to a wondering world as the only four-legged, double-headed dude in America. It will be a winning card for a show.

Red Bat

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA July 15, 1886,
page 3, column 4

One of the novelties of the week was a red bat, on exhibition at the Novelty Mills. It was captured and caged by one of the boys, and has furnished quite an amount of amusement. It has none of the appearance of the native black bat, and at first sight some have taken it for a manufactured exhibit, but it is the genuine article, and unquestionably of the bat family.

Prairie Chickens Seen Here

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA Feb 8, 1912,
page 3, column 2

After an absence of many years, prairie chickens are returning to Warren county. A flock of twenty-three birds were seen in a corn field east of Indianola last week, and other flocks have been seen flying over. From many points in Iowa come reports that prairie chickens are returning to their former haunts.

Old timers can remember when prairie chickens were almost as common as black birds. In the neighborhood of the Cap. Bryant farm, and on south clear to Virginia township, these birds formerly bred by thousands, and farmers driving to town would scare them out of every clump of grass and corn field. Up to eight or ten years ago a few flocks could be seen near Indianola, but of recent years, they have become a rarity.

A few days ago, a hunter in White Oak township killed three prairie chickens which had alighted on his corn crib. From Polk county comes the report that a flock of 500 had been seen within the past few days.

Finds Baby Eagle at Scotch Ridge

The Indianola, Iowa, Herald, August 2, 1934

Scotch Ridge--At the beginning of the week, while Austin Schooler was looking after his stock that are grazing on his wildwood pasture along the banks of Middle river, he came in contact with a somewhat rare specimen of wild fowl which he managed to capture near the edge of the river's scanty supply of water. Since bringing the bird home, he has learned that it is a member of the famous American Eagle family. Possibly the tip-top youngster of the parental nest, having, perhaps, accidentally been crowded off from its lofty perch before it was able to fly. Although quite young, the wings of this baby eagle measured from tip to tip, 54 inches.

"Old Ike"

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA, June 18, 1885

"Old Ike," Jim Miller's old war horse, will be here and lead the procession, on the Fourth. He was thirty years old last May, and is the oldest of the two or three war horses left in the state. In the army he was known as "Lightning", and spite of years, he retains much of the electric fire. He served three years and three months, and no more forgets it than another other old soldier. Martial music, the noise of firing, or smell of powder sets him prancing. He has lead

every decoration procession in Des Moines since they began; has made his debut on the theatrical stage, and marched with both parties during the political demonstrations last fall. When Miller got him, he was chestnut sorrel, but is now quite gray from age. Doubtless a year or two will remove the last horse that served in the army. They should have plenty of honor and oats while they last.

The Advocate-Tribune, March 27, 1890, page 3, column 5

Jim Miller's famous old war horse, Old Ike, dropped dead Monday. This was a most remarkable horse. He entered the cavalry service of the United States in '61 and served with honor on many a battlefield. He was a horse of great strength, speed, sagacity and powers of endurance. His army life was a hard one, and many a time his speed and endurance were put to the test in emergencies too pressing and important for common horses. But since the war he has had the life of a conquering hero, and he has had the best possible care. He was probably more widely known than any other horse in the State, unless it be Axtell, and was among the last of the horse that served in the war of the rebellion to bite the dust. He was between 35 and 40 years old.

Monsters of the Deep

The Indianola Tribune, Indianola, IA, June 27, 1878,
page 3, column 3

A Richland township gentleman gives us an account of two monstrous "sea serpents" lately secured from the Des Moines river, in that township. They were caught by Stephen James, a gentleman living about one mile north-east of Hartford. While fishing at the river he succeeded, with the assistance of others, in getting the sea-lions, or whatever they are, out of the river, and thence home, where he placed them in a tank with glass side, so that they may be seen by visitors. The aquatic animals seem to be reconciled to their new home and are voracious eaters. Though they almost baffle description, a faint idea of their form and character may be obtained by the following mention: The head is flat and eyes small, but expressive. On either side of their head near the crown is a large protuberance, from which extend three horns. The legs, four in number, resemble the legs of the tiger, having immense claws. In moving through the water the animal uses these legs as a fish uses its fins. This description is imperfect, and by seeing these curiosities one would be paid for a long trip. Mr. James takes pleasure in showing these monsters, the like of which were never known to any who have as yet looked at them.

Eagle

The Tribune, Indianola, IA, January 16, 1879,
page 3, column 5

Palmyra Township--Rolla Wright killed on last Friday a grey eagle, which measured six feet seven inches and a half from tip to tip of its wings.

Bear

The Tribune, Indianola, IA, April 15, 1880,
page 2, column 2

Otter Township--There is a bear running at large in this township.

The Sandyville Bear

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA, April 24, 1890,
page 2, column 1

Sandyville--On Monday morning Steve Gose discovered a large black bear on or near his premises. He gave the alarm and in a short time several hunters gave chase all day. All that they could find or see of the bear was its tracks.

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA, May 1, 1890,
page 2, columns 1-2

Last Friday night John Chapman, Lon Bozzle and James Stone went to hunt the animal that is supposed to be a bear, which inhabits the Gose coal bank. They had not been there long until the hounds routed old bruin. The dogs closed in with the animal and after fighting three rounds, the dogs were completely licked, and the boys scared out; and after seeing the effects of the battle and hearing old bruin's growls, concluded they would feel more comfortable at home and gave up the chase.

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA, May 8, 1890,
page 2, column 1

Sandyville--Last Thursday night a party of hunters from Pleasantville captured the bear that was seen at the old coal mine north of town. The bear proved to be an old, black, blind, short-tailed dog and an old wof with her young.

The Town Cow and Chickens

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, IA, April 16, 1891,
page 3, column 5

Mayor Henderson struck the right chord last Monday night when he notified the Council that he should continue to press the matter of prohibiting cows from running at large at all times, and the chicken nuisance is a good twin to the town cow. Any man would rather have his neighbor come into his barn and get feed for his cow and chickens than to turn them loose to ravage, be foul and destroy.

It is not simply a question of the value of the food they eat, for this is a small part of the nuisance. No fence will turn a town cow after she has become an old residenter. She is an expert as a burgler and terribly destructive. She will destroy many dollars worth of shrubbery in a few minutes and seems to delight in the destruction. Her ravages are ineffaceable.

So with the chicken nuisance. It is impossible to fence against chickens. They will never stay at home if there is a neighboring property in reach for them to ravage. They will swarm in your barn, perch on your buggy and harness, rendering them unfit for use; they will perch on your horses' feed troughs and rob them; they will leave your walks and every approach to your doors worse than a barn yard; they will crowd around your well with the same result; they will destroy more garden than would keep your family, scratch your shrubs and flowers out by the roots and contaminate every bucket, tub or trough of water so that it must be emptied and cleansed, and make life a burden to everybody within reach of their deprivations.

What Alderman Shepherd said of the town cow is equally true of the town chicken. He said he was "in favor of restraining her on moral grounds; it would be a great gain for good morals, for no man can attain a very high degree of morality while bedeviled with these unspeakable pests."

People have curious ideas of right and wrong. If a neighbor would go into their barn and carry off a feed of corn theft indignation would be aroused to a high pitch; at the same time they will not scruple to turn their cows and chickens out to ravage and destroy their neighbor's property, and many of them would be highly offended if the gross imposition is not borne without complaint.

We believe chickens are not and never have been free

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.

commoners, and their deprivations always have been unlawful, but this seems to make no difference; neither does the cow owner ever seem to care how much she destroys only so he escapes the clutches of the law.

The Town Cow

The Advocate-Tribune, April 23, 1891,
page 3, columns 4-5

This heading may look a trifle familiar; so does the town cow; so do her deprivations.

We had something to say on this subject last week; so had the Mayor; so had the Marshal, for he was called on several times to abate the nuisance; so had a great many citizens something to say about it, for last week the town cow was out in full force, lean, lank, filthy and hungry, with all the reserved and accumulated cussedness of a long winter's confinement on short rations in a dirty stable, to back her.

She sallied forth like a destroying demon, reeking with filth that she scraped off on every convenient post, especially the gate posts as she forced open the gates and passed through the yards.

She fairly swarmed on the sidewalks and seemed to have been bent on starting a cub stone savings bank all over town, from the deposits she left on the walks.

All these circumstances combined to enable her to command public attention. Indeed, she commanded much more of attention than of respect. She is proverbially no respecter of persons, so why should persons respect her?

The remarks in the *Advocate-Tribune* of last Thursday may have been the finishing touch, the last straw that broke the camel's back. Anyway before night petitions were in circulation asking the city to restrain her of her liberty and keep her in durance vile, for that was the kind of endurance she had been used to all winter.

The citizens signed these petitions in droves; they climbed barb wire fences to sign them; jumped ditches to sign them; waded through the muddy streets to sign them; some more venturesome and reckless even waded through the deposits on the sidewalks that the cows had put there as a bulwark of their liberties, and with the evident intent of preventing any concerted action except in the line of profanity and gymnastics.

For one day the town cow was the most roundly denounced nuisance within the limits of the city. She was stampeded, fairly on the run.

But under the cover of the night she rallied. Reinforcements had come. Succor was at hand. At morning

dawn a bully fellow was around with a petition that her liberty be not abridged. He must have been a bully fellow for he was the best friend to the pestiferous cow, and he bawled lustily for to succor (the cow). He got a host to help him succor (the cow).

Why shouldn't they help him? Isn't the town cow a necessity? Are there not quite a number of poor people who can't earn an honest living unless they keep a cow to rob their neighbors with? Will not the people become too moral if the town cow is restrained from cultivating their profanity by her deprivations? Are there not a number of beautiful lawns that need destroying? Are there not too much shrubbery and too many fruit trees? What would become of all the garden truck if it were not for the town cow? Are there any poor people in town who are not able to maintain a first class fence or have their garden destroyed? Is not the city already too neat and tidy? Is there not "oceans of grass" going to waste on all our principal streets that should be utilized?

An examination of the Assessor's books shows 482 head of cattle listed inside the corporation last year. Can such an insignificant little bad do any real damage in a city of some 500 families? Can they break down any fences worth mentioning? If they parade over three or four miles of sidewalk apiece each day, that only counts about 40 or 50 each day over every sidewalk in town. Could that annoy anybody?

This reminds us of some instances that prove conclusively that the town cow, far from being an annoyance, is really a source of amusement:

A gentleman had taken his lady love, attired in white, out for an evening's drive. Returning, she lightly rested her hand on his as she stepped from the buggy onto the walk, but she round treacherous footing and sat down--on the walk? Not quite; the town cow had been there.

A company of ladies and gentleman from a neighboring city visited our city for friendship's sake and social pleasure with a probability that some of them would select homes here if the impressions they received should be sufficiently favorable. As they started from the depot toward the center of town, 43 cows by actual count, composed their vanguard, leading and blazing the way, so that a blind man with a bad cold couldn't miss it. Not one of them invested in property here.

A young gentleman was escorting his best girl home from church on Sabbath evening, and expecting to spend a social hour with her. In the dim light he thought he saw something flutter from her face and fall to the walk. He stooped to pick it up with the remark, "Here's your veil."

Bits and pieces about ... Animals & Birds in Warren County, *continued*

It was a optical illusion; the town cow had been there.

Chancellor Vincent when here during the commencement on the invitation of the Chautauqua ladies, remarked that Indianola was a very beautiful town, barring the weeds and Alderney seals.

Similar instances might be multiplied indefinitely. But why amplify? By all means let us have the town cow enjoying her full liberty day and night, for isn't it just too stylish for anything to have a cow pasture illuminated with \$20,000 worth of electric light?

