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2005 BGS Meeting Programs

7pm at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th Street, Rock Island, in the basement fellowship hall except for May 24th

January 25th – Civil War Records Video & Discussion

February 22nd – Amy Groskopf on Whats New in the Davenport Library's Special Collections

March 22nd – Benton McAdams Jr. on the Rock Island Confederate Prison

April – 26th Pamela Langston on English Genealogy

May 24th – VISIT to Salem Lutheran Church, 1724 15th Street, Moline for a Genline demonstration of online Swedish Parish Records by Kathy Meade

June 28th – Rock Island County Recorder of Deeds Pat Veronda on Land Records

July 26th – Gail Levis Historian/Genealogist for Modern Woodmen of America

August 23rd – Scharlott Blevins on German Records

September 27th – Jean Wistedt on a Visit to the Illinois State Historical Library

October 25th – Rock Island County Circuit Clerk Lisa Bierman on Probate Records

Ohio ancestor hunters say thanks for successful hunt

If you ever go "ancestor hunting" in Moline, be sure to check in at the Rock Island County Historical Society, especially with Carol Kroeger and Kathleen Suesy. For grave-stone finding, look up Todd Slater, manager of Moline Memorial Park Cemetery.

Carol, a volunteer at the privately funded RICHs, not only showed my sister-in-law and me where to find needed records, but pointed us in the right direction to locate my great-grandmother's grave. Note: Family history is not always accurate — Valhalla Cemetery is now Moline Memorial Park Cemetery and is not in East Moline.

Todd Slater met us at the Moline Memorial Park Cemetery, searched with us until we found my great-grandmother Elizabeth Ellen McCallough's grave, in spite of the last name being misspelled. To my great surprise, my great-great-grandmother, Harriet Smith, lies next to her daughter. Two other relatives were also in the same plot. Did I add to my genealogy knowledge? Yes. Did I end up with more questions? Yes.

A big thank you to Carol, Todd and Kathleen. I also need to include the clerk at an Arby's Restaurant who helped two very lost women from Ohio by writing out directions to our motel. I don't have her name, but send thanks to her anyway. Warmest regards to Moline from Toledo.

Norma Mihailoff,
Toledo, Ohio

Get started in February on your genealogy

The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society formerly the Blackhawk Genealogical Society is sponsoring five public workshops on beginning genealogy on Wednesdays, starting Feb. 16.

The first four workshops will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rock Island Public Library Community Room, 401 19th St., Rock Island. The final workshop will be 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rock Island County Historical Society Library, 822 11th Ave., Moline. Cost is \$5 per session or \$15 for all five.

Sessions include "Getting Started" with Lorraine Hathaway, Feb. 16; "Locating Vital Records" with Ken and Shirley Plumb, Feb. 23; "Using Federal Records" with Linda Polich, March 2; "Computer Genealogy" with Bill Burrows, March 9; and "Tour and Research at RICHs Library" March 16.

Space is limited to 30 people. Pre-registration is required, postmarked by Tuesday, Feb. 1. Send your check, along with name, address and phone number, to Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 3912, Rock Island, IL, 61204-3912. For information, call Linda Polich, (309) 234-5151, or Lorraine Hathaway, (309) 787-1826.

Rhymes With Orange





Jason Rodriguez / staff

Aledo resident Don Lingafelter holds a plaque he received from the Illinois Cemetery and Funeral Home Association for his work in making the Davis Cemetery, near New Boston, more accessible to the public.

Aledo man rescues Mercer cemetery

By Jason M. Rodriguez
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What Don Lingafelter lacks in hearing, he makes up in heart.

His tanned skin and aging hands are evidence of his love for farming. He spent a lifetime in the fields of Mercer County. From childhood until his body said no more, Mr. Lingafelter was around loud farm machinery, which perhaps left him with trouble hearing.

When the 88-year-old Aledo man found a passion for Mercer County's second-oldest cemetery, his heart silenced any bickering or tough battle over what is right. That passion led to an 11-year fight to give the public access to the Davis Cemetery.

It is a speck of Mercer County history, no bigger than three city lots, that was lost for years among corn fields. Lost, that is, to many but a select few who were determined to fight for it.

It paid off.

Mr. Lingafelter received the Cemetery Membership Elite award from the Illinois Cemetery and Funeral Home Association last month for his hard work with the Davis Cemetery. He received a plaque that sits proudly on his desk at home.

The small-town boy, who never left sparsely populated Mercer County, led a group of concerned citizens — mostly family members and historians — against suburban Chicago land owners DVL Farms and Lucas Farm Agency of Matherville.

Over the years, cornfields had taken over the original road to the cemetery, which once con-

Pocahontas' descendant offers unique ministry

Dear Readers: God has given one of Pocahontas' descendants a unique ministry.

Hello, Lee: I gave my life to the Lord in 1989. A mix of Powhatan Cherokee, English and other cultures, I was raised white. I knew about my Native American heritage, but wasn't raised to believe that was positive.

