



NEWS 'N' NOTES

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Dear Members,

The season for genealogy is in swing! We have had numerous visitors to our resource center this summer. We are still open on Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 - 3:30. If you are in town and wish to visit the RC make an appointment with Betty Stover, JoAnn Walters, Liz Coleman or Joyce Wells. We will arrange to have it open for you.

I have just returned from 10 days in Washington D.C. The trip was great. It will take me some time to digest all the information I came home with. We visited Gettysburg, Harper's Ferry, and Antietam to mention a few of the interesting places. Iowa sure looked great when we hit the border at Davenport at 12:08 a.m. though. We had been driving all day from Allegany County, Maryland. The mountains were beautiful. It is good to be back to open spaces and minimum traffic.

This newsletter is dedicated to our valuable living genealogical resources. These living resources are the clerks and employees at courthouses, the librarians and helpers at libraries and the volunteers at resource centers and genealogical libraries. Their patience, generosity humor, and courage is to be remembered and respected!

To purposely overquote, over-emphasize this I will pass on the following:

"Librarians themselves are an invaluable resource to a researcher if they are cultivated with tact and respect. They are usually quite willing to help with library problems and may have the time and background to help with difficult research questions. From my own brief experience on the serving side of manuscript and historical libraries, I would say that the most important rule to follow if you want to enlist and hold the attention of a librarian is this: don't tell a librarian what you already know about your subject, but ask intelligent questions about what you need to know. At times you will feel that you need to explain why you need to know some things, but keep it brief. The minute you lose focus on you unanswered question and slip into a review of your accomplishments and discoveries, you must expect the librarian to slip into boredom. And librarians like to avoid bores almost as much as they do boors." Thomas E. Felt, Researching, Writing, and Publishing Local History, Nashville, TN: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY, 1988, p. 19.

To conclude, we must respect all of our resources. Handle with care not only the valuable materials such as microfilm and microfilm readers, old books and documents, but also handle with care those living, breathing, human resources that many genealogists take for granted. E.J.C.

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Total 1989 Memberships: 60
 Total 1990 Memberships: 62 (as of July 1)
 Returning 1989 Members: 44
 New/Continuing Members: 18
 Complimentary/Exchange: 6
 * 1989 Member

Please check for mistakes in the addresses, spelling etc., I have had to make several corrections. I want to remind any member who has not received the newsletter (1990) that are due them, to drop me a line, noting the corrections that need to be made. There should be a few of you who have not received all the back issues, (Jan./Feb., Mar./Apr., May/June.)

On Friday, June 8, 1990, JoAnn Walters and myself made an unusual trip. I am reporting on this trip because I believe Jo would be the last to let the secret out. However many of us know of the dedication and hours that she has spent gathering historical data, etc. On June 8, 1990 Jo and I traveled to Des Moines. At 5:30 p.m. we were treated to hors d'oeuvres presented to us in a sumptuous manner. It was all very elegant. (Jo made me dress up.)

That evening The State Historical Society of Iowa held a Volunteer Reception in conjunction with COHO or Congress of Historical Organizations and the Des Moines Junior League. At 6:30, the Volunteer certificates and Pins were presented by William H. Jackson, Director, of Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, David Crosson, Administrator of the State Historical Society of Iowa, and Cynthia Henderson, Coordinator of Volunteers and Public Programs for the State Historical Society of Iowa. JOANN WALTERS received a Certificate and 75-hour Pin. Out of this sea of volunteers, hers was the only face I knew. Our society can be proud of her contributions to preserving the history and thus genealogy of Iowa.

I know that I felt a great sense of pride for our society and respect for JoAnn during the presentation. CONGRATULATIONS, JOANN!!!

At 7:30, a tour was given of the basement area of the new historical building, (which is a short distance from the Iowa capital). In the basement we rode the huge elevators and viewed the conservation and storage techniques. It was exciting!

Liz Coleman

You will note on your membership list that Virginia Sibert is sporting a new address. It is sad news to us because this is to become the permanent address of a home member. Virginia has helped us with JCGS projects and her voluntary services will be missed!

In the past we have called for materials from out of county/state members. These materials have not been lost. They will probably appear in the newsletter when you least expect it. Betty Allen, a member, will recognize the following obituary. It appeared in the Western Nebraska Observer, 21 July 1988. Betty notes, "He was the grandson of Mary E. Bothwell Allen, who was born in Jones Co. (Olin) in 1849."

