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They're Playing Taps for Jimmy Stone

from *The Indianola Herald*, March 11, 1926, page 1

LeRoy Boyd, who graduated from Simpson College last semester, has won distinct recognition in the field of literature. Mr. Boyd was employed on The Herald staff for three years and was a member of Sigma Tau Delta, honorary literary fraternity, which is an organization standing for the best in literature and scholastic standing.

Mr. Boyd won recognition through the publication of his poem, "They're Playing Taps for Jimmy Stone," in The Rectangle, which is the official publication of Sigma Tau Delta. His work was published alongside that of distinguished writers.

What ho! what means these slow and solemn steps,
The muffled drums, the sighing fifes,
The company marching in parade,
The horse unsaddled there behind the coffin gray?
"They're playing taps for Jimmy Stone."

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave,"
Was written by the poet youth,
Was read by Wolfe as up the steep incline
He climbed and led his legions forth
To battle on the Plains of Abraham,
And fell in glory at the end of Glory's way.
But Jimmy heard no battle call,
Went through no shot and shell,
In battle neither fell:
He caught the 'flu' as through the silent night
He paced his weary beat through sleet and rain.
He did not stand in battle ranks,
But had a cot in the T. B. ward;
And then one night when all was still and dark
He went out West,
Where angels stand on guard . . .
"Take him to the morgue," the major guffly said.

Oh they're playing taps for Jimmy Stone!
They're playing taps for him!
He's gone out west to Blighty land
In answer to the quarters call;
And though he was no battle hero brave,
His comrades with slow measured step
Are marching in his last parade;
The guard's called out.
And if you'll listen you will hear
Them playing taps for Jimmy Stone.

Calendar:

- July 23 - 28 Warren County Fair
Genealogy entries are due by 12:00 Noon
on Wed., July 23. Judging will begin at
1:00
- Mini-Genealogy Classes at the Fair
taught by Marieta Grissom
each class approx 1 hour
no fee, no pre-registration, stop by & learn
- Sat, July 26 1:00 Basics
3:00 Where to do research
6:00 Why census records
- Sun, July 27 1:00 Basics
3:00 Where to do research
- Tue, Sept 9 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon, Sept 15 REGULAR MEETING
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Program: Underground Railroad
by Gaylin Berrier
- Tue, Oct 14 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon, Oct 20 REGULAR MEETING
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Program: FamilySearch.org
Place: To be announced

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:

The Warren County Fair has come and gone. Probably the most exciting part of the Fair for me was that we had completed several new publications and had them available for sale! Preparing them required a huge effort on the part of many people over several years! THANK YOU to everyone who helped. In addition, countless researchers for many years to come will also be very thankful for the hundreds of hours spent in the preparation of these publications. Even though I served as the coordinator for the final push, the publications fulfill several of Thelma Pehrson's dreams. She has had a part in every one of them and has pushed and pushed until we got them done.

Again we had some first-time exhibitors and several people attended the beginning genealogy mini-classes. I did some research and found the following exhibit statistics.

2000	158 exhibits
2000	148 exhibits
2000	113 exhibits
2000	127 exhibits

Following the fair, several of the board members began to discuss changes in some exhibit categories and the possibility of adding another level of competition. These will require board approval as well as society approval this fall. Look in the January-February 2004 newsletter for results of this discussion.

As you will notice by the index, this newsletter is full of names! The year 1928 was a huge year for family reunions. I'm sure I did not find in the old newspapers all of the reunions that were held that year—but I certainly found a bunch of them.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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Interesting Tidbits:

from Dubuque County Gen Soc, Dec 2003-Jan 2004

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that hung over the fire. Everyday they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat stew for dinner, leaving the leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Thus in the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old."

Bread was divided according to status. workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper Crust."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to buy people. so they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string to the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit outside in the graveyard all night, thus the "graveyard shift" to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

All of the above is the truth, now whoever said history was boring?

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Bits and pieces about ... Family Reunions - 1928

Hess Reunion

The Indianola Record, February 9, 1928, page 1, col 5

A Hess family reunion was held at the home of H. C. Bradford, Feb. 5, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harner and daughter Lela Beryl, of Morgantown, West Virginia.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hess of this city, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Liberty Center, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hess of Lacona, Merl Chumbley, city, Grace Hess, Scotts Bluff, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Gail Hess, Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Trueblood and two children, Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hess, Jessie Bradford, Indianola, and Mary Bradford of Moline, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hess and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Alexander of Des Moines were unable to be present on account of sickness in the home. Mrs. C. W. Harner is a niece of W. W. Hess.

Gillis Family Holds Annual Reunion

The Indianola Record, May 17, 1928, page 4, col 4

The Gillis family held their annual reunion May 23 at the home of the late Grandma Gillis' daughter, Mrs. Elmer Curnes. Seventy-six relatives and friends were present. The guests arrived at an early hour with well-filled baskets, and by noon the tables fairly groaned under their load. Dinner was served cafeteria style.

The afternoon was spent in visiting, singing old familiar hymns and in prayer. In the evening the guests left for their homes hoping to meet again May 12, 1929, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Westerly of Liberty Center.

Those who enjoyed this pleasant reunion were Mr. and Mrs. John McMurry, Lyle Small, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson and two children of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McMurry and three children of Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Nordan Coles and daughter, Nola, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coles and son, Ronall, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Westerly and five children, Mr. and Mrs. George Curnes and son, Otto, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Curnes and two children and U. F. Williams of near Liberty Center, Mrs. H. E. Meeker of Chariton, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsie Roush and son, Harold of Ackworth, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leonard and nine children and Cloyd Ferguson of Lacona, Wm. Cue, Frank Barr, and Mr. and Mrs. Warnie Dey and five children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper and six children, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gillis and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Curnes of Indianola.