I was helping at a multicultural San Francisco church when the Lord spoke to me specifically about ministry with Native Americans. My heritage is my calling!

I'm a descendant of Chief Wahunsunacock, leader of the Powhatan Confederacy during the 1600s. To seal a peace treaty, he married Amopotoiske, who was Cherokee and the clan mother of the Wild Potato Clan in the Amonute Village.

Their daughter was Matoake, also known as Pocahontas. She became a Christian and married an Englishman, John Rolfe. The church and the government exploited that, hoping to get native people to convert to Christianity and adopt English culture.

In 1837, the U.S. government commissioned a painting of Pocahontas' baptism, and placed it in the Capitol Building's rotunda in Washington, D.C., conveying the message that Indians should be like her. It's still there!

For hundreds of years, Native Americans were given a tainted gospel that Indians are dirty, lazy, and our skin is brown because of our sin. We had to become like whites to be Christian.

That's not the true Gospel! The Creator is moving Native Americans to worship Christ through our dances, languages, songs and stories.

Native Americans always have been aware of evil and good spirits, but our reservations have problems: drugs, depression, hopelessness and the highest teen suicide rates in the country. Yet when Native Americans come to the Lord, they're ahead of the game. They know the spiritual realm is real.

So, Pocahontas' parents married to bring peace between tribes. Their daughter's calling was to be a peacemaker. God also called me, part Native American and part white, to be a peacemaker, to be a bridge between the church and native people (to break the idea that native people can't be missionaries, but must always be 'missioned' to), and to inform white cultures about Native Americans.

Eight years ago, my husband



Journey of Faith

and I moved to Montana. His family is here, but I knew I was called to a native ministry, too.

While working for a Native American evangelist, I learned that white churches invite black, white and Hispanic speakers, but don't realize there are many awesome, educated Native American speakers — men and women!

Native American speakers are gifted, but isolated by their limited access to technology. So I started an Internet prayer group and forum to support their ministries: www.firstnationsmonday.com, affiliated with the Association of Evangelical Gospel Assemblies.

We developed chat rooms, online newsletters and Web hosting for 20 Native ministries and a prayer guide to increase awareness of our ministers, which has really grown!

I also have a weekly 15-minute radio program, speak to groups and facilitate a Bible study for Native Americans, to heal misconceptions about Christianity.

Our ministry had been all online until August, when we sponsored a three-day Native American celebration here, resembling a 'pow-wow.' We set up a big tent for prayer, worship and speakers.

Over 200 people came from across the nation! People caught a vision there: other ministries will host the celebration in upcoming years. It's exciting!

God is stirring people around the world to care about Native Americans. This opens the door for us to minister to them — especially to indigenous Third World people, who identify with our history of oppression. We also minister back to Europe but present the Gospel more truthfully.

We can say, 'We forgive white people, because of the love of Christ.' — **Rev. Jonny Running Brook Covill, Columbia Falls, Mont.**

Dear Rev. Covill: Alleluia! May God's Great Spirit be welcomed to bring truth, forgiveness and healing to the hearts of all humanity!

Write "Dear Lee" at PO Box 697, Cascade, ID 83611; or e-mail dearlee@ctcweb.net.

More consider cremation in R.I. County

Legal issues surround scattering of remains

By Kurt Allemeier
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The retort, where cremations are done at Chippianock Cemetery, sits hidden behind folding doors in a cool, empty room.

"We do about 100 cremations a year," cemetery superintendent Greg Vogeles said, "but more crematories have opened, so we aren't seeing as many."

Cremation is becoming a more common option in Rock Island County. The number of cremations per deaths in the county was 28 percent in 2004, a number that has slowly increased. The last statistics available from the Cremation Association of North America in 2002 lists Illinois' cremation rate at 20 percent.

Rock Island County's cremation rate in 2000 was 24 percent.

Chippianock's crematory opened in 1979.

People still pause when considering cremation, Mr. Vogeles said. "It is not for everyone."

What to do with the remains is always a question. Mr. Vogeles recommends interring the remains in a cemetery's cremation garden, or a columbarium, rather than putting them in an urn on someone's mantle.

The increase in cremation permits is slight but seems more significant on days when several are issued, chief deputy coro-

Cremation facts

▶ Nationally, 27.75 percent of bodies are cremated, according to 2002 statistics from the Cremation Association of North America. Iowa's rate was 19 percent, Illinois' was 20 percent.

▶ During cremation, a person's remains are heated to between 1,400 and 1,800 degrees. The process takes about 90 minutes for an average-sized person.

▶ All that remains are bone fragments and non-combustible materials such as jewelry, dental gold and prostheses. The non-combustible items are removed, and the bone fragments are sifted and pulverized.

▶ The cremated remains weigh several pounds.

ner Brian Gustafson said. His office recently issued seven on one day.

A permit request has to follow a 24-hour waiting period to investigate if any family members object to cremation.

Scattering remains may not always be legal depending on where it is done, like a sports stadium or public property.