S. Gilbert Allen

A funeral for S. Gilbert Allen, 67, of Kimball, who died July 15, 1988, in an Omaha hospital, was Tuesday morning at Cantrell Funeral Home with the Rev. Glenn Loy officiating.

Masonic rites followed the funeral at the funeral home and burial was in the Kimball cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Kimball Cemetery Improvement Fund.

He was born April 3, 1921, at Scottsbluff to Dr. S.G. and Louise (Beran) Allen. He grew up at Stanton. He attended Wayne State College at Wayne and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1946.

He married Betty Meyer March 6, 1946, at Atlanta, Ga. They lived in Omaha and North Platte before moving to Kimball in 1949. He

owned and operated the Allen Funeral Home until he retired in 1985.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Methodist Men, The Kimball Country Club Men's Golf Association, the Kimball Cemetery Board and the UNL Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was a member and past master of Kimball Masonic Lodge 294, a member of the Alliance Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and a past patron of Truth Chapter No. 262 Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association and a past president of district 5, and was a past president of the Kimball Jaycees.

Survivors include his wife; son Dr. Charles "Chuck" of Denver; daughter Barbara Brady of Omaha; sister Viola Maxwell of Jamestown, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

OBITUARY (Gilbert's Great-Grandfather)

The death of Mr. John Bothwell last week removed from among us a noted representative of pioneer life. He was born in Pennsylvania and assisted in making the Canal through that state. He was familiar with the vicinity of Johnstown and after the flood which deluged the place, recited to us many incidents of early life in that locality. He was already a man of more than middle age when the civil war broke out and was a distinguished veteran of the Mexican war, taking part in all the leading battles of that campaign. Until a year ago he was a remarkably vigorous man and thought nothing of walking out to the home of his daughter Mrs. Allen in Lincoln township, a distance of seven miles. The cancerous disease which caused his death he bore with the fortitude of a soldier. During his life he was a genial, whole-souled man, whose purse never closed against the appeals of the needy. His near relatives in this county are Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Miller, both residing in Lincoln township.

He was born in Scotland in 1805, and came to this country when 19 months old. In 1817 he was married to Caroline Seely of Dubuque. Ten children were born to them, five of whom survive, who are John J. and Grant, and Mrs. L. Milks, Pullman, Neb., and Mesdames Allen and Miller.

In the Mexican war he fought at the battles of Monterey, Resada de la Pelma and others, and was 80 years, 5 months and 27 days old...

WYOMING JOURNAL Feb. 23, 1905
"Passing of Philander L. Vaughn"

The death of Philander L. Vaughn removes another of the fast departing pioneers who for almost a half century have called Wyoming "Home". After long years of suffering with intervals of comparative good health, his earthly carrier was terminated, on the morning of Feb. 20th, 1905. He was the son of Huladah Polly Eastman and George Vaughn, and first opened his eyes to the light of day Sept. 17, 1827 in Rodman, Jefferson county, New York. And here he remained with his parents until he was five years of age, when with them he moved to Lafayette, Medina county, Ohio.

On the 16th day of Feb. 1855, he married Lydia Baldwin. And in 1857 came to Iowa to the land of which he made one of the best farms in this section of Jones county.

Other lands were added to his possession, but health failed and in Nov. 1892, he moved to this village seeking the rest and comfort he so much needed. He is survived by his wife to who he was wedded 51 years and by eleven children.

The following letter is from Jim Coverdale who is presenting the following two pages of material. Well done! Forgive the editing.

A note to the society: I haven't been very active at the meetings lately, etc., but have still been attempting my genealogy research. When visiting Edinburgh recently, I noticed a "cemetery list" in the January 1908 issue of the Wyoming Journal. I photographed the article, then decided to look for similar articles. They usually appear in the first or second issue of each new year! I also discovered a list of couples who applied for marriage licenses the previous month (December, in this case...), and also photographed two such notices. I hope to visit the Roche Library in Wyoming soon to scan other issues of the Journal that are not available at Edinburgh. Over the years the format and title of these lists changes from: "Death Roll for 1901," to Cemetery Internments in 1908," to "Burials in 1910," etc. The formats of the lists also changed and was often accompanied by a "summary" of the year's "activities." Example of the accompanying article for 1908:

"List of burials in the Wyoming cemetery during the year 1908, with date of burial, name of person, and age as shown by the records of the association: (listing follows). Of the above 28 burials, two were over 90 years of age, eight had passed the 80th milestone in life, fourteen were over seventy years old and only four were under twenty years of age, and all of these were children less than two years old. The month of June and October recorded the largest number of burials of old people. In June with one exception, all were past 70 years of age, and in October all had passed the 81st milestone. In 1907 there were 22 burials, 26 in 1906, and 22 in 1905."