Cherry Reunion

The Indianola Record, June 7, 1928, page 4, col 4

A group of relatives and friends gathered with well-filled baskets at the C. C. Cherry home at Norwalk on June third, to help them celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary. After partaking of a bountiful dinner the afternoon was spent in visiting, and talking over olden times.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cherry and family of Wick; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wheeler and family of Prole; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinholt of Martensdale; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Burlingame and daughter, Marie, of Norwalk; Fred Cherry of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Hebron Tilton of Norwalk; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Burlingame of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Hagen of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame of Winterset; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wood and family of Norwalk; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cherry and family of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellenwood and family of Des Moines; Mildred Morris of Norwalk; Anna Mae Houghtaling of New Virginia; and Mary Maxwell of Wick.

As each departed, they carried home one of the 58 candles, which was on the anniversary cake, made in the pyramid style. Everyone wished Grandma and Grandpa Cherry many more happy anniversaries as they waved goodbye.

Bishop Family Reunion

The Indianola Record, June 7, 1928, page 4, col 4

Sixty-nine relatives gathered at the W. E. Dey home Sunday, June 3, for their annual reunion.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bishop, Raymond and Mona, Frank Bishop and son, Forrest, Mrs. Sara C. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. E. Foust and daughter, Olive, Mrs. Washington Dey, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tilton and son, Earle, A. W. Brandon and granddaughter, Audrey Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bishop and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone and Roy Fisher, all of Indianola; Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Foust and son, Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bishop and family, Johnson Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Surber, all of Spring Hill; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Foust and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dey and family of Liberty Center; Percy Wade of Norwalk, Esther Chase of Beech; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brewer and son, Calvin, of Norwalk; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bishop and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neale and family of Ft. Des Moines; the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dey, and family of Indianola.

Keeney Reunion

The Indianola Record, June 14, 1928, page 1, col 3

On Friday, June 1, the relatives of the Keeney family held a reunion at the Harley Keeney home west of Liberty Center. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Keeney and daugh-

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ter of Redlands, Cal., G. E. Stumbo, W. C. and Perry Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Randleman and son, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Keeney and daughter, Albert Kline, Levi Keeney and family, Mrs. Sam Lafoon, and Mrs. Carrie Kline, of Carlisle;

Jim Keeney and family, Earnest Keeney and family, and Anna Lindley, of Des Moines;

Clark Nyswonger and family, Lon Puderbaugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bourchet, Elmer Keeney and family, Byron Hess and family and Mrs. Hettie Snuggs, of Lacona.

Sam Sandy and family, Harley Keeney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hite, Oral Sams and family, of Indianola.

Ray Keeney and family, of Woodburn; Lon Keeney and family, of Chariton; Mrs. Clara Gooch, Haskel, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lent, Oregon, Mo.; Mrs. Clarence Cage and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mire Sandy, of Liberty Center.

At noon dinner was served cafeteria style and the day was spent with games and visiting. All departed to their homes hoping to be together again some time.

Sandy Reunion

The Indianola Record, June 14, 1928, page 1, col 3

On Sunday, June 3, the Sandy's held their reunion at the home of Frank Sandy on the old T. D. Sandy place. Those present were:

Grandma Sandy, Milo; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sandy, Liberty Center; Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Sandy, Lacona; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frank, Milo; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Sandy, Raymore, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. James Lester, Milo; Mrs. Ona Sandy, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tigner, Irene and Marion, Lacona; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hite, Indianola; Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Sandy, Max, Maxine, Dean and Marilyn Jean, Lacona; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sandy, Pauline, Margaret, and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frank, and Charles, Ackworth. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sandy, Donald, and Betty Francene, Indianola; Mr. and Mrs. Garret Reddish and Audrey and baby son, Indianola.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knouse, Olive and Mary, Indianola; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, Ackworth; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sandy, Milo; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammon and Lois and Marvin, Indianola; Bill and Fred Frank, Milo; Emmett Sandy, Indianola; and Guy and Ruth Sandy, St. Louis, Mo.

Dinner was served at noon cafeteria style and ball games, Horseshoe, music and reading were the attraction of the

day. Next year they will meet with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sandy.

Baker Reunion Held at Kimer Home

The Indianola Record, June 21, 1928, page 4, col 3

Thirty-five members of the Baker family assembled at the home of Mrs. Effie Kimer last Sunday for the first meeting to be held in Indianola. Mrs. Williman, Mrs. Kimers' mother, being a member of the family. Those who took part in the day's festivities were E. E. Baker of Flint, Mich., Mrs. Mame Smith and two children of Fort Dodge; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Dyke and son, Kenneth of Colfax; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Landis and two children, Mr. and Mrs. John Frye and son of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins and two daughters from Grimes; Mr. and Mr. Will Baker from East Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Baker, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. T. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. George Black, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Fenimore, and Same Baker from Winterset.

Van Syoc Reunion Held Last Sunday

The Indianola Record, June 28, 1928, page 4, col 3-4

The home of the late A. E. Van Syoc at Milo was the scene of a happy gathering Sunday, June 24, when relatives to the number of forty-eight came, bringing baskets laden with Iowa's best products for the big reunion dinner with Mrs. Edna Van Syoc as hostess. All partook of the bountiful feast after which a short program of impromptu talks, readings, and songs was enjoyed. Then group pictures were taken.