"If a woman wants her remains scattered on the flowers of Fejervary Park, she doesn't own Fejervary Park, so that can't happen," Mr. Gustafson said. "People will go to extreme measures to fulfill the last wishes of a loved one."

A man finds his family —
and a name for a bridge

CARR'S CROSSING

By John Marx
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On a brisk November afternoon, Ken Jones stands in front of the Old Stone House at Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island. He is there to get his picture taken for submitting the winning entry, Carr's Crossing, in a reader poll to pick a name for the bridge being constructed over the Rock River a mile or so away.

There's a bond between the 54-year-old Rock Island man and the house, originally owned by a local pioneer named William Carr. It is a bond Mr. Jones thought he never would experience, and one that he now never will forget.

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As a youngster, Ken Jones often rode with his mother to Saukie Golf Course to pick up his father after a round of golf.

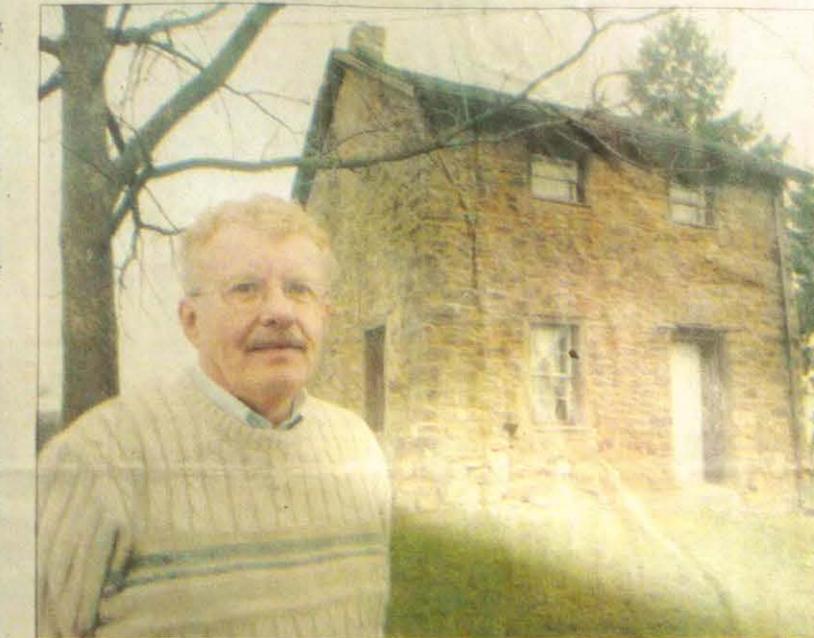
"I always got a special feeling when I'd see the Old Stone House," Mr. Jones said. "It was a special building, sitting there in the middle of the golf course. I never knew it would have a family tie to me."

Actually, Ken Jones thought his life would be void of any family ties. Adopted at age 4 by Dale and Helen Jones of Rock Island, he spent years wondering about, but never trying to find, his roots.

"My adoptive parents — my real parents — were wonderful," Mr. Jones said. "I was blessed to have a great life thanks to them, and though I wondered about my background, I was OK with not knowing my birth parents."

But several years ago, the genealogy bug bit Mr. Jones, and the chase was on to find his family. Since then, his search has been relentless, and he has spent a minimum of three hours a day researching on the Internet and exploring cemeteries, libraries, historical society records and county buildings for information.

"I lived in Oregon for 32 years," Mr. Jones said. "I was into researching my background there, but



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Ken Jones stands near the Old Stone House at Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island. It was the home of his great-great-uncle, William Carr. Mr. Jones submitted the name Carr's Crossing for the new Rock River bridge that will connect Milan to the John Deere Road/Black Hawk Road corridor.

Jones

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then Sept. 11 happened, and I decided it was time to get back home and really see what I could find about where I came from. Sept. 11 made me care a lot more about a lot of things, including what role my ancestors played in local history."

Mr. Jones' search for information about his biological parents revealed that he is the great-great-grandson of Peter Carr and the great-great-

nephew of William Carr, pioneers who were instrumental in the development of parts of Moline, Rock Island and Rock Island County from the early to mid-1800s.

"I thought I had no family, and it turns out I have a long and lengthy relationship with the Carrs and many other families from Rock Island to Edgington," Mr. Jones said.

Peter Carr, according to Mr. Jones' research, owned the land where Loud Thunder Forest Preserve now sits and settled areas of Edgington, Taylor

Ridge and Illinois City.

William Carr "was an amazing man," said Mr. Jones. "He served on the first grand jury in Rock Island and served on many other grand juries, was a huge land owner and was progressive, seeing to it the first schoolhouse was built in Moline."

Mr. Jones said William Carr laid claim to the land from present-day 7th Street and Black Hawk Road in Moline all the way to 17th Street and Black Hawk Road in Rock Island. He also was a friend of the Indian leader Black Hawk.

"Black Hawk enjoyed the watermelons William Carr grew," Mr. Jones said.

