

1991

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 3912
Rock Island, IL 61204-3912

Calendar of Events

WHEN: 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of
each month, January through October
with annual dinner meeting
sometime in November.

WHERE:

South Park Presbyterian Church,
1501 30th Street, Rock Island, IL

Visitors welcome!



January 22

Tom and Barbara Douglass of Davenport will present
our program "Preserving Your Family History"
Materials will be available to purchase.

February 26

share

Members are asked to bring their books, materials
and ideas of genealogical interest to share. How
have you solved a research problem? Do you need help?

March 26



Our program will be given by handwriting expert
Giles R. Weigandt of Moline. If you want to learn
something new about your ancestors bring samples of
their handwriting. You may be surprised!!

April 23



Grace Eastland will present our program on using
county and city directories in your research.

FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS-READ OUR QUARTERLY AND LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Seventeenth Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference

Saturday, April 20,
1991

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

at the
Viking Club of Moline
1450 - 41st Street
Moline, Illinois

Topics include:

National, State, and Local Resources

Research Procedures

Locating Records

Alternate Sources

Pennsylvania and Kentucky

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; program, "Preserving Your Family History" by Tom and Barbara Douglass; materials available for purchase; information, call 786-3058. **JAN. 18, 1991**

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; take books of genealogical interest to share; information, call Dorothy Darland, 786-3058.

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; program by Gales Weigand; handwriting analysis; take samples of ancestors' handwriting; visitors welcome; information, call Dorothy Darland, 786-3058.

Genealogical forum

Dr. George Schweitzer will be featured speaker April 20 at the Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference at the Moline Viking Club, 1450 41st St., Moline.

He is an expert in military genealogy, genealogical sources and German genealogy.

Registration fee for the full-day conference is \$17.50, which includes presentations, coffee and buffet luncheon. Enrollment is limited to 250. Send check with name and address to: Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference, P.O. Box 932, Moline, Ill. 61265.

For more information, call Dorothy Darland at (309) 786-3058.

Q Why did Republican U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond and his wife separate? Also, is he the oldest member of Congress?

Barbara Ruby, Puyallup, Wash.

After 22 years together, wife Nancy announced that she'd prefer "to pursue several career options and some measure of independence." She was 22 when she married Thurmond; today she's just half his age. At 88, the South Carolinian is indeed the most senior member of Congress.

Q I read somewhere that Gerald Ford's birth name was Leslie King. Will you check this out?

J.C. Sullivan, Houston

Checked. In 1916, when the future president was 3, his divorced mom married Gerald Rudolff Ford, a paint salesman, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Ford adopted the boy, changing his name from Leslie Lynch King to Gerald Rudolff Ford Jr. Ford changed the spelling to "Rudolph" later.

DEAR ABBY: Enclosed is a photocopy of a letter I have carried in my wallet for more than 20 years. Although I have never been a smoker, I've always thought this was one of the most thought-provoking stories I'd ever heard. Perhaps it's worth a rerun. — **Bobbie Bernstein, Madeira Beach, Fla.**

DEAR BOBBIE: Thanks for sending it. Here's the letter:

DEAR ABBY: On a recent trip to Scotland, I stayed with my 73-year-old maiden cousin who made our trip most enjoyable with her humor and gracious hospitality.

One morning she said, "Where's the newspaper? I want to see who quit smoking."

Amazed at this, I asked, "Do they publish the names of people who quit smoking in the Scottish newspaper?"

"Aye," she said, "in the obituary column." — **Frank Gallagher, Kent, Wash.**

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BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; program on computer genealogy by Mary Storbeck; genealogy books for sale; visitors welcome; information, call Dorothy Darland, 786-3058.

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; discussion of plans and accomplishments; buying and selling of genealogical items; visitors welcome; information, call Dorothy Darland, 786-3058.

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; program on "The Declaration of the Independence of the United States" by Wallace Erickson; information, call Dorothy Darland, 786-3058.

Featured Speaker

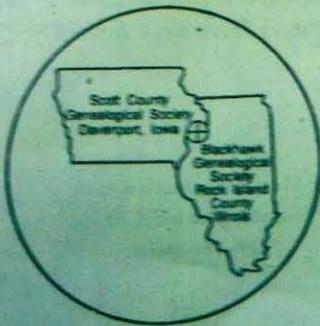
Dr. George K. Schweitzer is Alumni Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He holds doctoral degrees in Chemistry, Philosophy, and History.

For many years his hobby has been genealogy. He is an expert in military genealogy, genealogical sources and techniques, German genealogy, and in research in Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Professor Schweitzer is the author of numerous books on genealogy and is listed in *Who's Who in Genealogy*.

Over the past few years he has addressed The National Genealogical Society as well as many State and regional genealogical societies.

Sponsored by
Blackhawk Genealogical Society &
Scott County Genealogical Society



Program Schedule Saturday, April 20, 1991

- 8:00 - 8:50
Registration and an opportunity for you to browse through the exhibits.
- 8:50 - 9:00
Welcome and Announcements
- 9:00 - 10:15
Dr. Schweitzer — Dressed in Quaker costume will give detailed information on researching your Pennsylvania ancestry.
- 10:15 - 10:45
Coffee & browsing
- 10:45 - 11:50
Dr. Schweitzer — Dressed in Frontier costume will give detailed information on researching your Kentucky ancestry.
- 11:50 - 1:20
Lunch & browsing
- 1:20 - 2:30
Dr. Schweitzer — Researching in Burned-out counties — finding and using alternate records.
- 2:30 - 2:50
Coffee & browsing
- 2:50 - 3:30
Dr. Schweitzer — Questions and Answers
- 3:30
Closing Remarks

*Door Prizes will be drawn
throughout the day!*

— NO TAPE RECORDING IS ALLOWED —

REGISTRATION FORM

The Registration Fee is \$17.50 per person and includes admission to the conference, coffee, and a buffet luncheon. Registrations received after April 13, 1991 do not include the luncheon. Cancellations will not be honored after April 17, 1991.

Make Check(s) payable to: "Quad Cities Genealogical Conference"

Mail check(s) & form to: P. O. Box 932
Moline, IL 61265

Your canceled check is your confirmation and receipt. If you desire other confirmation from the registrar, enclose a SASE (or postcard). For additional registrations, list names and addresses on a separate sheet.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NOTE: REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 250

Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center

Rock Island in January, 1991

Dear Friends and Colleagues!

The Swenson Center staff sends you its best wishes for this New Year!

Work has been progressing this past fall and winter on the new facilities in Denkmann Library, and we expect to relocate there in July or August of this year. Later this spring we hope to finalize plans for the inauguration of the new facilities in October. Specific details will be sent out as soon as they are available.

Our temporary housing may be cramped for staff and researchers alike, but we are still able to accommodate those who wish to use the microfilms and reference collection. It is always wise to call ahead and reserve a time slot for your research. When the staff is out on errands or at meetings, our answering machine will record your message, and we will be glad to return your call as soon as possible.

As most of you already know, the Center has been designated the North American distributing agency for the microfiche edition of the Swedish parish records (Church of Sweden) produced by SVAR (Swedish Archive Information) and the Swedish National Archives. A feature article in issue #5 of the **Swenson Center News**, released this past fall, alerted readers to this new trans-Atlantic venture. To update you on our progress, we can tell you that a publicity brochure, order forms and other helpful information are now in press and will be available within the month. If you have already contacted the Center regarding purchase of SVAR microfiche, you will receive all of this material as a matter of course.

If there are those of you who did not receive your copy of issue #5 of the **Swenson Center News** or who would like more information about the **SVAR microfiche sales**, please write or call the Center at your earliest opportunity. Our office phone number is: (309) 794-7204; office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

Kermit Westerberg

Christina Johansson

Augustana College, Box 175, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Genealogists plan April 20 conference

George K. Schweitzer will be the featured speaker at the 17th annual Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference on April 20 at the Moline Viking Club, 1450 41st St. He is alumni distinguished professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The first session will cover "Researching in Pennsylvania," with Mr. Schweitzer dressed in a Quaker costume. He will wear a frontier costume for the next topic, "Researching in Kentucky." The third session, "Researching in Burned-Out Counties," will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

The registration fee for the full-day conference is \$17.50, which includes all presentations, morning and afternoon coffee and a buffet luncheon. Information will be distributed, genealogical exhibits set up and prizes awarded. No tape recording is allowed. Registration is limited to 250. Those planning to attend are to send a check with name and address to Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference, P.O. Box 932, Moline, Ill. 61265. Additional information may be obtained from Dorothy Darland, 786-3058.

Mr. Schweitzer, who holds doctoral degrees in chemistry, philosophy and history, is an expert in military genealogy, genealogical sources and techniques, German genealogy and research in Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Author of numerous books, he is widely known as a lecturer and is listed in Who's Who in America, American Men and Women of Science, Who's Who in Religion and Who's Who in Genealogy.

Opinion

MAY 24, 1991

People's Pulpit

Obituary changes helpful, appreciated

Dear Editor, The Argus: I'm writing to say thank you for the change in obituary write-ups.

Many of us had requested the addition of the date of death. When the clipping has been sent to others or saved for further generations, this is so helpful. Parents of the deceased is important for genealogy research.

Thank you for listening and making the change.

JUNE HEDQUIST
Rock Island

Obit changes praised

On behalf of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society, we wish to thank you for the recent change in the information given in the obituaries in the Moline Daily Dispatch and Rock Island Argus.

It is of immeasurable help to genealogists and also those persons who keep track of family relations in a less formal way, to have the exact date of death and the parents of the deceased printed in the obituary.

Zeima Hendricks,
president
Blackhawk Genealogical Society

New obituary format greatly appreciated

Dear Editor, The Argus: I do a lot of work on genealogy.

Also, I am attempting to reconstruct an obituary for everyone buried in the Drury-Reynolds Cemetery, the Illinois City Cemetery, and the Buffalo Prairie Cemetery. Consequently, I use old newspapers a great deal. I am going to put these in a book for the Rock Island County Historical Society.

I appreciate the fact that you are now putting all of the obituaries together instead of having the Quad-Cities obituaries and then in another part of the paper having those for Western Illinois.

Even more information is the fact that you are now giving the date of death and the names of the parents of the deceased.

Old newspapers are a very important source of historical information.

D.E. MOHLENBRUCK
Rock Island

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BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 7 p.m. in South Park Presbyterian Church, Rock Island; Ron Bremer, author and former research specialist, will speak on "The World of Genealogy." Beginners and visitors welcome. For information, call Dorothy Darland, 786-3058.

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGY SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; program, "Illinois Migration." *Jan 1992*

Genealogy — Blackhawk Genealogical Society, 7 p.m. Tuesday, South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island. Program: Handwriting analysis by Giles R. Weigandt, Moline; bring samples of your ancestors' handwriting. Visitors welcome. Information: Dorothy Darland.

Fewer of us seem to want the last word

"I'm Ma Rainey... mother of Beale Street. I'm 78 years old. Ain't never had enough of nothing, and it's too damn late now."

—Epitaph in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis

By William Thomas

MEMPHIS—In a society that spends more time looking at pictures than reading, the original epitaph may be vanishing from the American cemetery.

Although Ma Rainey, the Memphis blues singer, apparently had her summing-up written in 1985, the year of her death, she is the rare exception when it comes to having the last word etched in stone.

"I can't remember the last time I had an

Commentary

order to carve a monument for someone who wrote his own epitaph," said George Crone, whose gravestone company has been operating for 100 years.

now he'd be working for the Family.

ipping...readers will be
hooked." —Publishers Weekly

Read[s] like a whirlwind...
a well-paced and...harrowing thriller...
THE FIRM works on just about every level...
—Chicago Tribune

"Hallucinatory entertainment."
—Kirkus Reviews

"An irresistible plot...
that seizes a reader
on the opening page...
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hospitals, John Grisham does
for a law firm in this highly
entertaining thriller."
—Peter S. Prescott, Newsweek

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"Not so," the article continued
adding that in starting the inquiry
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thing, the most important thing, ir-
our view — the people who died."

th that strong following, it's clear that TV Week is
ful guide for television viewers. It's also a valuable
o reach customers for advertisers, who still can
ve space in the expanded booklet by calling our
ising department.

ou have additional suggestions on ways to im-
TV Week, just contact Joe Payne (786-6441) or
Fraembs (764-4344) in the Life department.

gested our previous style of just listing the day of the
week made obituaries difficult to use as a resource for
people researching their family history.

• A very astute Moline man called to ask about the
popular comic strip Calvin and Hobbes. "Is a different
cartoonist drawing it now?" He had noticed subtle
changes in the looks of Calvin and other characters in
the strip.

The answer is no. Bill Watterson did the artwork, as
usual, but for the next few months he is taking a break
to re-charge his creative batteries. So, Universal Press
Syndicate is sending strips from the comic's early days
in 1985.

The look may be slightly changed, but these are the
early strips that pushed Calvin to the top of the comic
charts. Hope you enjoy them.

Russ Scott is The Dispatch's managing editor. His column appears every week
in The Sunday Dispatch.

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Historical Society elects officers

Robert Millett, Rock Island, was elected president of the Rock Island County Historical Society at a dinner at Salem Lutheran Church, Moline.



ROBERT MILLETT

Other new officers are: David Coopman, first vice president; Peggy Pierce, second vice president; Bette Williams, recording secretary, and Kathleen Curry, corresponding secretary, all of Moline; Catherine Robinder, Rock Island, treasurer, and Perry Hansen, Bettendorf, assistant.

Lucille Sampson, Rock Island, is archivist; Betty Witt, Moline, curator, and Dr. Paul Johnston, Rock Island, carriage house curator.

Serving on the board of directors are: three years — Louis Benson and Wallace Robinder, both of Rock Island; Lloyd Eflandt and Harold Granholm, both of Moline; Barbara Scott, Milan, and Michael Skelton, Port Byron; two years — Ann Scott, Chester Mitchell and Burton Hansen, all of Moline; Ted Dickerson and George Young, both of Rock Island, and Dr. Keith Johnson, Port Byron; one year — Mary Jane Adams, Virginia Dahlberg, Dr. Milford Nelson and Richard Wharton, all of Moline; Hazel Blocklinger and Virginia Jensen, both of Rock Island.

Mrs. Sampson told the history of the Old Settlers historical cane, which had been presented to the society. Thomas Slattery, Rock Island Arsenal historian, gave the program.

It was reported that two-thirds of the \$695,000 goal has been reached for the library building fund at the Rock Island County Historical House in Moline.

Archivist helps Swedes research their ancestries

By Dianne L. Beetler
Correspondent

BISHOP HILL — The employment of a full-time archivist for the Vasa national archives in Bishop Hill is giving the residents and tourists more opportunities to tour the archives building and research their Swedish ancestries.



RICHARD HORNGREN

Richard W. Horngren, 57, began work in Bishop Hill mid-June. Formerly a records manager for an insurance company in the Milwaukee area, Mr. Horngren is married to a Swedish native. He also is a long-time member of Vasa, a Swedish-American fraternal organization founded in 1896.

In the past, the archives have been open on an irregular basis, but the building is currently open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The public is welcome. Admission is free.

Mr. Horngren is continuing a massive records computerization project recently begun by Lars Dahlgren, director of the computer department of Emigrant Registret, in Karlstad, Sweden. The project involves transcribing Vasa membership lists of an estimated 350,000 names from microfilm to computer.

Mr. Horngren said he envisions the archives eventually becoming a resource center with a library, where visitors can learn more about their Swedish heritage.

1977, 1991 Nation's oldest person

114
She was born just after Ulysses S. Grant left the White House and in the same year that federal troops were pulled out of the Southern states, effectively ending Reconstruction. And on Sunday, Ettie Mae Greene, America's oldest person, will celebrate her 114th birthday at the Springfield Comprehensive Care Center in Lindsie, W. Va. "It's been a pretty good life, I guess," said the former farmer and seamstress. "I'm so tired I can hardly stand it." Greene, who has outlived five of her nine children, has 37 great-great-grandchildren and has been widowed for 72 years. She credits a daily milkshake, a

vitamin and "good clean living" as the keys to a life that began 13 years before Dwight Eisenhower was born. Marianne Blakeslee, director of nursing at the care center, says Greene talks steadily before tiring herself out, and that nurses feed her three meals a day as she snoozes.

The Guinness Book of Records lists Greene as the world's third-oldest person, behind a woman in England who is a month older and a 117-year-old in France.

Richard Rothschild

Headstone orders blossom with spring

By Bruce Buursma

Throughout the Midwest, the renewal of the earth is heralded this month by the song of the returning birds and, just as predictably, the sound of sandblasting against granite after a long, dormant season in the gravestone business.

"People think you're making a joke, not the peak season for us is from the middle of March to the middle of May," says Frank Troost, the owner of Hillside-based Peter Troost Monument Co., who notes better than most that memorial markers are only rarely a laughing matter to the survivors of the deceased.

The reason for the rush has nothing to do with disease or discounts, but rather is a matter of climatic cycles: the cloak of winter snow over the Chicago-area tundra does not prevent burial, but it does discourage family members from quickly

arranging for the installation of a monument to the departed.

What's more, several of the more coveted granite quarries from which stone is extracted for markers are in Vermont, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and South Dakota, where harsh winter weather conditions can delay delivery to monument builders and carvers.

"People die every day, as they always have," says Ed Rizzi, who runs the Hillside Monument Co. and Rizzi Florists across from the Mt. Carmel and Queen of Heaven Cemeteries at the western edge of Cook County, the sprawling Roman Catholic burial facilities.

"But we live in a society of procrastinators," Rizzi adds, "and many of the people who have burials from November through February typically decide to wait to have a monument installed until the weather is better. When the sun

shines and the grass turns green, our phone rings."

The surge in spring plantings of gravestones also is traditionally prompted by the impending holidays with which cemetery visits long have been associated—Memorial Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Rizzi, whose father founded the family's monument business 53 years ago, says the mood for gravesite visitation this Memorial Day, in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf war, is likely to be more intense than it has been for a generation.

"Since the Vietnam War era, there had been a downturn with Memorial Day, where people didn't want to glorify war," says the 57-year-old Rizzi. "But I do believe this Memorial Day will be much bigger because of the resurgence of patri-

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Frank Troost says the top season at his Hillside-based headstone firm is spring.

Headstone

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The gravestone industry, though by no means crumbling, has not experienced monumental growth in recent years, or small, but rising num-

bers of people opt for cremation or entombment in community crypts rather than burial in cemetery plots.

Troost says the market has remained relatively stable for several years. He notes that his firm, the area's largest with more than \$5 million in annual sales at a dozen locations in metropolitan Chicago and two in Wisconsin, has achieved growth through acquiring smaller competitors.

An official of the Monument Builders of North America, an Evanston-based trade association representing about 900 of the nation's retail monument firms, concedes that the growing popularity of cremation, particularly on the West Coast, has slowed the sales of memorials.

But Eileen Mueller, executive assistant for the association, says monument builders also voiced unnecessary "gloom and doom" two generations ago when many

cemeteries outlawed upright tablets in favor of flat, lawn-level markers to create a park atmosphere and ease maintenance of the grounds.

"Now, many of these memorial parks are opening up new lot sections where they are allowing upright monuments again," says Mueller, "because the public wants them and they've found they can sell those lots at higher prices. The industry is still alive, still flourishing, still prospering, despite all the worry that trend created. And I don't think cremation is going to kill memorialization, either."

Troost, whose great-grandfather established a tombstone business on the outskirts of Chicago upon emigrating from Belgium in 1870, says his firm has not been affected by the economic slowdown. Most of his customers are purchasing a memorial "with proceeds from an insurance policy," he says.

The cost of monuments, Troost says, ranges from \$300 for a flat marker to as much as \$1 million for an elaborate private mausoleum. An upright memorial generally ranges from \$1,800 to about \$8,000, though stylized gravestones, adorned with sculptures and columns, can often cost \$30,000 and more.

The monument association's Mueller says she sees a vital future for the business, despite the challenges of cremation and the shifting social habits that have diminished the frequency of gravesite visits.

"Within all of us," she says, "there is this deep-seated desire to commemorate, to remember a person's life, and you just don't blot that out, any more than you blot out the desire for freedom in the human heart. It's just a part of our Judeo-Christian tradition and the American concept of the value of an individual life."



Opinion

Changes designed to aid readers

I have good news for regular readers of *The Argus* — and many occasional readers as well.

Today's issue features a new, expanded and improved TV Week. While its outside appearance may be the same, we've made some subtle and important changes inside — many based on suggestions from our readers.