Greetings were read from Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Syoc, Phar, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Van Syoc, College View, Nebr.; Mrs. Ella Van Syoc Whitacre and family of Pamona, California; Mrs. Myrtle Van Syoc Crossley, Atascandaro, Calif.; Mrs. Anna Van Syoc Hawley, Los Angeles; Mrs. Martha Van Syoc Galbreath, Chino, Calif.; and Mrs. Iva Van Syoc Holden, Flagler, Colo.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Van Syoc and granddaughter, Miss Pauline, of Winfield, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Van Syoc, daughter, Miss Mayme, of Fairfield, Fred and Marie Van Syoc Burger, daughters, Evelyn and Zeffie, Jolly Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Syoc, children, Geraldine and Veryl Richard, and Myron and Edith Van Syoc Starry, daughter, Maxine, of Riceville, Drs. John and Ruth Van Clark, son, Worth, of Indianola, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Van Syoc and children, Bertine, Stanley, Bessie, Edna, Bryce, Hazel, Esther, James, Willard and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Van Syoc and son, Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Van Syoc and daughter, Olive, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Van Syoc, children, Lyle, Thelma, and Wayne, Mr. and

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Mrs. Lorey Van Syoc and sons, Ralph, Ray and Duane of Milo.

It was voted to hold the 1929 reunion at Mt. Pleasant, the 3rd Sunday in June.

Officers elected were Samuel Van Syoc, president, Lorey Van Syoc, secretary, and Miss Pauline Van Syoc, chairman of program committee.

Tice Family Holds Reunion

The Indianola Record, July 12, 1928, page 1, col 1

A pleasant family reunion was held at the F. P. McAdoo home Tuesday despite the rain. Thirty-eight gathered to enjoy the day. A picnic dinner was served at noon which was followed by music and a program. Ice cream and cake were served in the evening and several remained for the house party.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Straughan of New Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McAuley, Miss Lottie J. Tice, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tice of Newton, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Tice and daughter, Ruth, of Prairie, Mo., Lucy Lawrence of Clarence, Mo., Mrs. H. A. Tice, Mrs. Will Clark and daughter, Virginia, Mrs. Barney Mensch and son, Darl of Pella, Will M. Tice of Oskaloosa, L. D. Sherman of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fairly of Carlisle; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Richard and family, and Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo and daughter, Beulah.

Manley Family Holds Reunion

The Indianola Record, July 12, 1928, page 4, col 3

The Manley reunion was held at the Horace A. Henry home of Liberty Center, Sunday, July 1. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Manley of Oskaloosa, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Manley, daughters Janice and Norma Caroline, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Manley, Robert Manley, Lloy Manley, daughters, Helen and Frances, all of Milo; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manley, two Kline sisters of Weldon and friend from Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. John Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Swan, daughter Eleanor, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edwards and Earlene, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Race and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoover and son, all of Osceola; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Powell and family, of Laselle; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Powell and son, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manley and son, Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Willie McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Luck Ashpy, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Henry and son, Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. George Black, all of Woodburn; Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Manley, of Lucas; Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Sones and daughter, Peggy Janice, of Norwood; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Henry, of New Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Henry, Hollis and Harriett, of Lib-

erty Center. There were seventy present and several who were unable to attend. Everyone brought well filled baskets and dinner was served cafeteria style. They departed, all hoping to meet again next year, the third Sunday in June at the Community park at Osceola.

Newsome Reunion

The Indianola Record, August 2, 1928, page 1, col 1 & page 8, col 2

On Sunday, July 29, 1928, the annual reunion of the Newsome family was held at Indianola at the beautiful home of Dr. George W. Newsome, son of Wright Newsome, the revered senior member of the clan, whose continued good health and enjoyment of life is a matter for general rejoicing in the family. The weather man was kind and seemed to have made the day especially for their pleasure, neither hot, cold nor rainy.

The usual well-filled basket was greatly in evidence, and at the appointed time, ample attention was paid to that part of the day's proceedings, but before partaking, thanks were offered to the Giver of all good things, by Mr. Geo. W. Crist, of Woodburn.

The best part of these reunions is the spirit of friendship and fellowship that is fostered among the participants, and which is kept alive from year to year, watching the children develop from baby-hood to beautiful manhood and womanhood, and the older ones, growing old gracefully.

For various reasons our attendance was diminished this year so that around only seventy of our almost 100 were there. During the past year, H. E. and Mable (Parkin) Jones and family went from our midst to make their home in Kendrick, Idaho. Others in Chicago, Ill., Newton, Kan.; Cisco, Texas; Burlington, Des Moines, Sioux City, Clearfield, and Weldon, Iowa; to all of those absent ones, greetings were sent from the reunion. Relatives in Chester, Pennsylvania were with us in spirit in reunion, and we wished for their presence. It was our pleasure to have as our guests, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wells and little son Jack, of Germantown, Philadelphia, cousins of the Crist branch of the family.

During the year past, death has entered our ranks and taken from us, Dr. Charles L. LaSalle, long-time and well-loved physician of Rockdale, Pa. It has brought joy to two homes in the coming of a little child, to Carl and Charlotte (Williams) Brehm of Des Moines, a son, little Jack; and to Roy B. and Edith (Crist) Weaklund of Clearfield, Iowa, a son, Edgar Francis. There have been three weddings in the family since last we met, Elizabeth B. Newsome to Osman Kennedy, Chester, Pa., Jesse Gore, Jr., to Bertha Sheets, also of Chester; and Helen Parkin of Derby, Iowa, to James

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R. Morton of Ft. Madison, Iowa; for all these boys and girls of ours, we wish the joy that has no end.

