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My Family Tree

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Many of my roots are firmly established
For birth and death dates I have diligently fished
Of course I write about my own children with a flair,
And remember the grandchildren's dates with great care.

But when delving into our past history,
We seem to fear questions that may get too gory.
We are proud to tell about important events,
But carefully avoid disclosing some moments.

Grandma said, "Don't hang our private wash out to air.
Everything must, if possible, seem sunny and fair."
Birth and death details, necessary history,
Are all important parts of one's life story.

Sometimes we can include the true facts that relate
To when, where, or why we chose or divorced a mate.
Oft we need to examine our motives in life,
Before acting on impulses full of fear and strife.

Love in its many forms is a big part of us.
We search for it, long for it, don't find it, then cuss.
We do not want to see all that in black and white.
We lie to ourselves when we're exposed by bright light.

The Bible says God knows. We cannot escape fate.
We must examine ourselves before it's too late.
Others see us, know us, we must recognize why
Our dirty laundry must be washed and hung to dry.

Whenever we can discover some clear pictures
Stories become more interesting than lectures.
We often look for family resemblance,
Memory, or some favorite remembrance.

When we can find proof of our data to include,
Like dated programs to which we can allude,
That obituary, birth announcement, wedding,
And job change color is worth providing.

The Family Tree software stores information
About relatives scattered over the nation.
The biggest problem now is keeping up with them,
Communicating and recording each new gem.

Genealogy takes lots of time, thought, and care.
Few may appreciate it and perfection is rare.
But personal satisfaction is guaranteed,
With my E-mail and letters happily received.

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Calendar:

- April 19 IGS VOLUNTEER DAY
This is our Saturday to assist at the IGS Library. We will be there from 8:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- April 21 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Ruth Hall - "WCGS 30th Anniversary"
Roll Call: Best thing about WCGS
- April 26 RESEARCH TOUR
Family History Center, 3301 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines
9:00 - 12:00 +
- May 3 BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASS
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
\$10, must pre-register
Contact Marieta Grissom for details
- May 13 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
- May 19 REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m.

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Marieta's rambling comments:

Even though I am late with this issue of the newsletter, I decided against making it a double issue. You will receive another issue very soon, as it is already in the works.

I just returned from a week at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. My report that will appear in the next newsletter. Sorry—you will have to wait 'til next time.

The Warren County town of Ford has piqued my interest for several years. This issue presents all the information I could find about it. I've made it a policy in the past to not reproduce information that is readily available in the previously published Warren County histories. This time I reversed that policy in order to give a more complete story.

Upcoming events: The IGS Spring Conference will be held Saturday, April 12. Some of us are planning to attend. Our IGS Volunteer Work Day will be Saturday, April 19. Our April WCGS Regular Meeting will be Monday, April 21—we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Saturday, April 26 we will visit the Family History Center in West Des Moines for a tour and research time. Saturday, May 3 I will be offering a Beginning Genealogy Class. As you can see, we have a busy month ahead!

However, the biggest IGS news is the "Grand" New Home. Dave and I attended an IGS sponsored Town Meeting in March where we heard many of the details regarding the purchase of the new building at 628 East Grand Avenue—across the street north of the State Historical Building. If all goes well, they should be moving to the new building during the middle of May. Initially the new building will offer twice as much floor space as the library currently has and in the future they may expand to the entire building which will add even more space. (Initially, IGS plans to lease out the remaining space to generate some income for paying for the building). Also, in order to help pay for the new building, IGS is offering an opportunity to place names on the Ancestor Memorial Wall to be placed in the front entrance for \$175 per item/name. WCGS has sent \$175, a couple of our members are participating and I contacted Louise Pilmer's daughter who agreed to memorialize Louise's contributions to IGS. We encourage others to also participate in this opportunity. You may contact me for further information, if interested.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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This poem was written by Evalee Hunderdosse, member of Lucas County Genealogical Society, printed in the January 2003, Lucas County (Chariton, IA) Newsletter. Lucas County President Ev Brightman's interview of Evalee, was also very interesting:

"Asked what she [Evalee] has learned, she replied, 'People are much more willing to talk about dead people than ones who are still alive.'

"Evalee's gifts are best summarized by her own statement. 'I cannot afford to give gifts as I would enjoy doing. I was raised by an aunt and grandparents. They almost never let me leave their homes without giving me a gift. Usually it was food from their garden, cave or pantry. I have no garden anymore, and I am not a good cook, so family history has become a gift that I can give. I hope that it will outlive me. Some people are not interested. But some people do not like strawberries, either.'"

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Bits and pieces about ... Part of Richland Township and the Town of Ford

Editor's note: My goal was to present information about the town of Ford in northeast Warren County. Normally, I don't draw my information from the previously published Warren County histories. However, after checking the newspapers and the history books, I found I needed the previously published information to fill in the gaps in the story. (I did not repeat information, however, that I included in the January-February 2000 issue on page 5 regarding Boston I. Taylor and the town of Ford.) So, here goes. . .

The Indianola Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, September 30, 1880, page 3, col 1

We understand a new post office, by the name of Ford, has been established in this county east of Carlisle.

The Indianola Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, December 2, 1880, page 2, col 2-4

This [trip] was through a portion of Richland township, the oldest settled township--a portion of it at least--of any in the county, and a township affording more variety in the way of natural resources and scenery than any other township. Richland is not only rich in its agricultural lands, but in its fine timber forests and rich coal mines. There is hardly a farm in that portion of Richland township that we passed over but that has within convenient distance a plentiful supply of fine wood. If we of Indianola only had but a portion of that wood which is decaying for want of being cut up and taken care of we would have reason for being thankful. It occurred to us that much of this wood might be turned to profit. One can go into the timber there and buy wood already cut for from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cord, or he can buy it and cut it up himself at almost any price he pleases. While *The Tribune* Quilabit was looking with jealous eyes at the decaying wood, beside which was the very finest of wood which he might have bought for \$1.50 per cord, one of his men at home had bought for him a load of wood upon the Indianola streets at a cost of five dollars. There is scarcely a year in which there is not a season when wood is so scarce in Des Moines, Indianola, and the other larger towns that it will easily command from four to six dollars a cord. The people of Richland township now have the best railroad facilities and it occurs to us that a paying business could be carried on by shipping wood into these towns by the carload during the slack season of farm work and storing it away to be sold when the people must have wood and will pay almost any price in order to get it. We aren't a particle selfish, and throw this hint out free of charge.

A familiar feature of Richland township is its large number

of sugar camps, which is made, every spring, a considerable quantity of that most delightful of griddle cake, lubricators, maple syrup--used almost entirely for home consumption.

A maple sugar orchard always brings to our Quilabit vivid recollections of proud youthful days--the days when, at the age of thirteen, he ran a sugar orchard for himself, tapping, setting the buckets for, and taking the entire care of fifty noble hard maples in his native state. Those were jolly days. "Sugaring" is no slight work in Vermont, but it is so attended with romance and so filled with poetry and "sweetness" as to give it a peculiar charm to the average boy. First, there is the tapping already referred to, then the hanging of buckets, next the arranging of the big cauldron kettle (for we had no fancy pan and arch) and then the gathering of the sap in pails with the aid of a "neck yoke" and--if the snow is deep--a pair of snow shoes. After this, comes the boiling of the sap and this is glorious sport, particularly when the wind is blowing, and it generally does blow, in such a direction that no matter where you go, the smoke strikes you straight in the eyes. The most fun, however, is in sitting up and boiling the sap at night time, keeping the fire in a perfect blaze and sending the illumination away through the tree tops. It beats sitting by the grandest old fashioned fire place that poet ever sung about, particularly if there is another boy or two around and a wood-chuck near by in some hollow tree to be smoked out.

Well do we remember the last wood-chuck that we ever tortured in this way. He had carefully hidden himself away up in the hollow of one of those "mou-archest of the forest"--those huge trees that tower aloft and that to the child-hood fancy form themselves into immense giants. Our wood-chuck had been smoked out and the fire carefully, as we thought, extinguished, when we wended our way homeward. Imagine the fright caused a few hours afterwards when we were awakened to look upon what seemed like the whole sugar forest a fire. There wasn't any poetry in that, although the illumination was grand. It caused too many fears lest the whole woods should become inflamed and "sugar works" and all fall a prey to the flames--but blessed fortune interfered in our behalf.