There are eight more pages in the improved TV Week — 64 instead of 56. In that additional space we've added programming for CNBC and FNN to both the daily grids and the rolling program logs. Listings for the Black Entertainment Network (BET) which were already in the rolling logs have been added to the grids as well.

TV Week is well known for shopping bargains in its ads. There are more of those in the expanded book. Sales representatives are still contacting potential advertisers. If you'd like to find out how to advertise your business in TV Week, call Frank Krone at *The Argus*.

Readers will also find more editorial features in the new TV Week. We're still tinkering with some other changes. Additional changes will be made later in June when TCI Cable, which serves Rock Island, Milan, Coal Valley and Aledo, begins renumbering many of its channels to incorporate new offerings for its subscribers.

If you have suggestions as to how we might make the book more useful to you, don't hesitate to contact Joe Payne or Laura Fraembs in the Life department at *The Argus*.



Roger Ruthhart

You use it!

How important is this programming guide to our readers? Real important. TV Week, which appears each week in *The Argus* and *Daily Dispatch*, is the most relied on publication for television viewers in the Illinois Quad-Cities, according to a readership study conducted by Barbour & Associates in January, 1991.

Sixty-two percent of all respondents in the market — both readers and non-readers of our papers — said they had read one or more editions of TV Week in the past four weeks. Half of the respondents had read it every week.

Seventy-seven percent of the respondents who read *The Argus* and *Daily Dispatch* had read one or more issues of TV Week in the past four weeks. Sixty-five percent had read it all four weeks.

In the Illinois Quad-Cities, 49 percent of all respondents said they refer to TV Week the most in deciding what TV programs to watch. Fourteen percent rely on TV Times, and another 14 rely on TV Guide. Sixteen percent use no television listing to help decide what to watch.

This is an age where television serves as a valuable source of information and entertainment. We're happy that our readers find TV Week useful; that our changes will make it even more valuable; that you'll let us know if there's anything we can add to make it even more useful.

More changes

Perhaps you've noticed that we've made some other changes recently in *The Argus*.

This week we began adding the full day of the week, month, date and year of death to our obitu-

ary notices. We also added the names of the parents of the deceased. The changes came in response to suggestions from genealogists who said our previous style of just listing the day of the week made obituaries difficult to use as a resource for people researching their family history.

Our obituaries honor the dead, but need to be useful to the living. That includes genealogists, so we decided to make the change.

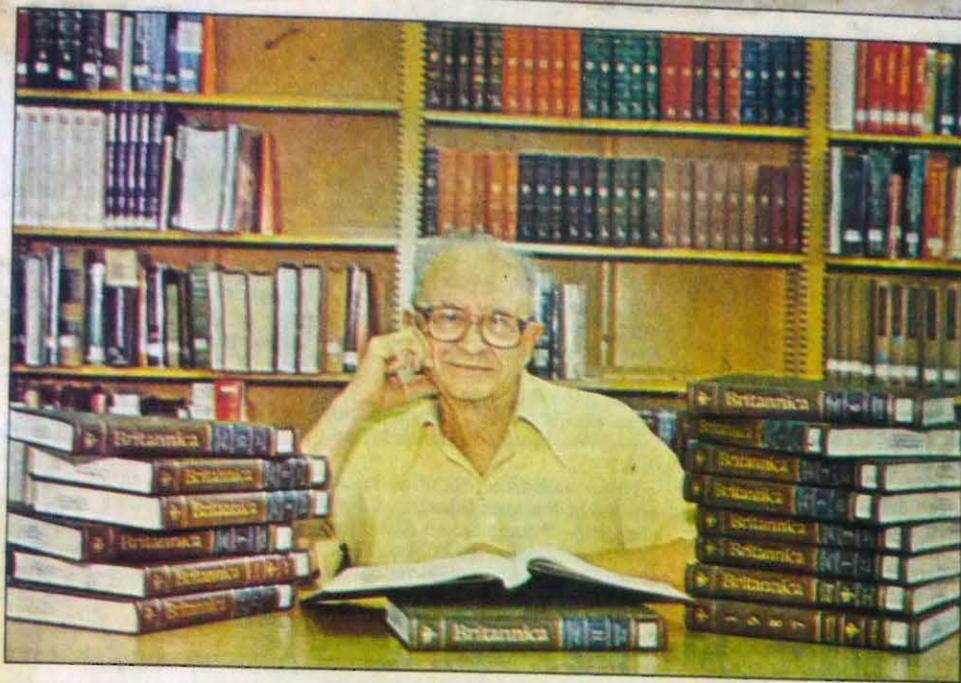
We've also added a new twist to our main daily editorials. At the beginning of the top editorial of the day, readers will find summaries of the issue being addressed by the editorial, as well as our position on that issue. We hope readers who have limited time to read the paper will find this useful. It's also an easy scan for those readers who might not normally read newspaper editorials. At the same time, the meat of the subject remains for those interested in the newspaper's opinion and the argument behind it on important local and world issues.

It's your business

The most obvious change in *The Argus* recently was in our daily business news coverage. Our new daily business pages include both local and national business news and also address workplace and investment issues through some excellent new columnists. We've also added expanded markets and futures listings.

We will continue to tinker with the business pages as well. If you have a suggestion as to how we can make them more useful and meaningful to you, send your suggestion to me at *The Argus*.

Roger Ruthhart is managing editor of *The Rock Island Argus*.



Earl Tenpound says he spent much of his free time while a student at United Township High School North Campus in the library reading the Encyclopedia Britannica. (Photo by Todd Mizener)

He recalls going back for more

Editor's note: When the school year ends Monday, United Township High School's North Campus will close its doors forever. This is the last of a series of articles in which former students and teachers recall memories of the school shared by many thousands of Quad-Citians.

By Carol Loretz
Staff writer

Unless they flunk, most high school seniors don't expect to sit in the classrooms of their alma mater the following year.

But Earl Tenpound found himself taking post-graduate classes at North Campus the year after his graduation in 1932.

"Most fellas in Watertown didn't have jobs then, so 15 to 20 of us went back to school," Mr. Tenpound said during a recent visit to the campus. "I took physics and started Latin. I told the Latin teacher, Reba Shoemaker, that I was interested in the prefixes and suffixes, because they were used in science. But she said I wouldn't get enough of that to interest me, so I dropped that class."

UT teacher Millard Pratt allowed the high school graduate to use his science lab for special experiments.

The next year, Mr. Tenpound said, "The federal government hired professors to come in and teach free college classes. Years later, I was able to use several of

Name: Earl Tenpound
Home: Rural East Moline
Years at UTHS: Student from 1928 to 1932. Returned in 1933 for post-graduate classes. Took math classes for toolmaker apprenticeship from 1935 to 1938. Taught freshmen drafting and industrial arts machine shop from 1947 to 1948. Coached tennis from 1947 to 1949.

the credits for graduation from Western Illinois University.

"I don't know of anybody except teachers who has spent so many years up here," he added.

Mr. Tenpound's class of 1932 was the only one without a yearbook, he said. "There just weren't enough of us who could afford to buy one," he explained. "Lots of students couldn't afford a class ring, either."

The former student said he liked high school, especially the science courses and lab classes. "I was only an average student, but I got good grades in the sciences."

More than academics

Not all of Mr. Tenpound's memories focus on academics. "One time I sat on a tack when I went to help a fella with a braising machine," he said. "I was the only one who would see who paid there."

Another time, Mr. Tenpound said he forgot his hall pass to go from study hall to see the geometry teacher. "There was a kid in the restroom who said, 'Let's skip school — come with me.'" So the two headed down the hill, only to hear the superintendent call from his open window, "Where are you going?"

The former student also remembered playing an old man in the senior play. "I had long hair at the time and said to myself, 'Jeez, that looks like the devil; I better get a haircut.' But when I showed up for the play, Mr. Stevens about had a fit because I looked more like an old man before the cut. He had to powder my head so I'd look old."

When time came for commencement, "I didn't have decent clothes to graduate in, so I went to Stine The Tailor and found a suit that cost \$15," Mr. Tenpound said. "I put \$5 down, but couldn't pay for the rest of it."

He sent the other \$10 to the tailor the summer of 1933 when he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Washington. "He never asked me for the money," Mr. Tenpound said. "I can't imagine anyone being that nice anymore."

"I think it's terrible they're talking about tearing this building down," the former student said. "There are all kinds of possibilities for it — theaters, shops — it could almost be a civic center, but they want a new one."

McClellan couple

Lloyd Glen and Gayla McClellan, 9002 114th Ave. W., Taylor Ridge, will be honored July 12 at a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, East Moline. It is requested that gifts be omitted.

The former Gayla Payne and Mr. Smith were married July 9, 1941, in the Logan, Utah, Latter-day Saints Temple.



The reception is being given by the couple's children and spouses, Judy and Charles Dutcher, China Lake, Calif.; Sandra and Richard Bennett, Winslow, Ariz.; Bonnie and David Harwood, Blackfoot, Idaho; Brian and Peggy McClellan, Rock Island; Carol and David Best, Washington, D.C.; Glenna McClellan, Houston, Texas, and Susan and William Harvey, Pontiac, Mich. There are 19 grandchildren.

The first 23 years of the couple's marriage were spent in Germany, Japan and Korea as well as the United States, where he was in military service. Col. McClellan served with the British 8th Army in Egypt, then with the 9th Air Force, U.S. Army Air Corps in Libya, England, France and Germany during World War II. He served as battalion commander of a division maintenance and supply battalion in Korea, Japan and Europe, and as executive officer in several depots in the U.S. After retirement in 1964, he served as program analyst with the Comptrollers Office, Weapons Command, and later with the Weapons and Ammunition Command at Rock Island Arsenal, retiring in 1982.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McClellan have been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various leadership positions throughout the world. Mr. McClellan presently is first counselor to the stake president of the Davenport Iowa Stake. He and his wife organized the Davenport Branch Genealogy Library and are still active in its operation.



UTHS '46 class 'alive at 45'

Members of the United Township high school class of 1946 are preparing for their 45-year reunion Sept. 20-22. Showing memorabilia are, from left, Lynn Wiedenmann, Bette DeBo Williams and Ben Hulsen. The class published the first yearbook since those of 1917 and 1930. A mixer is set for Sept. 20 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Sam's Hideaway in the Wells Fargo, Moline, with admission of \$5. A tour of the North Campus will be available at 10 a.m. Sept. 21. Buffet dinner is planned at 7 that evening at the Jubilee on the Boardwalk, Moline, preceded by a social hour at 6. Cost is \$20. The reunion will conclude with a picnic Sept. 22 in the pavilion at the east end of Butterworth Parkway, Moline. Coffee and doughnuts will be served from 10 a.m. to noon with lunch from noon to 3 p.m. Information may be obtained from Mrs. Williams, 4810 6th Ave. Drive, Moline. Deadline is Aug. 31. (Photo by Gary Krambeck)



MERCER COUNTY

Historical society holds annual social

ALEDO, Ill. — The Mercer County Historical Society will sponsor its annual ice cream social from 5-7 p.m. today in the Machine Shed at the Essley Noble Museum here.

Entertainment will be provided by the Prairie Land Country Band. The three museum buildings will be open to the public.

Historical Society members will serve ham sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, homemade cakes and pies and beverages.

Mary Close and Eulalia Garrett are co-chairmen for the event.

Macy Nelson and Eulalia Garrett, along with a group of horseback riders, Saturday along the Old Festival parade route while riding in their own horse-drawn covered wagon. (Photo by Lisa Davis)

Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center

September, 1991

Dear friends,

You are cordially invited to attend the fourth annual O. Fritiof Ander Lecture in Immigration History, sponsored by the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. This lecture is a part of the rededication ceremonies for Denkmann Hall, and also marks the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Swenson Center.

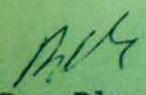
This year the lecture will be given by Dr. Harald Runblom, Associate Professor of History, Uppsala University, Sweden. Dr. Runblom is one of the leading authorities in Sweden on Swedish and Scandinavian migration to North America, and he is Director of the Centre for Multiethnic Research at Uppsala University. He has written and edited many works in this field including Swedish Life in American Cities (1991). He is currently the head of a research project financed by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation called "Ethnic Relations in American Cities," in which the Swenson Center is one of the cooperating U.S. partners.

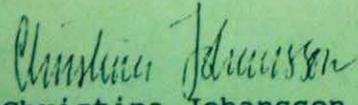
Dr. Runblom will speak on the topic, " 'We are all Swedish here, aren't we Mrs. O'Brien?': Swedes and other ethnic groups in American life." The lecture will take place on Saturday, October 19, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. in Wallenberg Hall. Wallenberg Hall is located on the second floor of Denkmann Hall, on the campus of Augustana College. Denkmann Hall is located at 3520 Seventh Avenue in Rock Island.

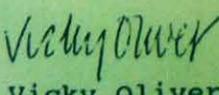
We hope that you will be able to join us on October 19 for what promises to be a very informative and stimulating evening!

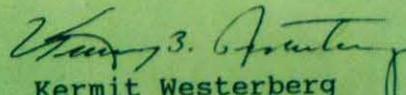
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Building on the past

Scharlott Blevins pictures Davenport's Standard Hotel as a German heritage center

By Pat Welch
QUAD-CITY TIMES

When most people look at Davenport's Standard Hotel, they see an old and tattered building in need of repair — Scharlott Blevins sees a historical opportunity.

Blevins, a Davenport historian and genealogist, thinks the hotel is the perfect place to put a national German immigrant and heritage center.

She says 60-80 percent of Scott County residents today trace their heritage to Germany. Immigrants landed here in waves, beginning with the "48ers," who were unhappy with the German-Danish war of 1848-52. By 1856, according to local historian Marlys Svendsen, 20 percent of the population of Davenport were German immigrants.

Nationally, German descendants form the largest ethnic group in the country. The Census Bureau reports that 28.8 percent of Americans identify themselves as German (Irish, with 24 percent, and English, with 23 percent, are next.)

Blevins points out that other immigrant centers dot the Midwest. Rock Island has the Swenson Swedish Immigrant Research Center; there's a Danish Immigration Museum/Archives in Elk Horn, Iowa; Decorah, Iowa, has a Norwegian Museum; and a Czech Center is being developed in Cedar Rapids. There's also an Irish Heritage Center in Chicago.

But her idea of a cultural center-museum is not just an abstract notion. Blevins has a place in mind that is both appropriate and available. All she needs is volunteer help and some money.

"The Standard Hotel is perfect," she says. "It was built in 1871 by John Brus as the Germania Haus, or German House, where thousands of German immigrants stayed."

The old hotel, 712 W. 2nd St., at the foot of the Centennial Bridge, was later renamed the Miller House, for owner John Frederick Miller, but it was always important to German immigrants. They came here on river boats, up the Mississippi



Scharlott Blevins stands in front of Davenport's Standard Hotel, which she hopes will be made into a German heritage center. Jeff Cook/QUAD-CITY TIMES

River from New Orleans or across the Ohio River. They landed on the brick levee, near where the Centennial Bridge is now, bags and babies in hand.

If the hotel was full, sometimes they camped in Washington Square, the park that adjoined the hotel. The Scott County Family Y was built on the old square in 1962. There was much controversy at the time — Davenport founder Antoine LeClaire planned it to be a park in perpetuity. The hotel next door later fell on hard times and is now abandoned.

Blevins said something

"We could kill three birds with one stone: save a building, establish a German heritage center and set up an archives for city and county history."

clicked when she was talking with Karen Anderson of the Scott County Historic Preservation Society one day about the area, where German businesses once flourished all around the square. A German residential district was known as Hamburg.

"Karen said that the Standard

Hotel is a beautiful building and it's still sound; and wouldn't it be nice if it could be recycled. I said, 'Jeeze, wouldn't it be great to get that for a German heritage center?'"

There's also a need for a city/county archives, says Blevins. She says valuable historical documents are being lost every day be-

cause there's no place to store them.

"What I envision is not a museum per se, but a resource center. We could build an archive just north of the hotel. We could kill three birds with one stone: save a building, establish a German heritage center and set up an archives for city and county history.

"Not only is a German cultural center needed, it can do so much good for the community. You need other tourist attractions. We can't depend on gambling alone. This could get us on the map internationally."

SNAPSHOT

Name: Scharlott Blevins. "Scharlott" is the German spelling of "Charlotte."

Nationality: I'm 100 percent German.

Parents: Dorothy and Howard Goettsch. He was Davenport fire chief.

Family: Husband Lewis; two sons, Brian, an entomologist, and Corey, a biologist.

Address: Davenport.

Why I became a genealogist: "I've always had an insatiable curiosity for the unknown. My father-in-law, Victor Blevins, was a great storyteller. He told stories about his great-great grandfather, who traveled with Daniel Boone. My youngest son has the same inherited wit."

"You can see how physical and personality characteristics are the same over three and four generations. Studying genealogy, you come to understand people better. It helps you be more tolerant of their idiosyncrasies."

Memberships: "I'm a member of the Iowa State Historical Records Advisory Board. We're very much interested in helping communities and businesses develop archives. For instance, what can you keep and what can you throw away? How do you keep newspaper articles from yellowing? What's the best way to keep photographs?"

"I was also president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies for three years. I've seen how people working together can move mountains."

Languages: "I've picked up enough German leading tours over there to get by. I don't speak Plattdeutsch, or the Low German, of the settlers from Schleswig-Holstein. (It's called Low German because those northern states of Germany are low-lying.) They say that the people in Scott County speak Plattdeutsch more true than the Germans do, because it hasn't been subject to outside influences."

Attitudes: "At one time people did not want to be German. They wanted to become American; they wanted to assimilate. During the war (World War I) it was illegal to speak German. A woman in LeClaire was actually arrested for speaking German over the telephone. And there were book burnings in Davenport of books printed in German."

Jansson-Root family feud is resolved

Descendants work together to preserve, promote Bishop Hill

By Dianne L. Beetler
Correspondent

BISHOP HILL — If the saga of the Bishop Hill Colony were to be offered as a television miniseries, potential producers might reject the tale as too unbelievable.

Chief protagonists in any proposed screenplay would be Erik Jansson, colony leader, and his assassin, John Root.

In 1850, the two men were at odds because Mr. Root wanted to take his wife, Charlotta, who was also Mr. Jansson's cousin, from the colony. Mr. Jansson opposed that plan.

The enmity between the two colonists climaxed when Mr. Root shot Mr. Jansson at the Henry County Courthouse in Cambridge on May 13, 1850. Those fatal shots affected hundreds of colonists, especially the families of the two men and their descendants.

Peaceful co-existence

A screenwriter might want to dramatize the resentment that existed between the two families for generations thereafter, but that is where the true plot of the Bishop Hill story takes an unusual twist. In real life, John Root's wife and his son, John Root Jr., remained in the colony and existed peacefully with the other colonists, including Mr. Jansson's family.

In fact, when Mr. Jansson's son, Capt. Eric Johnson, died in 1919, John Root Jr. was one of his pallbearers.

John Root Jr. was a Galva attorney who also served as first president of the Bishop Hill Old Settlers Association. Both he and Capt. Johnson spoke during a special program marking the 50th anniversary of the Bishop Hill Colony in 1896.

Today, descendants of the Jansson and Root families remain active in Bishop Hill affairs.

Ted Myhre, great-great grandson of Mr. Jansson, moved to the community two years ago. A Moline resident, Dale Peterson, great-grandson of Mr. Root, is active in the Bishop Hill Old Settlers Association.

Both men have other relatives who maintain interests in the community.

The animosity between Mr. Jansson and Mr. Root died with them, according to their descendants.

"Dale and I are friends," Mr. Myhre said recently.

Unaware of heritage

Neither descendant grew up steeped in colony lore. In the fall of 1984, when Mr. Myhre's family drove past Bishop Hill during a trip to New Jersey, his mother did not even mention the town. "She didn't talk a lot about family," Mr. Myhre, 60, said.

Mr. Peterson, 81, had almost reached adulthood before he learned that John Root Sr. had assassinated Erik Jansson.

"I lived with Grandpa (John Root Jr.) in the summer, and he never once mentioned it," said Mr. Peterson, who remembers his grandfather as a "serious, quiet man."

Now, he wishes his grandfather

had discussed family history more freely.

John Root Jr. was only an infant when his father was imprisoned for the crime. John Root Sr. died several years later, probably without ever contacting his son.

While acknowledging that the elder Root was his great-grandfather, Mr. Peterson prefers to emphasize his relationship to his grandfather and other family members who have made worthwhile contributions to society.