Only the 1909 list is submitted by the (named) association's secretary. I have tried to copy the lists EXACTLY as they were printed, some with obvious errors! I trust members will find the information useful and interesting; I intend to submit more lists in the future...

MINI ANCESTORS

Any information on NORMAN UNDERWOOD; his son, Luther, born 6 June 1859, married Mary C.

Phyllis (Underwood) Dethloff, 607 E. 2nd St., Superior, NE 68978 (This has already been sent to Phyllis. L.C.)

NORMAN UNDERWOOD Obituary in Anamosa Eureka.

March 27, 1879, page 3, "Died", Whole No. 1171, Vol. 23, No. 27.

"At his home in Fairview township, Jones Co. Iowa, on Monday, the 3d day of March, 1879, NORMAN UNDERWOOD.

Mr. Underwood was born in Freetown, Cortland county, N.Y. on the 12th day of January, 1815 and consequently was 64 years, 1 month, and 19 days old at the day of his death. He moved to Fairview id 1855, and has been a resident of this township since that time. The funeral was attended at his house by his neighbors, and a sermon was preached by Rev. James Mitchell, of Fairview, from the text found in II Thess., 2nd chap., 16th and 17th verses. After which a large procession followed him to his resting place."

On the same page in the "Home Matters" column:

"Mrs. Norman Underwood, who was stricken with paralysis on the day of her husband's death, March 3d, is very slowly improving, being now able to sit up a little. The bereavement which had fallen upon her was no doubt the primary cause of the stroke."

I am researching B.F. SHAW of Anamosa later Cedar Rapids. He was the first Fish Commissioner of Iowa. Base of operations was at Fish House Road. Would like a photograph of Mr. Shaw and would like to correspond with his descendants. Rick Martens, Manchester Fish Hatchery, R.R. Box 269, Manchester, IA 52057.

I am trying to obtain information on ALEXANDER TAYLOR, and am also researching the families of HENDERSON, ATKIN/AIKIN who are connected. McNEILY were friends and neighbors. Margaret Knudsen, 1030 31st St., Marion, IA 52302.

I am researching J.W. RIENETS, a WW1 Soldier apparently from Jones Co. He is mentioned in the Monticello newspaper. Would appreciate any information on this man. Nancy Rienets, 2002 Logan, Apt. E2, Muscatine, IA 52761.

Recently our society was forwarded an interesting letter from New Zealand. The writer wishes to correspond with relatives in Anamosa. Those relatives are STIMPSONS, related to TOM STIMPSON of Anamosa. This letter is on file at the resource center or you can write: Mrs. Helen Anne Hirst, 56 Ayers St., Rangiora, Canterbury, New Zealand. (Have contacted Anna Stimpson Brickley).

A new member of our society wishes to correspond with anyone who has information on these surnames: WORLEY or ACKER or VANDEBURG. These families were from Jones, Cedar and Dubuque Counties. "John and Sarah Acker are buried in Cascade, Dubuque Co., IA..." Mrs. Lois Clark 4180 Piper Dr., San Jose, CA 95117.

Recently (1990), one of our former members passed away. The following obituary appeared in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Gazette.

Lorna Livingston Mathes, 82, of 109 S. Johnson St., died Wednesday in her home following a lengthy illness. *May 23*

Born Feb. 24, 1908, at Scotch Grove Township in Jones County, she married Dwight Mathes June 24, 1933. He died in 1938. She taught in the University of Iowa home economics department and then was in charge of radio programming for the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station. She taught foods and nutrition at the U of I for several years. She was a secretary in the U of I College of Education and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Omicron Nu. She also did statistical research in the department of pediatrics and attended the U of I School of Social Work. Mrs. Mathes served as executive director of Johnson County chapter of the American Red Cross from 1942 to 1977. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Iowa City, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Iowa City Women's Club, Direct

Dialogue research group of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Iowa City Genealogical Society, Johnson County Historical Society, Jones County Historical Society, Johnson County Task Force of the Heritage Agency on Aging and the Heritage Advisory Council, and Iowa State Genealogical Society. In 1987 she was chosen Outstanding Senior Citizen for Johnson County and also as Outstanding Senior Citizen for Area 10 by the seven-county Heritage Agency.