But we started out to tell about Richland township, not about our experience in running a sugar camp. Richland township, as we have said, was one of the earliest settled, in consequence of which it shows many improvements of the more substantial kind. The first farms passed, as we got into the township and before reaching Hartford, are those of Wm., Myrick, Eli Coons, a quarter section of good land, having on it a good house and being surrounded with evidences of good management; Robt. McElroy, a 120-acre place which is being improved by Reynolds McElroy; H. S. Badgley, a good

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40-acre place; A. M. Badgley, small farm; S. R. Cain, also a small, but good farm, on which is an excellent orchard; and the farm of L. P. Creighton, about one hundred acres. Everything about this last mentioned place is in ship-shape. The house is one of the best in the county, not so large as some, but substantially built and made as comfortable as it is possible to make a house. The barn has lately been completed and is a splendid one. Mr. Creighton is a manager, a man who farms on business principles and who makes money at it. . . .

Among the Farms

Accompanied by Dr. Merritt, *The Tribune* Quilabit started east from Hartford Friday afternoon, passing first the Mrs. Black farm of about a quarter section, farmed by her son-in-law, Geo. W. Coons, an industrious and successful farmer; and then the fine 160-acre farm of Alex Arts, one of the best in the township, with good buildings and fences. Mr. Arts raises stock of all kinds and makes a specialty of sheep. He is putting up a large and splendid sheep cote.

After passing Mr. Arts' we had the opportunity of a brief chat with Squire Guthrie, one of the veterans of Warren county, having come from Virginia to Richland in '47. He has a fine farm of 280 acres, well improved and with a large house and good barn upon it. Squire Guthrie is a man who belongs in the front ranks as an agriculturist, being an extensive reader and active in all matters of public interest.

Passing on, the next farm is that of that old settler and eminently successful farmer, Thos. Pendry. Just how many acres Mr. Pendry has we did not learn. The number is away up in the hundreds. Mr. Pendry is a man of great wealth. He is getting old and has been afflicted for several years with paralysis. His house is a fine one.

After passing Mr. Pendry's our route lay a little off the main road, circling around through fields in such a way as to pass that portion of Robt. Pendry's farm which is being well managed by Asa Putnam, and the very fine farm and farm buildings of county Supervisor Rawson. Though a farmer on an extensive scale, Mr. Rawson devotes much of his time to stock buying and shipping, being considered one of the most reliable and careful shippers in the county.

Retracing somewhat, we pass the farms of R. Pendry (a large one with excellent buildings and improvements) and Wm. Brown (about 300 acres, highly cultivated, neat farm buildings and surroundings), after which South River is crossed and the well-taken-care of place and good buildings of M. G. Shook are passed. Mr. Shook, like most of

the men whose farms have been passed, is an old settler and a man who has been successful in his calling.

We now turn north a little ways to the "Murray settlement," where lives Edw. Murray and wife, a genial and happy old couple, and near by their son Ezra, who farms on a large scale, but who devotes most of his time to stock buying and getting out walnut lumber.

We again retrace and after passing the small farm of Daniel Viers and re-crossing South River, take a rice across the timber bottom, past Lew Osborne's to the Doc Rawson place, farmed by J. I. Rawson. After a brief visit with Mr. Rawson and a chat with John Driscoll, a whole-souled and good natured fellow, we pass on hurriedly, for it is getting near dark, noticing a rented farm occupied by P. G. Hobson; the John Bly place; that of James Woodward (on which there is a beautiful orchard of 1200 apple trees, all good bearers); the nice house, sugar camp and 100-acre farm of L. C. Anderson; one side of the splendid L. C. McIntire place; the Joshua Rhine farm, 120 acres (good house and barn); the James McIntire place (also splendid, Mr. McIntire being a remarkably successful farmer and stock man); the nice 90-acre farm of James Freel, which has good an orchard as there is in the vicinity; the widow Tidball's 80-acre place and S. M. Guinn's 110 acres, good barn and moderate house (Mr. Guinn intends building a fine house next year). Mr. Guinn is an unusually good farmer. He began with 30 acres, only 10 of which was in cultivation, and has worked himself into the fine place that he now owns and has improved.

After this, before getting to Hartford, we get glances of the farms of Jacob Smith, 120 acres; A. Gregg, a small place; Warren Sherman, 90 acres, a detached 15 acres owned by Dr. Dashiel; A. J. Duncan, about 90 acres and Wesley Spain, about 70 acres. . . .

Saturday's Ramblings

Our guide Saturday was Raymond Seever and our first move, on leaving Hartford, was to make a short call on A. J. Duncan. We were anxious to do this because of hearing him so highly recommended as a farmer. He has a good home and about 90 acres of land that he cultivates to about as good advantage as the land is capable of being turned to. We were informed that Mr. Duncan could come about as near to figuring the actual cost of every bushel of corn and wheat and every other item of farm product as any man in the county. He runs his farm according to a system, and always knows just what he is accomplishing. We commend this plan to others.

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Our route was towards the new station of Ford, on the Des Moines river. The farms passed, not mentioning those noted in Friday's jottings, were those of Geo. W. Spry, 80 acres, good house and barn, large orchard and vineyard; W. G. Wilson, 80 acres, large orchard, considerable coal land, etc; A. Thomas, a nice farm of 40 acres, on which he makes his living, though badly afflicted with Rheumatism and sore eyes, being greatly aided by an industrious young lad who is a regular manager; Widow Clark, 80 acres farmed by E. F. Henderson's; and John Taylor, 400 acres, a good bottom farm and a good deal of coal land.

Ford and its Mines

Ford is a little town that is just springing up. It has a general store, conducted by Freel & Hidy, two wide awake young men; a meat market, in charge of Freel & Wilson; a large boarding house lately opened by Richard Graham, a corn and grain buying depot, one of D. J. Jaques & Cos. Stations; and two extensive coal mines operated by the Watson Coal Company, of De Moines, and employing nearly thirty men. The mines are leased from Mr. Taylor by the company, and are being operated on an extensive scale, two large patent-weighing dumps having been put in and enclosed in good buildings, switches having been run in such a way as to load cars direct from the dumps and more to be added. Through the courtesy of Mr. Taylor and the foreman, Robert Burnett, we were taken through the mines, through about fifteen hundred feet of tunneling under the hill. The coal is of the best quality and exists without limit along the whole bank of the river. The employees are a fine set of men, dusky, but intelligent and jolly. We found Mr. Burnett and Mr. Smith, the weigh-master, particularly accommodating and agreeable. The little station seemed like a perfect beehive of industry, with its large corn-cribs and lively mines. Mr. Taylor owns all the land in the neighborhood, and is quite confident that quite a little village will spring up there as the mines are developed. They have no depot as yet, but a post office has been established, with Mr. Taylor as post-master, and a depot is expected.

Homeward

After a good dinner at Mr. Taylor's and a little more loitering, our Quilabit found it necessary to hurry homeward,

and to leave a good portion of his intended trip for a later date. Leaving Ford, his route was along Middle River, past A. W. Pyle's mine, which was the main resource for years, in which a new ___ is now being made; past B. F. ___ "island," but on the wrong side of the stream to allow for a call this time; [past] Schwaner Bros.' Coal shaft, quite extensively operating; and then the farm of ___ Reeves, a small one; John Cutler's occupied by W. C. Rogers; David Reese, a very fine farm of 125 or so acres; Geo. Haworth, about the same size, with fine buildings; T. Owen, 90 acres; Jos. Taylor, 40 acres; N. Corzatt, 80 acres, good buildings and a well taken care of place in every respect; John Park's farm, occupied by J. T. Pyle; and M. A. Dashiel's farm, the latter a beautiful farm with a large house and average barn, and everything about the place in the best shape.

Our Richland trip was not so satisfactory in all respects as it might have been, the weather being part of the time so cold as to prevent a thorough sightseeing, but it was such as to convince us of the ample resources and facilities for successful farming, mining and selling timber in that township.