Research Helps and Other Tidbits:

Birth and Death Registration Beginnings:

from Gedcom Journal Newsletter of Computer Genies of NW IA, Dec 2001 via Lucas County, IA, Notes and Shakin' the Family Tree, April 2002

Many times birth and death records did not get registered so it may not always be possible to find your person, but the following dates are when each state began to register births and deaths:

Alaska	1913	Montana	1907
Alabama	1908	Nebraska	1905
Arizona	1909	Nevada	1911
Arkansas	1914	New Hampshire	1850
California	1905	New Jersey	1848
Colorado	1907	New Mexico	1919
Connecticut	1897	New York	1880
Delaware	1881	North Carolina	1913
Florida	1899	North Dakota	1908
Georgia	1919	Ohio	1909
Hawaii	1896	Oklahoma	1908
Idaho	1911	Oregon	1903
Illinois	1916	Pennsylvania	1906
Indiana	B: 1900; D: 1907	Rhode Island	1852
Iowa	1880	South Carolina	1915
Kansas	1911	South Dakota	1905
Kentucky	1911	Tennessee	1914
Louisiana	1914	Texas	1903
Maine	1892	Utah	1905
Maryland	1898	Vermont	1857
Massachusetts	1841	Virginia	1912
Michigan	1867	Washington	1907
Minnesota	1900	West Virginia	1917
Mississippi	1912	Wisconsin	1907
Missouri	1910	Wyoming	1909

Research Helps, *continued*

What's in a name?

from Union County Gen. Soc. Creston, IA, May 2002

The answer is determined by the time frame involved. For ease let's consider the United States in pre-1900, 1900-1935 and post-1935. Before 1900 there was basically no centralized recording of documents at state repositories. Documents were usually recorded only at county/city levels and there was no exchange of information between the entities involved. If you moved from San Francisco to Chicago and started using a new name, who, other than family and friends, would know (or care)?

Starting in the early part of the 20th century, states began centralized recording of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. However, there seems to be no correlation between the documents created for the various events. You could be born with one name, married under another and die using a third name. Adoption of centralized recording didn't really make everyone use the same name, but might tend to create the thought that the names on various documents should agree. If a man born in 1850, married in 1901, his birth certificate probably wasn't available. He may have lied about his name, his parents' names, and his birth location. Regardless of what name he used, he was still married to the girl.

This all changed with the coming of our Social Security system. Here a person was assigned one number and it was to be used only by that person. IF a person moved and changed his name, he would have to apply for a new number. This was no problem in the early years as the system didn't do much checking. You just stated your name and when you were born. Remember that census Soundexes for 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 were primarily for the purpose of proving a person's existence and age when a birth certificate was not available. As time went by, it became harder and harder to do such a thing, particularly if fraud was not involved. Now in the US we are required to supply names and Social Security numbers for all dependents claimed on a tax return and if the information doesn't match what the IRS gets from Social Security, you will be contacted to delete the exemption. This can be as simple as filing a return for a woman who has changed her name by marriage and failed to notify Social Security of the change.

Documentation now is so much more important than it was a hundred years ago and it is more difficult to just move on and start a new life with a new name. Think about trying to get a credit card or a Social Security number in such a situation. A hundred years ago you just moved on, appeared at the new site, said your name was so & so and no one questioned it.

Inspired Now Famous Poem - "Little Breeches"

The Indianola Tribune, February 17, 1925, page 1

Late M. J. Van Scoy of New Virginia
Original of Hay's Hero

With the death of Marcus J. Van Scoy at New Virginia on the 25th of last month there passed not only an esteemed long time resident of Warren county, but as well the original of one of the most famous characters in American literature, John Hay's "Little Breeches." Hay's famous poem of that name was founded upon an incident in the boyhood of Van Scoy.

Mr. Van Scoy was almost a life-long resident of Virginia township, and when he was a very little lad a team ran away with him in the wagon, and he was found later in the night safe and sound in a sheep shed among the sheep. As he was born in 1858, this incident must have taken place about the time of the civil war, while John Hay was private secretary to Abraham Lincoln.

The report of the runaway and the finding of the boy came to the ears of the Reverend E. H. Winans, who was at that time principal of the Indianola Male and Female seminary, which later came to be Simpson college. Mr. Winans told the story when he was in Indianola a dozen or so years ago. He met Hay after the war and related to him the story of the Van Scoy escapade and its fortunate outcome. Some time after that Hay wrote "Little Breeches," taking the story as a foundation for the poem. Mr. Winans had Mr. Hay's word that it was his relating of the Van Scoy story that inspired the verses.

Hay, however, located the incident of his poem in Pike county, Illinois, with the other "Pike County Ballads," the volume in which "Little Breeches," was included. He also gave it the local color, dressing it up with the vernacular of Pike county rather than of Warren county, Iowa.

Hay later became one of the United States' most useful ambassadors to foreign countries, being for a long time con-

nected with the diplomatic service. He was made secretary of state under McKinley, giving to that office perhaps the most distinguished service it ever received from the time of the civil war to the incumbency of Charles E. Hughes. He did a large amount of literary work, both in prose and verse, his greatest work being in the Nicoloy and Hay's life of Lincoln. The poem of "Little Breeches," is printed herewith.

If Mr. Van Scoy, as he grew to the age of responsibility, believed that the angel had saved him, he justified his faith by becoming a Christian and joining the Methodist church when he was 15 years old. He was married in 1879 to Miss Florence Beymer, who survives him. To them were born three sons, Kenneth E. of Lucas, Boyd M. of New Virginia, and John S., who died in infancy. Mr. Van Scoy was a useful citizen and has left on his community a far greater impression than simply to have been the innocent hero of a now famous incident of his childhood.

He was buried in the New Virginia cemetery on the 27th, the funeral service having been held at the Methodist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Calkins, assisted by Rev. A. J. Matthews of Clearfield.

"Little Breeches"

I don't go much for religion,
I never had no show;
But I've got a middlin' tight grip, sir,
On the handful o' things I know.
I don't pan out on the prophets
And free-will, and that sort of thing--
But I believe in God and the angels
Ever since one night last spring.

I came into town with some turnips,
And my little Gabe came along--
No four-year-old in the county
Could beat him for purty and strong,
Peart and chipper and sassy,
Always ready to swear and fight,--
And I'd larnt him to chaw terbacker,
Just to keep his milk teeth white.

The snow came down like a blanket
As I passed by Taggart's store;
I went in for a jog of molasses
And left the team at the door.
They scared at something and started,--
I heard one little squall,
And hell-to-split over the prairie
Went team, Little Breeches and all.

Hell-to-split over the prairie!
I was almost froze with skeer;
But I roused up some torches,
And sarched for 'em far and near.
At last we struck hosses and wagon,
Snowed under a soft white mound,
Upsot, dead beat,--but of little Gabe
Not hide nor hair was found.

And here all hope soured on me
Of my fellow-critter's aid,--
I just flopped down on my marrow-
bones,
Crotch-deep in the snow, and
prayed.

By this, the torches was played out,
And me and Isrul Parr
Went off for some wood to a sheep-fold
That he said was somewhar thar.

We found it at last, and a little shed
Where they shut up the lambs at
night.

We looked in and seen them huddled
thar,
So warm and sleepy and white;
And thar sot Little Breeches and
chirped,
As peart as ever you see,
"I want a shaw of terbacker,
And that's what's the matter of
me."

How did he get thar? Angels.
He could never have walked in that
storm.
They just scooped down and toted him
To whar it was safe and warm.
And I think that saving a little child,
And foting him to his own,
Is a darned sight better business
Than loafin' around the throne.

Research Helps and Other Interesting Tidbits: *continued*

Newspaper Research

Newspapers were important in the lives of our ancestors

*From AntiqueWeek 13 November 2000, page 32B,
written by Ruby Coleman (ENGS member who lives in
Valentine, NE)
via Eastern Nebraska Gen. Soc, Fremont, NE, Spring
2002.*

The lives of our ancestors are spelling 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 are 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:

- mriages, 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 the 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 [to search] 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 search 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 newspaper 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 newspaper status, visit <http://www.neh.gov/preservation/usnp.html>

As newspapers are cataloged, they are entered into the 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 of interlibrary loan. The Library of Congress Catalogs of Newspaper Holdings on the Internet can be found at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rf/newscats.html>. The states of Florida, New York, Virginia and Texas have newspaper program catalogs accessible from the same site.

"Newspapers 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, IA, 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

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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 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.

(Marieta's note: Just this week when doing research for the animal story feature in this newsletter, I ran across a one-sentence item in the newspaper that answered a LONG-time question in our family. It had long been thought that the first house on the ancestral Butler farm had burned--I found the newspaper item that said it burned in April 1878. We've always known that the second house burned in 1905, but we did not know for sure about the first house until now. This is just one example. Newspapers have answered a lot of questions in our family. Don't forget, Indianola newspapers are on microfilm at the Indianola Public Library and many of the original newspapers are located at the Warren County Historical Library. The Indianola Public Library Board has recently approved the purchase of any remaining newspaper microfilms that are available that they do not currently have. This should bring their holdings up-to-date with everything that has been microfilmed.)

Census Helps:

from Westward into Nebraska, Omaha, NE, Apr 2002

Year	Census Day	Time Allowed	Big Cities
1790	2 August	9 months	
1800	4 August	9 months	
1810	6 August	10 months	
1820	7 August	13 months	
1830	1 June	12 months	
1840	1 June	18 months	
1850	1 June	5 months	
1860	1 June	5 months	
1870	1 June	5 months	
1880	1 June	1 month	cities >10K 2 wks
1890	1 June	1 month	cities >10K 2 wks
1900	1 June	1 month	cities >10K 2 wks
1910	15 April	1 month	cities >5K 2 wks
1920	1 Jan	1 month	cities >2,500 2 wks
1930	1 April	1 month	cities >2,500 2 wks

What is a Genealogist?

from Westward into Nebraska, Omaha, NE, March 2002

A full-time detective
A Thorough historian
An inveterate snoop
A confirmed diplomat
A Keen observer
A hardened skeptic
An apt biographer
A qualified linguist
A part-time lawyer
A studious sociologist
An accurate reporter
An heiroglyphics expert,
AND . . .
A complete nut!

Descendants of Abraham Lincoln

from Poweshiek County, IA, Gen. Soc, Jan-Mar 2002

President Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd, had four sons. Three died young. Edward died in infancy. William Wallace died in 1862 at age 11. Thomas died in 1871 at age 18.

Robert Todd Lincoln, their first child, was an attorney. He served as Secretary of War under President James Garfield, then became president of the Pullman Company. He died a wealthy man in 1926 at age 82. He and his wife, Mary, had a son, Abraham Lincoln II, and a daughter, Jessie. The son died in 1890 while on a trip to Europe. The daughter, Jessie, married Warren Bechwith, a classmate at Iowa Wesleyan College. Warren and Jessie Bechwith had two children. Their daughter, Mary Lincoln Bechwith, died unwed in 1975. Their son, Robert Todd Lincoln, wed three times, but had no children. He died on Christmas Eve in 1985 at age 81, thus ending the Lincoln line.

Finding Civil War Rejections

from Mills County Genealogical Society, Glenwood, Iowa, July-Sept 2002

Many men were rejected from Civil War service because of illness or injury. Medical records of drafted or rejected men are at the National archives, group record #110. They are arranged by Congressional District as of 1863. Data may include residence, occupation, age, place of birth, physical characteristics or reason for rejection under "remarks." There is no record in these files if the recruit was accepted into service.