The Carr brothers also operated a ferry across the Rock River — near the foot of present-day 38th Street, Rock Island, not far from a spot of land in the middle of the river known today as Carr's Island.

Those two facts, along with the Carr brothers' other accomplishments, prompted Mr. Jones to submit Carr's Crossing when he heard about The Dispatch-Argus contest to name the new west Rock River bridge. The

majority of poll responders agreed it was the best choice and soon it will be presented to state Sen. Denny Jacobs to Governor Rod Blagojevich.

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Peter Carr died on May 1, 1875, at age 78. He was preceded in death by William, who died at age 68 on May 3, 1868.

William left behind quite a legacy, including the Old Stone House, built for him in 1845 by a man known only as "O. Hanna."

Mr. Jones said gathering

Sally, said, mitochondrial DNA is passed from mother to child, so paternal lineage remains hard to trace. Genetic-tracking technology will improve, and people are using it to trace their family histories to their roots. Carolyn Cochran of Hoquiam, Wash., always thought her family was from the Pacific Northwest. She was surprised to learn from her DNA test that her roots were in Switzerland. "I'm not sure if my grand-uncle was a Swiss," she said. —Associated Press



Genealogy Goes High Tech

Genealogy is going high-tech. A new online service is making it easier to find your roots. The service is called FamilyTreeDNA.com. It offers a variety of DNA testing options. You can test your Y-chromosome, which is passed from father to son. Or you can test your mitochondrial DNA, which is passed from mother to child. The service also offers autosomal testing, which looks at all 22 pairs of autosomes. The results are available online, and you can compare your results with other users. The service is available for a fee, but there are some free options. —Associated Press

new advances in DNA technology are opening ancestral doors so both orphans and heirs to the throne can find where their families are from. British-born customer of the service, says he has found his roots through a worldwide database of 20,000 samples. Key relatives in mitochondrial DNA whose names

If you're related to a pioneer, prove it

By Brandy Welvaert
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If one of your ancestors was a Rock Island County pioneer, the Rock Island County Historical Society wants you to prove it.

Later this year, the RICHs will give ancestry certificates to descendants of pioneers who arrived and settled in Rock Island County before 1900. The society will present the certificates at a ceremony in late June.

Descendants have until May 31 to submit to the RICHs forms and official documents that prove their relationships to bona fide Rock Island County pioneers.

Carol Kroeger, volunteer research chairwoman, and a team of others will authenticate the submissions.

"We do have to go over all this stuff," said volunteer Janet Meyer.

"I may bring in some recruits," laughed Ms. Kroeger.

They know that combing through the piles of forms, certificates of births, deaths and marriages, obituaries, etc., won't be easy. The process will, however, provide a useful reward.

The forms will become part of the genealogy archives at the RICHs museum and library, located at 822 11th Ave., Moline.

Ms. Meyer and Ms. Kroeger

breathed new life into the ancestry project this year because 2005 marks the historical society's 100th anniversary.

The society has planned a year's worth of events, including the ancestor-recognition program June 26. During the event, copies of the ancestry forms will be placed inside a time capsule to be opened in 2105.

Forms and directions may be picked up at the RICHs museum and library between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Completed forms are due May 31.

For more information, visit www.richs.cc or call (309) 764-8590.

Chicago land owners DVL
Farms and Lucas Farm
Agency of Matherville.

Over the years, cornfields had taken over the original road to the cemetery, which once connected Knoxville and New Boston. Trees and weeds took over the historic cemetery, home to more than 230 gravesites.

Mr. Lingafelter climbed through a surrounding cornfield every spring for years to raise an American flag that would come down only in the fall. He did it to honor four fallen Civil War veterans, including his father, William, who are buried there.

After 11 years of unsuccessfully searching for the original roads on plat maps, officials finally found the road on a gas-pipeline map. Last year, township officials cleared a path for the part-gravel, part-flattened-cornfield road. Volunteers could at last make it to the cemetery and clean away the brush.

The Davis property once was owned by Adam Davis. On April 3, 1841, it was deeded to three Mercer County residents to create a cemetery. The last burial in the 163-year-old cemetery was in 1936.

In a letter sent by Victoria Hand, president of the state's cemetery and funeral home association, Mr. Lingafelter was commended for his efforts.

"I truly hope you will be able to instill in the next generation the importance of remembering those who have gone before and the enormous responsibility of care to the preservation of that history," she said in the letter.

Mr. Lingafelter said he was proud to receive the award but repeats his beliefs about the future of the cemetery.

"I feel good about getting the award," he said. "But it's the young ones that are taking over."

Americans.

Eight years ago, my husband

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information about his family has been fascinating. Whether Carr's Crossing receives final approval from Springfield is yet to be seen (another name, Veterans Bridge, also will be presented to the governor), but Mr. Jones said having it win the reader poll has been the pinnacle of his research.

"I started out not being related to anyone, and now I'm related to all sorts of people," Mr. Jones said. "People with significant historical ties to this area. I'm awfully lucky."