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, May 21, 1885,
page 4, col 5

Clarkson items: Your correspondent passed through Ford last week, and was struck with amazement at the utter desolation of this once prosperous village. Two years ago Ford contained four general stores, all doing a thriving business. One hotel and boarding house, more than a hundred men were engaged in the coalery; and two brick yards were run day and night. A genuine brass band and theatrical troupe furnished music and fun. But alas, what a change! The coal bank failed to pay, and it was accordingly closed, and the machinery moved elsewhere. The miners and their families left. One store died a natural death; two were closed by officers; and we found the fourth presided over by a lady who was reading a novel. We had business with the Postmaster, but that gentleman had locked up and gone into the country. So, we found a seat in front of the post office and waited patiently two long hours. During that time we saw a small girl cutting wood, a boy passed through driving a cow, a farmer return-

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

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ing from his work, and a Jew peddler, who looked sorrowfully at the vacant houses, as he urged his jaded horse along. The huge conical heaps of burnt slack alone remain to mark the site of departed Ford. At last the postmaster returned, and though we were strangers, he shook our hand cordially, and said he was deeply moved to once more meet a man at the office. Our business attended to we returned with a feeling of having been to a funeral. Peace be to its ashes.

The Weekly Herald, Indianola, Iowa, August 18, 1892,
page 2, col 5

Forty-six years ago Tuesday last, the parents of E. W. Hartman landed on the bottom near where Ford now stands and drove the stakes of settlement. E. W. was then 12 years old.

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, May 4, 1893, page
2, col 3

Ford--The ferry boat across the Des Moines river is in running order now. G. W. Pyle is ferryman.

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, March 25, 1897

Clarkson--The Des Moines river is out of the banks and still rising.

A sudden rise in the river at the time the ice went out so damaged the county ferry boat between here [Runnells] and Ford that it cannot be used and there is no way of crossing except in a skiff. There is much travel on this road and some way of crossing with teams should be provided at once.

The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, September 12,
1907, page 6, col 5

Palmyra--We finished hauling our corn to Ford, an almost unpopulated station on the C.B.&Q. They are all primitive characters but highly interesting in their natures. We deem this valley the meadow of Hades. Mark Ray wears the cap which has conductor on it. Ike Bradford, an old horse trader, talks about punching the fire and roasting the scribes as though he lived in the first half of the last century. He sweats easy because he is fleshy and laughs when he has a chance. We don't fear him. He has not the wicked look nor the cruel eye and if he had the cruel eye

and if we did not overcome his influence it is our fault. He does not know that he has accepted any religion. He smokes a pipe and whittles some for pastime. Scott Butler is postmaster and a fisherman and in matters of religion a sort of a universalist, but not being possessed of great power he is like a child awaiting development so that he can do greater work. Pumpwater is the merchant of Hades. He is of French blood, large of bone and flesh and had ought to keep cool during dog-days. With the pen he is wicked. In company he is mild and wears a smile. He says he has no religion and is termed an agnostic. It is possible that he is not to blame for ninety percent of the people of France are standing in his shoes. These are the four of Ford. They are all materialists and the scribe here, no missionary, we leave in other hands. We deem fifty cents a bushel a good price for corn and feel indebted to Mark Ray and Bunt Guin for their business enterprise and push. Bunt will tell you he lives up on the hill and does business in the meadow. The meadow of Hades! My, my, Pleasantville receives some goods from that point and hauls them overland and Sandyville has some of her dearest prize packages come to this port of entry. Limited in population as she is, she does lots of business and the people are not in each others way.

1908 Warren County History, pages 338-339

Richland township is one of the smaller townships in the county, containing less than thirty-six sections. It is the northeast township of the county, the first settled, contained probably more timber than any other township in the county. Indeed, if the timber had been properly husbanded, it would have been sufficient to supply the wants of the entire county. It was in this township that the Government saw-mill was erected by Captain Allen and John D. Parmelee, and here the first destruction of Warren county timber began that was so ruthlessly carried forward until the native timber has almost entirely disappeared. There were groves of magnificent walnut trees. Some of them were made into rails, and some sawed into boards, and the large limbs were left to rot or be burned on the ground. Many of those trees would today be worth \$100 each possibly more, but they are gone. On the hills there were beautiful oak trees, the value of which now could hardly be estimated, but they too have gone the way of all the earth. Richland township was a part of the "strip," and enjoyed the distinction of belonging to Polk county for about seven years. Every student of the past of Warren county can but regret the careless manner in which the large groves of excellent timber in Richland township were disposed of and the little profit that was derived from them.

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1987 Warren County History, page 312-313
by Lynda Richards

During the development of the railroad lines across the United States, many towns leaped to life. Such was the case with Ford, Iowa, located east of Hartford, on the south side of the Des Moines River from Runnells and just east of the confluence of the Des Moines and Middle Rivers in Section 9.

The town was unique in more ways than one. All the houses were painted railroad red. The buildings faced the tracks of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

The true story of how Ford got its name is in question. Some will say it is because at that location early settlers crossed or forded the Des Moines River. Others contend that the man who ran the ferry across the river was named Ford. For years a metal ring that was used for hooking the ferry remained visible around one huge cottonwood tree. There may yet be other theories to how Ford was named, but one just has to decide for himself which story he prefers.

Ford began to grow in 1868. John R. Taylor laid out the town, who with his wife Margaret owned the land. When the Taylors conveyed the land to the public, they reserved the mineral rights and reserved the right to mine or cause to be mined the coal under the streets of the town. The coal mines were leased to Watson Coal Company of Des Moines. At one time there were four general stores, a hotel, and a boarding house and two brick yards which operated day and night. About one hundred men were employed in the mine.

The CB&Q Railroad began laying track in 1879. The depot was built that same year and the first agent was Mart Ray. The first passenger train passed through Ford on January 10, 1880. Stockyards were built alongside the tracks at the east end of town, but west of the depot. G. W. Pyle operated a ferry across the Des Moines River in 1893. A grain elevator was built in 1909. The stockyards and coal mines brought prosperity and population to the town.

Some of the residents of Ford were Butlers, Hams, Jim Spivak, Charlie Priest, Halley and Lou Losey, Louie Justice, Allen Fetters, Tom Carnes, Ed Gregory, Ted Writing, Will Shepard, Cliff and Mary Ellsworth, the Thompsons, Babers and Vint Harris.

Perry "Ped" and Nellie Furrow had a store there and "Ped"

once served as the postmaster and schoolteacher at the Ford #2 or Gwinn School as it was also called.

Anderson Myrick and Homer Gwinn also had a store in Ford. The post office was located there at one time prior to it being located at the Furrow store. The Myrick and Gwinn Store was situated on the southwest corner of the junction of the Ford to Runnells road and the railroad tracks.

There are those who remember visiting one of the stores and choosing a soda pop cooled in a wash tub of cold water. Bob E. Smith recalls he drank more than one of those cold cream sodas cooled in that manner.

A story that was accorded absolute truth concerning Ped Furrow and how he got his name goes something like this. It seems there was a family that upon going out to hitch up their team of horses to go to work found Ped in a furrow in the field. Thus, his last name. . . .

The 1908 history book states that John R. Taylor was Ford's first postmaster. The post office operated from September 10, 1880 to May 31, 1914. At different times as mentioned previously, the post office was in the Myrick-Gwinn Store and then in the Furrow Store. Jim Young drove the mail hack. Hartford brought its mail in a buggy to leave it for the train and would pick it up in the same manner.

In 1880 when the first trains arrived in Ford, they used steam engines. A ticket on the train from Ford to Des Moines was 37 cents. Then came the diesel engines. When fuel was short during W. W. I, they brought the old steam engines out of mothballs. . . .

In 1902 the Ford to Runnells bridge was built at a cost of \$14,000. In 1968 a new bridge was erected by the Army Corp of Engineers further east of the old bridge. With the coming of the Red Rock Dam, the old bridge was torn down June of 1970.

Vint Harris, son of Elmer and Mary and the Ellsworths were the last to move from the town of Ford when the Red Rock Reservoir forced them out about 1968.

Today, the town of Ford is but a memory to most. Others pass through its earlier boundaries on their way to a public boat dock at the confluence of the Des Moines and Middle Rivers. Most of those fishermen don't even know what they missed.