Preservation: Gravestone Repair

by Allen E. Crepeau, Gravestone Repair Cte, Oxford
Congregational Church, Oxford, CT
from *Grave News, Newsletter of the State Association for
the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, January, 2002*

Following are the details we use for repairing broken
gravestones:

Materials:

Adhesive

GCT Stone Epoxy and Hardener
Granite City Tool Co.
PO Box 411, 11 Blackwell Street
Barre, VT 05641
1-800-451-4570
web site: granitecitytoolvt.com
e-mail: mkewinter@aol.com

Pigments (if used):

Oil base artist pigments only. Water base acrylic pigments are not compatible with the adhesive and should never be used.
Dry Texture Additive. We use Adelphi Dry Texture Additive, a very fine clean sand sold in paint stores for addition to paint for textured ceilings.

Tools:

Two 4" putty knives for mixing
Separate spoons or small putty knives for removing epoxy and hardener from containers.
Flat impervious mixing surface at least 12" x 12".
Heavy glass is excellent, but care is necessary to prevent breakage. We use an 18" x 18" piece of counter top with Formica-type surface.
Wooden frame (made from 2"x4"s, 18" to 24" long.
Two pieces joined together as an "L" and two loose pieces.
Large C-clamps (2 or more)
Pipe clamp longer than the width of the stone
Polyethylene sheet to place between the adhesive and the frame.
Portable power sander.

Procedure:

Stone Preparation

Thoroughly clean the surfaces to be mated. If feasible, it is a good idea to clean the entire stone prior to repair.
Remove all previously applied adhesive, including Portland cement, mortar, Polyester (Akemi), etc.
Using a wire brush to cleaning the mating surfaces is advisable and will assure excellent adhesion.
The roughened surface will be sealed by the adhesive.
Final washing with warm water and detergent with

through rinsing with clean water to remove all detergent.

Allow stone to completely dry prior to applying adhesive.

Ambient temperature should be at least 75 degrees before proceeding further. Proceed only when at least 2 days of dry weather is assured.

Have the stone pieces and the frame and clamps handy at the repair site prior to mixing the adhesive.

Mixing Adhesive

Prevent contamination of epoxy and hardener by using separate tools for removing the material from the containers.

The manufacturer's directions on the adhesive container specify a 2:1 ratio by volume of Resin:Hardener but only enough hardener for a 4 to 5:1 ration is shipped, so if GCT's recommendations are used, additional hardener must be ordered. Since the system is designed to use the higher resin ratio that is what we use. The 4 to 5:1 ratio also provides a longer working life, most likely a more flexible (less brittle) cured adhesive and requires a slightly longer cure time.

Measure, eyeballing is OK, the resin, hardener and pigments (if used) onto the mixing board. Pigments are generally not used until the finishing operation except in the repair of brownstone or other colored stones. The translucent light grey color of the adhesive without adding pigment is usually satisfactory for most weathered white or light grey stones. While the oil in the pigment will cure with the resin only a minimum amount sufficient to closely approximate the desired color should be used. The color should not be matched to the clean broken edge but to the stone surface since the latter will invariably have been darkened by age and weathering.

Work the materials together thoroughly on the flat surface using the wide putty knives. Overmixing will not harm the material, but undermixing can result in a poor repair. The long working life assures plenty of time for complete mixing.

Effecting the Repair:

Apply mixed adhesive to completely cover both surfaces to be mated with a thin coating.

Carefully place the coated surfaces together lining up the edges and surfaces and hold in place while another person puts the frame in place.

Place a polyethylene sheet over the adhesive at and near the edges wherever the adhesive will be in contact with the frame. *continued on page 12*

Preservation: Gravestone Repair, *continued*

Hold the frames to the edges with the long side of the "L" to the back of the stone and pull together with the pipe clamp to align the vertical edges. Rather than leaving the pipe clamp on the frame during the curing period, we usually tie the frames together with 2x4s screwed to both the front and back of the "L" piece and then remove the pipe clamp.

Place the loose piece of the frame on the stone front vertically next to the edge of the "L" and pull front to back with the C-clamps to maintain alignment of the stone surfaces. Be sure the polyethylene is between the adhesive and all wood frame surfaces.

Remove excess adhesive where it has squeezed out. This excess along with additional mixed adhesive can be worked into the repair wherever there may be voids. This is not too important at this stage since voids will be addressed during the finishing operation.

Allow to cure a minimum of 24 hours, 48 is preferable.

Test the epoxy adhesive to assure that it is cured before removing the frame.

Finishing:

Remove the frame and inspect for voids along the repair.

Remove excess cured adhesive and smooth the surface using a portable power sander.

Mix sufficient epoxy adhesive to fill all voids and completely seal along the repaired area, adding a small amount of the Texture Additive and color matching with pigment to improve the final stone appearance, if desired.

Fill all voids and apply a thin coating of the mix over the entire repair. If there are large voids to be filled, it may be necessary to cover the fill with a small piece of polyethylene to hold the epoxy mix in place until cured.

Allow to cure, 24 hours or as long as necessary.

A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official. The official apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

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Genealogy is a fool's errand. When an ancestor is found, there are TWO more for whom to hunt.

Lychens

*from the Anamosa Journal-Eureka, November 29, 2001
via Grave News, Newsletter for the State Association for
the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, January 2002*

"What's growing on the side of my tree?" by Paula Flynn, Extension plant pathologist, Iowa State University. Paula gives an in-depth account of the nature, growth patterns, uses of, and ways to remove lichens that grow on almost any stable and sunny surface, including gravestones. She states that when moistened, they become somewhat rubbery and can be removed. The colorful lichens that can be found tightly clutching rocks or tombstones are called crustose lichens. Some are an attention-getting bright orange or yellow. Because lichens are extremely sensitive to air pollution, their absence can be used as a measure of how much an area is polluted (or an indication of the efforts of a zealous cemetery restorer!). If you're curious about lichens and want to learn more, a good place to start is with the American Bryological and Lichenological Society at www.unomaha.edu/~abls/index.html.

Genealogy Fabric

from Westward into Nebraska, Omaha, NE, March 2002

Genealogy is the warp on which the fabric of history is woven. It is the most immediate, personal kind of history, and for many the most satisfying kind, rooted in the pervasive values of family and heritage. It is an essential part of the one great task each of us is called upon to undertake—the exploration of who we are.

National Genealogy Society's Library merged into St. Louis County Library

Over 20,000 volumes of the National Genealogy Society's circulating library have been moved and merged into the St. Louis County Library. Information on the genealogy section of the library, the NGS donation and a searchable database of the NGS's books are online at www.slcl.lib.mo.us/slcl/sc/sc-genpg.html.

Warren County Fair

The 2002 Warren County Fair is over! The weather was certainly HOT. We had 106 exhibits, down from the last few years. However, we had three first-time exhibitors who received the special JoAnn Harvey First-Time Exhibitor ribbon and we have enough left for at least one more year for these special ribbons. Attendees at the mini-classes were also fewer—I'm sure because of the heat and humidity and a lack of publicity.

Thelma is Back!

Thelma Pehrson exhibited 11 items this year, after a three-year absence. She received six blue ribbons, two red ribbons and one white ribbon. Included in this issue are several of the stories that she wrote to accompany her exhibits. She has a knack for writing these stories and if you have questions about how to write your stories, I would suggest modeling your stories after hers. In her brief explanations she includes historical/family facts, she includes some color and she explains the genealogical significance to her. Notice that many of her entries this year were entered in item categories rather than research categories. This is an excellent way to label the items you have in your home for your descendants to know and understand the family significance of these items. I encourage everyone to look at the items you have that you would like your family to understand and appreciate some day. Then consider entering some of these items next year in the fair.

Thelma has been an integral part of the Genealogy Division at the Warren County Fair. In its early days WCGS spent several years struggling with how to participate in the Warren County Fair. For a few years they had paid to have a commercial booth, but some years this was not profitable. Thelma was a judge in the foods division at the Adair County Fair for a couple years. While there, she noticed that Adair County had a genealogy division and she encouraged WCGS to sponsor such a division at the Warren County Fair. She took Louise Pilmer with her to Adair County to also see what, how, etc. Then she and others attended the Warren County Fair Board meetings to ask for the addition to the fair program. This accomplished, Thelma and Marge Kline were the first superintendents for the genealogy division at the Warren County Fair in 1983. They continued in this capacity for several years.

While she may not have exhibited at every fair during the 19 years, Thelma has attended the judging event every year and she can tell anyone willing to listen that we've had many interesting and well-done exhibits. She can also explain that not every judge has been as fair, thorough and knowledgeable as our current judge.

Looking to 2003

Next year will be our 20th year for having exhibits at the Warren County Fair (it is also the 30th anniversary for our society). We expect to have some new publications available for sale at the 2003 fair, we will offer some new mini-classes and there will be a push on to have a larger number of exhibits. So—start thinking now of things you can enter next year—and start writing your stories! Our fair judge, Jay DeYoung, will be giving the program at our regular meeting in February 2003 and will get the wheels rolling for our upcoming fair exhibits.

New Dates for 2003

The Fair Board has changed the dates for the 2003 fair. The fair will run from TUESDAY, July 22 through MONDAY, July 28. We currently think we will be accepting our entries from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 NOON on WEDNESDAY, July 23 and the judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, July 23. Final plans are not in place yet, but we suspect exhibits will be released for pick-up from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on MONDAY, July 28.

Changes in Fair Entry Rules

The Warren County Fair Board voted a change in the 2003 rules for entering exhibits in the Genealogy Division of the Warren County Fair. Exhibits will be limited to residents of Warren County or members of our society that live in Iowa. We regret these changes as we have had some excellent exhibits from out-of-state members in the last two years, however, if we want to keep our division, we have no choice but to accept the new rules.

CATEGORY: Ancestral Church
Blue Thelma Pehrson

Knowing there was no future for him in Sweden, even though he was the only son, my husband's grandfather emigrated to America in 1879 at 17 years of age. He never returned to his native land. He was a Lutheran all of his life. Most of his 12 children, who always attended, remained Lutheran, also. The only descendant who became a pastor is Presbyterian!! When I first went to Swea, this first church was long gone, but the parsonage was still lived in. One time when my husband and I were at Swea, we attended a ceremony putting a marker at the site of the original church. The Lutheran cemetery for early settlers is up a long lane close by and is well kept. Both my husband and I belonged to this church at one time. Our oldest child was baptized in David's church. I've included information from "Swea City 1895 - 1995" to show how the present church has evolved!

2001 Warren County Fair Exhibits, *cont'd*

CATEGORY: China or Glassware
Blue Thelma Pehrson

Glass Canister Set

In February 1917 when my mother and father were going to get married in March, my mother's father told her he would give her either a cow or a kitchen cabinet. Mother asked her mother what she should do. Grandma said take the kitchen cabinet! And so she did. It was ordered out of the catalogue, came, and my mother used it as a cabinet until in the 1950s when they remodeled the kitchen. Parts of it were used as long as they lived on the farm. However, my father was always telling her she should have taken the cow because she could have made enough money to buy the kitchen cabinet! Nothing was ever said what would have happened if the cow had died if she had taken it! Her mother knew best!!

Another note: my parents were not tea or coffee drinkers so mother always kept her navy or great northern beans in the coffee jar. At least she kept pepper in the shaker jar.

CATEGORY: Small Piece of Silver or Jewelry
Blue Thelma Pehrson

I lived with my grandmother for years and went to college. When I graduated, she gave me the little gold coffee spoon. It was just the right size to feed my babies when they came along. Many years later an Aunt said her sister had died and left her gold tableware to me. It is a complete service of 8 including serving pieces and while it has butter servers and oyster forks, there is no coffee spoon, so the one is all I have. I have never found a polish that will keep this without tarnishing.