She is survived by a son, D. Lowell of Chicago; a sister, Lucile Moats of Bozeman, Mont.; and two granddaughters.

Prayer services: 2 p.m. today, George L. Gay Funeral Home. Graveside services and viewing at 3:30 p.m. today in the North Madison Cemetery, Center Junction, by the Rev. Robert Welsh, First Christian Church, Iowa City.

Memorials to the Johnson County American Red Cross or Iowa City Hospice, or First Presbyterian Church in Center Junction.

PASSAY ELLEN MURFIELD was born to Emmanuel and Elizabeth Newman, early settlers in Iowa, on December 31st, 1853, in Fairview township, Jones county. She passed away on May 7th, 1923, in her late home in Martelle, aged 69 years, 4 months and 6 days. Mrs. Murfield knew many of the joys and hardships of pioneer life and loved to relate the experiences of those times. She was the second child of a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters. Two, J.W. Newman and Mrs. W.G. preceeding her in death. Those remaining are Mrs. F.M. Miller of Estherville; A.H. Newman, Mrs. J.P. Ellison, G.A. Newman, Mrs. F.D. Holcomb all of Martelle; E.F. Newman, of Mitchellville, and O.M. Newman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

On February 22, 1874, she was united in marriage with Charlie W. Murfield of Greenfield township. Almost their entire married life was spent in the vicinity, most of this time on the beautiful farm built up by them from the humble cabin to the modern home. The place was known far and wide for its warm hospitality always extended to friend...

As Mr. and Mrs. Murfield approached the sunset of life they tired of the strenuous farm duties and took up their residence in Martelle where they spent the remainder of their lives with the exception of a few months in Anamosa where Mr. Murfield passed away on November 16th, 1919.

To Mr. and Mrs. Murfield were born ten daughters, six of whom preceeded them in death by many years. The daughters remaining are Mrs. Amy Holcomb and Mrs. Cleo McConaughy, both of near the old home; Mrs. Bessie Zimmerman and Mrs. Florence Dumont of Cedar Rapids. There are four grand-children, Tracy McConaughy, Chester Holcomb, Pauline Zimmerman, and Grace Dumont.

On September 26, 1908, Mrs. Murfield United with the Christian church of Martelle and lived a consistent christian life...The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Christian church. Rev. Hugh Orchard of Cedar Rapids officiated assisted by Rev. Lamont Smith of Martelle. The floral offering was abundant and most beautiful. Internment was in the Highland Grove cemetery. Six nephews carried Mrs. Murfield to her last resting place. (Researched by Mandy Hart, age 11)

CEMETARY INTERNMENTS IN 1900 - WYOMIN CEMETARY INTERNMENTS IN 1901 - WYOMING, IA

Date	Name	Age	Date	Name	Age
Jan 5	R. S. Williams	75	Jan 1	Mrs. C. H. Himebaugh	82
Mar 29	Caroline R. Blakely	68	14	Mrs Catharine Country-	
Apr 5	Infant Max Krouse	-		man	68
27	Russell Gilbert	81	21	Mrs. Elenor Tourtellot	90
Jun 1	John Herson	9	Feb 19	Mr. David Sherrill	--
28	Frank Matejka	80	25	Roy Russell	23
Jul 8	Joseph French	77	28	Mrs. Margaret Paul	83
Jul 10	Charley Reid	46	Mar 23	Nellie Miller	6
24	Francis Potter	24	25	B. K. Bronson	--
Aug 4	E. Lyle Gardner, infant	-	Apr 4	Inf. of O. H. Peck	--
6	James A. Ashcraft	72	4	Frank Coburn	--
9	T. R. Marshall	65	12	H. J. Countryman	--
16	C. P. Hollenbeck	84	19	Mrs. Boyer	--
20	Rev. B. D. Smith	39	Jun 18	Newcomb Williams	72
Sep 5	Amelia H. Paul	62	Jul 19	Inf. of Thos Thompson	--
11	J. A. Mallicoat	41	Aug 1	Mary Erla Streeper	1
15	Albert Alanzo Blakely inf.		12	Mr. Kosticheck	--
22	David Like	72	15	Frank Hawley	60
25	D. H. Phelps	52	27	-illon Shaffer	3
Oct 11	"Hunawardson" infant		Sep 3	Mrs. Ferguson Conley	--
Nov 23	Laverna Grace Walston	4	8	Clement Guthrie	81
Dec 9	Pricilla Ella Pavay	59	30	Catharine A. Holub	81
13	Jennie Williams.	65	Oct 12	Sarah Frank	79
31	Elbert Potter	29	Nov nd !	Sarah Myers	--
			14	John Corbit	74
			17	Harry C. Leamon	22
			19	Mrs. Ben Johnston	--
			23	Carter Edwin Vaughn	--
			Dec 3	Sarah Ann McCalmant	71
			5	Geo Elijah Markham	52