Harmony desired

Mr. Peterson fears that continual references to a 141-year-old quarrel will harm modern-day efforts to preserve the community's heritage and historic buildings.

Mr. Peterson also points out that he was also related Mr. Jansson, who was his great-grandmother's cousin. His great-grandmother, Charlotta Root, was "an ardent Janssonist," he said.

As for Mr. Myhre, he realizes that being a descendant of Erik Jansson might not be anything to brag about either.

"From all the stories I've heard about him, he ruled people with an iron hand," Mr. Myhre said. "When I didn't live here at the time and didn't know exactly what was going on, it's hard to say whether he was right or wrong. He had to keep the colony together."

Mr. Myhre, a locomotive engineer for Northwestern Railroad, resides in Batavia during the week and operates a metro suburban train between Geneva and Chicago.

He spends weekends at his home in Bishop Hill, where he plans to retire in "three years, one month and three weeks."

'Discovered' Bishop Hill

Mr. Myhre and his wife, Lynne, "discovered" Bishop Hill after his aunt, Edla Warner, moved to the community approximately 30 years ago.

"She's the one who really promoted Bishop Hill in our family," he said. "Edla went after our family history and made us aware of our heritage right here."

Mr. Myhre often videotapes special events, such as the Bishop Hill Old Settlers parade, lectures sponsored by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, the local Vasa Lodge's birthday celebration and performances of the Bishop Hill High Society Band.

"I think things like this should be preserved," he said.

A cable television station in Batavia airs many of his tapes. Although the videotaping is a hobby, Mr. Myhre said, "Publicity for Bishop Hill is one reason I'm doing it."

Mrs. Myhre has been working on a Jansson family tree and has computerized much of her research information.

Mr. Peterson and his wife, Helen, also a descendent of the colonists, own Peterson Fixture Co., Moline, which supplies equipment for convenience stores. They have been researching the history of both of their

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families, especially trying to learn where John Root Sr. came from in Sweden. The immigrant's origins have remained a mystery to many researchers.

An involved member

Mr. Peterson has served on the board of directors of the Bishop Hill Heritage Association and the Bishop Hill Old Settlers Association. Most recently, he helped the Old Settlers organization set up an endowment fund for the maintenance and continued restoration of the Bishop Hill Colony School.

"I thought I owed it to Grandpa to get moving, and people responded, not because of me, but because of what I was trying to do," he said.

Mr. Peterson said he believes his

involvement with the Old Settlers Association would please his grandfather.

"I do not condone what my great-grandfather did," Mr. Peterson said when he spoke earlier this year at the Old Settlers' annual meeting.

In 1896, when Eric Johnson and John Root Jr. stood together on the Old Settlers' speakers' platform, "There was unity. These two men were laying the past to rest and going forward," Mr. Peterson said.

Mr. Myhre sometimes wonders how his great-grandfather would feel about Bishop Hill today.

"I think if Erik Jansson were walking the streets today, he'd probably come down through here and smile," Mr. Myhre said. "He'd probably be telling us what we're doing wrong, too."

Dear Ann: My wife and I have several children, most of whom are married and have children of their own.

One daughter has a different lifestyle. She has been living with another woman for several years, and we have accepted this as best we can.

I want to have a picture taken for the purpose of recording our family genealogy. Copies will be sent to other family members, as well as the local historical society.

My daughter insists that her "friend" be in the picture since she has lived with this woman longer than her brother has lived with his wife. I am opposed to this and she is furious.

I suggested a separate picture for the book without her friend but she says it is out of the question because the woman will be hurt if she is not included.

Am I wrong in wanting to exclude my daughter's live-in woman friend from the picture? Please respond in print. — A Troubled Mother

Dear Troubled: Genealogists include only members of the family by blood relationship or marriage. Live-in partners, whether straight or gay, do not qualify no matter how long they have been together.

Perhaps it would help if you showed your daughter a statement from the Historical Society describing the guidelines. I recommend it.

Gem of the Day (Credit Meryl Streep) People who say they "sleep like a baby" never had one.



Ted Myhre, left, whose great-great-grandfather was assassinated by the great-grandfather of Dale Peterson, right, says the two families that comprise much of the Bishop Hill Colony's future bear no grudges today. (Photo by Dianne L. Beetler)

*Blackhawk Genealogical Society
Annual Dinner*

Tuesday, November 19, 1991

at South Park Presbyterian Church

1501 - 30th Street, Rock Island, Illinois

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The cost for the dinner is: \$5.50 per person

Mail your check no later than: **November 12, 1991**

Send it to: **BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**
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Census info available from 1920

By Bob Dart

Cox News Service

WASHINGTON — For genealogists, Monday was the biggest day of the decade.

Unlocking about 3,400 miles of microfilm, the National Archives opened the 1920 Census to the public — providing a wealth of new information to family historians.

Under federal law, individual census records stay confidential for 72 years. The 1930 Census will be opened in 2002. What individuals told 1990 census takers will not be revealed until 2062.

"A lot of people have been eagerly awaiting this day," said Shirley Wilcox, vice president of the National Genealogical Society.

Indeed, curious descendants were lined up early Monday morning at the National Archives to get a look at what their forebears told the census takers in 1920.

"1920 was a dramatic year," recalled Barbara Everitt Bryant, the current director of the Census Bureau. "Air mail service started when a plane left New York on Sept. 7 and landed in San Francisco Sept. 11. American women voted in their first presidential election and electronic media were inaugurated when KDKA Radio station in Pittsburgh went on the air to report that election."

What a Background!

NEXT TIME you're feeling rather unimportant, try a little arithmetic trick based on the undebatable fact that it took two people, your parents, to get you here. Each of your parents has two parents, so in the generation just prior to that of your mother and father, there were four people whose passing off and sharing love contributed to your existence.

You are the product of eight great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, 32 great-great-great-grandparents, etc. Keep on multiplying the number by two. If you figure an average of about 25 years between each generation, you'll discover that a scant 500 years ago, there were 1,048,576 people on this planet beginning the production of you.

—The Rev. Gene Brinson in East Point, Ga., *Southside Star*

Shift to the cities

Among the most dramatic findings of the 1920 census was the population shift from farm to city. For the first time, the United States was not a predominately rural nation. The urban population was 54 million; the rural population was 51 million. And most of the 52,000 immigrants coming into the country each month were settling in cities.

The trend sparked a reapportionment battle in Congress where 10 rural states stood to lose House members.

"Critics attacked the Census Bureau for undercounting the rural population," Ms. Bryant recalled wryly. Critics are now attacking the Census Bureau for allegedly undercounting urban populations.

For the only time in U.S. history, the House was not reapportioned after the 1920 Census. It was not until 1929 that Congress worked out the formula on how political representation would be allocated after the 1930 Census.

"Today three-fourths of us live in urban areas," said Ms. Bryant. "The rural-urban controversy of the 1920s is history."

The census counted about 105.7 million Americans in 1920 — compared to 249 million counted two years ago in the 1990 Census. Life expectancy was 54 years in 1920, compared to 75 today.

Transferred to microfilm

The National Archives, where the census records are now stored, did not exist in 1920, said Don Wilson, archivist of the United States. It was established in 1934 to be the custodian of the nation's records.

Microfilm of the 1920 data was made in 1945 and 1946 from census forms filled out by hand. Identical sets are available at the National Archives in Washington and at 12 regional facilities, including Atlanta, Fort Worth and Denver.

"Countless individuals will use these census records to search for their recorded past," said Wilson. "Living in a society that is continually on the move, many of us have lost touch with the rich oral traditions so common to multi-generational families who live close to one another."

"We have moved away from the attics and basements where old family letters and photographs are stored," he said. "So today we will scroll through the microfilm for evidence of this past."

Delving into descendants could prove enlightening

Genealogical Conference is Saturday

By Catherine Guy

Staff Writer

Just think, you could be the long-lost, last-remaining relative of a business tycoon looking for an heir to his fortune. You may never know until you join the legions of Americans researching their lineage through genealogy.

Don Southwood's mother was the keeper of family records when he was younger.

"She searched and searched for more information on their family, but it was harder then, and she didn't really know how to go about it. I decided to find those things my mother never knew."

Mr. Southwood, of Bettendorf, has traced some of his ancestors all the way back to the time of the Crusades, but because records weren't kept as well then as in later years, he can't really be sure. What he did find out for sure was that his family came to America in 1627.

"I discovered a relative, Peter Gunnerson Rambo, who came to New Sweden on the Delaware River with Peter Minuit (the same Peter Minuit who bought Manhattan for about \$24). I also found a Peter Larsen Cook, who was at Philadelphia when William Penn arrived."

Mr. Southwood said one of the attractions of tracing family lines is that history comes alive. "It becomes really interesting through the people you're learning about. You find out what they did, who they did it with and where they did it."

A part of history

"Interest has grown in genealogy tremendously, because people are suddenly realizing that they are a part of history, and they are living long enough to know the importance of keeping the information organized," Mr. Southwood said.

His wife, Marietta Moore Southwood, also began researching her roots long ago, and she still has many of the items brought to Iowa by her family members, who were first recorded from the time they lived in what is now east central Ohio.

"I grew up with genealogy," she said. "My mother and my grandmother have been doing it since I was a child. My mother joined the Daughters of the American Revolution when I was 7."

Both the Southwoods have found a deep satisfaction in their extensive research into their families' histories.

One of Mrs. Southwood's most remarkable possessions is a picture of her great-great-great-grandparents, who were both born in 1796.

"The picture is an old tintype



Don and Marietta Moore Southwood display a coverlet that has been in Mrs. Southwood's family for generations. The wool for the piece was prepared by her great-great-great-grandmother. Her family brought the coverlet with them from Ohio before they moved to Wisconsin via covered wagon in 1854. (Photo by Gary Krambeck)

taken in the 1850s, when they were both already old," she said.

Whether out of necessity, such as research of medical information and causes of death, or simple curiosity, more and more Americans are tracing their family history.

'Roots' started the craze

"I think 'Roots' really set off the

interest in genealogy," said Everett Geurink, president of the Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society.

"Things exploded after that. Now I'm not sure if the interest is still growing as quickly, but it's definitely holding its ground. Membership in the Scott County Society has doubled since 1986."

People's reasons to look for an-

cestors are varied, said Dorothy Dariand, a member of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society.

"Some people are more dedicated to it than others. Ms. Dariand said, "I do it for my own pleasure, but some get into it so deeply that they write books. Others do it to prove they can belong to the DAR. I think

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the best thing about it is that my grandchildren have gotten a sense of the past and future, rather than just today. It gives them a sense of continuity."

The two Quad-Cities genealogical societies occasionally work together on projects or workshops to help members with problems they may have in research.

Their most important cooperative effort is the Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference, which will meet for the 18th time from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Viking Club, 1450 41st St. in Moline.

Many records used

Searchers through genealogical information use birth and death records, marriage certificates, cemetery information, funeral home records, land records and anything else they can find to give them the information they seek.

"It's a little bit of detective work," said Mr. Geurink. "If someone is fortunate enough to have someone in the family who kept a little diary, the person who finds it can walk into a goldmine of information. If nothing else, you can really get a feel for the life they led.

"You use the sources to check off one record against the other, until you reach the truth," he said.

Lecture on maiden names

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck will be the featured speaker at the coming genealogical conference. His lectures will cover his research on women's maiden names and unusual genealogical sources in Ohio and Indiana.

Mr. Bockstruck, an Illinois native, is supervisor of the genealogical section of the Dallas, Texas, Public Library. He has served on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., since 1974.

He is the author of "Virginia's Co-

Genealogical conference

• **What:** Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference will include lectures on genealogy, plus related books and supplies on display and for sale.

• **When:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

• **Where:** The Viking Club, 1450 41st St., Moline.

• **Cost:** \$18.75, which includes a buffet lunch.

• **Sponsors:** The Scott County and Blackhawk genealogical societies.

• **Details:** Call Don Southwood, 355-8404.

• **Program schedule:**

• **8-8:50 a.m.:** Registration and an opportunity for people to browse through the exhibits.

• **8:50-9 a.m.:** Welcome and announcements.

• **9-10:05 a.m.:** Lloyd Bockstruck will begin the day's program with a lecture on his Ohio research.

• **10:05-10:25 a.m.:** Coffee and browsing.

• **10:25-11:30 a.m.:** Mr. Bockstruck will address the problem of finding maiden names of women.

• **11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.:** Lunch and browsing.

• **1-2:05 p.m.:** Mr. Bockstruck discusses Indiana research.

• **2:05-2:30 p.m.:** Coffee and browsing.

• **2:30-3:30 p.m.:** Mr. Bockstruck discusses unusual genealogical sources.

• **3:30-4 p.m.:** Closing remarks and door prizes.

lonial Soldiers," and in 1983 he received the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society.

In addition to Mr. Bockstruck's lectures, many genealogical books and supplies will be on display and available for purchase during the

conference.

The \$18.75 registration fee includes a buffet lunch.

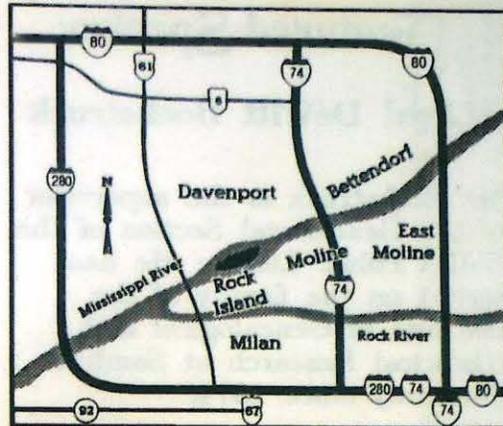
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QUAD CITIES USA



Take I-74 to the 23rd Avenue exit in Moline, then go east on 23rd Avenue to 41st Street. At 41st Street go North to the Viking Club entrance. Look for the sign on the east side of 41st Street (1400 block).

PLEASE NOTE: The conference committee plans to begin and end the program on schedule for the convenience of those who are attending from out of town.

Commercial Genealogical Exhibitors Have Been Invited!

For More Information call:
Don Southwood
(319) 355-8404

Doris Lowman

ices for Doris L. Lowman, 82, dgent of the Rock Island y. Health Care Center, for- of 1900 6th Ave., Rock Island, a.m. Saturday at Trinity Epis- Church, Rock Island. Inter- is in Chippiannock Cemetery, Island.

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lock Island, is in charge of ar- ments.

Lowman died Monday, Nov. 1, at the center.

former Doris L. Edris was farch 26, 1909, in Mishawaka, the daughter of Louis and Fisher Edris. She married Lohman May 5, 1938, in Hun- , Ind. He died Nov. 11, 1988. and her husband had man- he Steepmeadow Club, Rock retiring in 1969.

was a member of Red Cross Ladies and Lee Clement Cir- King's Daughters.

ivors include a daughter, Herman, Rock Island; children, Jeryllyn DuBeau, a, Ill., and Timothy Herman, lle, Tenn.; and five great- children.

Ellis medal remembers Haley

■ He tops list of 1992 honorees

NEW YORK (AP) — "Roots" author Alex Haley, whose ancestors came to the United States on slave ships, will be posthumously honored with a 1992 Ellis Island medal.

Natalie Cole, Mickey Mantle, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Phil Donahue, Olympia Dukakis and Arnold Schwarzenegger are among others chosen this year, said William Fugazy, chairman of the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations.

"These outstanding Americans represent the ethnic diversity of our nation and exemplify the hard work, love and values that have made it special," he said.

Others to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor at the April 26 awards will be Gay Talese, Connie Chung, Keith Carradine, Elie Wiesel and Secretary of State James Baker.

Haley, whose book "Roots" won a Pulitzer Prize and sent many Americans on a search for their origins, died last month in Seattle at age 70.



Haley



Cole

'Roots' author, Alex Haley, dies

Book created ongoing interest in genealogy

SEATTLE (AP) — Alex Haley, whose book "Roots: The Saga of an American Family" inspired people of all races to search for their ancestors, died early today at a hospital, an official said. He was 70.

Haley, whose other works included "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," was admitted to Swedish Hospital on Sunday evening and died shortly after midnight, nursing supervisor John Folkrod said.

Folkrod would not release the cause of death. Haley's family was flying to Seattle from the East Coast, Folkrod said.

Haley had been scheduled to speak at a banquet Tuesday at the Naval Submarine Base in Bangor, Wash.

'Roots' won Pulitzer

He won the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for "Roots," a mix of painstakingly researched fact and imagined fictional detail tracing his ancestors back to the village in Gambia, West Africa, where they originated.

The 12-hour miniseries adapted from the book drew 130 million viewers, then the largest audience in television history.

"It was the story of our people. It was the story of how we came from Africa," NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks said from his Baltimore home today. "The facts about the extended family he grew up in and that most black families grow up in is so important.

"He was truly a gifted person who wrote a book that was monumental," Hooks said.

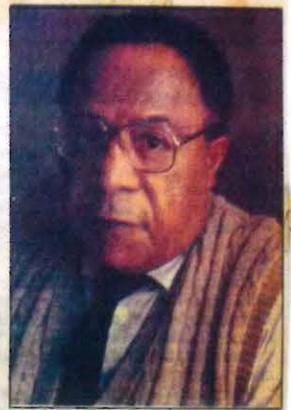
Haley was born in Ithaca, N.Y., and grew up in the west Tennessee town of Henning. He said he was inspired to become a writer by the story-telling of his older relatives.

His grandmother's and great-aunts' storytelling led Haley to devote 12 years meticulously tracing his mother's side of the family back six generations.

Haley's warm-hearted and rich descriptions of his ancestors' lives set off a wave of interest in genealogy that lasted long after the book faded from the best-seller lists.

Haley enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1939 as mess boy and served for 20 years in the military before starting a magazine writing career.

His first book, "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," (Please see HALEY, Page A3)



Alex Haley

Haley

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X," sprang out of a series of Playboy interviews Haley conducted with the civil rights leader.

After "Roots" transformed him into a sought-after celebrity, Haley did much of his writing aboard cargo ships, booking passage four times a year to escape ringing telephones and speaking invitations.

Haley said in a 1988 interview that he was able to become a writer because his father pulled himself up by the bootstraps and left the life of a sharecropper behind.

"I was a sailor, I was a cook and this 'n' that, and it might be said I was bootstrapped up to being a writer, but the real bootstrapping was that which preceded me," he said.

Haley's father worked four odd jobs to support himself while he attended high school and college. He later became a railroad porter. A passenger who learned of the financial troubles he was having, volunteered to pay his college expenses at North Carolina A&T, and Haley's father went on to become dean of agriculture at four different colleges.

Haley's first book after "Roots" was a novella, "A Different Kind of Christmas," which told the tale of Fletcher Randall, a wealthy Southern plantation owner who undergoes a moral conversion and joins the Underground Railroad to help free a group of slaves.

Last month, Haley announced he was giving up life on his Tennessee farm to devote more time to writing. He had put the 127-acre farm in Norris, about 20 miles north of Knoxville, up for sale, asking \$1.25 million.

Haley recently took a sea voyage to finish a book about the town of Henning. He also had talked about doing one on C.J. Walker, the first black woman in America to earn \$1 million.

The first time he was in the Quad-Cities, in 1981, Mr. Haley

spoke at the Deere & Co. Administrative Center as part of the company's winter lecture series, noting that he began writing to fill the time while at sea. He was the son of a college professor but quit college to join the Coast Guard where he won first acclaim by writing love letters for his shipmates.

He ended a 29-year Coast Guard career in 1959 with the rank of chief journalist, the first person to fill the newly-created public relations post. He then plunged into the tough freelance market and eventually found work with magazines.

In October 1986, Mr. Haley was again in the Quad-Cities speaking to about 300 people at the Deere Administrative Center, Moline, as part of Black Hawk College's 40th anniversary celebration. He chatted with reporters and visited college classrooms.

At that time, he spoke on a variety of subjects, but one subject he kept returning to was his boyhood in Henning, Tenn. He told of how, as a youngster, he would listen on the porch to the talk of his great aunts, and how this later would become the material of the book of his own family — "Roots."

The book, with 80 percent of it written while he was onboard cargo ships, was the biggest bestseller in U.S. publishing history. It was translated into 37 languages, selling over six million hardcover copies, and became the subject of a 12-hour television mini-series which drew the largest program audience in television history.

A month later, in November 1986, Mr. Haley visited the Deere Administrative Center for a one-day visit, bringing eight neighbors for a visit to show them the displays of Deere's farm equipment and mementos of rural American dating from the company's founding in 1837. Mr. Haley said he fell in love with the displayed mementos during his first visit in February 1981.