CATEGORY: Small Household Item or Tool
Blue Thelma Pehrson

How would you like a nice cup of coffee in a tin cup? That is what these cups did. In the early 1900 - 1930s groups such as Ladies Aids served lunches at farm sales. Lunches varied from a full meal with pie (always) to a lunch of hot dogs, pie and coffee. These tin cups came from the church next to my parents' farm. My mother always had to help. Many farm sales were in February as the farmer may not have been able to find a place to rent and March 1st was moving day. People always hoped for a nice day, no mud and cold, but not too cold. I kinda like to have this [cup as a] reminder of what it was like. These meals may have been served out of the house, but also in garages, or buggy sheds, porches or any building available.

CATEGORY: Personal Item
White Thelma Pehrson

My mother had a neighborhood girl friend when she was growing up. They exchanged gifts for many years even after they were married. This [ceramic box] is one gift that my mother prized. She kept it on her dresser and if you open the lid you can see what she kept in it. It was one of the articles she kept when she downsized her belongings to her bedroom.

CATEGORY: Religious Item
Red Thelma Pehrson

This little book was given to my father Christmas 1911 by his Sunday School teacher. My grandparents lived out in the country. However, the neighborhood church was within a city block of their house. My grandfather was Sunday School Superintendent for many years and all the family attended. If there was a minister (and there wasn't always at this little country church) that person could count on a delicious Sunday dinner at that home. My father would have been 17 years old when he received it for Christmas, so there was a young adult S. S. class at that time.

My father lived most of his life there and always looked after the church. When the first church burned and a new one was built, the new one was kept locked and the key hung on a nail on his back porch. The neighbors could get into the church for Ladies' Aid, services or whatever.

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous Item
Red Thelma Pehrson

Sewing Board

This sewing board belonged to an Aunt of my Aunt. In the days before every woman had a sewing machine, many housewives hired a dressmaker to come to their house and make clothing. My grandmother had 5 daughters and only the youngest ever learned to sew. A dressmaker came every spring and fall and sewed, all hand sewing. She brought her own equipment including this board, which fit across the arms of a chair. Of course, she used the measure, which is across the front to measure by. There were also sewing tables that had the measure across the front, but they were not as portable as this one.

I have a different use for this one! I put it over my sink when I need more counter space for when I'm having guests!

More Research Hints & Other Interesting Tidbits:

Use ivory paper for photocopies:

When making copies of old black and white or newspaper articles, always use ivory colored paper instead of white paper. Ivory paper is more forgiving, and the copies will look wonderful. Also, even though it is more expensive, use a color copier instead of a regular paper copier that you would normally use for copying text. A color copier will enhance your photos, even though they are black and white, and give you greater detail.

Some merchants will not allow you to bring your own paper, but many will. If possible, use acid free, ivory paper because most stores do not use acid free paper in their copiers. Some laser copiers have an "old fashioned" setting, which is nice for photos with a sepia (brown) tone. The ivory paper helps to make it look aged.

Leave 3x5 cards at cemeteries

One genealogist types a poem on a 3"x5" card along with her name, snail & e-mail addresses, and relationship, then laminates it, punches a hole in it, ties it to a single artificial flower, and puts it on her ancestors' graves when she visits cemeteries. She hopes that another researcher will find it an reply.

How much wood did early settlers cut?

The first settlers of North America experienced weather more harsh than they had ever experienced in Europe and realized that a full winter's supply of firewood was very important. After cutting down a few trees he asked an old Indian Wise Man if the winter would be a long one. "Fairly long" the Indian replied. The settler therefore cut a few more trees then went back to the Old Indian and asked again if the winter would be hard. The Indian replied, "Quite long." In panic, the settler worked day and night and made up a huge pile of logs to burn. He then returned to the Wise Man and again asked about the coming winter. "Very long indeed," he replied. "How can you make such predictions?" asked the settler. Replied the Indian, "White Man cut very much wood."

Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress!

What this country needs is family trees that produce more timber and fewer nuts.

Calendars

*from Poweshiek County, Iowa, Genealogical Society,
Apr-Jun 2002*

The Julian calendar was abolished by Pope Gregory XIII on 4 October 1582 in Catholic countries after Pope Gregory determined the Julian calendar had been losing 11 minutes and 14 seconds every year. Establishing the Gregorian calendar, Pope Gregory also stipulated that century years divisible by 400 would be leap years. With this correction, he determined the error to be almost nil.

When Britain and her colonies switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, 11 days were deleted. The British decreed that the day following 3 September 1752 would be 14 September. Prior to September 1752, the British new year started 25 March. All dates prior to 25 March may show a dual date, often in fraction form. Finding "O.S." after a date means "Old Style," and "N.S." means "New Style."

The change in calendars must have caused concern to those celebrating birthdays in 1752. We know George Washington was born 11 February 1732 not 22 February. Washington and his family preferred to say he was born 11 February because that was what the family Bible said, and that is when he observed it during his first 20 years. Later some public celebrations shifted the event to 22 February. If you visit the burial vault at Mt. Vernon, you find there are no birth and death dates for George and Martha.

Those doing German research should know that Protestant Germany accepted the Gregorian calendar in 1700.

The French Revolutionary calendar began 22 September 1792 for official records, but not always in church records in those parts of Germany under French rule. This calendar was abolished by Napoleon, and the Gregorian calendar reestablished 1 January 1806.

Japan adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1873, China in 1912, Greece and Greek Orthodox communities in 1924, and Turkey in 1927.

Thoughts to ponder . . .

Can a first cousin, once removed, return?
Cemetery: A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.
Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.
It's hard to be humble with ancestors like mine!
Genealogy . . . it's all relative in the end anyway.
Crazy . . . is a relative term in MY family.

More Research Hints and Other Interesting Tidbits, *continued*

Summer Never Came

by Terry L. Thies, Ph. D., Newsletter of the Immigrant Genealogical Society, Burbank, CA, via Poweshiek County, Iowa, Gene Society, April-June 2002

Did your ancestors make any major moves between 1816 and 1820? If so, there is a possibility that their move may have been triggered by a rare climatologic event which has come to be known as "the year without a summer."

This strange event is attributed to the 1815 eruption of Tambora, a volcano on the island of Sumbawa in Indonesia. The eruption is considered to be the largest in modern history with a Volcanic Explosivity Index (VEI) of seven. By comparison the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980 had a VEI equal to five.

At Tambora the caldera collapsed and from 10 to 20 cubic miles of ash were ejected into the stratosphere. For a two-year period this event caused global cooling resulting in crop failures and widespread famine. The northeastern part of the United States and certain areas of Europe were particularly hard hit.

- * In the United States 19 states had snow in June.
- * In New England there was ice and snow in every month of the year and not half enough corn ripened to provide seed for the following year.
- * In Indiana snow came all summer, crops were planted in the winter and hail was common all year.
- * In New Hampshire there was so little pork that the people ate mackerel and the year is recalled as the "mackerel year."
- * In Maine the year became known as "Eighteen hundred and froze to death." Potatoes rose from 40 cents to 75 cents a bushel.
- * In Massachusetts on June 6 there was snow and the ice was an 1/8th inch thick on the water. Birds dropped dead in the streets.
- * In Ohio there were freezing temperatures on the 5th of July and corn was killed repeatedly until it was too late to plant. Only wilderness plants survived and raccoons, groundhogs and passenger pigeons replaced poultry on the table.
- * In western Pennsylvania the corn crop was killed by frost and wheat and potatoes only survived if protected by a surrounding forest. People wore their winter clothing throughout the summer.
- * In Virginia Thomas Jefferson recorded lows of 51 degrees for the months of June, July and August. Though these temperatures were warm compared to those experienced in the north, they were significantly lower than average for Mount Vernon.

- * In Switzerland the freezing summer weather resulted in the worst famine in the country's history and herbs and root were gathered and made into soup. Klein-Kuchen (made out of grain hulls) replaced the ordinary bread.
- * In parts of France and Germany the famine led to food riots. If they were fortunate enough to have produce to sell, farmers were afraid to take their produce to market because of the prevalence of robbers. Grain carts on their way to market in towns had to be protected by soldiers and gendarmes, who found themselves fighting as many as 2,000 hungry and enraged citizens.
- * In India the famine weakened enough people to give rise to an epidemic of cholera in Bengal. Some theorize that this triggered the world's first pandemic of cholera in the early 1830s.

By 1817 conditions had improved in many parts of the world.

Difficulties with Old Handwriting

from Madison County, Iowa, Genealogical Society, First Quarter 2002

Handwriting seldom causes any serious problems at the beginning of family research, but the further back one goes, several peculiarities are discovered, the most common one being the use of the long "s", which is commonly misinterpreted for a "p" or "f". It is often used as the first letter of double "s", and sometimes alone, but seldom at the beginning or end of a word.

Capital "S" gives trouble too because it often looks like capital "L." One Ancestors member thought for several years that one of her maternal ancestor's maiden name was "Little" until another person working on the line convinced her that it was actually "Settle" instead. Capital "T" and "J" look alike because both were made above the line.

Marriage Pool Radius

from Poweshiek County Iowa, Gen Soc. Vol XXV, No. 2 via Westward into Nebraska, , Omaha, NE, February 2002

In 19th century America, the radius of the average pool of potential spouses was about five miles. This was about the distance man could comfortably walk twice on his day off when he went courting. Parish registers bear this out. Then with the invention of the bicycle, the radius was extended to twenty-five miles.

IGS News

by Marieta Grissom

My husband, Dave, and I attended the **Tony Burroughs** event in July. It was a day packed with information. As usual Tony was wonderful and the day was well worth our time! The prior evening was a book-signing event for Tony's book *Black Roots*. He spent ten years writing the book and it is excellent. At first I wasn't going to buy a copy, but finally changed my mind. I am so glad I did. I opened it to a page that explained PERSI and now feel I have a much better understanding of PERSI and how to use it. This is only one example of the kind of information in his book. Even though you would think the book is slanted toward black people, it contains much excellent information for everyone.

Helen Simpkins, Carol Kubik and I attended the **IGS Annual Fall Conference** in Marshalltown. Sharon DeBartolo Carmack went above and beyond all my expectations! She gave five presentations and they were of a wide variety of topics and were all informative, entertaining and, in a nutshell, wonderful! Since reading several of her books, I have felt that I knew Sharon. Her presentations also reflect her personality and personal history. She is a very congenial person and knowledgeable speaker. She is an editor for *Family Tree Magazine* and since the conference I have received another issue--in which she has written two good articles. She has written 12 books, several of which WCGS has purchased for the Indianola Public Library. Sharon has also produced two videos, one of which "Organizing your Genealogy" we saw as one of our WCGS programs earlier this year. She says the second video is better--perhaps we can watch it in the future--"Cryptic Clues in the Graveyard." I own copies of both videos, so if anyone wants to borrow them they can.

I gave my "Time Lines" presentation on Friday and my "Maps, Migration & More" presentation on Saturday to large groups of workshop participants. I heard positive comments on several of the other workshop presentations, as well, so think the slate of workshop selections was probably a good one.

The vendor room, however, was disappointing. Ancestry has, apparently, quit sending representatives to conferences. However, the lady who used to be the Ancestry rep at our conference, has branched out into a preservation business and was there with her new business. She had an excellent selection of items--with some things that I have not seen before at a conference. One of my favorite book vendors, Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe, was not there--the husband of the owner has died. However, Mary Bakeman of Park Genealogy in Minnesota was there and

had her usual good selection of books. She recommended a book to me that I have since read and agree is an excellent selection for the serious genealogist. IGS had a larger than normal table. There was a vendor with T-shirts, totebags and other novelty items. And, there were a couple of other small vendors--one with health foods.

IGS is still pursuing a building solution, however, nothing has been decided. They are looking at several alternatives.