The reunion was remembered by a cablegram from Prof. Thomas Reid of Cisco, Texas, who is studying in Europe during the summer.

The day inevitably drew to a close, and we parted to meet next year at the home of James A. Newsome of Derby, Iowa, one of the original boosters of the family gathering that has become an institution.

Kimzey Reunion at Wolcott Home

The Indianola Record, August 9, 1928, page 1, col 6

A reunion of the Kimzey family was held at the Francis Wolcott home in Milo Sunday, Aug. 6, and the following members of the family were in attendance:

Mr. and Mrs. Al Greenfield, Phil Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Kimzey, Mr. and Mrs. John Bissett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wolcott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harl Kimzey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Downing and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimzey, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Higbee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hornaday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feight and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delroy Kimzey, Mr. and Mrs. Esler Foust and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gilbert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reynolds and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Thompson, Miss Helen Kimzey, Frances Kimzey, Lowell Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lo Goode and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Goode and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Long and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Long.

Van Patten Reunion

The Indianola Record, August 16, 1928, page 1, col 5-7

The George and Robert Van Patten families had a reunion and picnic dinner Sunday at the home of Nick Van Patten northwest of New Virginia.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Van Patten of Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sargent and four children, Mrs. Leo Morris and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Van Patten, Lynn and Duane, Blossom and Helen Leonard of near Medora, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wood and children of near Prole, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Patten and baby daughter Joann of Winner, S. Dak., Mrs. Austin Lang, Marie and Edgar of Ideah, S. Dak., and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Van Patten and family.

Houghtaling Picnic

The Indianola Record, August 16, 1928, page 1, col 5-7

Relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. J. E. Houghtaling west of Indianola Sunday, August 12, in honor of Mrs. H. M. Hogg of Denver, Colo., who was visiting here. The day was spent in visiting and having a good time.

Those present were: Mrs. H. M. Hogg, Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Perry, Mrs. J. E. Houghtaling, Indianola; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Houghtaling, New Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. John Roan and family, Ackworth; Miss Clinton, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roan, Beech; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Houghtaling and family, Ackworth; Mrs. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Houghtaling and Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McPherson and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Houghtaling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Houghtaling, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houghtaling and Lorraine, all of Indianola.

A basket dinner was served at noon, followed by cake and ice cream. Forty-two relatives and friends were present.

Durham Family

The Indianola Record, August 16, 1928, page 1, col 5-7

The eleventh annual reunion of the Durham families was held in the Milo city park on Sunday, Aug. 12. The attendance was 94 and the various families came from as far as Actel, Kans. Greetings were sent from relatives who could not attend from the states of Illinois, Idaho, Maine, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Massachusetts. The crowd was seated at tables in true family style and enjoyed the toasts given by Lincoln Arnold, Hershel Rouse, J. P. Durham and Bert Houser. The short program by the children in the afternoon was followed by the annual business meeting. The most interesting part of the meeting was the reading of the letters and extracts from various historical books which contained information concerning the history of the Durham family and relatives. Pictures taken at previous reunions, with the date of each were posted on a large sheet of cardboard and exhibited on an easel. This collection proved quite interesting to the whole group and especially to relatives who had not attended other reunions. The next reunion will be held at Auld's park, Knoxville.

Clark Reunion

The Indianola Record, August 16, 1928, page 1, col 5-7

The descendants of Bilton Clark of England that are living in the United States held a reunion at the Milo park

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Sunday. There were sixty-six there. Several could not be there. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Nichol and son, George, and daughter, Edith, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Nichol of Jacksonville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark and son of Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Blackford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Houck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jolly Conklin and family of Milo, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Will Lepley and family of Lacona, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark and son, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Jennings and son, Frank Sutcliff and family of Des Moines, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. Will Clark, Mrs. Clarence Clark, and daughters and son, Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nunamaker and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark and Miss Mary Marshall of Indianola, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rule and daughter, Ben Clark of Farmers Chapel, John Last and Miss Dey of Lacona, Mr. and Mrs. William Headrick of Indianola. They decided to meet at Carlisle park Aug. 19, 1929.

Mott Reunion

The Indianola Record, August 16, 1928, page 1, col 5-7

Sunday, Aug. 5, was a very pleasant day at the Ben Mott home, when about sixty-five relatives gathered for a picnic in honor of two of Mr. Mott's nieces, Mrs. Ray Pence of Minneapolis, and Miss Sarah Mott, of Zanesville, O., who are visiting in Iowa.

After a bountiful and delicious dinner served cafeteria style, the afternoon was spent with visiting, music, taking pictures and eating ice cream.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. John Mott and sons, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mott and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Niccum and family and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Mott of Pleasantville, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mott and children of Knoxville, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eckburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lowe and family, Miss Mary Mott, Mrs. Flora Williams, Carl and Dwain Mott of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rothfus and children, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mott and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Mott and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Caulkins and family, H. C. Mott and sons, Misses Flavia McClain and Marie Mott and T. A. Mott of Carlisle, the host and hostess and honored guests.

Mosher Reunion

The Indianola Record, August 16, 1928, page 1, col 5-7

The Mosher family met at Milo park, Aug. 11, 1928, for their eighth annual reunion and picnic. There were 96 in attendance. Threshing kept several at home. Those from a distance were Mrs. Leona Whited, son Guy, Pine Bluff, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. John Gerwig, Portland, Ore., Mr. and

Mrs. A. Munger and daughter, Stella, Manhattan, Kans., Rachel Collins, Salem, Ia. Mrs. Pearl Denney, daughter Frances, sons Hugh and Frank, Danville, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beck, daughters Mildred, Faye, Granger, Mrs. Martha Stall, son Dale, Grimes, Mrs. Lillie King, Grimes, Mrs. Lois Schowalter, Mrs. Grace Ware, daughter Florence, son Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Eldred E. Wolford, all of Des Moines.