YOUR ROOTS ARE SHOWING

Genealogy proves popular with retiring baby boomers

By John O'Connell

Thumbing through the Journal of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1742-47, is all part of Michael Neill's search for his roots.

"I was searching for ancestral names in the journal, never thinking I would find anything on my ancestor John Rucker," said Neill, a math professor at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois.

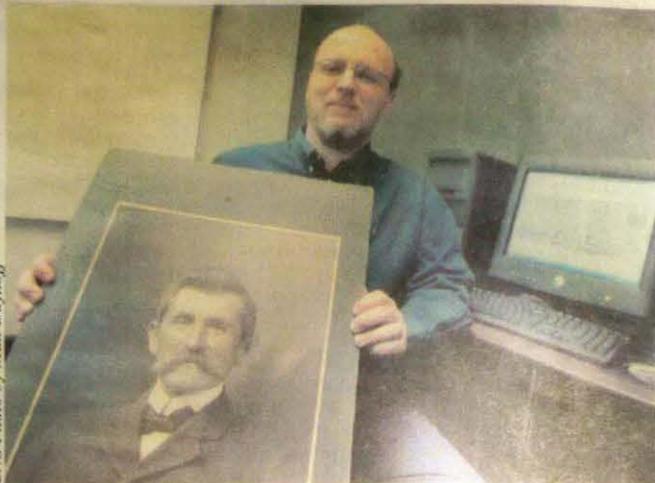
But on pages 50 and 51 of the journal, the name John Rucker is quite prominent. He was censured by the House of Burgesses of Virginia - the first governmental body in the American colonies. It seems John Rucker was passing out liquor outside of the courthouse during the election of 1742.

"He was trying to influence the election," Neill said. "He was passing out punch to those who would vote for a certain person."

This bit of electioneering misconduct earned John Rucker a fine and ensure.

"The election was nullified, and another election had to be held," Neill said.

Neill has been researching his family tree for more than 20 years. He began his hobby as a 13-year-old boy, when he helped his younger brother develop a four-generation family tree for a grade-school project. The 34-year-old man has



Michael Neill holds a photograph of George Trautvetter, his great uncle. Neill traced his family roots back to the 16th century through Internet archives, library searches and a variety of other sources.

traced one family line on his mother's side back to the 1500s to an area in present-day Germany. And on his father's side, the family line goes back to the 1700s in Maryland and other states on the East Coast.

"There are no royalty or statesmen in my past," Neill said. "At least, I haven't found them. There are tavern owners, coopers, bakers and farmers. For most people, the vast majority of their ancestors will be farmers when you go back four or five generations."

Neill has taught classes on genealogy at Carl Sandburg College. He also has presented workshops and lectures on genealogy in places like

Chicago, St. Louis, Virginia Beach, Va., and New York's Long Island. Each week, he writes a column for Anee "ry Daily News, an Internet genealogy magazine. The interest in genealogy has increased significantly in the past five years.

"Part of the growth of genealogy is the growth in the Internet," Neill said. "The Internet has made it easier to do research. It eliminates a lot of travel.

"Several million people now have a moderate to serious interest in genealogy. Another reason for its increasing popularity is the number of baby boomers retiring. Genealogy is -Genealogy, turn to Page 12

Greta Brooks

FORMER MEMBER-BO
A memorial service for Greta Joyce Brooks, 61, of East Moline, will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Wendt Funeral Home, Moline. Memorials may be made to the Quad City Diabetes Foundation and the Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WIAAA).



Mrs. Brooks died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Rosewood Nursing Home, Moline, after a brief but well-fought battle with a cancerous brain tumor.

Mrs. Brooks was born June 13, 1943, in Maquoketa, Iowa. She graduated from Black Hawk College as the first student to earn a perfect 4.0 grade average. She went on to earn a B.A. at Western College, as a continuous member of the dean's list. Later, she earned an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa, while a full-time mother and employee of the Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging. Mrs. Brooks had worked at the WIAAA since August 1976 and in June of 1987, rose to the position of director of that not-for-profit organization where she served until her death.

Mrs. Brooks enjoyed her family and friends at home and in her "day travels about the country with them. She was a lifetime member of Gold Wind Road Riders Association.

Mrs. Brooks also was an avid scrapbooker and scrap booker. She did not studied diligently until the end of her life. She was always striving to improve herself and contribute to the lives and well-being of those around her. Her circle of personal and professional posts was at once extensive and diverse. Mrs. Brooks was deeply committed to all of them and would have wished to include them in her listing of survivors.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, James, a U.S.A.F. veteran and retired telecommunications technician and current woodturning artisan. Surviving relatives also include her mother, Marvyl Sutton, 94; son, James Brooks II, brother, Clemet Sutton and his wife, Connie, and several nieces, nephews and their children.

Her daughter, Nicolet "Nicky" JoAnn Brooks preceded Mrs. Brooks in death.

fewer records. "And African Americans may be able to go back to the Civil War, but it can be difficult before the Civil War. Many slaves wouldn't have had last names, or at least not on official records."