At that time, he said he supported Deere and Co.'s decision to retain ownership of its South African factory and sales company. He said he wasn't aware Deere had a plant in South Africa, "but I would have imagined it because of the international nature of John Deere."

GET THE LOOK

Goodbye, 'Mr. Sweden'

Longtime Augie official heading south

By Dorothy Buresh
Staff writer

Glen Brolander of Rock Island, who has been associated with Augustana College from the 1950s to the '90s, is looking forward to a new adventure.

Mr. Brolander and his wife, Elaine, will move later this spring to a home they have purchased near Salem, S.C. "We chose this area because it has four seasons, although none is extreme," Mr. Brolander says.

He also mentions the beauty of Lake Keowee on which their new home is located. Mr. Brolander says he plans to boat and fish on the 25-mile lake, which is surrounded by pine trees and located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

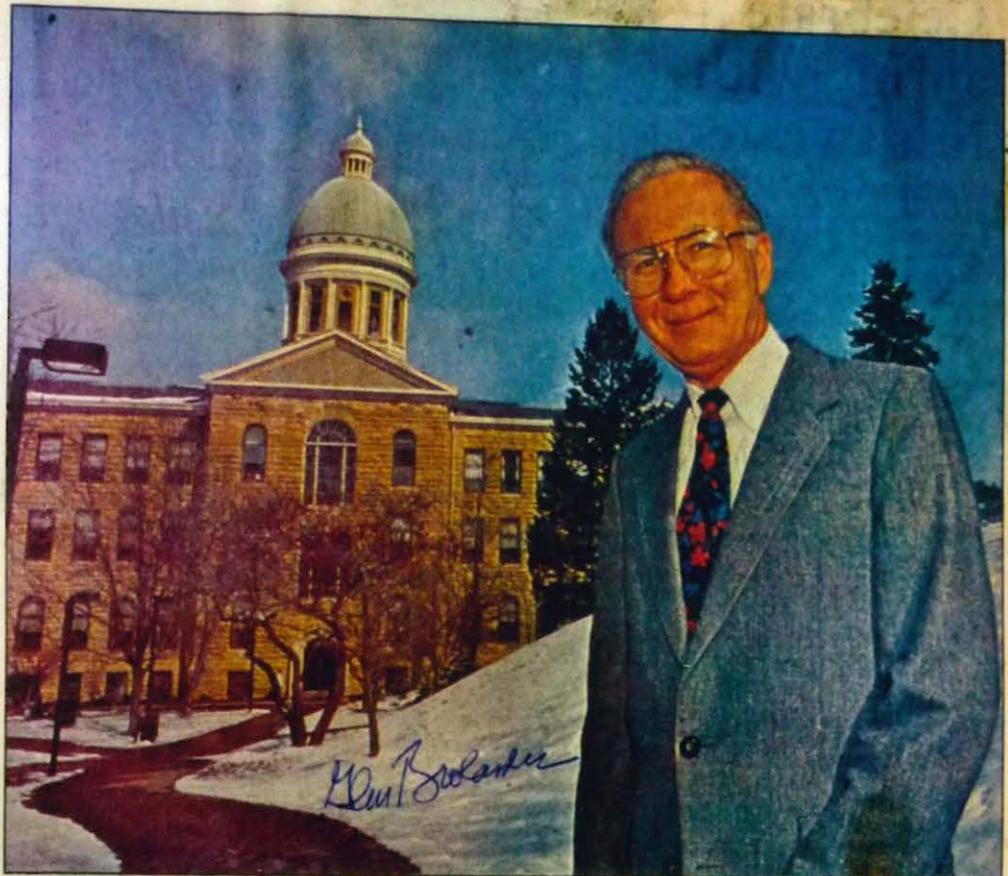
However, part of his heart always will remain on the Augie campus, where he will retain an office and many ties to his past. The Brolanders also will keep their cottage on Washington Island in Door County, Wis.

Started at Augie in 1953

Mr. Brolander received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois in 1951. Starting at Augustana College in 1953 as assistant comptroller, he also did graduate work, and in 1955 he received the first master's degree with a major of college business management from the University of Kentucky.

He was promoted to college comptroller in 1959, and in 1961 he became chief financial officer, adding the office of treasurer. In 1965, the title of vice president for financial affairs was added to his door.

During the time Mr. Brolander served the college, its budget grew from \$800,000 to \$34,000,000. In his time, six new buildings have been added and 12 have undergone major remodeling. During his tenure, about 100 properties have been acquired and added to the campus.



Snowy scenes with Augustana College's Old Main in the background soon will be a thing of the past for longtime Augie official Glen Brolander, who will move later this spring to South Carolina. Mr. Brolander is known on the Rock Island campus as 'Mr. Sweden' because of his involvement with Swedish interests. (Photo by Todd Mizener)

Mr. Brolander is proud of the fact that throughout his tenure as chief financial officer, Augustana consistently has maintained a balanced budget.

Keen interest in history

Because of his long association with the physical expansion of the college and his interest in history, the Augustana Historical Society asked Mr. Brolander to write a history of the physical development of the campus. He published the volume in 1985 as "An Historical Survey of the Augustana College

Campus" and now will update that history. "I plan to have that completed before I leave the area," he says.

Mr. Brolander is known on campus as "Mr. Sweden" because of his involvement with Swedish interests. "It is important for private colleges to retain those elements which make them unique, like Augustana's Swedish heritage," he says.

Mr. Brolander has been active in promoting the college's Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center since its founding. He explains that the center is the largest

archives in the United States devoted to the preservation and interpretation of records regarding Swedish immigrants to North America.

"My own interest in things Swedish stems from research I did many years ago of my own roots," he says.

Mr. Brolander will retain his post as chairman of the Swenson Center housed in the recently restored Denkmann Hall. This will bring him back to the campus frequently, and he hopes to continue his fundraising activities for the center. He will continue.

(See BROLANDER, page B2)

• Make sure all harmful household items are locked up, clearly identified and kept out of kids' reach. That includes keeping handbags and briefcases with medications beyond a toddler's reach. • Don't trust child-resistant containers. A child left alone for a while often can figure out how to break even the best manufacturer's device. Children also can stomp a plastic bottle until it breaks. • Keep syrup of ipecac and activated charcoal handy. These are available without a prescription at your local hospital. • Call immediately if you suspect poisoning — and take the poison container with you to the hospital emergency room.

The Poisonindex System, an on-line data service for poison-control centers worldwide, is constantly updated because each year the number of deadly substances increases. At least 350,000 substances out there can kill or seriously harm a human being. Here's how to poison-proof your home: • Post your local poison-control center number near your phone. If you can't find it in your phone ask your local hospital. • Call immediately if you suspect poisoning — and take the poison container with you to the hospital emergency room.

Some 5 million to 10 million poisonings occur in the home each year in the United States, nearly all of which are accidental. The March 1992 Reader's Digest "Poison-Proofing Your Home" report says that the remaining half the problem. The remaining poisonings are linked to household cleaning products, cosmetics, varnishes, insecticides, alcohols and tainted foods. For children under age 6, the No. 1 killer among drugs is iron pills, often sugar-coated and typically found in the family kitchen among the vitamins.

Blackhawk Genealogical Society
Program Schedule

7:00 p.m. at

South Park Presbyterian Church
1501 - 30th Street, Rock Island, Illinois

For more information call Dorothy Darland at (309) 786-3058



MAY 28

Mary Storbeck will present a program on computer genealogy. She will have a display of books useful in genealogical research for sale.



JUNE 25

What have YOU been doing? Society members tell about their research. Planning for the society will be discussed.



OUR OWN GARAGE SALE! Put your price on those items of genealogical interest you no longer use. This is your opportunity to sell yours and maybe find something to buy.



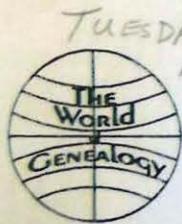
JULY 23

Mr. Charles L. Cali of Springfield will present our program "Genealogical Resources of the Illinois State Archives"



AUGUST 27

"The Dedication of the Ellis Island Museum" will be presented by Wallace Erickson of Rock Island



TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 17

THE WORLD OF GENEALOGY

Mr. Ron Bremer is an author and former Research Specialist for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He has visited the major genealogical record centers in every state. His topics will include: Introduction and Organization, Speeding Up Your Genealogy, Little-known Sources, Laws and Rules of Genealogy. He will have publications for sale.



OCTOBER 22

Everyone should benefit from Darlene Paxton's expertise on using the CENSUS. Come prepared to get help with your problems on this important research tool.



NOVEMBER 19

Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

After eight generations, family has girl

PORTAGE, Ind. (AP) — Sara Lynette Kobitz is just 2 days old, but she's already made inroads into a male-dominated area.

She's the first girl born to the Kobitz family in at least eight generations.

"I deal with a lot of birth and death statistics and have never seen this happen. Waiting four or five generations is rare," said Jerry McKibben, a demographer for the Indiana University School of Business in Indianapolis.

"Eight generations is one for the record books," he said.

Sara was born Monday to Melissa and John Kobitz of Portage. Sara has a brother, Adam, 3.

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 3912
Rock Island, IL 61204-3812

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHEN: 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, January through October with annual dinner meeting sometime in November. Visitors Welcome!

WHERE: South Park Presbyterian Church
1501 30th Street, Rock Island, IL



January 28, 1992

The program this month is "Illinois Migration". A tape by Daniel Hockman, ISGS 27 Apr 1991, and dates of events of Migration to Illinois and Migration Routes by Virginia Horton.

Book Share

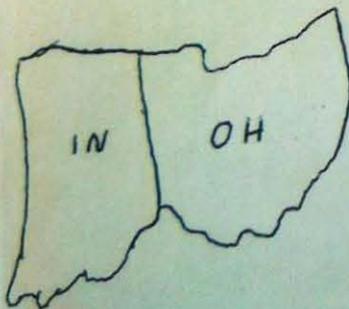
February 25, 1992

Members are asked to bring their books, materials and ideas of genealogical interest to share. How have you solved a research problem? Do you need help?



March 24, 1992

We have been privileged to have Mr. Corey J. England speak to us on "Jewelry Dating". He is a Jewelry Appraisal Specialist from Moline, IL. Members are asked to bring any old pieces of jewelry to be dated.



April 4, 1992

Eighteenth Annual Quad Cities Conference, Saturday, April 4, 1992, at the Viking Club of Moline, 1450-41st Street, Moline, IL. 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donald G. Southwood, Chairman. Programs include: Ohio research, Finding maiden names of Women, Indiana research, and Unusual genealogical sources. Cost \$18:75. Reservations required. Phone: Judy Rule-309-762-9691, or Virginia Horton-309-787-1105.

April 28, 1992



Our program this month will be second half of the tape of "Illinois Migration", by Daniel Hockman, ISGS, 27 Apr 1991.

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May 28, 1992

The program this month will be Beginning Research and Beyond, with mini round tables discussion. Bring you questions. Subjects discussed will be Family Reunions, Form filling, Record Keeping, Cemeteries, Computer, etc. You may rotate to other tables after an hour.

June 23, 1992

Our meeting will be at the Rock Island Public Library with Pam Langston showing us our holdings.

July 28, 1992

This meeting will probably be with Scott Co, IA and date and place in not decided. More information later. It may be someone from Salt Lake City who is searching here on her vacation.

August 25, 1992

Members are asked to bring their cherished keepsakes and Show an Tell.

September 22, 1992

We will join Scott Co, IA. Heritage Quest is presenting the program. We will be meeting at the Church across from the Davenport Outing Club. Parking in rear, and meeting will be in basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2136 Brady St, Dav, IA. Use South basement door. This church is before you get to Vande Veer Park.

viewpoint

Reverence for their resting

By BURTON THOMPSON, guest columnist

There was distress in her voice as it came over the phone. It was easy to understand the concern she expressed, but the reason for her dismay defied explanation. Our neighbor of many years said that someone had removed the special memorials she had placed on his gravestone, her own very personal expressions to remember his hobbies in life.

Why do persons from the midst of a civilized society vandalize or desecrate the places where rest the dead? Perhaps there are no satisfactory answers. Is it evidence of a decadence? Or do we fail to teach about life and death and burial grounds?

One of the finer evidences of our coming of age was the law in our state that provided for the care and protection of all our cemeteries, large and small, including the ones where sleep long forgotten pioneers of the region.

In the three years I helped care for ten of our township cemeteries,

I felt the lasting payment received was not to be reckoned in dollars. How very strange that the living could walk among the stones without a feeling of humility and a great bond of humanity!

Walk among the stones and read some epitaphs. Open your heart and mind, and many a lesson is there for you. Do you have stress and yearn to escape for a few moments? The cemetery will provide you with a rare place to put your priorities in order and help calm your anxieties.

I always value my visits to the burials at Dickson Mounds. The ancient people said various things to me in their careful preparation to journey to an afterlife, their apparent attempts to preserve the family as a unit and the ways they harmonized with their world.



And in our cemeteries, many thoughts are borne on the very winds that flow across the grave stones:

Life is brief; live wisely.

All humanity passes this path. We are all of Adam's race.

Hate is futile; love points to the Divine.

Sorrow is common to mortals.

Cherish your moments of feeling the bonds of humanity.

Then there is the one great realization that the grave is not the end. Since Christ arose, His children are not forever in the grave. These are thoughts too wonderful for us to take in.

Individuals who enter a cemetery should reflect on all the stories that are sealed up in each completed life there.

I think of my grandmother who was the most industrious and gentle of women. Over there rests an old hunter friend who aimed his rifle unerringly. Down the hill is a friend who could "spin a bulldozer on a dime." Up toward the other end lies a

kindly medic who gave his life to his community.

Here lies a farmer whose grandfather was first to build a cabin in this region. I remember his powerful arms and his incredible strength. Not far away lies a grizzled old river man who knew much of the secrets of the river. Down the way sleeps a great grandsire who was a carpenter and who built a church on a high bluff overlooking the river. Then there is the grave of the young woman who was taken before she knew much of life.

When one reflects on all the lives and life stories and all the tears and humanity enclosed in each and every cemetery on every hill, it is impossible to be unimpressed or unawed by it all.

There should be a great interest in preserving each stone, each resting place, each flower, each memorial. How can anyone possibly contemplate any thing but acts that preserve the serenity and beauty of our cemeteries?

Family honors forebears

As one grows older, one becomes more interested in one's roots.

By that time it is usually too late to consult older relatives and friends who can help trace the lineage.

However, one area family has spent years visiting courthouses, cemeteries, village records, hunting birth certificates, and going through files in many libraries looking for their ancestors.

And they have been lucky. They found many of them.

The family of John Finley and Jane Giles Griffin came together recently in the Quad-Cities to pay respect to that couple who are buried in Bowlesburg Cemetery, Silvis. The Rev. Glen W. Boco, First United Methodist Church, Moline, officiated at the dedication of new tombstones for the couple.

Some of the names in the Griffin genealogy include Porter, Hunter, Park, Pettifer, Dopler, Smith, Ferry, Bustard and Whipple. Most of these people lived in the Highland Area of Moline, and the Porters in Porterville, now Carbon Cliff.

Donna Groves, of 1315 E. Woodman Drive, Tempe, Ariz., started the hunt some time back and spent many months contacting relatives across the United States. She counts 1,150 living descendants of the Griffins.

As a result of her efforts, more than 50 relatives gathered in the cemetery to pay their respects to the Griffins. Each relative had chipped in to have the tombstones — which had been broken and became illegible — replaced with new stones. Moline Monument Co. engraved and installed the stones in a ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18.

The group then met for lunch and to renew old friendships.

Donna Groves and her husband, Jim, both formerly of Moline, started researching their respective family backgrounds prior to their retirement, and now have plenty of time to pursue the hobby.

Some of the history they have uncovered concerns well-known area personalities, among them the late William H. Ferry, who was clerk of the Rock Island County Circuit Court for 12 years. The lifelong Democrat retired from that post in November



Jan Hoefle / staff

Descendants of John Finley and Jane Giles Griffin gathered recently to replace the tombstone in Bowlesburg Cemetery, Silvis. From left are Bonnie Kipp, East Moline; Ron Griffin, Milan; Edna Waller, Aiken, S.C.; and Donna Groves, Tempe, Ariz.

of 1976, and is now deceased.

Another relative was Judge Henry W. "Bill" McNeal, who rose from assistant state's attorney of Rock Island County to judge in the Illinois 14th Circuit Court. He was a Republican. He is also deceased.

The family has actually traced its roots back to the Boston Tea Party and have the papers to prove it.

The British royal family can trace its ancestors back through 53 fascinating generations. Your family tree is probably just as interesting, sheltering among its branches the usual mix of saints and sinners, aristocrats and rogues, dreamers, and doers. Where do you fit?

This book teaches kids how to record family histories

Knight News Wire

For decades kids have complained about going to see elderly relatives, whining that they'll have nothing to do at Great Aunt Maybelle's house.

Now, thanks to the profusion of video camcorders, kids can spend that otherwise boring weekend with Aunt Maybelle talking about what life was like when she was a child and creating an oral history.

In "How to Tape Instant Oral Biographies: Recording Your Family's Life Story In Sound and Sight" (Bantam, \$8.50), journalist Bill Zimmerman gives kids (and adults) tips on how to tape the life stories of relatives and friends using basic interviewing techniques.

Filled with nearly 100 suggested questions, the book shows oral biographers how to coax the best, most personal stories out of relatives and friends. The book also includes fill-in-the-blank family trees, technical tips for taping, sample questions and advice.

It may also be just the thing for the budding broadcast journalist.

Genealogical research trip is offered

MOLINE — The Blackhawk Genealogical Society is sponsoring a research trip to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Ind. The library has one of the largest genealogical collections in the United States.

The bus will leave from Moline Oct. 5 and return Oct. 8. The cost is \$100 per person, double room; or \$145 single. This includes bus transportation and three nights at Days Inn. Reservations must be made before Sept. 3.

For information, call (309) 786-3058 or (309) 764-8885.

The next regular meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island. The program will include researching at the Ft. Wayne Library. Visitors are welcome.

Howard McIntosh

Services for Howard E. McIntosh, 77, of 335 16th Ave., East Moline, are 11 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church, East Moline. Burial is in National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, where the East Moline Legion Color Guard will conduct services at the grave.



Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline. Memorials may be made to the church, where he was a member.

Mr. McIntosh died Friday, Oct. 23, 1992, at Trinity Medical Center West, Rock Island.

He was born Aug. 9, 1915, in East Moline, the son of George and Kitty Farrell McIntosh. He married Cleo June Powell Sept. 15, 1945, in East Moline. She died May 23, 1988.

He was superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission, in Rock Island, for 27 years, retiring Aug. 31, 1977.

He was a member of the East Moline Legion Post 227; the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); a life member of VFW National Home; and a life member of the AMVETS.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include daughters, Barbara Boyd, East Moline, Sylvia Riewerts, Hillsdale; five grandchildren; and a brother, Harold McIntosh, Denver, Colo.

MEMBER OF B.G.S.

Services set for prominent Mercer farmer

Services for Wayne H. Hickok, 65, rural New Windsor, are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Presbyterian Church of USA, New Windsor. Burial is in Hopewell Cemetery, New Windsor.



Visitation is 3 to 8 p.m. today at Jinks Funeral Home, Viola. Memorials may be made to the church; New Windsor Rodeo Association; Tri-County

Ambulance; or Mercer County Hospital.

Mr. Hickok died Saturday, Oct. 3, 1992, at home, as a result of a farm accident.

He was born May 15, 1927, in Rivoli Township, the son of Myron and Violet Gebhart Hickok. He married Virginia Armstrong Oct. 10, 1948, in Reynolds.

He was a farmer in the New Windsor area all his life. He raised cattle and trucked for local farmers.

He was former member and past chairman of the Mercer County Board and was instrumental in the planning of the Mercer County Hospital; former member of the Bi-State board and past chairman of Mer-Roc F.S. board; served on Mercer County Farm Bureau board; was an elder of the church and current chairman of the board of trustees; member, past president and current chairman of the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association; co-owner of the Lighting-4 Rodeo Co. with the late Eldon Spenser; current vice-president of the International Professional Rodeo Association; served on the I.F.R. Commission; chairman of the Rivoli Township Republican precinct committee; commander of George Norris American Legion Post 484, New Windsor; and member of Oakview Country Club.

He was a Marine veteran.