The afternoon program was as follows: Recitation, Cy Williams; Rachel Collins, The First Warren county fair in the fifties; Lavaughn Mosher, What Makes a Grandma; Hess sisters, negro spiritual; Mildred Beck, Jesus Loves Me; Mary B. Smith, Joe Mosher, Inez Smith, Buying Eggs; Laura Hess, recitation; Alice Munger, a few remarks; closing son, Blessed Be the Tie that Binds.

Some of the men began a wife calling contest. All proved very efficient. The company was then divided into four groups for contests and games. Late in the afternoon they departed for their homes, declaring they had had a wonderful day.

Smith Reunion

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The sons and daughters of the late B. R. Smith family with their families and friends held a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verle Dunlap near Carlisle Sunday, Aug. 12, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith and daughters, Ferne, Ruby, Mildred, and the latter's friend, Peter DeCook, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smith and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mintle and Mrs. Meda Keller, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and four children, Louis, Clarence, Leonard, and Phyllis, William Smith and son, Harold Smith, Leonard Smith and friend, Miss Lola Sumpter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith and family, Carl Van Pelt, Eugene Smith, Mrs. Blanche Scribner and daughter, Beatrice, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Frederick and children, Bobbie and Pauline, Mrs. Sadie M. Crane and family, Georgia, Dorothy, James, Earl, Andrew, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brown and daughters, Virginia Mae, Erma Louise, and Margaret Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Verle Dunlap and children, Harley, Arlene, Merlin, Harvey Smith and sons, Orla, Orville, Loyd, Mrs. Mary Nelson and daughter, Blanche and friend, Carl Wilson, Mrs. Ruth Gates and son, Lowell, Ted Glascock and wife, Mae Watson Glascock attended.

Two of the children and their families were unable to attend, Frank Smith and family of Somers, and Mrs. Kate Stockton and family of Hulett, Wyo.

Utsler Reunion

The Indianola Record, August 23, 1928, page 1, col 3

Relatives numbering 44 gathered at the home of Mrs. Minnie Utsler on Sunday, Aug. 19th, the affair being given in honor of the 79th birthday anniversary of Mr. Hannibal Utsler. All brought well filled baskets and a cafeteria dinner was served at one o'clock. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. Hannibal Utsler; Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and children, Helen and Ruby; Clarence Utsler; Mr. and Mrs. Norence Nelson and four children, Dorothy, Olla, Raymond and Thelma, of North River; Mr. and Mrs. George Utsler and Max; Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Utsler and two children, Virginia and Bobby; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Utsler and sons, Lawrence and Darrell, of Des Moines; Mrs. Maud Utsler and boys, Joe, John and Merrell, of Winterset; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snyder and five children, of Spring Hill; and Mrs. Leola Shaffer Firkins and two children of Rodney, and Miss Bessie Bown of Browns Chapel. Several were unable to attend on account of illness. Those present having birthdays in August besides Grandpa Utsler were Ruby Smith, Olla Nelson, Virginia Utsler and Bessie Bown.

Hoadley Reunion Held Sunday

The Indianola Record, August 30, 1928, page 4, col 4

Relatives met at the W. A. Adams home Sunday, Aug. 26, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hoadley. Each brought a basket, and a cafeteria dinner was served on account of the rain. All their children were present. Newell and Laura Ann came with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hoadley from Cainsville, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spence from Cedar Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cottrell from Cainsville, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hoadley and daughter, Wanda Lou from Dodge City, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adams and four children were at home to receive them and help them enjoy the day.

Prole—Shivers Family Reunion

The Indianola Record, September 13, 1928, page 3, col 3

Twenty-six members of the Shivers family held a reunion Sunday at the home of Mrs. Vada Shivers. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dot Shivers and children, Lawrence and Dorothy. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith and children Gretchen, Dale, and Marthabelle, all of Rising Sun; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Renner and children, Ralph and Mildred of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wells and children of Indianola, and Lyman Bolling of Des Moines.

Reddish Reunion

The Indianola Record, September 20, 1928, page 1, col 5

Because of water and bad roads, only about 36 of the Reddish relatives gathered at Greenwood park in Des Moines for their annual reunion, but they had a big dinner and a wonderful time. Some had not seen each other since the reunion a year ago.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bassett and daughter, Mable, of Boone, Mrs. Emma Mabie and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott and daughter, Evelyn, of Colfax, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reddish and daughter, Mildred, and sister, Ollie of Albia, Mrs. Fern Williams of Albia, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reddish, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Reddish and two children, Audrey and Gene, all of Indianola, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Lapham of Valley Junction, Hazel Reddish, 1213 E. 33d St., Des Moines, Mrs. Gladys Holt Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McIntire and daughter, Alice, Darlene McNeese, all of Indianola, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox and children, Betty and Doralee of Spring Hill, Mrs. Mary Walker and Mrs. Jessie Hufty and son, Robert Claire, of Indianola.

The next reunion is to be held at the W. C. McIntire home in Indianola.