For some time Margaret Foster has been trying to get our society to **volunteer on Saturdays** (5 times a year) at the IGS library. We have finally decided to at least see what it is all about and agreed to one Saturday, with the possibility of agreeing to the 3rd Saturdays of the months February, April, June, August and October. Because of the library being closed for the holidays in December we would not have to work the 3rd Saturday in December. This coming Saturday, Dorothy Stearns, Ruth Hall, Ernestine Boos, and I are scheduled to go for our orientation and mini-training session. Ruth and I have agreed to work all day this time.

Dorothy Stearns is planning to travel on the IGS research trip to Kansas City in November. They will research at both the Mid-Continent Library in Independence and at the National Archives Branch in Kansas City.

Dates to mark on your calendar! The **Spring Conference** will feature John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., who wrote *They Came in Ships*. This will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2003 in Des Moines. The **2003 Annual Conference** will be held October 2-4, 2003 at Marshalltown and will feature George G. Morgan and Beau Sharbrough.

Life Expectancies

*from Mills County Genealogical Society, Glenwood, Iowa,
July-Sept 2002*

It's a real wonder that we are here today. The commonly held notion of colonial American life--that many generations lived together and shared farm and household chores--is far from the truth. Few people lived long enough to see their children grown, let alone their grandchildren. Data compiled in 1790 by Dr. Benjamin Rush, the prominent physician, indicates that of 100 people born in a given year in Philadelphia, more than one-third died before the age of six, and only one quarter lived beyond age 26. The life expectancy at birth for Americans was 34.5 years for males and 36.5 years for females when George Washington became President in 1789.

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**Death Record Abstractions from
The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa
1897**

January 7, 1897, page 5, col 2

TRIPLETT, Grandfather died Wednesday, December 30 at the home of his son, George, in the east part of town. The funeral services were held at the house at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Mr. TRIPLETT was 79 years old, was among the early settlers of the county, and held a warm place in the hearts of his old neighbors and acquaintances. He carried his age well till very recently.

January 14, 1897, page 3 col 2-4

TROTTER, Mrs. Nathan, died at the family residence in Des Moines, Thursday, January 7, just before noon, after a brief illness of pneumonia. She had been somewhat sick for two weeks, but not considered dangerously sick till but a few hours before dark. The body was brought here Saturday for interment. Mr. TROTTER is much broken in health and seems to be aging very rapidly. Hard work and too much of it will eventually destroy even as good a constitution as he had 12 years ago.

HEADRICK, Minnie and Dot. Diphtheria is in the home of George HEADRICK, southwest of here (Wick) and has taken two little girls as victims. Minnie, aged almost 12, and Dot, 5 years old, became sick on Thursday and died Friday. The other children are some better.

January 14, 1897, page 3, col 4-5

WILBURG, John. George MOORE, who came from Nebraska on receipt of a telegram from his brother-in-law, John WILBURG, spent a week after the funeral visiting old friends in the neighborhood, has returned to Prosser, Nebraska. John WILBURG, who formerly lived in Liberty Township, but had resided for some years in Des Moines, fell from his barn roof, did not suppose he was hurt much, but next morning lockjaw set in, and after a week of suffering, death came to his relief. His body was brought here and buried in the Odd Fellows graveyard at Liberty Center. He left a wife and 4 children.

January 21, 1897, page 3, col 2

JUDKINS, Miles W. (long obit) died last Friday evening at his home in the southeast part of

town. He had been seriously crippled with rheumatism for several years. He only became seriously ill a short time ago. He was an old timer. He was about 56 years old and had lived here since his boyhood days, coming here with his parents when about 14 years old. He enlisted and left an arm on the field of Shiloh. Shortly after the close of the war he was elected county recorder and was re-elected a number of terms. He was a prompt, efficient, accurate and "square-told" officer (more on this trait). The funeral services were held at the M. E. church at 2 o'clock Sabbath p.m. conducted by Rev. HARRIS, assisted by Rev. PECK of the Baptist church. The funeral was in charge of the I.O.O.F. of which he was a member.

January 28, 1897, page 5, col 5

WILSON, Mrs., who was reported as being very sick with measles and pneumonia, died at her home last Friday. She leaves one child and her husband to mourn their loss. (Norwalk)

SPRING, Mrs. Samuel, who was taken to the insane hospital at Mt. Pleasant, about 5 weeks ago, died last Friday and was brought back for burial. She leaves a husband and several grown children. The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church at 11 o'clock Saturday by Rev. THOMPSON. (Norwalk)

SIMMONS, Wm., who has been sick for some time, died Saturday and was buried Sabbath. He was about 70 years old (St. Charles)

McCANDLASS, John, who has been a resident of Madison County for over 30 years, died at his home in this city Wednesday of last week after about 12 days of sickness. He was near the close of his 79th year. At the age of 20 he connected with the Presbyterian church. Married Mary SUMMERVILLE in 1838. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. COCHRAN of the U. P. church (St. Charles) (Another item in the same column: Mrs. Mary McCANDLASS, a woman of 67 years, is now laid upon a sick bed. She buried her aged husband last week.)

February 4, 1897, page 5, col 1-2

FALLIS, Miss Eva, died yesterday morning after a lingering illness of consumption.

McKEE, Edd R., who has been slowly dying for some weeks of heart disease, died Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock. The funeral services will be held at the family home tomorrow, Friday, at 2 o'clock p.m. and will be in charge of the Workmen, of which order he had long been a member; was a charter member of the lodge.

February 4, 1897, page 5 col 4

HOFF, Mrs. Eliza, died on Wednesday of last week, aged 52 years. She had been afflicted several years with a cancer in her breast. She was a worthy member of the M. E. church. Funeral sermon by Rev. EWAN. (St. Charles)

SMALL, Cash, H., died of consumption after several months of sickness at the home of his father-in-law at Patterson, where he had gone to make a visit. He was 31 years of age and leaves a wife and one child. He was the son of David SMALL. (St. Charles)

HODGES, Zina E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. HODGES, died January 25, 1897, of heart disease, aged 11 years. She was greatly beloved by her schoolmates, who, with their teachers met at her home at an early hour Tuesday morning, to take a farewell view of their departed friend. (St. Charles)

February 4, 1897, page 5, col 5

OWENS, Mrs. died at the County Farm last Friday, at the advanced age of 72 years and was buried at Indianola Sunday (Four Corners)

MILLS, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. MILLS, died last Thursday of brain fever and was taken to Truro Saturday for internment. They have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. (Four Corners)

WADE, boy, six years old, son of Mrs. Jane WADE, died last Thursday of membranous croup at Palmyra.

February 11, 1897, page 5, col 1

WORTH, child, Mr. and Mrs. Frank WORTH's infant child, died last Thursday morning.

McKEE, Edd R., whose death was reported last week, had been a prominent citizen of Warren County (long article).

February 11, 1897, page 5, col 4 & 6
HALTERMAN, Maude, died at Palmyra, Iowa, February 2, 1897. Maude, youngest child of Lewis and Mary HALTERMAN, age 9 years, 3 months, and 22 days. Little Maude was a favorite with everyone. To know her was to love her. She was a bright scholar for one of her years, but the voice we loved so well is hushed forever on earth to join in nobler strains with the celestial choir in Paradise.

February 11, 1897, page 5, col 4
CANADAY, Mrs. George, died after a lingering illness of many weeks, passed away last Thursday morning. Her remains were laid to rest in Palmyra cemetery Friday. Rev. WILLIAMS conducting the exercises.

February 18, 1897, page 5, col 2
CARPENTER, Mrs. Willet, died Saturday morning at the family residence after a protracted and painful illness of cancer of the stomach. Mrs. CARPENTER was one of the old settlers of Indianola and had long held a prominent place in society and church work. While health permitted, she was always faithful at her post, carrying her full share of the labors of the day, a faithful and a loved and useful member of society.

February 18, 1897, page 5, col 3
FALLIS, Miss Eve Glen, died at her home in Indianola Iowa on February 3, 1897. She was born in Indianola April 5, 1871, and in the same home in which she died. The funeral service was held in the Baptist church Friday p.m., the house not affording standing room for all who came. Brother BOVEL of Ft. Dodge, a former pastor, assisted in a service that seemed more like a triumph than a funeral.

McCARTNEY, Rev. Andrew, died at his late residence in Indianola, last Sabbath February 24, about 1 o'clock p.m. According to the manual of the United Presbyterian church of North America, Andrew McCARTNEY was born August 25, 1834, in Port Glenore county, Astrim, Ireland, was graduated at Franklin in 1852 and studied theology at Canonsbury and Xenia, was licensed June 17, 1857 by the Associated Presbyterian of Muskenjum and ordained December 8, 1868 by the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Mansfield, was pastor of Dalton, Ohio congregation from December 1848 to May 1861, was stated supply

in Topeka, Valley Falls, etc. in Kansas, in 1861 - 1866, was installed pastor of Lacona and Indianola, Iowa congregations in March 1866, released from the former in 1868, and the latter in 1871 (more in article). The funeral services were held at the recent home at 2 o'clock Tuesday p.m., conducted by Dr. T. C. McCAUGHEN of Winterset, assisted by Rev. Joseph BOYD of Carlisle, Rev. James SAWHILL of Pitzer, Rev. GIBSON of Monmouth, Illinois and Joseph CALHOUN.

February 25, 1897, page 4, col 4

WEEDE, John Marshall, aged 62 years and 17 days, died at his late residence in Jackson Township, Warren County, Iowa. He died at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, February 11, 1897. The cause of his death was lung fever. Deceased was the third child of Rev. N. C. and Mrs. Jane C. WEEDE, and was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1835. He removed with his parents to Illinois when about 13 years of age and settled in La Prairie, Marshall County. From there he moved to Iowa and opened up a home on the unbroken prairie three and a half miles southeast of St. Charles, where he has ever since made his home. (Long article telling about his life as a Presbyterian and other offices.) On June 16, 1859 he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalene IRWIN. To them were born nine children, seven girls and two boys. Two daughters died in infancy. The wife and seven children, Mrs. R. A. PILMER, Mrs. S. H. TIDBALL, Mrs. C. J. YOUNG, Mrs. A. S. DYER, Irwin C., Browne J., and Leila H. WEEDE survive to mourn. All except Luella TIDBALL were with him during his sickness. Luella TIDBALL was also ill. The funeral services were held in the United Presbyterian church at St. Charles, Saturday, February 13. Rev. COCHRAN preached (more)

February 25, 1897, page 5, col 1

COLEGROVE, Mr. father of Mrs. George HOHL, and for many years a citizen of Indianola, died at his home in Illinois a few days ago.

February 25, 1897, page 5, col 2

PERKINS, Uncle Edd, whose dangerous illness we mentioned last week, died Friday and was buried on Sabbath. Though he had lived in Indianola but a short time, he had lived in the county many years.

March 4, 1897, page 4, col 3

DAVIS, Charles, died at the home of his son in east Palmyra last Saturday, just at 12 o'clock. Aged 75 years. Deceased had been a sufferer for many years, a consistent Christian life. Rev. Grinnell of Des Moines; preached the funeral sermon. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Palmyra, Monday at 2 o'clock.

March 4, 1897, page 5, col 1

CREIGHTON, John B., who has been sick all winter, died last Friday.

COLWELL, Mrs. Rev. Dr., Dr. ERWIN received word Monday that his sister, Mrs. Rev. Dr. COLWELL, had died at Bloomsburgh, Pennsylvania.

March 11, 1897, page 5, col 2

GROSSNICKLE, Mrs. Magedeline, died at Avon Monday. She was 82 years old, came to Polk County 53 years ago, and made a homestead entry, on land that is now a part of the city of Des Moines.