Survivors include the widow; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Rick Wilson, Viola, Lorna and Mark Fransen, St. Charles, Ill., and LuAnn and Tom Weldon, Johnson, Kan.; a son, Bill Hickok, California City, Calif.; grandchildren, Jennifer, Mitch, Ryan, Melanie, Shawn, Cody, and Sheri; his mother, New Windsor; and sisters, Eulalia Garrett and Marcia Johnson, both of New Windsor.

June 15, 1992

Obitu

Don Lundeen

Services for Don L. Lundeen, 78, well-known Moline businessman, 2624 7th St., Moline, are 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Christ Episcopal Church, Moline, where he was a member. Burial is in Riverside Cemetery, Moline, with military rites conducted by Moline American Legion Post 246.

Visitation is 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Trimble Funeral Home, Moline, with services conducted by Moline Elks Lodge 556 at 6:45. Memorials may be made to the church.



Mr. Lundeen died Saturday, June 13, 1992, at United Medical Center, Moline.

He was born May 15, 1914, in Moline, the son of Ulrik and Margaret Perrin Lundeen. He married Jane Anderson Feb. 4, 1939, in Moline.

He was associated with the former Robbins Electric Co., Moline, for 31 years, retiring as co-owner in 1978. After his retirement, he was a real estate agent for Century 21 DePorter-Cornelis Agency, Moline, for 12 years, retiring in 1991. In earlier years, he worked at the former International Harvester Co. Farmall Plant, Rock Island, and the former AMETEK Co., East Moline.

He was a member of Moline Elks Lodge 556, where he was Exalted Ruler 1949-1950; Moline Lodge 1014, AF & AM; Scottish Rites Bodies, Valley of Moline; American Legion Post 246, Moline; Moline Viking Lodge; a life member of Oakwood Country Club; served on the vestry at the church; and was a former member of Moline Kiwanis Club and Moline Optimist Club.

He was on the electrical commission for the city of Moline for the past 15 years.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was an avid golfer and a Diehard Cubs fan. **MEMBER OF B.G.S.**

Survivors include the widow; a son and daughter-in-law, Kent and Debra Lundeen, and a grandson, Ryan Lundeen, all of Moline.

Well-know area farm leader W.T. Fuhr dies

Walter T. Fuhr, 79, Edgington, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1992, at Trinity Medical Center West, Rock Island.



Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Edgington Presbyterian Church, where he was a member. Burial is in Edgington Cemetery.

Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Jinks Funeral Home, Reynolds. Andalusia Masonic Lodge 516 AF&AM will conduct masonic services at 8. Memorials may be made to the church.

Mr. Fuhr was born Nov. 27, 1912, in Buffalo Prairie Township, the son of Ernest and Nancy Taylor Fuhr. He married Eva Powell April 17, 1938, in Illinois City. She died Dec. 10, 1985.

He was a large scale grain farmer and hog producer in the Edgington area.

He was a member and past president of Rock Island County Farm Bureau; served as trustee and treasurer at the church for many years; member and past master of Andalusia Masonic Lodge, where he served on the building committee; active member of Scottish Rite Consistory; Moline, Mohammad Shrine, Peoria, and the Blackhawk Shrine Club; charter member and board member of Andalusia Community Bank; past director of Rock Island County Fair Board; director of Andalusia Township Board and was Andalusia Township Road Commissioner; and served two terms on the Rockridge School board.

He enjoyed baseball in his younger years and followed his grandchildren in their sporting events. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and Chicago Cubs baseball fan.

In 1962, he went to Russia with the Illinois Delegation of Farm Bureau People to People Good Will Tour.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Cooksey, Simi Valley, Calif.; sons, Ernest P. and Allan Fuhr, both of Taylor Ridge; eight grandchildren; and a special friend, Beaty Swanson, Illinois City.

Harold Hall

Harold H. Hall, 72, of 423 24th Ave., East Moline, died Friday, Oct. 8, 1992, at Illini Hospital, Silvis.



Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Schroder Mortuary, Silvis. Burial is in Prairie Union Cemetery, Low Moor, Iowa.

Visitation is 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Memorials

may be made to American Heart Association.

Mr. Hall was born Nov. 10, 1920, in Silvis, the son of Earl and Estella Brusso Hall. He married Ruby De Cap Sept. 1, 1956, in Steger, Ill. She died April 25.

He was employed at the Rock Island Arsenal as a tool and gauge inspector, retiring in 1985 after 38 years.

He was a life member of VFW Post 1933, Viking Club of Moline, Tandy CoCo Computer Group of the Quad Cities, Rock Island Family Camper's Club, and Black Hawk Genealogical Society of Rock Island.

He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He enjoyed the Hardee's breakfast group in East Moline.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Anne and Patrick McGuire, a son, Robert Hall, and a grandchild, Kelly Anne McGuire, all of East Moline; and a niece, Sharon Ballard, a nephew, Kenny Hall, and a sister-in-law, Helen Hall, all of Silvis.

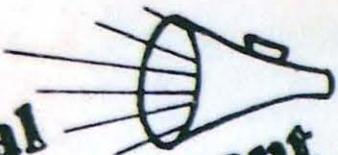
NO KIDDING?

Presidents with "Mayflower" ancestors

1. John Adams - 2 people
2. John Quincy Adams - 2 people
3. Zachary Taylor - 1 person
4. Ulysses S. Grant - 1 person
5. William Taft - 1 person
6. Franklin D. Roosevelt - 5 people

Source: Saints and Strangers
(George Willson, Reynol and Hitchcock, 1945)

Special Announcement



BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P O BOX 3912
ROCK ISLAND IL 61204-3912

MEETING NEWS

JULY 1992-NO REGULAR MEETING-instead we are having a combined meeting with Scott Co.Gen.Society on MONDAY AUG.3 7:00p.m. at St.Paul's Lutheran Church 2136 Brady St. Davenport IA. It is on the west side of Brady across from the Davenport Outing Club south of Vande Veer Park Use rear parking lot and south basement door.

SPEAKER- BARBARA BAKER A.G. from Salt Lake City
TOPICS
1. Research in England and Wales
2. Research in our Northeastern states

AUG.25 We will meet at our regular time and place 7:00p.m. South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501-30th St. Rock Island IL. Members are asked to bring their cherished keepsakes to Show and Tell. You are also encouraged to ask for help on any of your research problems.

SEPT.22 !!!!! HERITAGE QUEST ROAD SHOW !!!!!
We will meet with Scott Co.Gen.Society at St.Paul's Lutheran Church (see above) More info later-also read our regular notice in the R.I.Argus Life section club notices. They are printed the Friday preceding our meeting-in this case-Sept.18.

OCT.27 We will meet at our regular time 7:00p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church.
Judy Rule will present the program on her trip to Sweden.

NOV.17 ANNUAL DINNER 6:00p.m. South Park Presbyterian Church
more information later

DEC NO MEETING

For more information phone 786-1648 or 787-1105

VISITORS WELCOME

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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QC Times 29 Nov 1981

RI County Historical Society is moving into new library

■ Whole collection will fit in 7,000-square-foot building

By Scott Reeder
QUAD-CITY TIMES

The historian carefully studied the upward sloping "A" and the cursive "L" that helped form the signature "Abraham Lincoln."

"This is a terrific addition to our library," Virginia Dahlberg explained. "It's hard to believe that this document is 130 years old."

The document signed by the 16th president is just one of thousands of books, maps and other materials being moved into the new, spacious Rock Island County Historical Society Library in Moline.

"We are so proud of this building," Dahlberg said. "We have worked for years to get enough money to build it, and now it is done. This building is so nice and big. The library collection used to be crammed down in the basement of our museum or stored in another building in Moline."

But the new 7,000-square-foot building at 822 11th Ave. will hold the entire library collection.

It is adjacent to the society's house museum.

"Our goal is to raise \$695,000 for this project," she said. "But we still have more left to raise."

Construction began on the building in March, and it will open to the public Jan. 7.

Library hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The historical society will host a public open house from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 6.

"It is exciting to have a facility this nice," Lucille Sampson, the society's librarian and archivist, said.

"This library will be used by people writing books, genealogists, historians and students. We are really hoping that more students will be using it."



Natalee Waters/QUAD-CITY TIMES

Lucille Sampson, left, and Virginia Dahlberg look over Abraham Lincoln's signature on a document the Rock Island County Historical Society recently acquired. They and other members of the society are getting ready to help open the society's new library in Moline.

"We plan to have workshops for schoolchildren and programs for adults. It is important to get another generation interested in history.

"We want them to follow in our footsteps."

—Dwight Mohlenbruck
obituary collector

R.I. seeks bones from Longview for reburial

ROCK ISLAND — Pioneer bones found this summer in an unmarked cemetery in Rock Island's Longview Park may be coming home for reburial in Chippianock Cemetery.

Experts from the University of Illinois excavated the bones in the park and took them to a lab for analysis. The Rock Island Parks and Recreation Board asked the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for a hearing to claim the bones. The city is not qualified to receive the remains under the state's Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act, parks director Bill Nelson said.

However, the state denied the hearing request, noting the city was ineligible to receive the remains and quoting the law. The response mystified Mr. Nelson, who said he will contact the state for a fuller explanation.

"I can't think of a reason the state would need or want them," he said. "I'm going to keep trying."

The Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act says remains found from unmarked graves may go to kin, to a related group, such as an American Indian tribe, the State Museum or to the property owner where the bones were found for reburial at the site, Mr. Nelson said.

A call to the Preservation Agency seeking clarification of the state's response was not returned by Wednesday night.

Chippianock Cemetery would charge the city \$1,260 to rebury the remains and would donate some services and a vault for the reburial, Mr. Nelson said.

Other human remains found in Longview Park were reburied at Chippianock in 1905, he said.

City employees found bone fragments in June on the perimeter of the site of the Whitewater Junction Family Aquatic Center, which was under construction. State inspectors required the city to hire experts to remove the remains. Archaeologists from the University of Illinois excavated the bones, which they will analyze and turn over to the state.

The discovery did not stop construction of the pool, scheduled to open next year.

NO KIDDING?

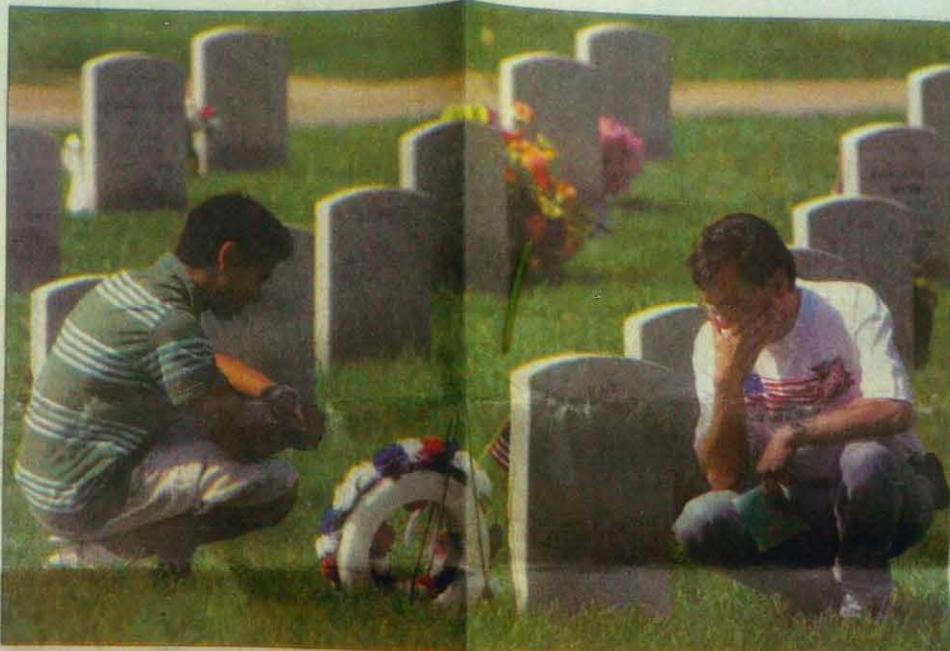
How far they traveled in one day

- Transatlantic trip by colonists — 40 miles a day (1600s)
- Texas cattle drive — 12 miles a day (1870s)
- Glacier — can move 80 feet a day
- Clipper ships — 400 miles a day (1850s)
- 200,000 army ants — 200 yards a day
- Erie Canal barge — 24 miles a day (1825)

*Pulled by mules at one mph

Source: World Features Syndicate

Sacred ground



Todd Mizener / staff

Mourners David Soliz, 13, and his father, Joe Soliz, both of Silvis, pay their respects at the grave of Marine Sgt. Bradley Korthaus of Davenport Monday morning shortly before the start of Memorial Day services at the Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. The father and son did not know Sgt. Korthaus, who was killed in southeast Iraq March 24 while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, but they said they wanted to take a moment to pay their respects before visiting the graves of some of their relatives. David, who plans to join the military after high school, said seeing Sgt. Korthaus' grave brings home the reality of war, but it doesn't deter him from wanting to join the military when he is older.

Q-C pays respect to America's brave

By Stephanie Massick
Staff writer

ARSENAL ISLAND — Sunshine and blue skies greeted the thousands of red-white-and-blue-clad spectators at the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery on Arsenal Island Monday morning.

"What a beautiful day — and so fitting," said Arsenal commander Col. Mike Mullins. "Today we not only honor the brave Americans who are laid to rest here," but all the men and women who have served the country over the years.

■ For Memorial Day celebrations across the nation, see A3.

Present at the ceremony were U.S. Rep. Lane Evans, D-Rock Island; and mayors Mark Schwiebert of Rock Island, Stan Leuch of Moline, Ann Hutchinson of Bettendorf and Joe Moreno of East Moline.

Keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Wade McManus Jr., commander of the Joint Munitions Command at Arsenal Island, said the officials

were not the only distinguished people there. Addressing the audience as a whole, he said, "The fact that you're all here makes you distinguished in my eyes."

Arsenal officials estimate more than 4,000 people were at the island for the services. According to Arsenal public-affairs officer Gale Smith, security officers cleared 1,430 vehicles for entrance, with an average of three passengers per car.

Maj. Gen. McManus went on to

Please see ■ Memorial, A2

James and Lucille Sampson

James and N. Lucille Sampson, 4014 35th St., Rock Island, will be honored Nov. 14 at a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The former N. Lucille Sadoris and Mr. Sampson, both of Savanna, were married Nov. 15, 1942, in Fairfield Methodist Episcopal Church, Coe Township, Port Byron.

They have four daughters, Mary Ann Sherman, Lawrenceville, N.J.; Janice J. Sampson and Karen Sampson, both of Parker, Colo., and Cindy Walker, Rock Island. There is one grandchild and one stepgrandchild.

Mr. Sampson was employed for 33 years by the government, last working for 12 years for the Weapons Command at the Rock Island Arsenal, where he was safety director. He retired in 1973.

Mrs. Sampson was employed from 1941 to 1943 at the Savanna Ordnance Depot where she was in charge of contract files and the mail section of the purchasing department. She presently does volunteer work.

The couple hold membership at the First United Methodist Church, Rock Island.



Chester Lawrence

Chester A. Lawrence, 84, Rock Island, formerly of Reynolds and Illinois City, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1993, at Trinity Medical Center West, Rock Island.



Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Jinks Funeral Home, Reynolds.

Burial is in Hamlet Cemetery.

Visitation is 2 to 4 p.m. today. Memorials

may be made to In-Touch Day Care Center, or the Hamlet or Perryton Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Lawrence was born Nov. 23, 1908, in Jasper County, Iowa, the son of Ernest and Nellie Malory Lawrence. He married Lola Summers Jan. 1, 1931, in Rock Island. She died June 24, 1988.

He worked as a farmer in the Reynolds and Illinois City area. He was also a pattern maker in many local area shops, retiring in 1973.

He was a member of Hamlet Presbyterian Church and the Pattern Makers Union.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Dwight Mohlenbruck, Rock Island, and Irene and George Carpenter, Illinois City; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Violet Schmahl, Wheaton, Calif. **MEMBER OF BGS**

Sam and Charlotte Sharer

Sam and Charlotte Sharer, East Moline, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Jan. 16 by attending the wedding of a grand-nephew.

The former Charlotte Johnson and Mr. Sharer were married Jan. 16, 1938, in Messiah Lutheran Church, Aledo.

They have two daughters, Sandra Sharer, Moline, and Diana Camp, Antioch. There are two grandchildren. A son, Bobbie, is deceased.

Mr. Sharer was in the retail and wholesale grocery business for more than 45 years, and was owner/operator of Sharer's Market, East Moline. He later was a buyer for Farm House Foods, Davenport.

Mrs. Sharer was a commissary clerk at the former East Moline Mental Health Center. Both retired in 1978.

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NO KIDDING?

Henry VIII's six wives

1. Age 18 — wed Catherine of Aragon (age 23)
2. Age 41 — wed Anne Boleyn (age 26)
3. Age 45 — wed Jane Seymour (age 27)
4. Age 48 — wed Anne of Cleves (age 24)
5. Age 49 — wed Catherine Howard (age 17)
6. Age 52 — wed Catherine Paar (age 31)

Source: World Features Syndicate

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGY SOCIETY 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island; book share and research problems.

6 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2136 Brady St., Davenport; program on upcoming Heritage Quest Road Show, free admission.

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BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 7 p.m. at Genealogical Swedish Library, Augustana College; tour by Vickie Oliver; information, call 787-1105.

Millett challenges Schwiebert

Former mayor files petitions to seek seat in April 20 election

By Lisa Neff

Staff writer

ROCK ISLAND — Former mayor Robert Millett has filed nominating petitions to run for mayor, providing a challenge to incumbent Mark Schwiebert in upcoming municipal elections.

Mr. Millett, who unseated incumbent Jim Davis, served as mayor from 1985 to 1989, a period when the city faced a financial crisis — budget deficits coupled with an unfavorable business climate.

In November 1990, Mr. Millett took a shot at the District 16 seat on the Rock Island County Board and lost to incumbent Roy West.

Mayor Schwiebert, an attorney,

served on the city council from 1981 to 1989, when he was elected to a first term as mayor.

In aldermanic races, incumbent Ald. Robert O. Williams faces a challenge from Dave Dakon.

Ald. Williams formally announced his plans to seek a second term last week, stating he was excited the recently redrawn Fifth Ward included the Broadway Historic Area and the downtown.

He pledged to continue working with the council, mayor and city manager for "a better and more prosperous Rock Island."

Mr. Dakon is a Broadway Historic Area resident active in

the area's neighborhood association. He is also a retired firefighter.

He said he planned to campaign against Ald. John Bauersfeld, Third Ward, until a new ward map placed him in the Fifth Ward.

Mr. Dakon said he is running for the council seat because he understands the needs of homeowners, especially in older city neighborhoods such as Broadway, the Longview Historic Area, the Highland Park Historic District and the Chicago Addition.

"I just felt that we needed representation from somebody who knew what people who were ren-

ovating houses needed," said Mr. Dakon, who was born in Moline and raised in Rock Island.

At press time, incumbents Andrew Jefferson, 1st Ward; John Bauersfeld and Grace Diaz-Shirk, 7th Ward, stood unopposed.

If no additional nominating papers are filed with City Clerk Jeanne F. Pagen, there will be no primary election Feb. 23. The general election is April 20.

The filing period for municipal elections closes today at 5 p.m.

The last day to challenge petitions is Jan. 21.

The city clerk must report candidates to the county clerk's office by Jan. 25.

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BEG YOUR PARDON

The Life department cares about accuracy. Mistakes occur, however. Our policy is to correct errors of fact as soon as possible. If you see a mistake in the Life section, please call it to the attention of Life Editor Joe Payne, 786-6441 (ext. 274).

A story about the Rock Island Public Library, which appeared in the April 18 edition of Life, incorrectly stated that the book collection of the Blackhawk Genealogical Society had been donated to the library. The Rock Island Public Library has granted space to the Blackhawk Genealogical Society for its book collection, but the book collection is still owned and administered exclusively by the Blackhawk Genealogical Society. The collection is available for use by all library patrons.

Conference set on genealogy

MOLINE — The 19th annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 17 at the Viking Club, Moline.

Featured speaker Dr. V. Ben Bloxham will cover research in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Those attending will receive a syllabus of sources and research methodology. Fee is \$18.75 and includes presentations, a syllabus, buffet luncheon, handouts and exhibits.

Deadline is April 9 by sending a check, name and address to Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, P.O. Box 0932, Moline, Ill. 61266-0932.