Reunion Held at Homer Ogan Home

The Indianola Record, October 4, 1928, page 4, col 5-6

A reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ogan last Sunday at which the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Will Ogan and son, Gerald, of Pleasantville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chase and three daughters from near Milo, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ogan of Indianola, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Ogan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ogan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Northrop and daughter, Nancy Carnes of near Martensdale, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and daughter of Martensdale, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Criswell and son of Norwalk, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ogan of Pleasantville. Mr. Lee Ogan was the oldest member of the family present.

A large dinner was served at noon and the afternoon was spent in visiting, taking pictures and playing croquet.

Research Helps: Land Record Terms

From the Jasper County Gleaner, Newton, Iowa, November 2003. This list was compiled by Wendy L. Elliott, C.G., reprinted from the June 1986 Marion County, Iowa newsletter. This list comprises commonly used terms and definitions found in U.S. land records, which may be of help to researchers. From St. Louis Gen. Soc, Fall 1983.

abstract	summary or abridgement of a record
abstract of title	a history of title to a piece of property
acquired lands	federal property purchased or gifted, falling outside of public land laws
base line	the east/west line used for surveying within the public domain
bounty land	public land awarded to soldiers for military service
chain	(survey) 66 feet; 10 square chains=1 acre; 6 square poles=1 square chain
deed	a written document which conveys property
deed of partition	property deeded by those holding jointly
deed of trust	a deed which conveys an equitable right or interest in property distinct from legal ownership thereof; also a property interest held by one person for the benefit of another
dower	that portion of, or interest in, real estate of a deceased husband which the law provides for a widow
dower right	the right of a widow to receive a portion or interest in her deceased husband's property
eminent domain	(law) that superior dominion of the sovereign power over property within the state, which authorizes it to appropriate all or any part thereof for necessary public use, reasonable compensation being made and others
et. al.	and wife or spouse
et. us.	property bestowed formally, as a privilege; make conveyance of; give the possession or title of, especially by deed or formal writing; a thing of property gifted, especially a tract of land from the governing body
grant	one to whom a grant or deed is made (the buyer)
grantee	the person by whom a grant or conveyance is made (the seller)
grantor	a deed or agreement in writing, usually in duplicate, the parts originally being notched or cut so as to corre-
indenture	

in fee simple	an absolute inheritance; a fee without any limitations
intestate	without having made a valid will; a person whose property has not been disposed of by will
land warrant	a negotiable government certificate entitling holder to be in possession of a designated amount of public land or other appropriation by the U.S. Congress
lieu	place, stead; most often, as "in lieu of"
Master Title Plat	the plat or survey of the new states records which show date to identify and describe land in the Public Domain & detailing any limit or restriction of usage
patent	an instrument in writing making a grant or conveyance of property in the Public Domain; also a deed
plat of survey	a drawing showing boundaries, divisions, and other features
poles	(survey) 1 square pole = 625 square links; 15 square poles=1 square chain
principal meridian	a true north and south line running through an initial point
quit claim	a deed conveying the interest of the grantor at that time; in many states, more than a release, used as a simple conveyance for making a grant of land
range	a tier of townships running vertical or north/south; often abbreviated as "R" in land descriptions
Rectangular Survey	measure based on principal meridian and base line used in Public Domain
section	(survey) 640 acres or one square mile area; abbreviated as "Sec." in some documents
survey plat	a map on which land surveys are recorded at a scale of two inches to a mile; each plat usually shows one township
township	(survey) 36 square miles in the public domain; usually abbreviated as "twp."; in New England a local unit of government; an area
tract book	log which is an index to and digest of all essential actions which affect public lands
warrant	stmt which denotes that seller has clear title and will defend said title
warranty deed	one which includes a covenant by the seller to defend the title and possession of the estate granted.

2003 Warren County Fair Exhibits

CATEGORY: Ancestral Portrait
Blue Forrest Nelson

This picture is of Thomas Raisbeck (b. Nov. 1842, d. 1930) and his wife, Mary Ann (Wild) Raisbeck (b. June 1844, d. 1926). Thomas had a stepfather named Mason and Thomas used the name Mason, except in legal matters.

Thomas and Mary Ann Raisbeck (Mary Ann was my Mother's Aunt) raised my Mother, Laura (Smith) Nelson from the age of 4 or 5. It was not uncommon in the 1880s for children to be reared by another member of the family. My Mother always called them Father and Mother and never thought of them any other way. She took them into her home when they were elderly, and this picture was taken with three of their grandchildren. Standing is Mary Ann (Nelson) Huffman (b. Feb 14, 1914, d. May 5, 1955). Sitting on Grandfather's lap is Helena Dora (Nelson) Davey (b. Oct 1, 1920) and sitting on Grandmother's lap is Leroy Lester Nelson (b. March 25, 1924).

This is the only picture that I have of my Grandparents and it was just this summer located in a niece's collection of pictures.

CATEGORY: Pictorial Family History or Poster
Blue Virginia Wheeldon

Ancestors of Kaila Wheeldon – 7 generations. Several months ago, I found family tree stickers and decided to do an ancestor chart for each grandchild. Because of sticker placement, no two pages are alike. To test size of photos I made a sample page and used Bethany's photo. For pictures not yet scanned, I used small pieces of paper. McKenzie, age 5, asked who the baby was and I told her. She then looked at the other pages and said, "Where is mine?!" I thought this would be a good way for the kids to grow up knowing where they came from and get them interested in learning about ancestors. In less than eight months I received Emanuel Morr, Philip Sill, Joe and Sarah Bowers and William and Mary Bowers pictures. I had no idea they existed, but it was very exciting receiving them. Complete names and years of birth and death are listed on the next page so the children can become acquainted with their grandparents.