March 11, 1897, page 5, col 4

McCRAE, Mrs. C. W., whose death on Sunday evening, saddened the community. She had a short illness of only one week. She leaves a husband and one boy to mourn her loss. She was a member of the M. E. church here and a kind and loving mother. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday and the remains were laid in the Sandyville cemetery.

WHEELER, Mrs. Grandma CHERRY received a telegram telling her of the death of her daughter, Mrs. WHEELER of Council Bluffs (Norwalk)

McCARTNEY, Andrew. Administrator's notice - Estate of Andrew McCARTNEY, deceased March 8, 1897. Dora E. McCARTNEY, admr.

March 18, 1897, page 5, col 4-5

PALMER, William, died Saturday morning at 8:30, of Scotch Ridge, aged 60 years. He was a native of Scotland. He was buried in the Scotch Ridge cemetery on Sabbath afternoon. Rev. JAMESON conducting the service.

GEGG, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abner GEGG of Indianola attended the funeral of their little granddaughter at Hartford last Monday.

GUINN, Hallie, daughter of Homer GUINN, died Sunday morning last and was buried Monday

afternoon. She took the chicken pox, followed by the grip, which terminated in the dropsy, causing her death. She was about 3 or 4 years old. Rev. CORZATT conducted the funeral services at the house.

March 18, 1897, page 5, col 6

WASSON, John, remains were brought here to Hartford on Saturday and were buried Sunday. Rev. CRAIG conducted the funeral services at the Presbyterian church. The deceased, formerly a resident of Hartford for 31 years, but at the time of his death was living with a son at Mapleton, Monona county, Iowa. He was 77 years of age. His wife survives him. The remains were accompanied by a son and some other relatives.

WEATHERLY, Melinda J. Wife of A. J.

WEATHERLY, died at the family residence Sabbath evening, after a protracted illness of a complication of diseases. The body was taken to Marshalltown for burial. She was born in Indiana, September 13, 1841, married September 2, 1867, moved to Marshall county, Iowa in 1858, and to Warren county in 1885. For the last 39 years she was a devoted member of the Christian church.

March 25, 1897, page 5, col 2-3

MARTIN, Mary, wife of William MARTIN, died Monday at the family home in Greenfield township, aged about 79 years. Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN came to Warren county in the early days, along in the 50s and settled in Greenfield township where they have continued to reside. They were members of the Summerset U. P. church, since its organization and were prominent citizens commanding the esteem and respect of all. A host of friends will sorrow with the bereaved husband.

WALLACE, Grandma, died at the home of her son-in-law, James PICKENS, last Saturday and was buried in the Indianola cemetery Monday.

March 25, 1897, page 5, col 3

HUFFMAN, B. H., died at his home, 3 miles south of Norwalk, Saturday, the 20th.

PRINE, Mrs. Will. Mrs. PRINE was called to Detroit last Thursday to attend the funeral of her son, Will's wife.

HOOK, Mr., an old gentleman, whose home was near Orilla, was buried in the Norwalk cemetery last Tuesday.

April 1, 1897, page 5, col 4

SHERMAN, James. We are sorry to say that our old friend, Uncle James SHERMAN, died March 21, and was buried Tuesday, the 23rd.

HENDERSON, James, of this place received the sad news last week, of the death of his father, sister and uncle of Denmark.

April 1, 1897, page 5, col 6

CRAWFORD, Thomas Ray, died at his home in White Oak township, March 10, 1897. He was born December 16, 1877. He was always bright and kind-hearted and obedient. He united with the M. E. church at Pleasant Hill in December 1890, and lived a faithful Christian life.

McCAHILL, John. Administrator's notice of estate of John McCAHILL, appointment on 23 day of March 1897 of James McCAHILL, as administrator.

April 8, 1897, page 4, col 2-3

SNELSON, Levi, one of the early settlers of the county, died March 31, of cancer of the mouth. He was to have been buried Friday, but was not until Saturday on account of high water (Hartford).

KELSEY, Mother. S. G. KELSEY, who is employed by the Summerset Land M. Company, was suddenly called to Des Moines, to attend the funeral of his mother, who died after a lingering illness of six years. She leaves five children: William, Des Moines; Miss Jessie, Avery, Mrs. Flora McMOINS, Muscatine; and Grant O., who is attending Iowa College. Deceased has been a member of the Methodist church for many years. She died with a clear conscience and a mind at ease.

April 8, 1897, page 4, col 4

LUMSDON, Mrs. James, of Scotch Ridge, died at her parents' home in Des Moines last Thursday morning and was interred at the Indianola cemetery.

MARTIN, Mrs. William, died last Monday afternoon and was buried at the Scotch Ridge Cemetery last Thursday afternoon. The funeral service was preached by Rev. JAMISON at the home

of the deceased and was well attended by relatives and friends.

April 8, 1897, page 5, col 1

WEATHERLY, A. J., has received word of the death of his brother, W. H. WEATHERLY at Marshalltown.

April 8, 1897, page 5, col 5

PARK, W. A., died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his residence, 1125 Pleasant Street. A complication of ailments brought about his demise. He had been ailing for many months, but nothing serious was thought of it till January, when he was obliged to give up his work and go south thinking to benefit his health by a change of climate, but he continually declined and at last returned to St. Louis where Dr. PATCHIN was summoned to come at once to convey him to his home. He took the most hopeful view all through his suffering and remained sanguine to the last. Mr. PARK was an Indianola boy, the son of Andrew PARK, reared and educated here and a graduate of Simpson College. He had many friends in Warren County.

April 8, 1897, page 8, col 4

GAMBLE, Mrs., nearly 90 years of age, died Wednesday morning at the home of her son, John GAMBLE, northwest of town.

April 15, 1897, page 4, col 2

FILSON, Mr., an old gentleman whose home was 4 miles north of here, was buried in the Norwalk cemetery last Friday.

April 15, 1897, page 4, col 3

WATTS, John, Daniel MOORE, and Wm PILMER, are among the old-time pioneers that have died this winter.

April 15, 1897, page 5, col 2

DAVIS, T. G., one of the old pioneers of this county, died last Friday at his home 2 ½ miles northwest of town. His days numbered considerably more than 3 score and 10. He came to Warren county in the early 50s, when this county was a wild waste of fertile, unbroken prairie. For about 43 years he has lived here a successful farmer, an esteemed citizen, a good neighbor, a high type of sterling manhood and an honor to American citizenship.

April 22, 1897, page 5, col 2

JUDKINS, Mrs. Fannie, relict of Miles W. JUDKINS, died Sabbath p.m. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday p.m. Mrs. JUDKINS was worn out by constant attention at the bedside of her sick husband, and after his death she rapidly declined. She sacrificed her life for him.

April 22, 1897, page 5, col 4

PARK, infant. Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer PARK and took their infant child.

April 29, 1897, page 5, col 3

RARDON, James, died April 22 at Pomeroy, this state. The body was brought here for interment. The funeral occurred Sabbath p.m., conducted by the K.P.'s of which he was a member. He was taken sick in January with typhoid pneumonia and died from a hemorrhage occasioned by a relapse. He formerly lived on a farm near Spring Hill, this county. On account of damage by a storm, telegrams sent failed to reach here and the corpse and sorrowing family arrived unannounced, but the K.P.'s immediately took entire charge, furnishing all needed assistance.

CARROLL, Maud had a serious attack of tonsillitis and was in danger of choking to death. It was decided that nothing but a surgical operation could save her. They sent for a specialist. He could not come, but sent specific instructions with the advice that the operation would probably prove fatal. But there seemed to be absolutely no chance at all for her life unless the operation was had. As feared, she could not stand the operation and died in a few hours. The funeral services were held at the family residence Friday p.m. after which the body was taken to Greenfield, their former home, for interment.

MORRISSEY, young man, age 17 (from Winterset Madisonian). Our Crawford township correspondent sends us an account of the drowning of a young man by the name of MORRISSEY, about 17 years of age, 2 miles east of Bevington last Sunday. MORRISSEY, along with some other boys, went in a boat into a slough that was filled with back water from Middle River. Someone rocked the boat in order to frighten one of the party, when MORRISSEY fell out and was drowned before help could reach him, though his companions are said to have made every effort in their

power to save him. Another account says the rocking of the boat was done to frighten a boy named NUGENT, who was in the boat, making a feint of "ducking" him in the water. One MORRISSEY boy fell out and his brother jumped in to try and save him. The first one to fall in was rescued, but the brother who went to his relief was drowned.

April 29, 1897, page 5, col 6

BUCKLEY, daughter. The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. BUCKLEY, while playing in a cherry tree, slipped and fell. In falling the strings of her hood were caught on a limb and when discovered 10 minutes later she had choked to death.

May 6, 1897, page 5, col 3

WAREHAM, Mrs. Mary A., wife of Harry WAREHAM, died Sunday morning after 2 years of illness. Mrs. WAREHAM is widely known for her great kindness to all. They have lived in Warren county for 14 years. She has been a great sufferer the last 2 years, but had a pleasant death and believed in our heavenly father above.

BEERY, Grandma (Jemima), 72 years of age, died of heart disease, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. HERRING, April 30, after eating a very hearty dinner. She leaves 6 daughters and 3 sons to mourn for her as well as a number of grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and friends. She was a member of the Brethren in Christ church. The services were conducted at the M. E. church Sabbath p.m. by Rev. MABEE of Des Moines. She was buried beside her husband who has been dead several years. (Norwalk)

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Bob, died April 27 and was buried in the Baptist cemetery south of Sandyville, Rev. FAIR preaching the funeral sermon. She was a member of the Christian church and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and 5 children to mourn her loss. The entire community mourns with them and extends their sympathy.

May 6, 1897, page 5, col 4 & 5

CARNER, Freddie, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elza CARNER, died at home. He was born August 4, 1896 and died April 20, 1897. Elza CARNER's brother, family and sister from Des Moines attended the funeral.

May 6, 1897, page 5, col 6

FREEL, Gracie, age 13 years, daughter of Mr. Reson FREEL, died of consumption at the home of her aunt, Mrs. TALBOT. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. CRAIG. Gracie was a sweet dispositioned, bright, cheerful and talented little girl and endured her suffering with uncomplaining patience.

May 13, 1897, Page 4, col 3

PARISH, Miss Lizzie, and Emmett PARISH. Miss Lizzie died on April 30 and Emmett on May 3. Two grown young people taken out of the home inside of a week. Measles and other complications caused death. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community. The funerals of both at the chapel Sabbath at 2 o'clock (Wick).

SHERMAN, Mrs. J. H. ROGERS and family attended the funeral of his aunt Mrs. SHERMAN at Ackworth, Tuesday of this week.

DRABELL, Joseph D. Administrator of estate of Joseph D. DRABELL, dec'd. R. A. NOBLE, admr.

DAVIS, T. G., probate notice of T. G. DAVIS estate.

May 27, 1897, page 5, col 2

LAKE, Dr. C. B. The Harlan Co. Democrat, of Republican City, Nebraska of date May 15 contains the obituary of Dr. C. B. Lake formerly of this place. He was born in Erie Co., New York, November 17, 1826 and died May 10, 1897.

June 3, 1897, page 4, col 4

BARR, daughter. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James BARR was buried at the Shaver burying ground Monday. The parents have the sympathy of the community (Lawrenceburg).

June 3, 1897, page 5, col 2

CLARK, Miss Katie, rallied a little last week, but only temporarily. She died Sabbath p.m. The funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday p.m. conducted by Rev. HARRIS.