For information, call Don Southwood, 355-8404.

**BLACKHAWK
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SOCIETY**



**20TH Anniversary Dinner
November 17th, 1992**

1993 OFFICERS & CHAIRMAN

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Door prizes, Shocbox to Showcase

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1972-73 Phyllis Normoyle
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 1982 Joseph Normoyle
 1983-84 Grace Eastland
 1985-86 Edward Jordan
 1987 Dean Ring
 1988-89 Christine Lage
 1990-91 Zelma Hendricks
 1992-93 Louise Davis

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Barbara Rosser	Lucille Sampson
Jeanne Walsh	Dorothy Williams
Pearl Wood	

Welcome, Louise Davis

Invocation, Judy Rueckert

MENU

Hot Cider
 Swiss Steak
 Baked Potato
 Mixed Vegetables
 Corn Pudding
 Cranberry/Raspberry Salad
 Carrot Cake

Recognition of Charter Members
 and
 Installation of Officers, Eulalia Garrett

PROGRAM

Writing History, Evelyn Witter

Blackhawk Genealogical Society
Twentieth Anniversary Dinner

Tuesday, November 17, 1992
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Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The cost for the dinner is: \$6.50 per person

Mail your check no later than: November 10, 1992

Send it to: BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P O BOX 3912
ROCK ISLAND IL 61204-3912
For additional Information call: (309)-787-1105

Highlights of the first 20 years
Installation of Officers

Program

"Writing History" presented by Evelyn Witter

SAVE - MEETING REMINDER - SAVE

JAN. 26, 1993 7:00 p.m. South Park Presbyterian Church , 1501 - 30th St. R.I.
Step by step demonstrations of copying photos with a 35mm camera.

FEB. 23, 1993 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the new R.I. County Historical Library
822-11th Ave., Moline, IL. Guided tour of library and time to browse

March 23, 1993 7:00p.m. South Park Presbyterian Church
Researching Court House records of Rock Island County - Guest Speaker

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BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 3912
Rock Island, IL 61204-3812

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHEN: 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of
each month, January through October
with annual dinner meeting
sometime in November. Vistors Welcome!
WHERE: South Park Presbyterian Church
1501 30th Street, Rock Island, IL

January 26, 1993

Copying old snapshots will be the activity of the evening. There will be several members with their equipment doing the copying. Bring your 35 mm black and white film, 100 speed, 12 prints. We will take several shots of the one photo for you to pick the best for reprints. Bring several snapshots. You take your film to develop.

February 23, 1993

We will meet at the new R.I. County Historical Library 822-11th Ave, Moline, IL. Guided tour of library and time to browse.

March 23, 1993

Researching Court House records of Rock Island County-
Guest Speaker. Meeting 7 PM, at South Park Presbyterian Church.

April 17, 1993

19th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, at the Viking Club of Moline, IL, 1450-41st St. Saturday April 17, 1993 at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Speaker V. Ben Bloxham, Provo, UT.

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May 25, 1993

Program to be announced.

Darlene Paxton

Services for Darlene S. Paxton, 76, of 1512 Hillcrest, Bettendorf, were today at Bettendorf Presbyterian Church. Burial is 3 p.m. today in Maple Hill Cemetery, Montour, Iowa.

Cunnick-Collins Mortuary, Davenport, handled arrangements.

Mrs. Paxton died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1993, at home after a long illness.

The former Darlene Ward was born Jan. 21, 1917, in Garwin, Iowa, the daughter of Alvin and Imo Steffa Ward. She married Wendell Paxton June 17, 1936, in Garwin, Iowa.

Mrs. Paxton was a graduate of the former Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.

She was a genealogy instructor in the Quad-Cities area through Scott Community College, Davenport Public Library and also through an association with Putnam Museum. She also taught in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and had conducted seminars throughout the midwest. She had taught in early years in country schools in the Tama County area.

She was a member and elected elder of Bettendorf Presbyterian Church and a member of the Mayflower Society.

Survivors include the widower, daughters, Wendy Wosoba, Milwaukee, Bonny Ross, East Windsor, N.J., and Virginia Schnarr, Longview, Texas; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia McCurrie, North Kansas City, Mo.

Days of Irish pols over?

Legendary politicians not faring so well

Cox News Service

WASHINGTON — And how, ye ask on a fine St. Patrick's Day, might the legendary Irish pol be faring in this new era of political diversity?

Not so well, perhaps, as when Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill, those ruddy-cheeked sons of the Emerald Isle, were spreading the blarney on opposite ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. Irish pols still carry considerable clout on Capitol Hill — but their time may be waning.

More and more, voters are choosing candidates by common economic interests, gender or race instead of having forebears who immigrated from the same country, said Karen O'Connor, a political science professor at Emory University in Atlanta.

For example, a woman voter with Irish roots is increasingly likely to identify with a female candidate of a different ethnic origin than with an Irish-American male candidate.

Indeed, exit pollsters often no longer even ask voters whether they are Irish-Americans in analyzing election results, said O'Connor, who interrupted her planning for a St. Patrick's Day party to speak to a reporter.

The Senate — where turnover is relatively slow — is still as full of powerful Irish pols as a Dublin pub. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee; Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., heads the Committee on Labor and Human Resources; Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., chairs the Finance Committee; John Kerry, D-Mass., is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on terrorism, and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., heads an influential subcommittee on children and families. Even Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., has an Irish connection — marriage to the former Colleen O'Brien.

However, in the House — where change comes every two years — the committee chairpeople reflect the diversity that is the new political reality. The Agriculture Committee is headed by Kiki de la Garza, D-Tex., an Hispanic; Armed Services by Ron Dellums, D-Calif., an African American; Merchant Marine by Gerry Studds, D-Mass., who is openly gay; and Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., an advocate for women's issues, heads the Select Committee on Youth and Families.

But these other minorities

Pursue family tree to find health link

Reader's Digest

What you don't know could hurt you. Research indicates genetics plays a role in nearly all illnesses.

Charting your family's health tree can help you predict your susceptibility to certain ailments and could save your life. Investigate your medical roots by questioning family members and examining written records. Gather as much detailed information as possible, then discuss it with your doctor.

Researching your family history may do more than fill in the details of family lore. It could save your life.

"Many thousands of untimely deaths could be prevented each year in the United States if people would only learn which diseases run in their families," says Dr. Henry T. Lynch, chairman of the department of preventive medicine at Creighton University in Omaha.

How much your risk increases when a close family member has an illness varies with the disease. Your risk of heart disease and some cancers, for example,

can be significantly higher if these diseases run in the family.

Even if a genetic illness does run in the family, however, that doesn't mean you'll get it.

Your family health tree, properly researched, may help you take steps to detect an illness at its early stages when it may still be treatable.

Here's how to investigate your medical roots:

1. Examine family records. Bibles, scrap books and old photographs all can yield clues.

2. Ask questions. Relatives can be tremendous sources of information. Most important are health histories of first-degree relatives — parents, siblings and children who share 50 percent of your genes, then second-degree relatives — grandparents, aunts and uncles, with whom you share 25 percent of your genes.

3. Gather details. Knowing the exact type and location of a cancer, for example, can help determine if it's hereditary. If you can, find out at what age the disease struck. If a disease hit more than one relative early in life,

there may be a genetic link.

4. Search for hidden clues. If a relative was blind, deaf, or mentally retarded, find out why. It may not be hereditary.

5. Obtain written records. Family lore can be misleading. Back up relatives' stories with death certificates (available from state vital statistics offices) and, when available, medical records.

6. Share your findings. Discuss the results with your doctor.

Do not despair if you find a history of disease in your family. "When you compile a health history," says Dr. Aubrey Milunsky, director of Boston University's Center for Human Genetics, "the question to ask isn't 'Are there any genetic diseases in our family?' but 'Which ones do we have?'"

Knowing the answers to that question could be a lifesaver.

For a free reprint of "This 'Tree' Can Save Your Life," send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Reprint Manager, Reader's Digest, Dept. A393, Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570-7000.

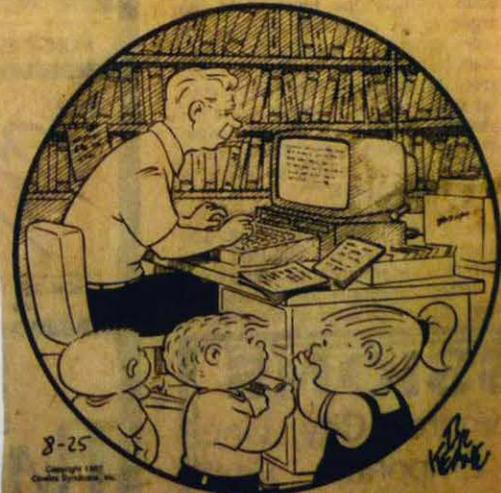
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have followed a political path to power that was pioneered by Irish immigrants. Irish-Americans were among the first ethnic groups to form a voting bloc and elect their own to Congress and mayorships.

Like Hispanics and African Americans today, these Irish families were concentrated in the neighborhoods where ethnic identification was important. Generations later, though, Irish-Americans have dispersed geographically and culturally until they have little political cohesion left except in a few states and cities. They salute their Irish roots more on St. Patrick's Day than on Election Day.

There were some new Irish pols elected to Congress in November, but they hardly fit the back-slapping, cigar-smoking stereotype.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS® By Bill Keane



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"You better be quiet or Granddad will leave you out of the family history he's writing."

Not all sickos out there are nece

DEAR ABBY: You are probably tired of letters about unusual last names, but ours gets a lot of attention because it's rather funny. It's "Sicko."

I know it's hard to believe, but it's true. When we tell people our name is "Sicko" and spell it — "S-I-C-K-O" — they laugh and say, "You've got to be kidding." Meanwhile, they look at us, wondering if we're serious.

Some people try to be kind, and instead of pronouncing it "Sicko" just like it's spelled, they'll pronounce it "Psycho," which is even worse.

My husband of 27 years is the kindest and dearest man in the

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



world, and I wouldn't ask him to change our name for anything, although he's been asked many times why he hasn't.

This letter is no put-on, Abby, but if you use it in your column, please leave off the city; we get enough crank calls as it is. — **Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sicko on Jones**

Read DEAR MR. AND MRS. SICKO: Congratulations on being able to see the humor in your name. Are there any little Sickos at home?

If John investigates the origin of his name, the chances are it is an abbreviation or the anglicized version of Syckowitz, or Syckovskii.

If you find out, please let me know.

DEAR ABBY: To add to your "What's in a Name?" game:

In 1960, we few foreigners — mostly English — living on the Balearic Island of Ibiza (off the coast of Spain) received our mail at the general delivery window.

One day the clerk asked me "Do you know this Senor Es... He has many letters here from England." — **Al Hix, Hollywood Calif.**

DEAR ABBY: Here's another one for your odd name collection. My name is Michael Shadawizi (pronounced "shot a whiskey" and with a name like that, I usually need at least two shots) I handle the comments from people who meet me for the first time. — **Mike in Huntington, N.Y.**

DEAR ABBY: I read with considerable interest your article about Diane Fuerst, whose last name pronounced "first." My name, of German ancestry,

ner's real needs.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You do your best work when under pressure. Profits rise. An older person comes to you with a special request. Cooperate if doing so will not strain your resources. Romance blossoms anew.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make "caution" your watch-

No
McCall's, Simplicity & Butterick Patterns
50%

Mette's
Shadawizi
Salvation From Beginning to End
It's a *preology* so what?
I'm glad you asked!
This is NOT merely a typical *preology*; it is an inspired outline of *salvation history*.
2/21/93
IN 20 MIN OR LESS

So what makes it so different?

- I. It's *layit* screams to us that Jesus is *king*
- II. The Greek word here translated *salvation* The only other place in the entire Bible this word is used is Gen. 5. It is used once for the first *time* and once for the *second*
- III. It includes *salvation*
- IV. It has two "son of" statements instead of the one, son of *God* and son of *David*. Jesus combines and perfects the salvific roles played by the original sons of these two men.

The son of David was *Jesus*
- He uttered words of wisdom

- He built the temple, the dwelling place of God.

The son of Abraham was *Isaac*
- He was offered as a sacrifice.

- brought a non-jew into the family (married Rebekah)

CONCLUSION:

Matthew is screaming to us that Jesus is King. And not just any king. He is the eternal king of God's eternal kingdom. The king who is God's last and greatest attempt to reconcile himself to the human race. He is the ULTIMATE message of wisdom, the ULTIMATE temple-builder, the ULTIMATE Sacrifice, and the ULTIMATE Outreach to non-Jews.

Jesus is the last member of the bloodline of God's family. The only way we can get in is if Jesus convinces the father to adopt us.

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The former Susanne Davis was born June 26, 1899, in Rock Island, the daughter of Thomas and Apollonia Denkmann Davis. She married Charles Shuler Jr. Sept. 12, 1922, in Rock Island. He died May 11, 1984.

Mrs. Shuler did volunteer work for the American Red Cross.

Survivors include a daughter, Susanne Klokner, Phoenix, Ariz.; sons, Noel Barret Shuler, Fort Collins, Colo., and A. Davis Shuler, Bend, Ore.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruby Hall

Services for Ruby Ann Hall, 69, of 423 24th Ave., East Moline, are 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Schroder Mortuary, Silvis. Burial is in Prairie Union Cemetery, Low Moor, Iowa.



Visitation is 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Hall died Sunday, April 25, 1993, at Trinity Medical Center, East Campus, Moline.

The former Ruby DeCap was born Feb. 4, 1924, in East Moline, the daughter of Louis and Erma DeBlick DeCap. She married Harold H. Hall Sept. 1, 1956, in Steger, Ill.

She was a member of the Rock Island Family Campers Club and the 1942 Girls Club of Moline.

She enjoyed sewing and the Hardee's breakfast group, East Moline.

Survivors include the widower; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Anne and Patrick McGuire, a son, Robert Hall, a granddaughter, Kelly Anne McGuire, and a brother, Charles DeCap, all of East Moline.



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2:30 - 3:30

Dr. Bloxham "Bring Me Your Poor"*

3:30 - 4:00

Closing Remarks

* Each of the four lectures will cover material pertaining to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

*Door Prizes will be drawn
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Leona Sundeen

Services for Leona Sundeen, 91, of 1209 21st Ave., Rock Island, will be held later this month. Private burial is in Memorial Park Cemetery, Rock Island.

Trimble Funeral Home, Moline, is in charge of arrangements.



Mrs. Sundeen died Sunday, Nov. 7, 1993, at Silver Cross Nursing Center, Rock Island.

The former Leona Westerlund was born Dec. 29, 1901, in Orion, the daughter of Luther and Ruby Larson Westerlund. She married Leslie Sundeen May 10, 1966, in Mason City, Iowa. He died Jan. 12, 1981.

She was a teacher in the Detroit, Mich., public schools, retiring in 1963.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, and Kings' Daughters.

She enjoyed sewing, playing bridge, and working on family genealogy.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Harold Winston, Mason City, Iowa; granddaughters, Leslie Yannetti, Van Nuys, Calif., Lisa Winston, Studio City, Calif., and Laura Winston, Austin, Texas; and five nieces and a nephew and their spouses, including Nancy and Tom Gainey and William and Frances Westerlund, all of Orion.

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ROCK ISLAND

Sadie Grote Leins, lifelong resident of city, dead at 103

Sadie Grote Leins, 103, formerly of 2906 7th Ave., Rock Island, died Monday, Sept. 13, 1993, at St. Anthony's Continuing Care Center.



Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hodgson Funeral Home Ltd., Rock Island. Private burial is in Rock Island Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation is 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, where she was a life member.

The former Sadie Grote was born March 25, 1890, in Rock Island, the daughter of William H. and Rachel Kennedy Grote. She married Fay John Leins June 30, 1917, in Rock Island. He died Sept. 18, 1954.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Leins had worked for Hartz and Bahnsen Co. Wholesale Druggist, Rock Island. She was the secretary to Mr. Hartz for 10 years. After her marriage, she was a full-time homemaker.

She had lived at 2906 7th Ave., Rock Island, for 95 years.

She was a member of the women's association at church, and Do Unto Others King's Daughters for over 50 years.

She enjoyed music and volunteering. She had played the piano and worked in the Sunday school at the church for 25 years. She also was a member of Hauberg Senior Citizens for more than 30 years, and was their pianist for 20 years. She also served as an election judge for 40 years in the same precinct.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Juanita Leins, Rock Island; and a granddaughter, Susan Houseman, and a great-grandson, Scott Houseman, both of Bettendorf.

Francis Moseley

Francis A. Moseley, 76, of 220 West 10th Ave., Milan, died Thursday, May 6, 1993, at home.



Services are 9:15 a.m. Monday at DeRoos Funeral Home, Moline, and 10 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Milan, where he was a member.

Burial is in Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. A liturgy will be given at 7:30. Memorials may be made to the church or a favorite charity.

Mr. Moseley was born May 16, 1916, in Aledo, the son of J. Lester and Margaret Bohan Moseley. He married Bernice M. Normoyle Jan. 29, 1942, in Peoria. She died June 12, 1989. **BGS**

He was owner and operator of Moseley's Lumber and Building Supply Co., Milan, for 22 years, and had built numerous homes and commercial buildings in Rock Island County, last working in 1970. Prior to that, he was employed at Servus Rubber Co., Rock Island; Nelson Lumber Co., Milan; and from 1970 to 1980 he was a member of the Rock Island County Board of Review.

He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Leo Council 658, Rock Island; Disabled American Veterans; Illinois Lumber, Building Materials, and Dealers Association; Milan Planning Board until 1992; had been a precinct committeeman for Blackhawk Township; and was active in the Travelers Protection Association.

He was a World War II Army veteran, serving with the first Cavalry Division in the Philippines and New Guinea, where he received several medals, including three Bronze Stars.

He enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Moseley Bergstrand, Milan; sons, Michael Moseley, Moline, Alan and Dennis Moseley, Rock Island, and Timothy Moseley, Milan; 14 grandchildren; and sisters, Helen F. Moseley, Rock Island, and Rosamond Hasdorff, San Antonio, Texas.



*We sincerely appreciate
the kindness and sympathy
you have extended to us
in our bereavement
Sincerely,*

Wilma + Susan Gritton

Thank you so much for
letting me know that a book
will be dedicated to Kenneth's
memory & placed in the
Society's collection at the R. I.
Public library. Ken was
very interested in genealogy.

Thank you -

Love,
Wilma Gritton

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The conference committee appreciates your support and cooperation. If we did not have the attendance that we've enjoyed the past few years, a conference of this stature would not be possible. Your attendance is more than adequate compensation for the time and effort devoted to this conference by the conference committee.

Your suggestions for future conferences are always appreciated.

Don Southwood, Chairman

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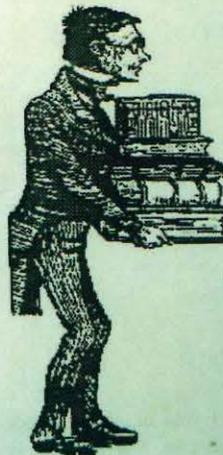
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Dr. Bloxham holds a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Latin from Brigham Young University. He received his Ph.D. in British History from the University of Southampton, England.

It is through the courtesy of Dr. Bloxham that you are receiving information contained in a syllabus of over 100 pages covering record sources and research methodology for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.



Lisa Davis / staff

The Visiting Nurses and Homemaker Association held its annual meeting and celebrated its 90th anniversary with a dinner April 29 at Plaza One Hotel, Rock Island. Highlights included honoring former directors and recognition of the First United Methodist Church, Moline, as Volunteer Organization of the Year, for volunteering 100,000 hours and delivering 75,000 meals to shut-ins over the past 20 years. Four retired directors of the former VNA were honored. They are, from left front, Eva Johnson and Ruth Ostrom. Two others honored, who were not present, were Vera Hunter and Beth Neff. Back row, from left, are Mary and Woody Acord, who accepted the honor for the church, and Mary Oelschlaeger, the current director.

Joseph and Phyllis Normoyle

Joseph A. and Phyllis Normoyle, 2718 29th Ave., Rock Island, will be honored Aug. 1 at a reception in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. It is requested that gifts be omitted.

The former Phyllis Stack, Chicago, and Mr. Normoyle, Rock Island, were married Aug. 7, 1933, in St. Leo's Catholic Church, Chicago.

They have three sons, Joseph R., of Iowa; Donald, Moline, and Robert of Cordova, and a daughter, Mary Kay Michalski, Moline. There are 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Normoyle is chairman of the board of Normoyle-Berg Associates, Rock Island.