The most common mistake that a novice makes is assuming two persons with the same last name are always related, Neill said. Another common pitfall is assuming the family name has always been spelled the same way. Often it changes. And take all family stories that have been passed down from one generation to the next with a grain of salt, Neill advised.

There are a number of Internet sites providing genealogists with a wealth of information on land records, census records, military records and immigration lists. Some of the major sites include one operated by the Mormon Church. It is www.familysearch.org. "It has a complete list of the 1880 census," Neill said.

Other good Web sites are www.ancestry.com, where Neill's column appears along with www.ellislandrecords.com and www.rootsweb.com.

"Some of the Web sites are free, but others you will have to pay for," he added.

"Genealogy is a way to connect with the past and find out about your personal family history. For me, the fun is the search - going to libraries to research old records. You are piecing a life together. And in the process you see how history impacted a family."

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something many take up in retirement. And genealogy will continue to grow as more people retire.

Genealogists are natural detectives, Neill said. A love of history and a curiosity about their past motivates many to become lifelong sleuths. And talking with older relatives is the best place to start the search.

"An older relative can have a wealth of information," Neill said. "And since it's in their memory, this is a fragile source and the place to start. Courthouse records will be there for years, but Aunt Myrtle may not."

Other good sources of family history are family letters, cemetery records and courthouse records for births, deaths and marriages. Libraries typically have old newspapers and census records on microfilm.

"I probably spend five hours or more a week studying my family history," Neill said. "But I'm not typical. Most people will work on their family tree for several hours one week, then not do anything for weeks or months."

Neill has spent many a vacation searching for documents in a library or courthouse in some distant place. For most families, tracing relatives back to the 1850s is relatively easy.

"There are more records available after 1850," Neill said. "In addition, every census from 1850 on was intended to list everyone's name. But if people lived on the frontier, it can be hard to find anything on them. Poor ancestors tended to leave

Leaders want Farnam Dinner to be annual event

By Melissa Vogt
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ROCK ISLAND — Last February, a Henry Farnam Dinner kicked off events for the summer Grand Excursion. The 2004 excursion was a one-time deal, recreating events from 1854 that celebrated the arrival of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad to the city. Mr. Farnam was principal builder of the railroad and loaned as the "embodiment of the age" at that first railroad festival dinner on Feb. 22, 1854.

If community leaders have their way, the Henry Farnam Dinner will be resurrected as an annual event to reflect on the Quad-Cities' early history.

Few people know the Rock Island County Historical Society held its annual dinner meeting as close to Feb. 22 as possible for many decades in memory of that festive 1854 meal, said Jill Doak, a director for the Chippianock Cemetery Heritage Foundation.

The foundation is sponsoring this year's Henry Farnam Dinner on Feb. 23 as part of its celebration of the cemetery's 150th anniversary. The cemetery was founded in 1854, and in 1994 was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The program will focus on the cemetery but also honor other area institutions marking milestones, such as the county historical society and Rock Island Arsenal Museum, both noting 100 years, and the Quad-City Times, 150 years.

The evening will feature four vignettes from the "Epitaphs Brought to Life" program and stories of the people, places and monuments of Chippianock.

Dennis Montagna, who directs the National Park Service's monument research and preservation program in Philadelphia, will be keynote speaker. Chippianock Cemetery superintendent Greg Vogelbe befriended Mr. Montagna at a professional conference several years ago.

At Gettysburg National Military Park, Mr. Montagna assessed the condition of the park's 400 monuments and outlined a plan to restore them. His specialty is the care of outdoor bronze.

The cost of the dinner is \$35 per person. Up to 250 people can be seated in the Watch Tower Lodge at Black Hawk State Historic Site.

Blue Cat Brew Pub of Rock Island will cater the family-style dinner and serve its craft brews. Lavender Crest Winery of Colona will offer wine and wine tasting. Quad-Cities folk group O'Malley's Luck will provide music.

As part of the cemetery's year-long celebration, the heritage foundation will present a "best of" version of the epitaphs program on June 25. Prior to the February dinner, Quad-Cities residents will be asked to choose their 10 favorites from 25 finalists selected from the 113 epitaphs written since the program began in 1994, Mr. Vogelbe said.

The 10 winning epitaphs will be announced at the Farnam Dinner.

Augustana College president **Gustav Andrae** (1864-1940) worked hard to secure financial security for the college and emphasized the sciences. During his 34 years as president, five buildings were added to the campus.

Attorney and land developer **Jerome J. Seardsley** (1810-1878) passed Rock Island's oldest neighborhood in 1836. In 1854, he performed the wedding toast during dinner the day the railroad first arrived in Rock Island.

Margaret Billburg (1877-1935) married one of gangster John Looney's lieutenants, who claimed to own the "longest bar in the world." Mrs. Billburg ran a prostitution business above the bar.

German immigrant **Fredotech Rootie** (1840-1913) started making high-grade mustard in 1869. In the beginning, he used a door to door to horse and buggy. The condiment cost five cents for a dozen. His company still is in business today.