AKERS, Wert, died at the family residence, five miles northwest of New Virginia, Wednesday morning, May 26. Wert, 18 year-old son of James and Margaret AKERS The young man's death was caused by internal injuries received in a wrestling match with one of the SHUTT boys on the 16 inst. Wert was a young man of

much promise, well-liked by all his associates and acquaintances, and his sudden death falls heavily on the home folks. The interment will be at Indianola tomorrow.

June 10, 1897, page 5, col 2

McNABB, J. A. for many years past a citizen of Indianola, died Sabbath morning at his rooms in the Central House block, after a lingering illness of consumption.

June 17, 1897, page 5, col 3

PICKERING, Mahlon, son of Jonas and Ruth PICKERING, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, June 15, 1814, died on June 11, 1897. He and Malinda GINN were married February 23, 1843. Mrs. PICKERING died March 19, 1889. Four children survive them, two sons and two daughters. Shortly after burying his wife, he moved to Henry county, Indiana, to live with his daughter in this county. In earlier life a member of the M. E. church, he had for the last 30 years been a member of the Friends church. It is said of him that "he led a blameless life, full of zeal for his master. His end was peace."

June 24, 1897, page 4, col 2

MACK, Mrs. Susie. The memorial sermon of Mrs. Susie MACK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James BREEDING, will be preached at Blair Chapel next Sabbath at 11 a.m. by Rev. BOTCH.

June 24, 1897, page 4, col 3

MOORE, Meville W., son of R. J. and Retta, died June 18, aged 10 months and 28 days. It is sad to part with a little one just the age when the winsome baby ways are so intertwined with the heartstrings, that it seems almost impossible to say, "Thy will be done." But we know it is better so, untouched by sorrow and unsoiled by sin, the little spirit has flown to the God who gave it. Funeral services by Brother GARDINIER, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Liberty Center.

June 24, 1897, page 5, col 1

PATON, Miss Vida, died Tuesday evening of the measles. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon.

July 1, 1897, page 4, col 1

LOWE, Emma. Last Friday, while Emma, the 13-year-old daughter of William and Lulu LOWE, 1 ¼ miles east of Norwalk, was

getting dinner, she took her apron to lift a kettle from the gasoline stove and her apron caught fire, she ran out into the yard, screaming for help. Mother was in Des Moines and the rest of the family were about the farm. Her clothes burned almost to a crisp. Jimmie HARTLEY, who was passing, ran to the rescue, but too late to do much good. All that could be done was to keep her from suffering until death came to her relief, which was at 11 o'clock that night. She was a bright and affectionate girl and a member of the Christian church. The funeral was conducted at the church by Rev. ADAMS at 11 o'clock Sunday. She was laid to rest in the Norwalk cemetery.

July 1, 1897, page 5, col 2

PAINE, Sam, formerly of this place, but for several years past a resident of Jamaica, this state, died last week of cancer in the throat.

July 8, 1897, page 5, col 2

LAIR, Grandma, died Wednesday of last week at the home of her grandchildren, Margie and Dela LAIR and Minnie HATHAWAY, aged over 82 years. The funeral services were held at the Christian church, Thursday and were conducted by Rev. PECK, of the Baptist church.

MASON, Mrs. of Greenfield township, died Monday. She had come to town some two weeks before and a very large tumor weighing 15 to 20 pounds removed. It was hardly expected she would long survive the operation, but the only possible chance of life was in its removal.

July 8, 1897, page 5, col 4

McGEE, Mary died at her home near Indianola, Iowa, on July 21, 1897. She was in her 61st year, was a native of Ohio, came to Iowa with her father, J. B. SILCOTT in 1854. In August 1872, she was married to J. B. McGEE and has since resided near Indianola. She was one of the few who died without an enemy. She possessed the qualities of kindness, goodness and forbearance, which gave her the goodwill of all who knew her. As a wife she was tender and affectionate, her stepsons received from her that tender maternal care which caused them to realize in all the qualities of mother. She was buried from the Church of Christ, the funeral services were conducted by the pastor, W. H. COLEMAN.

July 15, 1897, page 4, col 3

HAWORTH, Mrs. Rachael, died July 11. She was the wife of Calvin HAWORTH, aged about 60 years. Her health began to fail in September last, from which time she has been gradually sinking, being bedfast for several weeks. She leaves a husband and several grown children. The funeral was on Monday at 4 o'clock and was attended by many of her friends and relatives (Sandyville).

STEPHENS, Mr., an old gentleman whose home was at Spring Hill, was buried at Norwalk Saturday.

July 15, 1897, page 5, col 2

ROBISON, Stephen, died Monday evening and was buried Tuesday p.m. He was an old soldier and one of Indianola's old timers.

July 22, 1897, page 5, col 2

BRADEN, Rev. George W., a retired United Presbyterian minister who has lived in Warren County 30-40 years, died at his home in Indianola, Tuesday morning. The funeral services will be held at the United Presbyterian church at 2 p.m.

BURTCH, Corwin, died Monday evening of heart disease. About a month ago he was overcome while plowing corn and immediately took down sick. He rallied at times, but gradually grew worse. Still they had hopes of his recovery till a day or two before his death. The funeral services were held at the house at 10 o'clock yesterday conducted by Rev. PECK.

July 29, 1897, page 4, col 3

NICHOLL, Tom, a son of James NICHOLL of St. Marys, was killed Wednesday morning while running a binder on the TRACY farm, 5 miles west of Winterset. He had been running the binder and something had gone wrong with the canvas. He had stopped the team and was in front of the sickle adjusting the canvas when the team became frightened and started to run. As no one was near enough to catch them, the boy was dragged about 100 yards and his leg cut nearly off near the thigh, it hanging only by a small piece of flesh (more detail in article in paper).

July 29, 1897, page 5, col 2

PRYOR, Dora, wife of L. A. PRYOR, died at Des Moines last Thursday morning, July 22, of a chronic disease of which she had suffered

severely for several years. The body was brought to Indianola for interment Friday a.m. The funeral cortege was met at the train by a number of friends of the deceased and the family and proceeded directly to the cemetery, where brief services were held, conducted by Rev. PECK. Mrs. PRYOR's maiden name was Dora LUCAS. She and Mr. PRYOR were married in Belmont county, OHIO, the home of her childhood in 1880.

August 5, 1897, page 5, col 4

HARLOS, Mrs. Wm., died at her home west of Norwalk last Saturday and was buried Sunday at the Pleasant Ridge cemetery. She leaves a husband and 6 children to mourn for a wife and mother.

August 5, 1897, page 5, col 5

BURTCH, D. C., died July 19, 1897 at his home in Indianola. He was born in Marion county, Iowa, November 1, 1861, moved with his parents to Indianola in 1864 and has resided here ever since. He had been a great sufferer the last 15 years and had never had good health. He died in the faith of the Master and said he was ready and willing and death could not come too soon to end his suffering. He was married to Mary HALTERMAN November 19, 1890. She died December 5, 1891. One child, little Hazel, is left to mourn his loss.

August 12, 1897, page 4, col 2

OVERTON, Mrs. Eli, died at the home of her father, Henry POPEJOY, last Friday, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Carlisle last Saturday. Deceased had been a sufferer for many weeks.

August 19, 1897, page 5, col 1

RUTH, Henry, an old settler and respected citizen, died last Sabbath p.m. Funeral services at the home of his son, Frank RUTH Monday p.m.

August 19, 1897, page 5, col 2

WALLS, Mrs., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerre DOUGLAS, was buried last Thursday. She had been lingering for many months with consumption. The funeral services were held at the Christian church, conducted by Rev. COLEMAN.

August 19, 1897, page 5, col 3

WYCLIFFE, child. A fatal accident happened to a little child of a Mr. WYCLIFFE, who resides between Caloma and Dallas. The report comes to the Motor that Mrs. WYCLIFFE, with her 2

children, were riding in a single buggy, when from some cause the team became unmanageable and backed off a steep bank thus throwing the buggy on top of the two children. On top of the buggy the horses were also thrown, thus crushing the head of one of the little ones. The mother and the other child were painfully, but not seriously hurt in the wreck. To chronicle such events is painful to us, but how much more so must it be to parents and immediate friends.

August 26, 1897, page 9, col 5

BATTEN, baby. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. BATTEN's baby died last Saturday and was buried here Sunday (Sandyville).

August 26, 1897, page 11, col 4

BIVENS, J. R. At 2 o'clock p.m. yesterday J. R. BIVENS, the coal miner, while in a fit of despondency, slashed his throat from ear to ear with a razor. His death is only a question of a few hours. He leaves a wife and 4 children (Swan).

September 2, 1897, page 4, col 2

SHEPHERD, Earl. Died on the 27th of August, Earl, the 5-year-old son of Finley SHEPHERD. He had croup and was sick but a short time. The remains were laid to rest in the Hartford cemetery Saturday morning.

September 2, 1897, page 4, col 4

COON, Mrs. E., mother of our townsman, George W. COON, died at her late home two miles east of Palmyra last Monday evening, aged 81 years. Deceased was born in the state of New York, where she grew to womanhood. Her maiden name was MORRIS. After marriage she with her husband moved to Indiana. In 1857 they went to Kansas where they lived for 10 years, all through the border warfare and the late rebellion. They lived within a mile of the city of Lawrence when it was burned by the guerrillas. For 2 years after leaving Kansas, they lived in Illinois and Michigan, 28 years ago. They came to Warren county and settled on the farm where she died. Thus her whole life has been spent as a pioneer. Her husband passed away 4 years ago, 85 years of age. They are now sleeping in the Palmyra cemetery.

September 2, 1897, page 5, col 2

ANDERSON, Mrs. J. M. died about 6 o'clock Friday p.m., August 27, at the family residence. The

funeral services were held at the U. P. church Sabbath p.m. and were very largely attended. Mrs. ANDERSON's constitution had long been enfeebled by disease that prevented a very active participation in the ordinary affairs of life. It was not hers to do a great amount of labor either physical or mental, but hers patiently to suffer and to wait and this she did with great resignation and unflinching faith.

September 9, 1897, page 4, col 2

REYNOLDS, Mrs. D. J., died last Saturday after a lingering illness of almost a year. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family in their great sorrow (Sandyville).

September 9, 1897, page 4, col 3

PYLES, child of Mr. PYLES of Runnells, was brought here for burial last Friday (Hartford).

BANKS, James, an old resident of Warren county, died at his home in Churchville, August 30. Funeral took place at the Catholic church, September 1. His remains were laid to rest at Churchville cemetery. Many relatives and friends mourn his loss.

September 16, 1897, page 4, col 2

BREEN, Mrs. Grant died Monday night of last week. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. TUSHA of this place. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles HOOVER. She leaves a husband and two little children and a lot of sorrowing friends to mourn their loss (St. Charles).

CARNE, child. A little child of Fred CARNE's was brought here for burial last Tuesday (Hartford).

September 16, 1897, page 4, col 3

ROGERS, son. Death has again entered one of our homes. This time taking a little son of George ROGERS. He died of croup on last Friday evening and was buried on Saturday (Hartford).

PRESTON, James. Postmaster at Ford, died Thursday September 9 and was buried Friday in the Hartford cemetery. A little child of the deceased lying sick at the time of his death, died soon after and was buried Saturday.

JOHNSON, Miss Mary. In memory of, paragraph about her, but no names. Signed by Mrs. Dr.

DASHIELL, Mrs. John MEYERS and Mrs. George BEYMER.

September 16, 1897, page 5, col 1
WHALLON, W. H. died yesterday (from Des Moines news)

September 16, 1897, page 5, col 3
BRAMHALL, brother. Emerson BRAMHALL returned yesterday morning from Carroll county, Ohio, whither he was called a week or two ago by the death of his brother. It is 37 years since he had visited his native state. He left there in the fall of '50.