They couple hold membership at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island.



Celebrating roots: Parents raise naming to an art form

ATLANTA (AP) — Long before YaMaya Cimone Pugh was born, her mother already had picked her name.

"I had known a young lady several years ago named YaMaya, and I always said if I had a daughter I would name her YaMaya. I just named her that because it was different," said LaRhonda Gilstrap, a 22-year-old computer science student.

She's not alone. Among those sharing the nursery with YaMaya recently at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta: Tria Armania Holloway, Jamecia Thermutus Hawkins and Ja-Min O'Haad Newson.

The explosion of originality in naming children has touched nearly every class, race and region, but experts say it is most pronounced among black Americans.

"Blacks are refusing to take white people's names," said Leonard Ashley, author of "What's in a Name?" and an English professor at Brooklyn College in New York. "They are saying, 'We are different. We are going to have our own Christmas holiday, we are going to have our own names.'"

At the turn of the century, the 10 most popular names in each gender category sufficed for half of all boys and girls, Ashley said.

Today, the top 10 account for an estimated 25 percent of all American names, he said. The other 75 percent, he said, are largely names rarely seen in this country until recent years, if at all.

The quest for originality and individuality began in the politically turbulent 1960s and '70s. For black parents, the search has meant going outside the WASP mainstream to invent names or dust off ancestral ones, Ashley said.

"Basically, the majority of African-Americans are now naming outside the tradition," said Jerrilyn McGregory, a professor of African-American studies and English at the University of Georgia.

"It's a statement of cultural identity," she said. "Some people predicted it to be a fad, but it seems to be going beyond one generation."

No one has had more influence than the late Alex Haley, whose book "Roots" inspired many black Americans to trace their African origins. Kunta, the surname of the

book's hero Kunta, began popping up across the country, as did Kizzie, the character's daughter, McGregory said.

Atlanta bookstore owner Nia Damali was Pat before she changed her name to reflect her African roots in 1986, when she published her book "Golden Names for an African People."

Her 6-month-old son, Sekou Ebun Malika, has an African forename.

"People said, 'Where did you get that name? Is his father African?' I said, 'Well he's African-American,'" Damali said.

Funmilayo Nonye-John, a native of Nigeria who has been a maternity ward nurse at Crawford Long for the past five years, said black parents frequently ask her to help them choose an African name.

"I try to educate people how to give a name," she said. "People make up names. There's a lot of 'sha' names that are not really African names."

Some don't care whether a name is African as long as it has a nice ring to it and isn't Anglo-Saxon. The result is a treasure trove of appellations pieced together from various sources — Swahili, Yoruba, Spanish, French — and a lot of imagination.

"Blacks are creating names out of bits and pieces of names," Ashley said. "The main thing they sound is African-American. They're fake African names, but they are genuine African-American names."

"Da," "La," "Sha" and "Ja" have emerged as among the most popular ingredients. Hence Lavar, LaKeisha, LaTonya, Jabar, She-shandra and Daquisha.

For her master's thesis, McGregory analyzed black birth records from Gary, Ind., from 1945 to 1980. Over the years, there were more and more unconventional names. Of 274 girls born in 1980, 213 had different names. Some names differed only in spelling; she found 40 versions of Tamika, for example.

The names symbolize the degree to which black Americans have felt excluded from American life, she said.

"It's like a gift," McGregory said. "It's like saying, 'I can't give you much, but I can give you a name none else will bear.'"

Genealogy aids in fighting disease

Genealogy has become more than a hobby. It's also a disease fighter.

Medical researchers are increasingly using birth, marriage and other records to identify living individuals who may carry a gene that killed one of their ancestors.

The Quad-Cities have a family history center open to the public. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4929 Woodside Ave., Davenport,

Scott earns Chamber award

By Dennis Moran
Staff writer

ROCK ISLAND — The Milan Chamber of Commerce Wednesday presented lawyer Robert Scott its community-service award at the chamber's annual awards and installation dinner at the Arsenal Country Club.

Dr. Karla Buckrop-Lester, 33, a chiropractor and owner of Family Chiropractic care, Milan, was installed as chamber president for the year. She takes over from Merlyn Raber.

Dr. Buckrop-Lester said she wants to "increase community awareness" of chamber businesses and activities. The chamber provides volunteers for the Milan Indian Summer Festival and for the Milan Improvement Project's twice-annual crafts shows, she noted.

Dr. Buckrop-Lester has been a chamber member for seven years, the length of time she has operated her business in Milan. She and her husband, John Lester, live in Sherrard and have two children.

Mr. Scott, 69, a chamber member for more than 40 years, said the community-service award took him by surprise. "I'm very honored and happy," he said. "And overwhelmed."

Jack Knepp, who nominated Mr. Scott for the award, said Mr. Scott is "one of the many wonderful servants and volun-



Lisa Davis / staff

Karla Buckrop, new president of the Milan Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Scott, winner of the community service award, chat after the Chamber awards dinner Wednesday.

teers Milan has. Not only is he a good public servant, he's a good man. He does things in a caring manner."

Mr. Scott has been Milan village attorney for 22 years, and also is attorney for the Blackhawk Fire Protection District. He is a past president of the Rock Island County Bar Association. He is a partner with Schoede Bell Scott & Panousis, Rock Island.

He is a charter Blackhawk State Bank board member and serves on the boards for Just

Kids Daycare and the Rock Island/Milan chapter of the American Cancer Society. He is a past board member of the Foundation for Crippled Children and is a charter member of the Milan Rotary.

He also is a member of the Milan Presbyterian Church, the Rock Island County Historical Foundation and Pinnacle Country Club.

Mr. Scott's wife, Barbara, won the chamber's community-service award about 10 years ago. They have three sons.

Kenneth Gritton

MEMBER OF BGS
Kenneth L. Gritton, 74, of 911 22½ Ave., Rock Island, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1993, at Illini Hospital, Silvis.



Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, Moline, where he was a member. Burial is in Greenview Memorial Gardens, Silvis.

Visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Wheelan Funeral Home, Rock Island. Memorials may be made to the church or a favorite charity.

Mr. Gritton was born Sept. 30, 1919, in Aledo, the son of Glen and Iona Baker Gritton. He married Wilma D. Sturgill Dec. 13, 1945, in Rock Island.

He had worked at The Rock Island Bank for 33 years and was an operations officer at the time of his retirement in 1981.

He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in England.

He enjoyed doing genealogy.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Susan Gritton, Forest Park, Ill.; sisters, Leota Churchill, Lillian Meyers, and Helen Elliott, all of Rock Island, and Alice McMullen, New Windsor, and four nephews.

Madeline Edwards

Madeline R. Edwards, 74, of 1415 40th Ave., Rock Island, died Friday, July 9, 1993, at Trinity Medical Center, East Campus, Moline.



Services are 11:30 a.m. Monday at Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, where she was a life member. The body was cremated. Inurnment is in

Chippinnock Cemetery, Rock Island.

Memorials may be made to the church, American Heart Association, or a favorite charity.

Wheelan Funeral Home, Rock Island, is in charge of arrangements.

The former Madeline Hansgen was born Aug. 5, 1918, in Rock Island, the daughter of William F. and Maude Ann Rice Hansgen. She married Willard G. Isaacson Nov. 3, 1938, in Galesburg. He died May 13, 1978. She married John R. Edwards Jan. 20, 1979, in Rock Island.

Mrs. Edwards had attended Augustana College, Rock Island.

She was born in the family home at 848 20th St., Rock Island, which was built by her grandfather, Charles Hansgen. The home is now listed in the National Register.

She was a member of the Women's Association of the church; and was a member and past regent of Fort Armstrong Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution. She also was a docent of Daughters of American Revolution Museum, Washington D.C., and locally presented slide programs of the museum. She was a founder and member of Blackhawk Genealogical Society; and was a 50-year member and past president of Rock Island Women's Club. She also was a member, patron, and former board member of Rock Island County Historical Society. She was a founding member and past president of Rock Island Art Guild; a member of Rock Island Preservation Society; and also presented slide programs for several years to civic and church groups of Rock Island and Moline Historic Homes and Buildings.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter and son-in-law, Gay and Harry Hoyt, Davenport; sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Janie Isaacson, Bloomington, Ill., and Dr. Thomas Isaacson, Minneapolis, Minn.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



Contributed photo

Local historians win award

Awards honoring excellence in research, study and preservation of state and local history were given during the Illinois State Historical Society's annual meeting. U.S. House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel presented an award in the Superior Achievement — Special Projects category to Barbara Scott, Milan, left, and Mary Rogers, Cordova, for "The Barn Project," a photographic and documentary history of more than 400 Rock Island County barns.



Annual Dinner



Blackhawk Genealogical Society

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1993

at SOUTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1501 - 30TH STREET, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

Doors will open at 5:30 P.M. and Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M.

The cost for dinner is \$7.00 per person.

Mail your check no later than: November 10, 1993

Sent to above address.

For additional information call: (309)-787-1105

Dinner will be served by South Park Presbyterian Women

Installation of Officers

PROGRAM

HISTORY OF THE JOHN DEERE PLOW By Vicki Ellers

Church greeter takes a seat after 31 years

A special tribute will be made Sunday to Irene Saddler at First United Methodist Church in Moline.

She is stepping down — or more likely sitting down — after standing as a greeter at one of the sanctuary doors every Sunday for 31 years.

"I missed some now and then," she admits. But it was a pretty steady attendance.

Through those years, she has outlasted seven senior pastors and 10 associate pastors, six organists and nine music directors.

"I'm 87 years old," she says. Standing for long lengths of time is not as easy for her any more.

She didn't volunteer for the job. She became financial secretary in charge of counting the Sunday collections in July 1962 and was informed that being a greeter was part of the job.

When she gave up the financial post three years later, it didn't work that way. She was asked to stay on as a greeter.

"It's something that just grows on you. It was a pleasure to be there every Sunday and greeting all my friends. I just felt I was contributing to the church."

She has been a member since 1916.

One summer she did take some time off, and that is when a long-time partnership was established on the job.

Dorothy Trimble recalls that the



Craig Chandler/QUAD-CITY TIMES

For many years, Irene Saddler, left, and Dorothy Trimble have been a welcoming team at the First United Methodist Church,

Moline. Saddler has given up her duties as church greeter after 31 years.

head usher asked her to fill in as a greeter for "just one summer, while Irene was away."

But when Saddler returned, the usher decided two greeters were

needed, and she was asked to stay on. That was in 1967. And she is staying on as greeter.

There's no replacement for Saddler, though. Trimble just asks

a friend or someone in the congregation to fill in week by week.

And Saddler has a new enjoyment by being "retired."

"Dorothy and I always sat on

the back row during worship, and for years I couldn't hear the sermon," she says. Now she sits near the front and hears every word.



John Greenwood / staff

Members of the Curious Collectors Club collect an assortment of items. Displaying some examples of what they collect are, from left, Judy Rule, president; Connie Andrews, a founding member; and Donna Carlson, treasurer.

The Curious Collectors Club

CLUB HISTORY: Curious Collectors Club was chartered in 1981, and was sponsored by Ausland Ltd., a former local store.

There are 49 members, with 26 charter members who are still active. Three are members-dealers and there are four honorary members. President is Judy Rule.

GOAL: The purpose of the club is to educate members about collectibles and to socialize with other collectors.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES: Field trips are taken to different locations where collectibles are found, or to museums.

MEETINGS: The club meets at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of February, April, August, October and November at the Center for Belgian Culture,

Moline. The annual Christmas party is held the first Sunday of December.

Membership fee is \$17 per person or couple.

Meetings feature talks about collectibles, and show and tell sessions in which members take collectibles to share.

A newsletter is published six times a year.

For information about the club, call Terry Baumann, membership chairman, 799-3708.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Members collect everything and anything, including plates, bells, cookbooks, spoons, thimbles, Santa Clauses, dolls, antiques, stamps, matchbooks, cards, gnomes, Hummels, Lladro, Precious Moments, etc.

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May 25, 1993

Vickie Oliver, of the Genealogy Library, at old
Denkman Building at Augustana College, 7th Ave
3527th, Rock Island, IL. The time is 7:00 P.M.
-8:30 P.M. Parking off 35th St. lot on hill
behind the new Science Building. Walk down the
left side of the building and enter the 1st floor
on the west side of Library. You may do some
research after the tour.

June 22, 1993

Program is Writing Family Histories. Janet Kademan
will tell about her book with a long title. It's
about Jonathan Eads of Harrison Co, 1758-1806 and
His son David Eads of Davies Co, MO 1792-1872. We
are to assist her as she says she is no speaker.
In other words ask questions. I'm asking the rest
of the members to bring their own Family Histories
for others to review. You can tell about the pros
and cons of your book. Do you like their numbering
system or the way it was put together?

July 27, 1993

Basic Beginning Research. Bring any of your research
books to share and show how you found them useful, to
the beginners. We could get in small research groups.
Be sure to label your books. They could be about
Reunions, Photo Albums, Cemetery Records, County
Histories, Census Records, Land Record, Deeds, Patents,
Marriage Book, Plat Books, Bibles, etc.
Bring your check for the Madison Bus Trip by August 11,
1993, the deadline. Bring Genealogical materials that you
have for sale. Mark asking price.

August 24, 1993 NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Family History



CLOSED

BUS TRIP Cont. Page 2



Bus Trip

MADISON, WI, BUS TRIP TO THE HISTORICAL LIBRARY ON SEPTEMBER 13, 14, & 15. Library hrs. 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Leaving 7:00 A.M. Mon, Sep 13, 93, by chartered-Deluxe coach from the southeast section of VENTURE parking lot Moline, IL. You may leave your car in this area of the parking lot. We will Arrive home about 10:00 P.M. Wed. Sep, 15. No food or drinks on bus. Rest Stops. Transportation to and from the library each day. There are places close to library to eat. Bring money for your meals. Your cost covers 2 nights at Best Western Midway. 3710 E. Washington Ave. (609) 244-2424. Cancellation DEADLINE AUGUST 11TH. WE MUST HAVE 35 PAID RESERVATIONS or it will be cancelled.

SEND CHECK- Payable to Blackhawk Genealogical Society and the form below to LOUISE DAVIS, 940-17th St. Unit 2 Moline, IL 61265 or Phone (309) 764-8885.

\$85.00 per person-4 to a room
\$90.00 per person-3 to a room
\$100.00 per person-2 to a room
\$140.00 per person- single

Enclose SASE FOR CONFIRMATION. Give name, address, and phone # of each person for whom payment is made. Give name of room mate/s.

September 28, 1993

Everette Guerink

Everett Geurink will talk of his research in Holland. He had written two books on the Grandmother and Grandfather line, Geurink & Schaapveld of Holland to 1860. Second book is about William and Elizabeth Geurink in US to 1990 of his parents. Titled After the Reseach.

October 26, 1993

Reports



Reports on the gleaning of those going on Madison trip. Others can report their finds this summer searching.

November 16, 1993

Dinner

Annual Dinner, 6:00 P.M. Vicki Ellers, speaking on the History of the John Deere Plow. Reservation forms will be in Quarterly and available at the meeting.

January 25, 1994

Historical Weather Happenings. Droughts, Floods, Heavy Rainfalls, Wind Storms, Volcano eruptions, etc.



Weather

JUNE 1993

THE GOLD BOOK

QC Geneology conference draws history buffs



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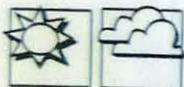
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Blackhawk Genealogical Society - 7 p.m. Tuesday, South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island. Program: Scharlott Goettsch Blevins will speak on setting up a good record-keeping system.

22 February 1994 *(no meeting - cancelled - big snow storms!)*



Please bring your questions and problems with organizing your research and files. Scharlott Goettsch Blevins will serve as our expert on Setting Up A Good Record-Keeping System. She will show samples of various forms to keep your information consolidated and current. All visitors and new family historians are invited to attend.

22 March 1994



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FRANK AND ERNEST



Confederate Cemetery headstones reveal bizarre coincidence



These two headstones in the Confederate Cemetery were discovered beside one another by George Schlenker of AMCCOM's Cost and Systems Analysis Office. Mr. Schlenker first found the headstones last summer but took this photo last month, when he felt that lighting conditions were best. The photo has been computer enhanced to make the etchings stand out. Since Clinton and Gore were common surnames in the South during the mid-19th century, and remain so today, it's very unlikely that these soldiers who died in the Confederate prison camp are any relation to the president and vice-president. Like all coincidences, this one stands with no logical explanation.



Todd Mizener / staff

Augustana litter fighters

Laura Millett, of Rock Island Clean and Beautiful, presents Augustana College grounds supervisor John Campbell and his crew the RICAB Litter

Fighter award. The crew members are, from left, Tony Stephens, Mark Steiger, Terry Moeller, Bob Cook and Greg Engels.

Pearl Wood

Services for Pearl Juanita Wood, 83, Route 2, New Boston, formerly of Rock Island, are 1 p.m. Friday at Hodgson Funeral Home, Rock Island. Burial is in Greenview Memorial Gardens, East Moline.



Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, with an Eastern Star Service at 7:30. Memorials may be made to New Boston Methodist Church, where she attended.

Mrs. Wood died Monday, June 6, 1994, at Trinity Medical Center, East Campus, Moline.

The former Pearl Juanita Shepherd was born June 15, 1910, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Edward S. and Amanda Eklund Shepherd. She married Gerald Wood July 11, 1936, in Peoria. He died in 1990.

She was a member of Central Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, Pyramid Temple 10, Daughters of the Nile, and Vashti White Shrine of Jerusalem. She was past matron of Milan Chapter 326, Order of Easter Star, and a member of Blackhawk Genealogical Society, New Boston Conservation Club and Keithsburg Senior Citizens.

Survivors include daughters, Gwenyth Gerbitz, New Boston, and Marilyn Masengarb, Andalusia; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Shepherd, New Boston.

Twentieth Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference

Saturday
April 16, 1994 from
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
at the
Viking Club of Moline
1450 - 41st Street
Moline, Illinois



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Quad Cities Genealogical Conference

The 20th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference will be held Saturday, April 16th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moline, IL, Viking Club (1450-41st Street). Conference is sponsored jointly by the Blackhawk (Illinois) and Scott County (Iowa) Genealogical Societies.

Loretto "Lou" Szucs of suburban Chicago is the featured speaker. Her topics are: "Research in Cities—Complications and Solutions," "What's New in Genealogy from A-Z," "After the Research ..." and "My Lesser Used Sources." There also will be commercial genealogical exhibitors at the conference.

Registration is limited to 240 at \$18.75 per person, luncheon included. Registration closes April 8th; no luncheon included after that date. Make checks payable and mail to: Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, P.O. Box 0932, Moline, IL 61266-0932. For additional information, call Don Southwood at 319/355-8404.

■ Well, nothing can last

You can point in any direction in Scott County and spot a Schneckloth. There are more Schneckloths in these parts than any other family, and when they get together for an annual reunion, there has always been quite a bunch of people. Well, there used to be.

The first Schneckloths flocked to Scott County from Germany a century or so ago. Most all became thrifty, law-abiding farmers.

At the 50th reunion 17 years ago, Ed Schneckloth hired a cherry picker to photograph 495 Schneckloths. This year was the 67th reunion, and though the number of Schneckloths has swelled to more than 1,000, only 70 showed up for the reunion at the DeWitt, Iowa, fairgrounds.

"It's like everything else," says one of the clan. "The young people, and those in-between, aren't much interested in their roots anymore. There are so many other things to do, like taking their kids to soccer games."

At one time, Schneckloths came to the Eastern Iowa reunion from such far-away places as New Zealand and California. This year, the person traveling the longest distance lives in Maquoketa.

Will the reunions continue? The faithful insist they will, but it was a sad omen this year when Rona Schaff of Eldridge, Iowa, couldn't make it to the annual potluck. It was the first time she had missed. She is 102.

Featured Speaker

Loretto Dennis Szucs

"Lou" Szucs, of suburban Chicago, has credentials including teacher, archives specialist at the National Archives Great Lakes Region, and ten years as an independent professional genealogist. She graduated magna cum laude from Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, with a degree in history.

Mrs. Szucs has served on the governing boards and held editorial positions for the Chicago Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Illinois State Genealogical Society, and others.

In a long list of published material, Mrs. Szucs is the author of *Ellis Island: Gateway to America, Chicago and Cook County Sources: A Genealogical and Historical Guide*; co-author of *The Archives: A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches*; and contributed two chapters to *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*.