Research Helps and Other Tidbits:

The Great Fire of 1973

National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis

by Jim Avery

(Jim is a military records specialist for
the Department of Veterans Affairs)

Beaver County, PA Gleanings, via Jasper County
Gleaner, Newton, Iowa, November 2002

Over the years fires have robbed historians of important records. In 1800, a fire at the War Department, destroyed the records of the first ten years of our country's existence; an 1833 fire at the US Treasury destroyed early fiscal records; significant paintings and other relics went up in flames in an 1851 fire in the capitol building; and the 1921 fire at the Census Bureau destroyed most of the 1890 census. But in terms of the number of records and people affected, none of the earlier fires rival the July 12, 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis.

The building housing NPRC was built in 1956. The following year, it was determined that future buildings would require sprinkler systems and firewalls. An ominous foreboding of things to come. The building itself was 6 stories high, 728 feet long and 282 feet wide. It housed over 52 million records from all branches of the military. There were no sprinklers, nor were there firewalls, except those separating the offices from the records. A fireproof vault contained high-ranking officers and other VIP records.

At 16 minutes after midnight on July 12, 1973, the first alarm came into the North County Fire Alarm System, a communications link for area fire companies. 20 seconds later the second alarm came in from a guard. Within 4 minutes two fire trucks were on the scene. By 1:34 a.m. the sixth alarm was sounded. By 3:15 a.m. the entire 6th floor was on fire. The fire companies battled the fire by using snorkels to pour water into the 6th floor. By 2:44 on the morning of July 14th firemen were able to get to the 6th floor. By the morning of July 16th the crisis, as far as the fire department was concerned, was over and only one pumper remained.

When the damage assessment team reached the 6th floor they found that only 10% of the 22 million records could be salvaged. The most damaged records were Army records from 1912 to 1959 and to a lesser extent Air Force records from 1947 to 1963 for surnames beginning with the letters I through Z. Records of Army personnel discharged between January 1 and July 11 received minimal damage. They found that the firemen's hoses had actually knocked records off the top shelves and those

waterlogged records helped keep the records on the bottom shelves from igniting.

What was salvaged? The records, which could be identified and salvaged, were taken out to a giant tent city where employees laid the records out to dry in the air. Some records were taken to an air force base for vacuum drying. An index to the records on hand was rescued from the fire. Also, over 100,000 reels of microfilm containing Army morning reports from 1912 to 1959 and Air Force morning reports from 1947 to 1959. Some image damage occurred from the heat and humidity, but consisted of only 5% of the images. A back up copy was available to reconstruct the records. These are important because they cover the years destroyed in the fire, but do not contain anywhere near what was lost. Does this mean that every Army veteran or Air Force veteran's records were lost if they served during these time spans? Not necessarily. If the veteran was retired from the military or had recent reserve duty, his or her records were at Army Reserve Personnel Command also in St. Louis or the Air Force Reserve Command in Denver. If the veteran had filed a claim with VA prior to the fire, his record would have been sent to the VA office processing the claim and is still with the VA claims folder. If it is an old case, it is probably in storage elsewhere in St. Louis.

Can records be reconstructed? Sometimes. Pay records and morning reports can be used to verify service. Morning reports and hospital clinical records can sometimes be used to reconstruct hospital treatment records. The only drawback here is that the inquirer needs to know the veteran's exact unit of assignment, the time span of treatment within 3 months and exact name of the place of treatment.

Looking for records. Don't accept the blanket response "Those were destroyed in the fire." The first place to look is at the VA. Call 1-800-827-1000 and ask them if they can identify the veteran. If he/she has an unusual name, that may be enough. Otherwise, a service number or social security number will be required. IF VA can identify the veteran, and the veteran is deceased, a copy of the records can be requested from VA. If the veteran was retired, the records would be at ARPERSCOM in St. Louis or if Air Force they would be in Denver.

Rumors! Every so often the rumor that copies of the burnt records were found, rears its ugly head. There is no truth at all to this rumor. What WAS found are "Surgeon General Reports." These are statistical reports that show a veteran was treated at a given hospital and can be used to place someone there, but does not contain actual treatment records.

Research Helps and Other Interesting Tidbits: *continued*

Obtaining Civil War Military Records

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Individual pension and military files from the U.S. Government that were issued to Union veterans are maintained by the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Either the Military or Pension files or both may be obtained (if they exist) for a fee from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

You may wish to verify that a pension or military record exists before ordering (saves waiting for a rejection notice because records were not found) using the General Index to Pensions either by renting the microfilm from the National Archives, visiting on one of the regional branches, or by visiting a local LDS family history center near you.

General Reference Branch (NRRG-P)
National Archives and Records Administration
7th and Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20408

Requests must be submitted on NATF form 80, the National Archives does not respond to information requests via e-mail. The NATF Form 80 form can be ordered through the mail directly from them (above) or by e-mail.

To order blank request forms via e-mail:

1. Address: inquire@arch2.nara.gov
2. Subject: 'form'
3. Body: your snail mail address and the number and quantity of the form requested.

Form Numbers are:

- Form 46 Bounty Land Warrant
- Form 80 (Military service and pension records prior to World War I)
- Form 81 (Passenger Arrivals)
- Form 82 (Copies of Census Records)
- Form 83 (Eastern Cherokee Applications)
- Form 180 (Military service records, World War I and later)

NARA Regional Records Service Facilities for Central Plains Region

KANSAS CITY

NARA's Central Plains Region (Kansas City)

2312 East Bannister Road

Kansas City, Missouri 64131-3011

Telephone: 816-926-6272

E-mail: kansascity.archives@nara.gov

Web: <http://www.nara.gov/regional/kansas.html>

Fax: 816-926-6982

Holdings:

- * Archival holdings from Federal agencies and courts in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.
- * Records center holdings from the same states.
- * Microfilm holdings

LEE'S SUMMIT

NARA's Central Plains Region (Lee's Summit)

200 Space Center Drive

Lee's Summit, Missouri 64064-1182

Telephone: 816-478-7079

E-mail: mailto:kansascitycave.center@nara.gov

Web: <http://www.nara.gov/regional/leesumit.html>

Fax: 816-478-7625

Holdings: Records center holdings from Federal agencies and courts in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and from most Department of Veterans Affairs and Immigration and Naturalization Service offices nationwide.

ST. LOUIS

NARA's National Personnel Records Center

Civilian Personnel Records

111 Winnebago Street

St. Louis, Missouri 63118-4199

E-mail: cpr.center@nara.gov

Web: <http://www.nara.gov/regional/cpr.html>

Holdings: Civilian personnel records from Federal agencies nationwide; selected military dependent medical records.

NARA's National Personnel Records Center

Military Personnel Records

9700 Page Avenue

St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100

E-mail mpr.center@nara.gov

Web: <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html>

Fax: 314-538-4175

Holdings: Military personnel records, and military and retired military medical records from all services; selected dependent medical records, morning reports, rosters, and Philippine army and guerilla records.

Research Helps and Other Interesting Tidbits: *continued*

The 'Golden Rules' for public records requests

A Sunshine Advisory from the Iowa Attorney General's Office published in The Knoxville Journal-Express, August 2, 2002, via Lucas County, Chariton, IA, January 2003

When a person requests access to a public record, questions may arise: Does the requester have to explain a reason for the request? Does the person have to show identification to get access to the record? Do public officials have to give a reason to deny access to a record?

Here are "Golden Rules" to help public officials respond to requests for access to public records--and to explain the legal rights of people requesting access:

Rule 1: The reason a requester wants the record is irrelevant. (So, officials should not ask.)

Records which are open to public examination must be produced no matter what the reason for the request. The public can examine and copy a record just because it's there!

Rule 2: The identity of the requester usually is irrelevant. (Officials should not ask for identification, unless there is a lawful reason to do so.)

Members of the public usually should not be required to identify themselves in order to get access to public records. However, if a record only open to certain people for limited purposes (for example, motor vehicle accident records), then the lawful custodian may need to ask for additional information to assure the record is only provided to those entitled to see it.

Rule 3: Public records may not be withheld without legal authority.

Iowa's public policy is simple: Every person has the right to examine and copy public records, and officials' failure to provide access to public records can result in civil or criminal penalties. Before access to a record is denied, public officials must have a valid legal reason for denying access to the record. Public officials may consult with their legal counsel if necessary.

Iowa Code Ch. 22 spells out the rights and obligations of getting and giving access to public records. Officials managing public records should follow the Golden Rules: Don't ask irrelevant questions, and don't deny access without legal authority.