Lucy Buford (1814-1895) came to Rock Island with her husband, Charles, from Kentucky in 1836. They built a Southern-style home at 1808 7th Ave., which is now Ward of Life Christian Center. Mrs. Buford was known to com-

prisoners on Arsenal island with food and blankets.

Banker and railroad owner **Philoander Cable** (1817-1886) arrived in Rock Island in 1856 with Philomen Mitchell and a leather satchel containing \$50,000. He held interest in many Rock Island industries.

Fort Armstrong supplier **Col. George Davenport** (1783-1845) is recognized as the area's first settler. The cottee built the first home in the area on Arsenal Island. He was murdered by robbers in that home on July 4, 1845.

Siblings **Eddie** (1873-1878) and **Josie Dimick** (1870-1878) died the same day of diphtheria. Their dog visited the cemetery every day until his death. Their faithful canine companion was immortalized in sculpture at the cemetery.

Vincent Philipp Dingeldein (1822-1897) established his home and wine hall on Milan Road, today's 9th Street in Rock Island, by 1854. Vineyards, barns and an ice house were behind the home.

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Actor William Hannan portrays Col. George Davenport, who is one of 25 characters that you can vote on as your favorite Quad-Cities historical personality.

Cast your vote for characters from Quad-Cities history

25 finalists range from Andrae to Weyerhaeuser

By Melissa Vogt
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ROCK ISLAND — Quad-Citians have until Feb. 20 to vote for their top 10 favorite historic personalities from Chippianock Cemetery's "Epitaphs Brought to Life" program.

The Chippianock Cemetery Heritage Foundation will announce the results Feb. 23 at the Henry Farnam Dinner celebrating the cemetery's 150th anniversary. The dinner will be in the Watch Tower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, 1510 46th Ave.

After the dinner, scripts for those 10 epitaphs will be assigned to actors, who will prepare for a special "Best of Epitaphs" program at the cemetery on June 25.

Since 1894, 113 stories of men and women buried in Chippianock Cemetery were portrayed through the epitaphs program. Members of the Rock Island Preservation Commission narrowed the list to 25 finalists on the ballot.

Each ballot lists the 25 historic figures' names, birth and death dates, and some background information. Ballots can be downloaded from the city of Rock Island's Web site and returned by e-mail, fax or postal mail.

"It's amazing the wealth of local history, drama, adventure and invention contained in these 25 names," said Jill Doak, the city liaison for the preservation commission.

In alphabetical order, the finalists are:

Augustana College president Gustav Andrae (1864-1940) worked hard to secure financial security for the college and emphasized the sciences. During his 34 years as president, five buildings were added to the campus.

Attorney and land developer **Jerome J. Seardsley** (1810-1878) passed Rock Island's oldest neighborhood in 1836. In 1854, he performed the wedding toast during dinner the day the railroad first arrived in Rock Island.

Margaret Billburg (1877-1935) married one of gangster John Looney's lieutenants, who claimed to own the "longest bar in the world." Mrs. Billburg ran a prostitution business above the bar.

German immigrant **Fredotech Rootie** (1840-1913) started making high-grade mustard in 1869. In the beginning, he used a door to door to horse and buggy. The condiment cost five cents for a dozen. His company still is in business today.

Lucy Buford (1814-1895) came to Rock Island with her husband, Charles, from Kentucky in 1836. They built a Southern-style home at 1808 7th Ave., which is now Ward of Life Christian Center. Mrs. Buford was known to com-

How to vote

Download a ballot to choose 10 favorite "Epitaphs Brought to Life" from a link on the city of Rock Island Web site: www.rigov.org. Return the ballot by:

E-mail: Doak.Jill@rigov.org

Fax: (309) 732-2930

Postal mail: Best of Epitaphs, c/o Jill Doak, City of Rock Island, 1528 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201

Banker and railroad owner **Philoander Cable** (1817-1886) arrived in Rock Island in 1856 with Philomen Mitchell and a leather satchel containing \$50,000. He held interest in many Rock Island industries.

Fort Armstrong supplier **Col. George Davenport** (1783-1845) is recognized as the area's first settler. The cottee built the first home in the area on Arsenal Island. He was murdered by robbers in that home on July 4, 1845.

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soners on Arsenal island with food and blankets. **Frederick Denkmann**, although during her life she became a social services leader. Mrs. Hauberg established the West End Settlement and Young Women's Christian Association of the Quad Cities. Her Prairie-style home at 1320 24th St. is used as a community day center today.

German immigrant **Ignatz Huber** (1826-1912) learned the brewing business in Bavaria from his father. In 1851, he established a brewery, which eventually became known as the Rock Island Brewing Co.

A.D. Huesing (1850-1930) founded the A.D. Huesing Bottling Works in 1899 and pioneered multi-ton production at an ice plant.

Charles C. Knell (1846-1867) invented the first quantity-produced reclining chair, which was manufactured in Rock Island and managed Harper's Opera House.