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Program Schedule

Saturday, April 16, 1994

- 8:00 - 8:50
Registration and an opportunity for you to browse through the exhibits
- 8:50 - 9:00
Welcome and Announcements
- 9:00 - 10:05
Mrs. Szucs: "What's New in Genealogy from A to Z."
- 10:05 - 10:25
Coffee and Browsing
- 10:25 - 11:30
Mrs. Szucs: "Research in Cities; Complications and Solutions."
- 11:30 - 1:00
Lunch and Browsing
- 1:00 - 2:05
Mrs. Szucs: "My Lesser Used Sources."
- 2:05 - 2:30
Coffee and Browsing
- 2:30 - 3:30
Mrs. Szucs: "After the Research..."
- 3:30 - 4:00
Closing Remarks

*Door Prizes
will be drawn
through the day!*

Registration Form

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The registration fee is \$18.75 per person and includes conference handouts, coffee, and a buffet luncheon. Any registrations received after April 8, 1994 will not include the luncheon. Cancellations will not be honored after April 12, 1994.

Please mail this form with your check(s) made payable to:

**Quad Cities Genealogical Conference
PO Box 0932
Moline, IL 61266-0932**

Your cancelled check will be your confirmation and receipt. If you desire other confirmation from the registrar, enclose a SASE (or postcard). For additional registrations, list names and addresses on a separate sheet.

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26 April

Jim Thane from Blackhawk College will speak on "A Ladies Life on the Far Western Frontier." What an experience and what hardships these women must have experienced! Come for information and ask questions of Mr. Thane.

24 May



Please bring your questions and problems with organizing your reearch and files. Scharlot Goettsch Blevins will serve as our expert on Setting Up A Good Record-Keeping System. She will show samples of various forms to keep your information consolidated and current.

4 June Sat.

Genealogical workshop with Scharlot Goettsch Blevins on particular problems you are having with your research. Details to be announced later.

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, Rock Island; Lois Rabe will speak on holdings of the Family History Center. 28 June 1994

Blackhawk Genealogical Society — 7 p.m. Sept. 27, South Park Presbyterian Church, Rock Island. Members can bring any successes or problems that they encountered in their research over the summer. Information: Virginia Horton, 787-1105, or Judy Rueckert, 788-0051.

BLACKHAWK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 7 p.m. at South Park Presbyterian Church, Rock Island; program by Amy Groskopf, archivist, Davenport Public Library's genealogy/local history collection.

Chippiannock Cemetery listed

Rock Island landmark joins National Register of Historic Places

By Dennis Moran
Staff writer

ROCK ISLAND — Families gathering this weekend at Chippiannock Cemetery to honor their forebears will do so in a setting now recognized nationally as an historic place.

Greg Vogeles, Chippiannock superintendent, was notified this week that the cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Vogeles said the listing was made May 6 by the National Park Service, which keeps the national register.

Chippiannock is one of only four cemeteries in Illinois that are listed on the national register by themselves, said David Newton, National Registrar assistant for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. A few others are listed as part of larger historic districts, he said.

The Rock Island cemetery won the listing for three reasons, Mr. Newton said: as a "wonderful example" of the rural design movement with its meandering

drives, romantic monuments, wooded lookouts and park-like setting; for the Gothic revival Sexton's Building; and for the extensive examples of 19th and 20th century funerary art of the cemetery's monuments and mauselea.

Chippiannock — an Indian word meaning "village of the dead" — was the first planned cemetery in the Quad-Cities, according to the National Register nomination. It was designed in 1855 by landscape architect Amerin Hotchkiss. The cemetery contains nearly 23,000 burials.

Local residents have long treasured the cemetery for its unique monuments. Many of Rock Island's most important early settlers are buried at Chippiannock. Visitors come from out-of-state and even from foreign countries, Mr. Vogeles said.

Many come to the cemetery to research family history, he said.

"I kind of figure a cemetery is a library of people," Mr. Vogeles said. "Cemeteries are one of the first places people go to look for family history."

And in turn, many families return to Chippiannock to share with Mr. Vogeles their findings in

family history from other sources — sometimes entire books — and he adds all that information to the files.

"Everyone's got an interesting story," Mr. Vogeles said. "I don't care which family it is that's here. Maybe they're not all Weyerhaeusers or Denkmanns, but they all had a contribution they made to Rock Island and to the history of the area."

Mr. Vogeles is the third generation Vogeles to supervise the cemetery, after his father Joe and grandfather Ferdinand.

Jill Doak, planner with the city's planning and redevelopment division, said the cemetery's pristine condition is a tribute to the Vogeles family's sensitive and careful stewardship. Expansions have been done with sensitivity to the cemetery's original design, she said.

This summer, Mr. Vogeles' wife, Sue, will guide free 90-minute walking tours of the cemetery every Tuesday at 10 a.m., beginning June 7.

Chippiannock's entrance is on 12th Street, near 81st Avenue. The cemetery is the 12th National Register listing in Rock Island.

This month's chuckle

A young business owner was opening a new branch office, and a friend decided to send a floral arrangement for the grand opening.

When the friend arrived at the opening, he was appalled to find that his wreath bore the inscription: "Rest in peace." Angry, he complained to the florist. After apologizing, the florist said, "Look at it this way" — somewhere a man is buried under a wreath today that said, "Good luck in your new location."

DELMAR MOORE, HISTORIAN



Chris Birks / Staff

"Of grave importance"

Sue Vogeles, right, discusses a baby's grave at Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island Tuesday. Ms. Vogeles, wife of cemetery superintendent Greg Vogeles, is offering a tour of the cemetery at

10 a.m. every Tuesday through August. The 1½-hour tour is free to the public. The cemetery was listed last month in the National Register of Historic Places.

Church's decision in grave crisis will be carved in stone

FRECKLETON, England (AP) — The late Frederick Brown was known to his children as Dad, and that's what they wanted on his gravestone.

But the Rev. Stephen Brian balked at such informality in the Holy Trinity churchyard in this Lancashire village.

Wounded feelings led to a hearing by a Church of England consistory court — wigs, robes and all. It heard testimony July 18 from annoyed parishioners and from the vicar, who said he was applying the guidelines of the diocese and the Council for the Care of Churches, an official church body.

The council's handbook takes a firm line: "Nicknames or pet names (Mum, Dad, Ginger) inscribed in stone would carry overtones of the dog cemetery unsuitable for the resting place of Christian men and women."

On Aug. 8, the consistory court sided with the vicar.

Wendy Brown, daughter-in-law of the deceased, said she and her husband would not have "Father" on the gravestone.

"I'm hoping they will give us permission to move him to a public cemetery and let us start afresh with a new headstone and the wording he would have wanted," she said.

The ruling in the Freckleton case does not apply nationally — it only means that in the diocese of Blackburn, local ministers can set the rules in their own churchyards — but the controversy gained national attention.

Because the Church of England is the state church, anyone in a parish can be buried in the churchyard.

Mary Barston, a villager, recalled that when her mother died two years earlier, "I wanted

to put 'Mum' on, but I couldn't. She was always 'Mum' to every one, so why put 'Mother' on the headstone?"

Around the corner, news agent Margery Whitehead said, "The general feeling of the village is that they should put whatever they want on the stone. It grieves them very much that they can't."

But Terry Scholtz, lay reader at Holy Trinity, said most local people don't go to church. "The vast majority of those who regularly worship at the church are in favor of the line that has been taken."

"The headstone is part of the formal record of that person's life," Scholtz said. The idea is that "it should honor the deceased, console the living and inform posterity."

Another problem with permitting "Dad," he said with a smile, is that next time a wife might want "hubby" rather than hus-

band, and from there you could end up with "Cuddly Chums."

Epitaphs with a personal touch, witty or sad, in good taste and bad, have graced British cemeteries for centuries.

Bishop William Westwood of Peterborough, some 175 miles from Freckleton, said vicars around the country would be relieved by the ruling.

"I am very sorry for the Browns," Westwood told BBC radio. "But the long-term view is that we are offering something in the future."

Westwood referred with displeasure to London's famous 19th-century Highgate cemetery and other municipal burial grounds where "people were allowed full flow to their individualism."

"So people put up obelisks and statues and even little houses — all very individual, probably greatly liked by people of the

time," he said. "But as years have gone by, they have left us with really appalling places, and I believe we protected the peace of our churchyards by having proper rules over the centuries."

However appalling the bishop might find Highgate — burial place of Karl Marx and such illustrious Victorians as George Eliot and Christina Rossetti — many people love it. Its iron-gated catacombs and stone angels, more than just an expression of Victorian taste, lend mystery and spirituality to the place.

"Highgate is one of the most numinous places in the country," said Sir David Wilson, former director of the British Museum and author of "Awful Ends," a collection of epitaphs from a rich British tradition.

"What worries me is the church is doing this with such a solemn face. Death is solemn, but

it can also be meditated on in a number of ways."

Wilson's collection of epitaphs would offer some challenges to the present guidelines — for example, this 17th memorial at Winchester Cathedral, a warning to drinkers of weak beer:

Here sleeps in Peace a Hampshire Grenadier

Who caught his death by drinking cold small beer

Soldiers, be wiser from his untimely fate

And when ye're hot drink strong or not at all

Anyone who has wandered through old churchyards knows the power of a family tragedy carved in stone, or the pleasure of an unexpected witicism — like this short epitaph on a Willshire grave:

Received of Philip Harding his borrowed earth July 4, 1673

Walk among founders at Chippianock Cemetery

Quad-Citians can "meet" several area founders during a tour Saturday at Chippianock Cemetery in Rock Island.

The walking tour will feature re-enactments of 15 historical Rock Island personalities who are buried at the cemetery. The tour will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, or, in case of rain, the same time Sunday.

The tour, "Chippianock Cemetery: Epitaphs Brought to Life," is directed by Mick Elliott. Quad-Cities actors will portray well-known Rock Islanders, including Col. John Buford, Philander Cable, Henry C. Cleveland, Eddie and Josie Dimick, Minnie Potter, and Julia Spencer Robinson. Charles Oestreich of Rock Island wrote the script, which is reminiscent of Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology."

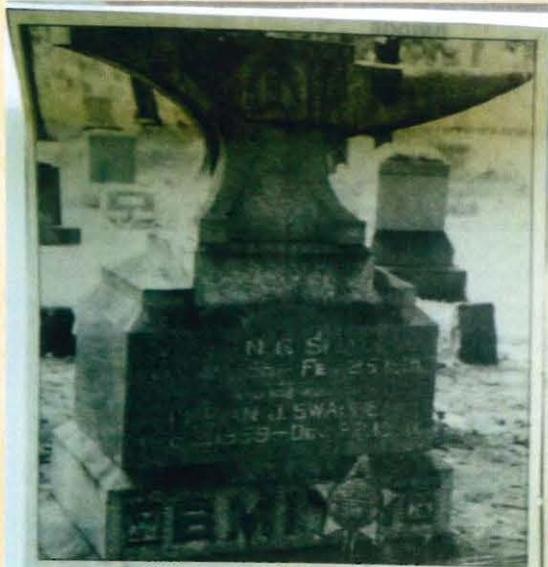
The Rock Island Preservation Commission and Chippianock Cemetery Association

are sponsoring this walking tour to honor Chippianock Cemetery's recent listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The 139-year-old cemetery was approved for the listing in May by the U.S. Department of the Interior, due to its outstanding historic landscaping, funerary art and architecture.

Chippianock Cemetery was established in 1855 and is the first cemetery in Illinois to be listed principally for its unique and historic landscape design.

Saturday's guided tours will begin at 1 p.m. and continue through 3:30 p.m., beginning every 15 minutes. Tours are expected to last one and one half hours. The cost of the event is \$2 for adults, which includes refreshments. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free.

For further information, contact Greg Vogele at 788-6622 or Jill Doak at 793-3442.



Historic gravestones like this one will be featured during a walking tour Saturday at Chippianock Cemetery, Rock Island.



Rebecca Morris / staff

Ivan Ewing, right, and Ward Jones, president of the Candor Cemetery Association, straighten an old tombstone in the 138-year-old

Ohio Grove Township cemetery. They are among several volunteers who are trying to clean up the cemetery.

Volunteers comb Candor Cemetery

By Rebecca Morris
Staff writer

ALEDO — For years, many of the graves in Candor Cemetery have been forgotten.

A past caretaker of the 138-year-old cemetery in rural Ohio Grove Township apparently simply tossed broken and fallen headstones into a nearby wooded area. Other stones were left where they fell and eventually became overgrown. Records of Mercer County's earliest non-Native American settlers were being lost.

A group of volunteers, however, is attempting to change that. On Wednesday, they spent the day resetting fallen and broken stones in the oldest section of the cemetery.

As a sweating volunteer wrestled an old stone back in place, he mumbled something about "1862 — Civil War, maybe."

Two of the volunteers had a bit more information about the stones and the cemetery.

Kathryn Candor Cumming and Mildred Candor Hemphill, great-great-granddaughters of

the cemetery's founder, Thomas Candor, headed up the group preparing lunch for the others.

As they served food, they talked about cemetery history.

Thomas Candor, they said, was a farmer who moved from Pennsylvania to Mercer County in the early 1830s. In 1856, he donated land for a cemetery to Pope Creek Church and had the body of his wife, Margaret, who had died in 1841, moved there.

In 1906, more land on the north side of the church was purchased and, in 1980, a third

section of land was added.

While other volunteers are descended from those buried in the cemetery, some are not.

A three-man crew from McFall Monument Co., Galesburg, helped repair a number of damaged grave markers.

Dick Hall, a stonemason for McFall, says the firm has done volunteer restoration work in area cemeteries for eight years.

"We try to do one a year," he said, adding the employees volunteer time and the company supplies equipment.



Jan Hoefle / staff

Cemetery comes to life

Chippianock Cemetery, Rock Island, came to life Saturday afternoon as the public toured the cemetery to watch local actors characterize interesting people buried there. One of the epitaphs brought to life was that of Eddie and Josie Dimick, portrayed by Jay Fuller and Ashlie

Jaek. The brother and sister died the same day of diphtheria and for two years their dog, portrayed by Gabe and owned by Kris Jones, Burlington, visited the grave every day. Their father commissioned a life-size stone image of the Newfoundland dog to lie at the site.

Employees affected by birth order

Orlando Sentinel

One way to help you visualize the child part of your personality is to examine your place in the familial pecking order — your birth order. John Curtis, co-founder of The Orlando (Fla.) Consulting Group, offers these miniprofiles:

■ **Firstborns** — They tend to be raised as male, regardless of gender. They are reared with duties, responsibilities and expectations. "If you look at people in the workplace who naturally evolve into supervisory roles — who weren't forced into them — you'll find that many times they're the oldest siblings."

■ **Middle child** — They tend to be good kids who don't get into trouble. They're never going to be first, never going to be last. They're good at being ignored. In the workplace, they don't need a lot of guidance or praise — they're the trouper, not the chiefs. "One thing they're very good at in the work setting is negotiating."

■ **Baby** — They tend to be creative, rebellious and spoiled. At work, they're not comfortable with close supervision because they didn't get as much as their older siblings did.

■ **Only child** — They tend to be much like the Baby; rebellious and creative. They don't like to have to report or have a lot of accountability. They can be difficult to manage because they're used to getting their own way.

Group to track Swedish genealogy

By Dianne L. Beetler
Staff writer

GALVA — A century ago, thousands of Swedish people left their homeland for the United States.

So many came to western Illinois from the Kristdala area in Sweden that the area between Andover and Woodhull often is called Kristdala Hills, according to Willard Larson, a descendant of some of those immigrants.

Mr. Larson, a Galva resident, has spent 11 years researching his ancestry and recently returned from his third trip to Sweden. Now he wants to help

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Willard Larson

others learn about their Swedish ancestors and contact relatives in Sweden.

He said he hopes to form a group called "Kristdala Hills Swedes in the Woodhull-Andover Area."

He and Russell Johnson,

Woodhull, will hold an informal meeting at 7 p.m., Oct. 3 in the Women's League Building in Andover. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 334-2344.

Tentative plans call for the group to meet monthly.

"The purpose is to assist other descendants, not only of the Kristdala area, but of the Smaland area," Mr. Larson said. "We're going to tell them step-by-step how to find the records of their ancestors."

While in Sweden last July, Mr. Larson met 40 relatives, all descendants of Per Davidsson, a

member of the Swedish parliament in the 1700s. He visited Mr. Davidsson's homestead and was presented with a 200-year-old wooden lunchbox from the farm home.

During his trip, Mr. Larson also learned about a group in Oskarshamn, Sweden, who has compiled a computerized list of Swedish immigrants. He plans to buy a computer and a Fax machine so he can more readily communicate with the group.

"They want as many contacts as they can get in America."

Chippiannock Cemetery a Rock Island treasure

It's been a busy week at Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island. And for once that's good news.

Last Saturday, people were just dying to get into the cemetery grounds for "Epitaphs Brought To Life" in which actors portrayed small snapshots of the lives of some of the people buried there.

A wide variety of characters were portrayed — everything from a former mayor and the stepdaughter of Col. George Davenport, to a Milan wagon maker and two young children and their dog.

And our own reporter, Dennis Moran, portrayed Philander Cable, a banking, coal and railroad magnate who died in 1886.

"I think people who were expecting something ghoulish or Halloweenie were disappointed, but I think most (who attended) were surprised and pleased. I know I was," Dennis said following the event. "The turnout was great and illustrates the local interest in history. Certainly there's no shortage of history at Chippiannock."

Many people stopped to ask him questions about the Cable family. He also had an opportunity to see most of the show at the end. "I found Mayor (Harry) Shriver, the mayor who punched out (gangster) John Looney, most interesting. We need more mayors like him," said Dennis.

While the presentation might have taken some poetic license in portraying what the people might have said, the dialogue stirred the imagination, making it a doubly effective presentation.

It was no surprise to me that "Epitaphs" was a resounding success. I have heard of similar events in other communities earning rave reviews.

Yesterday, a smaller but sincere group gathered to remember the life of Rock Island resident and Civil War veteran Lt. William F. Jobe. Mr. Jobe was a printer at The Argus who went off to war and sent home letters to his publisher, Col. J.B. Danforth. The paper published the letters, providing readers with a rare glimpse of life in the Civil War's Union army and on the battlefield.

Lt. Jobe's life was chronicled this past week in a series of articles in The Argus. The series, and the memorial service, wouldn't have happened without



Jan Hoefle/staff

Bill Hannan, of Moline, head of the art department at Black Hawk College, portrays Benjamin Dan Walsh during last weekend's "Epitaphs Brought To Life" at Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island. Mr. Walsh was Illinois' first state entomologist.



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the efforts of Benton McAdams, an Illinois author who ran across Mr. Jobe's writings while researching material for two Civil War era books.

In trying to find out more about Mr. Jobe, he discovered that years ago when the government replaced many Civil War veterans' gravestones, they

missed Lt. Jobe. Thanks to his efforts, and a little help from The Argus, Mr. Jobe's heroic achievements won't be lost or his final resting place left illegible.

Yesterday's service was appropriately solemn. Rev. Laurence Larson of Trinity Episcopal Church in Rock Island, where Mr. Jobe sang in the choir, performed the service. A Civil War reenactor's group, the 16th Iowa Infantry, provided an honor guard and Roy Gustafson of American Legion Post 246, who participates in many of the funerals at National Cemetery on Arsenal Island, played Taps.

We are truly blessed to have a

place like Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island.

Not only is its age truly unique in this part of the country, but it has grown and prospered through the ages. It provides a living memory of many of Rock Island's leading citizens and the city's rich history.

Chippiannock is undoubtedly one of the more interesting cemeteries in the nation. That is reflected by the fact that it was recently named to the National Register of Historic Places, an honor rarely accorded a cemetery.

Most cemeteries on the Register are there because famous people are buried in them. Chippiannock is the only cemetery in the state listed because of its

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park-like design and collection of "funerary art" — its unique monuments, mausoleums and landscape.

It's important that we continue to take advantage of this wonderful historic site with events such as the historic trolley tours and the gatherings the last two weekends. The interest has been demonstrated, so perhaps they could be held more often, or with variations on the theme. Just think of the possibilities for themed presentations on Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Mother's Day and such.

And what about Halloween?

The best thing about potential subjects for future "Epitaphs" is that they aren't going any where and their stories will be as pertinent and interesting five years from now as they are today.

Chippiannock Cemetery has proven that it can be a great stage, while at the same time protecting the reverence of the site. It's a historic treasure that we should both protect and take advantage of.

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