CATEGORY: Family Group Photo
Blue Thelma Pehrson

Stephens Reunion

My grandmother wrote "the day the 5 generation picture was taken at my home, W. T. Butler" on the back of a photo. I don't know what happened to the 5-generation picture, but the 5th generation is not in this picture. It was undoubtedly taken when Morgan Stephens was visiting, as

he lived in Knoxville, ILL. Four generations are Grandma Amos, Ora Conner, Ina Hollingsworth & Ethel Whitlow. Of the people in this picture, Ruth Butler, Charley Amos, Mary Amos, and Howard Amos are still living. (In 1998 only Mary Amos was still living.) My immediate family members in the picture are Grandma Amos, Lourena Amos Butler & husband, Will Butler, and my father Tom Butler.

According to ages of those in the picture, it would have been taken in about 1910 on the Butler farm, the first place east of the Brown's Chapel Church. Morgan Stephens was Grandma Amos' brother. She would have lived 23 years after this picture was taken.

Now to complete the story. One evening a cousin called me on the phone and wondered if they could come over to see if I could identify some photographs. In looking over them, when we came to this big picture, I said, "Oh, there is the five-generation picture. I'd like to have a copy of it!" She said, "You can have it, we don't need it." Oh, thanks, and here it is! This is the best picture I have of my great-grandmother (front left). Her daughter Ora Conner, Ora's daughter, Ina Hollingsworth, her daughter Ethel Whitlow and her son Dwight. The picture also shows the house my grandparents built after the fire and the building they lived in that summer of 1905, while building the house.

Amos Descendants. I showed the first picture one other time at the fair. I don't remember if I got a ribbon or not. It is necessary to use it to explain about my 5-generation picture.

I want it to show, you never give up when looking for family information!

CATEGORY: Family Group Photo
Red Virginia Wheeldon

Last Family Photo, November 29, 2002

Sadly, this is the last photo taken of 5 children of Orville and Mary Sill. It was taken at Golden Corral in Indianola when several family members were together for a Thanksgiving meal. The sisters and brother are Harriet Allgeier, John Sill, Myrna Couch, Virginia Wheeldon and Linda Hutchison. Linda was diagnosed with cancer about 6 months before this gathering. Very soon after, she began to lose her health rapidly and passed away March 29, 2003. Our mother often had pictures taken when we were young, but, as we reached adulthood, it became almost mission impossible to get everyone together so tgroup photos are few and far between.

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CATEGORY: Ancestral Home
Blue Dorothy Stearns

This is the home of James (1837-1914) and Mary (1854-1951) Boot, my great-grandparents. This was taken about 1896 when they lived near Wilton Junction in Muscatine Co., IA. I don't know how or why the one person is lighter. They may have been playing croquet when the photographer came by, as some of the children have mallets.

They bought the home from her parents, Herman and Sarah Nolte. My history book says another house was on the property, was moved and joined to the house. With 10 children more space was welcome. In 1939, 4 of the children returned to this home and stood in the rooms they had lived in 75 years ago. My great-grandmother, Mary, was one of them.

Standing: Eva, my grandmother, Laura, Charles, Elizabeth, Nellie. Seated: Rose, James (father) with Ruth, Hannah, Mary (mother), Cora, and Amy.

CATEGORY: Census Records
Blue Dorothy Stearns

These are the census records for Nathan McNeer, my husband's 2 great-grandfather, for the years of 1870, 1895 and 1900. It shows he was born in PA, his father in Ireland and mother in Germany (this I hadn't found before). It shows he could read, write and speak English. The James and Samuel McNeer were his brothers. Clara, wife of Robert McNair, was his sister. At this time families lived near each other.

CATEGORY: Census Records
Red Thelma Pehrson

John Amos. We have just started working on this family. We used old letters and what I can remember hearing family talk about. He was my great-grandfather Amos' only brother. He was educated in Ohio, became a Methodist clergyman and went to Kansas. This we found when we researched in the Library in Topeka, Kansas. Why did we not find Ella or Nell in the 1880 census? This calls for more research as we know she married a Mr. Smith and had 3 children. Ella or Nell is the same person and Lucy or Florence is the same person. They had 3 daughters.

CATEGORY: Historical Poster
Blue Jane Godwin

Water, Water, Water

A supply of good water was a necessity for the pioneer settlers of Iowa. The first residents chose to buy land

along a river or stream. Soon windmills dotted the plains and water was available on the farms. A windmill is composed of a wheel of blades set at a common angle and mounted on a shaft. The wheel is held with its face to the wind by a vane, or rudder. The wind strikes the blades and forces the wheel to revolve. The mill gets the full force of the wind by being mounted on a tower of 20 feet or more. The energy generated by the windmill is used to distribute water on the farm. The location for the windmill was often chosen by a "water witcher" or "dowser," a person who used metal rods to determine where there was an adequate vein of water.

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous Research Item
Blue Thelma Pehrson

Blue Prints of a House Built in 1905

My mother said she had heard that the first house on the Butler farm had also burned. We never had any proof until we found in a newspaper where the house on W. H. Butler's farm had burned in April 1878. This helped prove this. I don't have any old pictures of the "smoke house" where the family lived in 1905 when the current house burned, but a part of it can be seen in the picture of the house built in 1905. I have no proof, but I think maybe the smoke house may have been built at the time of the first fire. It was 3 rooms with an upstairs or ceiling over the back two rooms. This was reached by a ladder and my father said the "kids" all slept up there. I do know the building was modified some for the family to live in that summer of 1905.