Citizens who have inquiries or complaints about public records or open meetings may call the Iowa citizens' Aide/Ombudsman Office toll-free at (888) IA-OMBUD (888-426-6283.)

"Sunshine Advisory" bulletins provide information on Iowa's

public records and open meetings laws -- our "Sunshine Laws." The bulletins are a resource for public officials and citizens. Local officials should obtain legal advice from their counsel, such as the city or county attorney.

World War I Selective Service Records

from "Antique Week, August 1988,
via Poweshiek Co, Montezuma, IA, Oct-Dec 2002

World War I Selective Service records are often overlooked as a source of genealogical information. Most male residents of the United States born between 1873 and 1900 were required to register for the draft. Some did not actually serve in the war, however. The registration cards contain information about birth date, race, citizenship, occupation, employer, nearest relative and marital status. The cards have been microfilmed and are held by the

National Archives, Atlanta Branch
1557 St. Joseph Avenue
East Point, GA 30044

Information is filed by state and there under by draft board. Requests for information must include a complete name and address of the person at the time of the draft. There is a fee for copies of the information.

Graves of US Servicemen Buried Overseas

From Northwest, IL, via Poweshiek County, Montezuma, Oct-Dec 2002

Those seeking the graves of U.S. servicemen buried overseas should be aware of the existence of the American Battle Monuments Commission. According to the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, the Commission is responsible for the construction and maintenance of American military cemeteries on foreign soil. Congressional Quarterly's Washington Information Director (1986-87) lists

American Battle Monuments Commission
(Executive Office)
20 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20314
Telephone: 212-272-0533

The Federal Register says one may also contact the Director of Operations and Finance
Col. William E. Ryan, Jr.
American Battle Monuments Commission
5127 Pulsaski Building
Washington, DC 20314
Telephone: 212-272-0536

**Death Record Abstractions from
The Advocate-Tribune, Indianola, Iowa
1898**

January 6, 1898, page 1, col 3

IVES, Orren. David IVES of Ames reports the probable murder of his father, Orren IVES, who started from Des Moines in a covered wagon on July 13 last. On December 12 his remains were found. He never reached Ft. Smith, Arkansas or Denison, Texas.

January 6, 1898, page 4, col 2

BRAMHALL, Mrs. Wm and babe. The sad news reached us of Mrs. BRAMHALL and babe death too late to attend the funeral at Center Chapel last Tuesday.

January 6, 1898, page 4, col 3

JENNER, Oscar. Prof. BROWN of Indianola filled the pulpit at Linn Grove two weeks ago in place of Bro. DeTAR, who had to be absent on account of the funeral of Oscar JENNER, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex JENNER.

January 6, 1898, page 5, col 3

BOWERMAN, Andrew, died December 26, 1897 at Halifax, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, aged 68 years, 10 months and 16 days. He was well known in and about Indianola. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

January 6, 1898, page 5, col 4

SHAW, Charles G. died last Monday morning. He was born in Machias, New York, April 12, 1838. Before enlisting for the war he was married at Knoxville, Illinois to Miss Ellen EVANS, who lived but a short time. In October 1873 he was again married at Bushnell, Illinois, to Mrs. Amana ROSS, who survives him. He moved to Indianola, Iowa some 20 years ago. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church yesterday.

January 13, 1898, page 5, col 3

DASHIELL, Noble H. died yesterday at his home northwest of town, in his 33rd year. He leaves a widow and three small children. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church after which the body will be taken to Hartford for interment beside the graves of his 7 brothers and sisters. He is the eighth of a family of 12 children to be buried there, one of

the first was buried in Indianola. His little daughter Wilma was 9 years of age.

January 20, 1898, page 5, col 2

INGALLS, J. D., the body of Judge J. D. INGALLS was brought in yesterday and taken to the home of E. W. PERRY, where funeral services were conducted yesterday p.m. with Masonic rites.

January 20, 1898, page 5, col 3

RAMSEY, Mary A., died Monday night at the family home west of the college. Mary A., wife of C. R. RAMSEY, age about 62 years. In the summer of '97 she spent two months with her children in Missouri. The body was taken Tuesday night to Missouri for interment beside the graves of her kindred.

NOBLE, Jane R., died Saturday night at the home of her son Scott NOBLE. Jane R. relict of the late William NOBLE, in her 72nd year. Mr. and Mrs. NOBLE were among the early settlers of Iowa coming to Hardin county in 1856. In 1865 they moved to this county. She had joined the Presbyterian church. The funeral services were held at the residence Monday p.m.

January 27, 1898, page 5, col 4

GRAHAM, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy GRAHAM was buried here Friday of last week.

February 3, 1898, page 5, col 3

CLARY, Frank. From Akron, Colorado news came of the sudden death of Frank CLARY, who was yard master, was killed by a switch engine, January 19, 1898, while uncoupling the air brakes. He was born near Indianola, Iowa, January 21, 1860. He leaves a wife and one daughter by his first wife and a little adopted daughter, a father, a brother and three sisters. He had been a resident of Akron for eleven years. His remains were taken to Indianola, Iowa for interment.

February 3, 1898, page 5, col 4

WARD, William, died at his home in Allen township this county, Wednesday, January 26, 1898. Aged nearly 82 years. Was born in Mason county, Virginia April 16, 1816. Left an orphan

at the age of 6 years, came to Dubuque, Iowa in 1837. In 1854 came to Warren county where he has remained. He raised a large family, 5 of whom remain living. In 1862 his first wife died. In 1864 he was married to Susan WHITCOMB, who survives him. The funeral services were conducted at the Avon church on Friday, January 28. He was laid to rest in the Avon cemetery.

February 10, 1898, page 4, col 3

THOMPSON, child. A deceased child of Leroy THOMPSON was brought to Palmyra for interment last Saturday.

CHERRY, baby. A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen CHERRY Friday, January 28. The little one lived but a few hours and on Sunday was buried in the Linn Grove cemetery.

February 10, 1898, page 5, col 2

CROSSON, Pleas, died yesterday at the residence of his sister, Mrs. J. H. BARNETT, just west of town. He has been severely afflicted for a year or more.

SMITH, father-in-law. George SMITH, wife and children were called to Eagle Grove due to the death of her father of heart disease.

COOK, Mrs. Eleanor, died very suddenly at her home on west Main street yesterday. She was about 75 years old, a native of New Jersey; had been a widow since '56 and had lived her since '72. Her daughter is Mrs. Rev. MARTIN.

February 17, 1898, page 4, col 4

WARNER, E. F. residing near the Otterbein church in Warren county, was killed Wednesday while hauling logs. He was a prominent farmer and a son-in-law of S. A. GOSE.

TATE, father-in-law. N. O. TATE and wife went Monday to Illinois, called there by the death of her father.

COWIE, Matthew, an old settler who lived many years on Scotch Ridge, died last Saturday, and was buried Monday in the Scotch Ridge cemetery.

PEARSON, father. The father of George PEARSON, died at the home of the son west of town last Monday. The funeral services

were held at the home yesterday p.m. He was about 91 years of age.

February 17, 1898, page 5, col 4

RODGERS, child. A little child of James RODGERS from the southeast part of Richland township died of membranous croup last Friday and was brought here for burial on Saturday.

COWIE, father. Miss Sadie COWIE was called to her home near Summerset last Friday by the illness of her father. He died Saturday and was buried Monday at the Scotch Ridge cemetery.

February 24, 1898, page 4, col 3

WARREN, Prof.

HICKS, Chas. We have had two very sudden deaths here in the past two weeks. Both were highly respected citizens of our vicinity.

KING, Willard, about 60 years of age, who lived 10 or 12 miles south in Squaw township with his brother who is about 70, was found dead due to suicide.

March 3, 1898, page 5, col 2

LAW, Frank S. The body of Frank LAW, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. LAW of Des Moines, was brought here for interment. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday. They were formerly from Indianola.

March 3, 1898, page 5, col 5

COWIE, Mr. Matthew, was born August 11, 1824 in Berwickshire, Scotland and died at his home near Summerset, February 22, 1898. He came to America in 1852 and was married to Hannah BROOKS in Ohio on December 12, 1853. In 1854 they moved to Warren county on Scotch Ridge. Their union was blessed with nine children. He was deprived of his companion May 11, 1873, which left to him the care of his family of eight children.