BANKS, James, died at his residence in Churchville, August 30, age 76 years. James BANKS was born in Ireland in 1821. In 1845 he emigrated to America where 5 years later he was united in marriage to Mary Ann WOODS at Andersonstown, Madison county, Indiana, where they lived until 1856, when they moved to Warren county where they have since lived. Twelve children were born to them, eight are still living, five sons and three daughters. Mr. BANKS has always enjoyed good health until three weeks ago he was stricken with paralysis from which he never recovered. His last hours were painless and on Monday evening he passed to the home beyond. The burial services of the Catholic church of which he was a member were conducted Wednesday a.m. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Churchville. Many sorrowing friends followed him to the grave for he was a loving, faithful friend.

October 7, 1897, page 4, col 3
BRYANT, child. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. BRYANT was brought here from Woodward and buried last Friday.

October 7, 1897, page 5, col 4
PRESSLEY, Mrs. Sophia A., died at midnight Tuesday night, October 5 at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. MEEK. She was 81 years. Sophia A. READING was born near Frankfort, Kentucky, December 25, 1815. In 1832 near Dayton, Ohio, she was married to Dr. Wm. H. PRESSLEY, a graduate of Rush Medical College. They lived at LaFayette, then at Indianapolis, Indiana a number of years, where he practiced medicine. Moved in June 1855 to Indianola, Iowa. Here he lost his sight, but recovered it after a few years of blindness and moved to Knoxville in 1859.

Thence they moved in 1862 to Washington, Iowa, and thence to Lacona in 1872, where he died in 1875. Since that time she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. T. MEEK. She was a member of several different churches. There were born to them six children, only three survive Mrs. PRESSLEY (more information). The funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. MEEK yesterday at 3:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. WHITE and Rev. MILLER, after which the body was taken to Lacona for burial. The funeral cortege leaving on the 5:45 train.

October 14, 1897, page 2, col 3
McGINNIS, Mrs. Alexander died Tuesday night of last week. She was 72 years old. The funeral was held at the house, conducted by Rev. WILLIAMS. There is a large family of children and all were present. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

October 14, 1897, page 5, col 2
BROWN, Rev. George, who lived immediately north of Kenwood, died yesterday p.m. He had been gradually failing all summer.

October 21, 1897, page 4, col 5
VAN FLEET, child. The four months old child of John VAN FLEET died last Thursday.

CURTIS, Jonathan. Death on Monday last, relieved Jonathan CURTIS from his suffering. The funeral service was held at the M. E. church here and the interment took place at the Fletcher graveyard, 4 ½ miles south of this place (Liberty Center). He leaves a wife and several married sons and daughters.

HANSON, Ernest, Diphtheria, that dreaded scourge, claimed another victim yesterday. Earnest, the 14-year-old son of John and Alma HANSEN. This is the ninth victim of death in this vicinity since the first outbreak on the 5th of September. The entire neighborhood sincerely mourns with the bereaved parents for everyone loved Ernest. He was so kind, so good, so gentlemanly. His young life was full of joy and gladness, but when the awful hour came, he said, "I am not afraid to die."

October 21, 1897, page 5, col 4
LIGHTFOOT, Miss Maude, recently of Indianola, died last Thursday of diphtheria at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. V. DeBUSK in Des Moines.

October 21, 1897, page 5, col 6

REED, boy. Joe Reed's little boy died last Monday and was buried Tuesday in the Sandyville cemetery.

October 28, 1897, page 5, col 4

CLAMMER, Blanch Marie, died Sabbath evening at the family home just north of the public square. Miss CLAMMER had long lingered near the portals of death, the victim of an unknown disease that puzzled and baffled the physicians. A post mortem examination was held to learn, if possible, the real nature of her malady. The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday p.m.

October 28, 1897, page 5, col 6

SPENCE, Robert. The remains of Robert SPENCE were interred in our cemetery Monday of last week. Mr. SPENCE was for many years a resident of this place, was a brother of our townsman, Abe SPENCE. At the time of his death he was a merchant of Swan.

October 28, 1897, page 8, col 5

BAKER, Prince Smith, died very suddenly last Sabbath a.m. at the home of his son Amos BAKER, 4 miles northwest of Indianola. He was on a ladder, picking apples, and it was first reported that he had fallen and broken his neck. But an inquest was held and from the post mortem, it was considered that he had died before he fell. The body was taken Monday night to Berwick, Illinois, to be interred by the grave of his wife. Prince Smith BAKER, was born in Barnstable, Mass. September 12, 1812 and died October 24, 1897. In 1815 he moved with his parents to Athens, Ohio, where he resided until 1844. He was married to Miss Elvira P. CRIPPEN September 8, 1836. There were born to them five children, Eugene C., Wallace, Helen A., Robert R., and Amos C. Three of whom survive him, Mrs. Helen RIETSCHY, Amos C. BAKER both living near Indianola, and Robert R. BAKER, Des Moines. He was a family of eleven children, only one of whom survives him, his youngest brother, Nathan BAKER, who resides in Kansas. In 1844 he removed to middle Tennessee, where he lived until 1848 moving thence to Fulton county, Illinois, whence in 1870 he moved to Indianola. When young he united with the M. E. church, but in later years he became a member of the Seventh Day Adventists.

November 4, 1897, page 4, col 4

WILLIAMS, Mrs. The body of Mrs. WILLIAMS, a sister of Mr. John LEGGETT, of Lothrop, was brought in on the 8:30 o'clock p.m. last Thursday from Nebraska. A large company of relatives and friends were at the depot to receive the body. From there a long procession followed the remains to the Linn Grove cemetery to the final resting place.

November 11, 1897, page 4, col 2

HANSON, Ernest, died October 18. The funeral was preached at Roberts school house at 3 o'clock Sunday, November 1 by Rev. MITCHELL of Carlisle.

November 18, 1897, page 5, col 3

GUY, son. A little son of John GUY was brought here for burial last Friday having died of membranous croup.

November 25, 1897, page 5, col 2

CRAVEN, Nathan died Tuesday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Dr. HAMMER. Mr. CRAVEN was one of the early pioneers of this section, was always a quiet and unassuming citizen, a member of the Friends church and very pronounced in his religious beliefs. He lived to a ripe old age, and had long been ready for the final summons.

SANDY, J. G., was born in Owen county, Indiana August 18, 1829, came to Iowa in June 1854, was engaged in active business some 50 years, 26 of this at Sandyville, as a farmer, stockman and merchant. For the last 15 years he has been president of the National Bank and has lived at Indianola. He was one of a family of 12, only 5 of whom survive him, three brothers living in this county and two sisters living in Indiana. He leaves a widow and four daughters: Mrs. W. A. HEINY of Sandyville, Mrs. John A. SHULER, Mrs. C. W. CARNELL, and Mrs. J. F. SAMSON of Indianola. The body will be interred at Sandyville. Family members had accompanied him to Colorado Springs hoping his health would improve. However, it did not benefit him. A few words to describe him as "He was a financier first, last and all the time."

CRANDALL, OIRN. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Aus CRANDALL, died Sunday of that dread disease, croup, and was buried Tuesday. Little Oirn was but 4 years old and will be missed and mourned by the bereaved ones and their many friends.

December 2, 1897, page 5, col 3

ANDERSON, Dr. brother of T. T. and J. M. ANDERSON of the *Herald*, died very suddenly yesterday morning, at his home in St. Charles. T. T. ANDERSON and wife went yesterday as soon as possible after receiving word of his death. J. M. ANDERSON and the Browns and probably some others will go today to attend the funeral this afternoon. Dr. ANDERSON came to the county in '57 and settled in St. Charles in '59, where he has resided continuously till his death. He was a successful physician and had an extensive practice. He had a jovial, compassionate disposition and had a large circle of friends.

EBERMAN, Frank died November 4, 1897 leaving 2 minor children. Harris PARR guardian.

December 2, 1897, page 5, col 4

SANDY, J. G. The remains of J. G. SANDY were brought here for burial Saturday. Another old settler gone to his last resting place. Burial ceremonies conducted by the Masonic fraternity of which he was a member.

December 9, 1897, page 5, col 1

PENDRY, Robert, who has been dangerously sick since last Thursday, died Tuesday of neuralgia of the stomach.

December 9, 1897, page 5, col 2

McNEILL, baby. Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNEILL had the sad disappointment of a stillborn babe. It was buried yesterday a.m.

December 30, 1897, page 4, col 1

POWERS, Hazel, died of diphtheria on December 25 after one week and one day suffering.

December 30, 1897, page 5, col 3

BRAMHALL, Mrs. William and child, died last Sabbath. The child was but two days old. How near together are joys and mourning?

December 30, 1897, page 5, col 4

JENNER, Oscar William died rather suddenly last Saturday p.m. in his 17th year. He was a large muscular and powerful boy of his age and until a few weeks ago was healthy and promising. Excessive exercise had given him some internal trouble. Thursday week at school he was playing violently with the other boys and was much amiss when he reached home. He grew rapidly worse and when a physician was called, he was found to be suffering with inflammation of the bowels and was already beyond the reach of medicine. The funeral services were held Sabbath p.m. at the Pleasant Hill church, conducted by Rev. DeTARE. The family extend their sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses in his sickness and their bereavement.

<p>A</p> <p>ADAMS, Rev. 28</p> <p>AKERS, James 27</p> <p>AKERS, Margaret 27</p> <p>AKERS, Wert 27</p> <p>ANDERSON, Dr. 33</p> <p>ANDERSON, J. M. 33</p> <p>ANDERSON, Mrs. J. M. 30</p> <p>ANDERSON, T. T. 33</p> <p>B</p> <p>BAKER, Amos 32</p> <p>BAKER, Amos C 32</p> <p>BAKER, Eugene C. 32</p> <p>BAKER, Helen A. 32</p> <p>BAKER, Nathan 32</p> <p>BAKER, Prince Smith 32</p> <p>BAKER, Robert R. 32</p> <p>BAKER, Wallace 32</p>	<p>BANKS, James 30, 31</p> <p>BARR, daughter 27</p> <p>BARR, James 27</p> <p>BATTEN, baby 30</p> <p>BATTEN, L. D. 30</p> <p>BEERY, Grandma Jemima 27</p> <p>BEYMER, Mrs. George 31</p> <p>BIVENS, J. R. 30</p> <p>BOTCH, Rev. 28</p> <p>BOVEL, Brother 23</p> <p>BOYD, Rev. Joseph 24</p> <p>BRADEN, Rev. George W. 29</p> <p>BRAMHALL, brother 31</p> <p>BRAMHALL, Emerson 31</p> <p>BRAMHALL, Mrs. William 33</p> <p>BREEDING, James 28</p> <p>BREEN, Mrs. Grant 30</p> <p>BROWN, Rev. George 31</p> <p>BRYANT, child 31</p> <p>BRYANT, Mr. 31</p> <p>BUCKLEY, daughter 27</p>	<p>BUCKLEY, John 27</p> <p>BURTCH, Corwin 29</p> <p>BURTCH, D. C. 29</p> <p>BURTCH, Hazel 29</p> <p>C</p> <p>CALHOUN, Joseph 24</p> <p>CANADAY, Mrs. George 23</p> <p>CARNE, child 30</p> <p>CARNE, Fred 30</p> <p>CARNELL, Mrs. C. W. 32</p> <p>CARNER, Elza 27</p> <p>CARNER, Freddie 27</p> <p>CARPENTER, Mrs. Willet 23</p> <p>CARROLL, Maud 26</p> <p>CHERRY, Grandma 24</p> <p>CLAMMER, Blanch Marie 32</p> <p>CLARK, Miss Katie 27</p> <p>COCHRAN, Rev. 24</p> <p>COLEGROVE, Mr. 24</p>
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