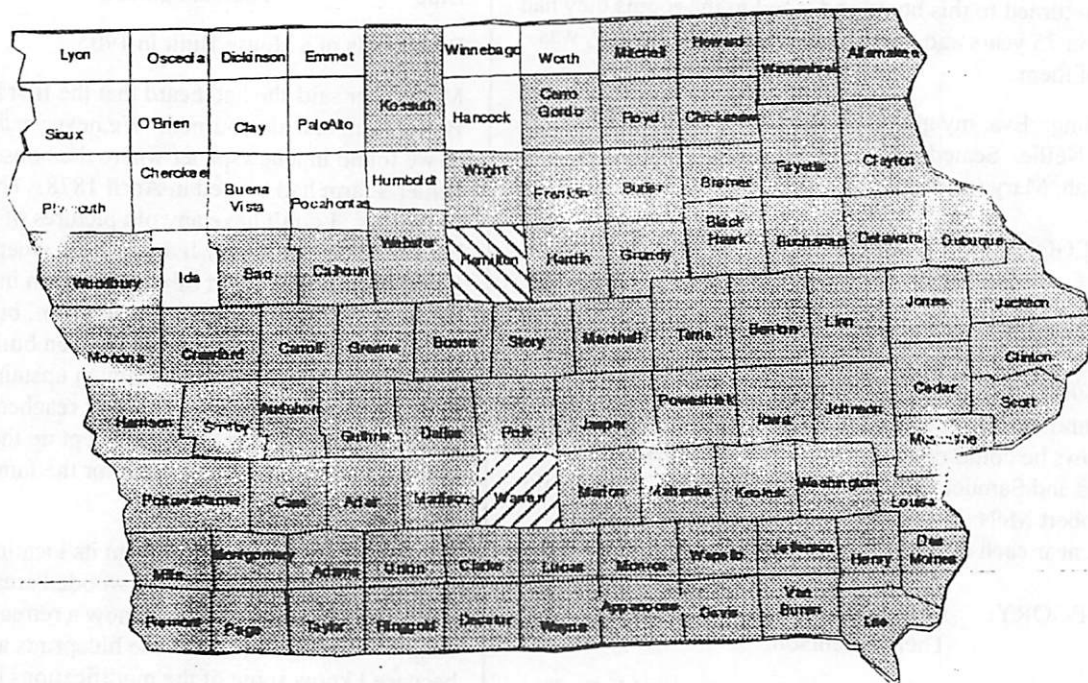
The 1905 house was moved from its location at Browns Chapel to an acreage back in a wooded area [near the old site of Hammondsburg] and is now a retreat home for a couple of college teachers. The blueprints are interesting because I know some of the modifications that were made. The closet in the kitchen became a pantry and had a window in it. There was also a porch added on that side of the house. There was also a change of some of the windows.




CATEGORY: Small Piece of Silver or Jewelry
Red Jane Godwin

When I was a child, there was always a large sugar bowl on our kitchen table. We used this sugar spoon to sprinkle sweetness generously on our cereal and fruit. Like almost all farm families of the 20s and 30s, our diet was plain and simple. We had no pre-sweetened foods and few desserts. I remember my mother's caution that sugar would cause "sugar diabetes."

IOWA 1856 CENSUS MAP

Showing those counties which were enumerated in 1856.



-  The 82 counties for which 1856 census schedules exist.
-  Hamilton county included in Webster county.
-  Warren county schedule no longer exists.

CATEGORIES: Name, age, sex, color, birthplace, occupation (age 16 and up), voter, native/naturalized/alien, owner of land, years in state, marital status: married/widowed/single for each member of the household where appropriate.

No census was taken in these counties: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Hamilton (counted with Webster), Hancock, Humboldt, Ida, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sioux, Win-

nebago and Worth. In addition **the returns for Warren are missing** and only Little Sioux and Sergeant Bluff townships of Woodbury county survive.

No *Census Day* was established for the 1856 census. The *Census Day* was the day upon which information gathered was to be based. Dates on the 1856 forms indicate it was taken in the latter part of 1856.

The 1856 census was bound into 33 volumes which were

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filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1977 on 26 microfilm reels. The volumes were then retired to the State Archives and can be examined by researchers only if, in the view of the archives staff, a filmed entry is unreadable.

STRENGTHS:

- * Completeness of most entries is exceptional.
- * "Years in State," coupled with the birthplace of family members, is most helpful in determining which 1850 Census Index will locate them for further study.
- * "Owner of Land" checked, plus "Years in State" will narrow the time period for deed searches.
- * An ancestor located in the 1856 census is acceptable proof for an Iowa Genealogical Society *Pioneer Certificate*.
- * Indexes for 26 of the 81 counties enumerated are available to assist researchers.

WEAKNESSES:

- * Faded ink makes many entries difficult - sometimes impossible - to read.
- * Poor assembly of original schedules into volumes resulted in non-sequential paging for some towns and/or townships. It is imperative to use the Register to insure locating all pages to be searched.
- * Poor assembly of original schedules also resulted in mis-matched pages for agricultural statistics rendering them of questionable value for researchers.
- * Unlike the 1850-60-70 Federal Censuses for Iowa, which have both a State and Federal copy for comparison, the Iowa 1856 Census has no other copy.

Marieta's note: This is material I found at IGS—now I know why I couldn't find the 1856 census for Warren County—it doesn't exist!

Please keep in mind that a state census was taken in Iowa in 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. Often this is extremely useful information for verifying locations of ancestors. However, some of these records are easier to read than others.

Also keep in mind that other states did not take so many special census counts. Only Iowa, New York and Kansas to regular counts of their population.

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