March 10, 1898, page 4, col 1

BLAKE, Mrs. Anderson, died Wednesday of last week of pneumonia. She leaves a husband and two children.

March 10, 1898, page 4, col 3

METCALF, W. S. committed suicide Sunday morning by shooting himself at his mother's home one and one-fourth miles north of town (Pleasantville).

McCONNELL, wife. Mrs. George McCONNELL received word from Grand Island, Nebraska, that her son's wife had committed suicide.

March 17, 1898, page 4, col 3

ROBERTSON, Roxie. Died of diphtheria, March 8, Roxie, seven year old daughter of Wm. ROBERTSON.

March 17, 1898, page 5, col 3

HARBISON, Turner, died at his home in Des Moines last Saturday of consumption and his body was brought here for interment Monday. Funeral was held at the Presbyterian church. Mr. HARBISON was for many years a prominent businessman in Indianola. He had reached his 63rd year just 5 days before his death. He leaves a widow and one daughter. Mrs. HARBISON and her sister Mrs. Nannie KECK accompanied the body from Des Moines.

March 24, 1898, page 4, col 2

HAWORTH, two children. Diphtheria has taken the lives of two children of Vinton HAWORTH.

March 24, 1898, page 4, col 3

JONES, Mahala. Mahala KELLER was born in Green county, Tennessee, October 10, 1805. Married to Clayborn JONES 1828. They moved to Indiana in 1840 and in '56 to Decatur county, Iowa. They had 10 children of whom 8 survive the mother. She retained her membership in the church at Mt. Ayr where she resided from 1886 to 1895. Mother JONES died March 19 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. S. WOODMANSEE of Indianola and was taken to Mt. Ayr for burial beside her husband, who died in '64 and was buried in the Woodmansee cemetery. She was one of 20 children.

March 24, 1898, page 5, col 2

HOWARD, Mrs. S. L. For many years in business in Indianola, died at her home in Des Moines, March 16 after lingering for years with an incurable disease. The body was taken to Chariton, her former home for interment.

CRONKWRIGHT, Mabel, the 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. CRONKWRIGHT died last Thursday night of complications of brain and stomach troubles. The body was taken to Adel, their former home.

March 31, 1898, page 3, col 2

ZARLEY, babe. Mr. and Mrs. Charley ZARLEY buried their two-week-old babe last sabbath.

March 31, 1898, page 3, col 3

HENTHORN, C. Merry. Jack BARTLETT, the city nightwatch shot and fatally wounded Mr. HENTHORN, age 23 years and son of M. D. HENTHORN of New Virginia. He was born and raised in Washington township, Clarke county, where he resided until about a month ago, when he came to new Virginia, Iowa (more information in article).

March 31, 1898, page 6, col 2

SADLER, F. M. On Monday, March 28, 1898, councilman F. M. SADLER in the 14th year of his reign, died at the polling place in First Ward of the city of Indianola.

April 7, 1898, page 3, col 1

SHEPHERD, Mrs. A. J. Mrs. J. H. DYKE attended the funeral of her sister at Iowa City, Friday last.

April 14, 1898, page 3, col 2

CANE, Samuel, an old settler from Hartford vicinity was buried there last Sabbath.

April 21, 1898, page 2, col 2

GUNN, Mrs. Eva. Mrs. CAVITT received word from Hardin county that her daughter, Mrs. Eva GUNN was dangerously sick. Mrs. GUNN died Tuesday.

April 28, 1898, page 3, col 2

PORTER, David died early Saturday at the residence of his brother, George PORTER, just west of town. Funeral services were held at the residence Sabbath p.m.

THARP, Susan, wife of Luther THARP died Friday at their home in west part of town. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Sabbath p.m.

BRAUCHT, Millard, son of David BRACHT, died at the family residence in White Oak township April 14, age about 24 years. He was buried in the Hewitt graveyard, April 17. Rev. THROCKMORTON of the M. E. church preached the funeral sermon.

May 5, 1898, page 6, col 4

SWAYNE, Grandma, who lived with her son Edd, 3 miles northeast of Norwalk, died last Friday morning. Funeral was Sunday.

DeHECK, Vick, died at his father's home west of Prole and was buried from Churchville last week.

May 12, 1898, page 3, col 2

BROWN, Mrs. Robinson died at the county home last Friday. He came here from Virginia last summer and had no kindred here.

May 12, 1898, page 3, col 3

LAW, Dr. died very suddenly Wednesday at his farm residence in Liberty township. The Doctor was one of the old settlers.

AMOS, James, one of the old timers of Warren county, died quite suddenly last Sabbath at his home in Otter township. He was buried Tuesday at Indianola under the ritual of the Masonic order.

May 19, 1898, page 3, col 2

LESTER, C. H., C. H. D. LESTER received word last Friday of the death of his youngest brother who lived in Floyd county, Virginia.

McDANIEL, Charles P. There was some mistake in our report last week of the death of Mr. McDANIEL at the county home. The name is Charles P. McDANIEL, of Floyd county, Virginia, age 26, had been in Warren county about 4 years. He was not an inmate but an employee at the county home where he had worked the last 18 months.

May 19, 1898, page 6, col 4

HANBURY, Joseph was instantly killed in the Evans coal mine yesterday at 9:30 a.m.

May 26, 1898, page 3, col 2&3

MASON, Jacob M., who has for many years lived on his farm six miles west of town, died very suddenly, May 18, about 10 a.m. While helping a neighbor he had an apoplectic fit. He died before noon. He was buried at the Indianola cemetery Friday p.m.

BOTRIFF, Joseph, an old soldier who lived southwest of town, died May 18 after a severe illness of dropsy at about 62 years.

May 26, 1898, page 3, col 6

OSBORNE, Jefferson, age 26, was killed by lightning in Crocker woods in the vicinity of the Bloomfield coal mine last evening while

seeking refuge from the rain under a large elm tree.

June 2, 1898, page 3, col 3

PETRE, boy. We have heard that one of the PETRE boys near Carlisle, was drowned one day last week, while in the river with some friends.

June 9, 1898

No deaths reported.

June 16, 1898, page 3, col 2

HAMILTON, Samuel P. of Swan, formerly of Warren county, died June 8.

June 16, 1898, page 6, col 4

RANS, Mr., whose home was three miles west of Cumming, was buried in the Norwalk cemetery on Monday.

June 16, 1898

No deaths reported.

June 23, 1898, page 3, col 2

STANTON, Mablon H. funeral. He enlisted at Indianola in 1862 in Company C, 34th Iowa.

June 23, 1898, page 6, col 4

COOS, child. One of Mr. Lou COOS' children died with whooping cough and was buried here Monday.

June 30, 1898

No deaths reported.

TRIPLETT, Loring M. Last week was mentioned the death of Loring M. TRIPLETT by a railroad accident at Minden. He was brought back by his father. The funeral services were held at the family home Thursday afternoon.

July 7, 1898, page 3, col 4

OLDAKER, James, son of Martin OLDAKER living south of here, died Thursday after a two-week's sickness. He was laid to rest at Goode's Chapel.

KELLAR, Mrs. Lida. Died at her home in Prole, July 3, 1898 of consumption. She was wife of Henderson KELLAR. She was born November 17, 1878 and lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James WHEELER until October 3, 1893 when she married Henderson KELLAR.

July 14, 1898, page 3, col 5

KELLAR, Mrs. Lida passed away July 3 of consumption and was buried in the Linn Grove cemetery July 5. Mrs. Al FLOYD and Grandma PERKINS of near Indianola came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lida KELLAR and took dinner with her son Everette.

July 21, 1898, page 3, col 2

CHESHIRE, Mrs. John. Word received here yesterday of her death and the body will be brought here today for interment.

July 21, 1898, page 3, col 6

NOLTE, August F. Died July 10, 1898 at his home west of Milo, age 20 years, 5 months and 21 days. Second son of Mr. and Mrs. Goe NOLTE. He contracted consumption three years ago. His sister was also a victim of this same disease. The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church. The remains were laid to rest in the Goodes Chapel.

July 28, 1898, page 3, col 2

HICKMAN, Lena daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph HICKMAN died last Monday evening at the family home west of Indianola after a lingering and most painful illness, aged about 16 years. The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday p.m.