CEMETARY INTERNMENTS FOR 1903 - WYOMING, IA

DATE	NAME	AGE
FEB 1	Mrs. J. G. Krouse	No Ages Given
10	Frank H. Thomas	
MAR 1	Mrs. Hood	
7	Infant of M/M J. W. DeWitt	
9	Carl Dellit	
19	Kinsey Elwood	
27	Infant of M/M H. M. Vaughn	
MAY 13	Dr. J. W. Kirkpatrick	
17	Madge Markham	
JUN 11	Marquerite E. Hall	
19	Lous Vaughn	
21	Mrs. Fannie A. Keenan	
JUL 18	Infant of M/M Henry Bramer	
20	George Gilbert	
AUG 28	Mrs. Grace Paul Tasker	
SEP 1	Miss Bell Ash	
OCT 17	Ruth L. Brown	
NOV 19	Infant of M/M C. B. Shaffer	
22	Mrs. C. B. Shaffer	
23	Harriet Tompkins	
DEC 5	Mrs. Mary R. Chamberlain	
16	Sadie Elwood Brestler	
23	Mrs. Martha Crowwell	

CEMETARY INTERNMENTS IN 1908 - WYOMING

Date	Name	Age
Jan 13	Harriet E. Marshall	78
24	Edna L. Franks	24
Feb 5	Margaret J. Krouse	67
14	Isabella H. Streeper	86
26	William H. Urban	24
Mar 9	J. H. Cooksey	84
Apr 8	Jerry Woodyard	79
21	J. K. Pizley	80
May 24	Henry S. Rising	77
Jun 7	Gladys Parsons	27 days
10	O. C. Kneller	52
13	Mrs. Wm Foote	66
13	J. W. Wherry	76
15	J. D. Rhodes	76
26	Betsy M. Atkins	83
Jul 14	Wm H. Ireland	78
Aug 10	Elmer L. Streeper	4 mo
11	Silas F. Evans	30
Sep 17	Child of Peter Bohnsen	--
Oct 6	Abner Kimball	96
13	John Russell	84
23	Caroline Witter	92
31	Mrs. James Mallicoat	81
Nov 13	Child of M. Zaruba	--
16	R. B. Elijah	56
26	August Hansen	25
30	George E. Behnke	1
Dec 29	Thomas McKinnon	50

CALENDAR

MEETING: 21 August--7:30 p.m.--COURTHOUSE

SPEAKER: TED WESENBERG of Main Street, Anamosa.

BIRTHDAYS:

7 Aug.--Dorothy Allan	9 Sept.--Dorothy Smith
20 --Virginia Sibert	
23 --Joyce Wells	30 Oct.--Duane Wenndt

ANNIVERSARIES

23 Sept.--Virginia & James Sibert
13 Oct.--Duane & Jan Wenndt

NEW MEMBERS: Please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so that you may be included in our newsletter!

NOTE: When submitting material for the newsletter, please respect approximately one inch margins on all sides of paper. You may note where and when we have violated this. Did it look right? Also, submissions should be of readable quality. We might have to adjust if they are not and that takes time. Please give adequate documentation. That means if you quote, give the name of newspaper, title, (if possible) and page number.

Note: Obituary of Passay Ellen Murfield on a previous page occurred in the Anamosa Eureka, Thur. May 17, 1923, Vol. 68, No. 41, page 1. You can find another version in the Anamosa Journal, May 17, 1923, Vol. 52, No. 20, page 1.

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