July 28, 1898, page 3, col 4

ASHWORTH, son. The one-year-old son of Enoch ASHWORTH was buried at the Norwalk cemetery Monday. Rev TODD conducted services at the cemetery.

July 28, 1898, page 3, col 5

BAKER, Mr. of near Cumming, died Saturday at Des Moines after an operation for appendicitis. Rev. TODD conducted funeral services at the Ridge church and was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

August 4, 1898, page 3, col 4

BELTZ, Mr. whose home is near the North River church, died Sunday night with some chronic trouble.

MAHON, Mr. whose home was about 4 miles south of Norwalk, died last Thursday and was buried at this place Saturday. Rev. TODD conducted the funeral from the M. E. church.

August 11, 1898, page 3, col 3

LISTON, Estella, wife of J. P. LISTON, died at the family home Aug. 6. The funeral was held at

the Baptist church at 4:30 Sabbath. Mother and new-born babe were buried together in one coffin while two little children, two and four years old are left motherless.

August 18, 1898, page 3, col 2

KINSLEY, Mrs. Belle formerly well-known in Indianola, a sister of Capt. M. F. CLARK, died last Sabbath at Silversville, Indiana of typhoid fever. This is the third death in this family of brothers and sisters in the last four months. George died in Washington, D.C. May 22, and Mrs. Luther THARP at Indianola, April 22.

August 25, 1898

No deaths recorded.

September 1, 1898, page 3, col 3

DASHIELL, Dr. Mark A. A death in the bereaved family of Dr. M. A. DASHIELL, the last son of a large family. Dr. Mark A. DASHIELL has been sick of consumption for the last three years. Funeral held at the Presbyterian church.

September 1, 1898, page 6, col 4

DUFF, Mrs. Thomas, funeral was conducted at the Catholic church at Churchville.

NEW, Elmer A., 3 years, 1 month and 15 days died August 26 of cholera infantum, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. NEW.

DUFF, Katherine MURTON was born December 15, 1838 in County Sligo, Ireland. Emigrated to American in 1858. Married to Thomas DUFF April 25, 1864, came to Warren county, Iowa January 1863 from Warren county, Illinois. Departed this life August 26, 1898, age 59 years, 8 months, 11 days. To Mr. and Mrs. DUFF were born six sons and two daughters, all are living except Carrie who preceded her mother 4 years, having died August 5, 1894. She was buried in the Churchville cemetery.

September 8, 1898, page 3, col 1

CLARK, Dr. died Tuesday of paralysis. He had been very feeble for years past.

September 8, 1898, page 3, col 3

DASHIELL, Mark. Mrs. Suel J. SPAULDING has been visiting her parents since the death of her brother, Mark DASHIELL.

September 15, 1898, page 3, col 2

WALLACE, Ina KIRCHER. The remains of Ina KIRCHER WALLACE who died about four

years ago at Ogden, Utah were brought in Saturday for burial at this place.

September 15, 1898, page 3, col 3

HOWE, William, of White Oak township, came into town Thursday and was stricken with paralysis in Husted's drug store. He was taken to the home of his brother-in-law, Wm. SILCOTT, where he died Monday. The funeral was held at the home and he was buried in the Shaver cemetery in Otter township.

September 15, 1898, page 6, col 2

BROWN, Wayne. The little two-year-old son Wayne of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. BROWN, died last Tuesday. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. TODD and Rev. STEPHENS.

September 15, 1898, page 6, col 3

BLANCHARD, Alva, died at the home of his son Elias, in Summerset last Sabbath morning and was buried Monday in the Palmyra cemetery. He was 87 years old. He came to Palmyra in 1856 and lived in the same house for 41 years. He was a wagon maker by trade. He leaves his aged widow and a large family of grown up children of which Mrs. Jacob LEMON and James BLANCHARD live at Palmyra.

September 15, 1898, page 3, col 3

ELSON, wife and mother. The HALDEN and ELSON families in the east part of town are having a serious time with typhoid fever. Mr. HALDEN has just recovered and three of the family are still sick. Of the other family (ELSONs) the wife and mother died Monday and two children are dangerously sick.

September 22, 1898, page 3, col 3

GRAHAM, Rev. E. B., died at his home Wednesday of last week September 7 in Sioux City of heart failure. Rev. E. B. GRAHAM was well and favorably known in Indianola. He had preached in the U. P. church.

September 29, 1898, page 6, col 2

LIMPUS [LYMPUS], Mrs. John. Several in Prole attended the funeral of Mrs. LYMPUS near Norwalk last Thursday.

September 29, 1898, page 6, col 3

LYMPUS, Mrs. John died at her home three miles south of this place [Norwalk] Tuesday after a sickness of 14 months. She was buried in the Norwalk cemetery. She leaves a husband, one son and two daughters.

October 6, 1898, page 3, col 4

LARK, Lola Mrs. died in Missouri last week after a short illness [Sandyville].

VOGIS, wife. The remains of the wife of Dr. VOGIS of Otterbrien were brought to Palmyra cemetery last Wednesday for interment.

October 13, 1898, page 6, col 4

HAYWORTH, Mrs. Joseph, an aged woman died at the home of Darius KENDALL Monday. After the funereal services at Hammondsburg the remains were laid to rest in the Hammondsburg cemetery.

CASSADY, Mrs. J. passed away after an illness of two weeks. The remains were taken to the Catholic church at Churchville. Services held by Father MOLYNEAUX.

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HALDEN, Minnie A. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. LEWIS, was born April 29, 1868. She was married to Mark HALDEN, December 24, 1886. To them were born four children who with her husband survive her. Early in life she united with the M. E. church.

ELLSON, Nora B, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. LEWIS, was born June 24, 1866 and died September 19, 1898. She was married to Alonzo ELLSON, December 24, 1885. To them were born two children, who with her husband survive her. Several years ago she united with the M. E. church.

October 27, 1898, page 3, col 1

PHELPS, Mr. and old and respected citizen died last Sabbath of Brights disease.

October 27, 1898, page 6, col 4

DERROUGH, babe. Mr. and Mrs. James DERROUGH buried their young babe Tuesday.

REYNODLS, Eleanor ATKESON was born in West Virginia, May 6, 1811. When 13 years of age moved with her parents to Vermillion county, Illinois. She was married to Rev. John REYNOLDS, August 15, 1834. They had four daughters and two sons, only two are now living. Amanda, wife of Enoch GRAHAM and Ella, wife of B. F. YOUNG. Mrs. Margaret BARR, a daughter of Mr. REYNOLDS by a former marriage is still living. Mr. REYNOLDS and his family moved from

Illinois to Indianola, Iowa in August 1854 where he died October 27, 1876. She died October 7, 1898, aged 87 years, five months and one day. The funeral was from B. F. YOUNG's two miles west of town, Sunday, October 9, 1898.

PORTER, Sarah BROWN was born in Holmes county, Ohio, April 12, 1835. Was married January 21, 1852 to Ross PORTER and died at Indianola, October 16, 1898. She came to Iowa with her parents when a little girl to Jones county and came to Warren county with her husband nine years ago. He died in January 1894 About two weeks before her death she went to visit her daughter, Mrs. Osborne LOPER at Medora, took suddenly sick and died there. There was born to her ten children, nine of whom are still living.

SHERMAN, Warren S., died at his residence near Hartford on Sunday, October 16, 1898 in the 74th year of his age of paralysis. He leaves a wife and three children; James F. of Hartford, Mrs. James FREEL of Motor and Mrs. Joseph RODGERS of Sandyville, also 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He was married to Margaret PENDRY in the state of Ohio in 1844 and came to Iowa and Richland township in 1852, where he lived for 46 years.

November 3, 1898, page 3, col 4

AIKMORE, Miss Nellie. Dr. EMERY and wife attended memorial services of Miss Nellie AIKMORE at Des Moines last Sunday.

IRWIN, Mrs. Jackson died Monday at her home north of this place[Milo]. She was born in 1818. She was laid to rest in the IOOF cemetery north of here [Milo].

November 10, 1898, page 3, col 3

SAVILLE, Newton of near Sandyville committed suicide after telling his wife Maude goodbye. They had been married only about a month when he shot himself.

November 10, 1898, page 3, col 5

McELROY, infant son. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McELROY's infant son died Sunday.

WEBB, Mr. whose home was at Greenbush, died Wednesday night and was buried near his home Saturday.

November 17, 1898, page 3, col 1

HARTMAN, Mrs. Margaret, her funeral services were held last Monday p.m. at the home of her son, E. W. HARTMAN.

MASON, Martin, died last Thursday at the home of his son Milton MASON in Union township in his 77th year. Funeral services were held at his son's home Friday.

November 17, 1898, page 6, col 4

SPRING, Charley, a young man whose home was near Des Moines was buried in the Norwalk cemetery last Thursday.

November 24, 1898, page 3, col 2

CAVERLY, Jennie, wife of Harvey CAVERLY and daughter of J. B. and Mary WEBSTER, was born in Warren county, Iowa September 29, 1858, died at her home in Nebraska, November 15, 1898, was buried at Indianola, Iowa beside mother and friends. Funeral services were held at the home of her father.

BOWERS, Mrs. Ruth E. Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah FRAZIER went to St. Charles to visit Mrs. FRAZIER's mother, Mrs. Ruth E. BOWERS, 82 years of age. But after Mrs. BOWERS retired, she was taken suddenly ill and died almost immediately. Ruth E., daughter of John and Elizabeth MILLARD, was born in Delaware county, New York, December 14, 1816. She was married to Alanson BOWERS (now deceased) on January 26, 1843. To them was born six children, five of whom are still living. She was buried in the St. Charles cemetery near her husband.

December 1, 1898, page 3, col 4

PRINE, Will. The body of Will PRINE who died last Tuesday after an illness of tonsilitis was brought from Slayton, Minnesota to Norwalk Friday morning. After short services at his father's home he was taken to Toledo where he was buried by the grave of his wife who died a little over a year ago. He leaves a father and mother, five brothers and two sisters and a little nine year old girl. Mrs. Hattie LOCKRIDGE attended the funeral of her brother Will PRINE at Toledo in Tama county last Saturday.

SNYDER, baby. The infant son of Bert and Berrie SNYDER, that was born last Wednesday died Sunday a.m. and was buried at 3 p.m. in the Norwalk cemetery.

December 8, 1898, page 3, col 1

LITTLE, J. M., formerly of this place died at Washington, this state.

December 8, 1898, page 3, col 1

AGAN, wife of Mr. AGAN. Death occurred near Prole under suspicious circumstances. Coroner will hold an inquest.

December 8, 1898, page 3, col 4

BLIZZARD, child. Clay BLIZZARD buried his six-months old child in the Palmyra cemetery Monday of this week.

RUBOTTOM, Mrs. S. D., who has been a sufferer for many years of cancer, died November 30. She was buried in the Ackworth cemetery. She leaves an aged husband and a family of grown children. She had lived for forty years in the south part of Palmyra township.

December 8, 1898, page 3, col 5

WILLIAMS, Seaton was called here from Kansas to attend the funeral of his mother Sunday.

WILLIAMS, Mrs., an aged lady who has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henry CLARK, had a stroke of paralysis a week ago Friday and died Friday December 2, and was buried at Hammondsburgh, December 4, 1898, aged 73 years, 7 months and 13 days.

December 15, 1898, page 3, col 4

LOCKRIDGE, daughter. A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee LOCKRIDGE died last Friday after a few days illness.

AKINS, Mrs. Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Harry AKINS of Winterset attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert AKINS. After the funeral they returned home taking the bereaved husband with them to spend a few days.

AKINS, Mrs. A very sad occurrence took place at the home of Robert AKINS, one-half mile south of Prole, Wednesday of last week at 5 a.m. Mr. AKINS found his wife on the kitchen floor with a rope around her neck. Little Danny ZECK, a boy of ten who had been living with them for some time was sent to Prole for help. Mrs. AKINS was a member of the German Reform Church. Her home was at Pella until a few years ago, when Mr. AKINS bought the old CASH farm where they have been the last eight years. Funeral sermon by Rev. DeTARR at her home and burial in Linn Grove cemetery.

December 15, 1898, page 3, col 5

ARNOLD, infant. The infant son of R. G. ARNOLD and wife was buried at this place Saturday evening (Norwalk).

WILLETT, Grandma, died at her son's home west of Norwalk, December 12 at the age of 74. The remains were taken to Des Moines and Rev. I. N. McCASH preached the funeral sermon at the University Church of Christ. She was buried beside here husband in the Woodland cemetery.

December 22, 1898, page 3, col 1

HARDING, Margaret. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday.

December 22, 1898, page 3, col 2

HUSS, George. Word came last Saturday that George HUSS, the deceased, came to his death by being run over by the Great Western train No. 61 at Churchville.

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CATEGORY: Family Group Photograph
Blue Forrest Nelson

This family picture was taken late winter of 1942. My brother Jim went into the army a few days after December 7, 1941. At that time the Army sent trainees far distances from their home. Since he had been living in California for 3 years, they sent him to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He could get only a weekend pass good for a short distance from the base, but a bus could get him to Iowa where he could spend a few hours and get him back to camp in time for reveille Monday morning. This was when the picture was taken. Everything would have worked except the bus had an accident with a milk truck and Jim was very late getting back. The C.O. read him the Articles of War about desertion and threatened to put him in the guard house. He took this so to heart that he never again went beyond the limits of his pass while he was in basic training. He did receive a Good Conduct Medal.

CATEGORY: Census Records
Blue Virginia Wheeldon

My husband's great-great-grandfather Elijah Wheeldon was born January 10, 1812 in Kentucky. In 1850 he was in Ray township, Morgan County, Indiana with his second wife Elizabeth Banister Norris and their first six children. The surname was spelled incorrectly as Wheelon. In 1850-1852, the family moved to Warren County, Iowa.

In 1870 the family was in Union township, Warren County, Iowa near Sandyville with Great-Grandpa Abraham and the three youngest children. Page 20 of the census was enumerated on August 24, 1870. The ages on this report are erroneous. On page 12 of the same census is another report enumerated August 25, 1870 by the same person. The ages on this report are correct. However, on this report the youngest daughter is reported to be male.

In 1880 an aged Grandpa and Grandma are found living alone in Allen Township, Warren County, Iowa. One very important item found in 1880 is the birthplace of the paternal Wheeldon. Grandpa Elijah reported his father was born in Delaware. This does not show on any other census reports. From everything I have found by talking with other family and searching the internet, this fact had never before been discovered.

Grandpa Elijah passed away in 1893 so he does not appear in future federal Census reports.

CATEGORY: True Story
Jane Godwin

I am writing this story to record a little bit of family history. The events happened a long time ago, before Iowa was a state. In my youth I heard the story often from my mother and it has been a favorite tale with my children.

In 1836 a family came to south east Iowa from Indiana to make their home on the banks of the Des Moines River. They lived in a log cabin where the river makes a large bend in what is now Van Buren County. There was a father, mother, a sturdy son and a small daughter. They had no neighbors, and the mother and daughter were the first white women in the area.

Nearby in a cabin on the river bank lived an Indian. In his younger days he had been a leader of the Sauk tribe. For many years the area had been the Sauk hunting ground and there were several sacred burial places. When the tribe was told to move west, the chief led his people in a bloody, disastrous war against the federal troops. Now the chief was nearing the end of his life and was living peacefully in his favorite spot beside the river.

The chief met the new family and they became friends. His special friend was the little daughter. He took her for rides on his pony and taught her Indian songs. One day he asked her father if he would trade the little girl for some wampum. Of course, he was joking, but all her life the little girl remembered how anxious she was to hear her father's reply.

The little girl was my great-grandmother, Nancy Sigler Runyon who was a real Iowa pioneer. She and her husband followed the frontier westward, settling in Fremont County, Iowa. She sang the Indian melodies to her grandchildren. The Indian chief was Black Hawk, chief of the Sauk tribe. He led his tribe in the Black Hawk War and is honored as a leader among the Indians of early Iowa. This little story shows the human side of an Indian chief.

CATEGORY: Will or Probate
Blue Dorothy Stearns

This is the will and probate records of Stephen Warren Stearns, my husband's great-grandfather. He died March 18, 1897 (born Jan 28, 1824) at Washington, KS. His 2nd wife had died in 1895. He left a step-son and 2 small children. The smaller children were raised by two different family friends. I learned David Bobbitt was executor, but he didn't raise the children.

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