Retail emporium and department store owner **Levi S. McCabe** (1846-1915) dominated Rock Island retail for decades. He invested heavily in the Edgewood Park area of KeyStone neighborhood.

His master site at 627 43rd St. Former slave **William Morrison** (1845-1921), originally of New Orleans, served in the Civil War.

John Newburg (1855-1910) opened the Watch Tower Inn at Black Hawk State Historic Site and managed the holiday destination at the turn of the 20th century. He invented "Shoot the Chutes," a toboggan slide into the Rock River, which he then patented, along with other inventions.

Minnie Potter (1865-1936) was president and principal owner of The Argus and early radio station WHBF. Widowed with three children at age 32, she rose to prominence in the community as the female operator of the newspaper. During her leadership, the newspaper moved to its present location at 1724 4th Ave.

Race track driver **Bryan Sasipough** (1906-1933) held many dirt track championships and New England titles by age 30. He doubled for James Cagney in racing car footage of a 1932 movie.

Rock Island Mayor **Harry Schuster** (1872-1959) served in office twice, 1913 to 1915 and 1919 to 1923, during the turbulent Looney gangster years and the Market Square Riot. He often was targeted by Mr. Looney's newspaper and one time beat Mr. Looney so severely in legislation that the gangster required a hospital stay.

Mr. Schuster eventually was indicted on gambling and other charges. Master carpenter **John Volk** (1838-1921) built many famous Rock Island buildings, such as the Rock Island Lines Depot, Memorial Christian Church and old Lincoln School, and many private homes. He immigrated to America from Germany in 1854.

Junior baron **Frederick Weyerhaeuser** (1834-1914) co-founded the Weyerhaeuser and Denkmann Co. and was a great philanthropist of the region. Augustana College today owns his home.

Esther McMaster

Esther F. McMaster, 88, of Rock Island died Saturday March 3, 2006, at her home.



Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island. Private interment will be in National Cemetery, Arsenal Island.

Visitation will be an hour prior to the service at the church, Wheelan Funeral Home, Rock Island, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials may be made to Broadway Presbyterian Church or to Genesis Hospice.

Esther was born Oct. 31, 1916, in Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of Richard and Ethel Olson Odberg. She married George McMaster Jr. Oct. 17, 1943, in Moline. He died May 20, 2002.

Mrs. McMaster attended the Western Illinois Teacher's College, Macomb. She taught elementary school in Swedona, Milan and Keosauqua.

Esther was a member of Broadway Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Women's Association from whom she received a Life Achievement Award and the Broadway Quilters. She was also a member of the King's Daughters and was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. She enjoyed doing needlework and gardening, but most of all being a homemaker and loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her son, Dr. Brian McMaster, Rock Island; daughter, Deborah McMaster, Rock Island; granddaughters and their husbands, Karen and David Pladek, Naperville, Ill., and Kristin and Jason Clark, Rock Island; a great-grandson, John Robert Pladek, and sisters-in-law, Stella Trench, South Bend, Ind., and Ann McMaster, Galeburg. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter-in-law, Kathy McMaster, and a brother-in-law, James McMaster. *Funeral Home: Bobbie*

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The society now has a new name which we feel reflects who we are and where we are located. Rock Island County Illinois Births 1878-1921 is on the shelves and RICGS volunteers have recently finished Rock Island County Death Index 1878-1921 which is at the printers. In progress is the work of Delight Mohlenbruck who has copied obituaries from local newspapers through 2000-2001. Volunteers are typing this and plans are to have it on the shelves soon. RICGS books and materials are on the shelves at the Rock Island County Historical Society, 822 11th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265; telephone (309) 764-8390. (Eileen Nelson)

Virginia Horton

Virginia (Hawthorn) Horton Milan, will be honored from 4 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church Pilgrimage Hall, Milan, for her 80th birthday. Requests no gifts please.



The former Virginia Houston was born May 2, 1925, in Toulon, Stark County, Ill. Her parents were Fred Houston and Evelyn Sweet. She was the first daughter of three children.

Virginia attended Western Illinois University, Macomb, graduating in 1947. She taught at the former Calvin Coolidge Junior High. Later Virginia taught at the former Franklin Jr. High, former Central Jr. High and Rock Island High School.

Her marriage to Bolcese Leroy Horton was in August 1946 in Moline. Their children and spouses are Neal (Vicki) Horton, Orlando, Fla.; Randy (Nancy) Horton, East Moline; Jill Horton, Moline; and Jay Horton, Milan. Their grandchildren are John (Heather Horton) Griffith, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Heidi Horton, Charlotte, N.C.; Christopher Horton, Orlando, Fla.; Bryan Horton, East Moline; Corra Horton, Moline; and Mike and Alex, Colons. Their great grandchildren are Luke and Meghan Griffith, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Mrs. Horton is a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Milan. Virginia is an over 60-year member of Rock Island County Home & Community Education Association, a member of Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society, the Mary Little Lovejoy Art Museum, Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in Moline, Milan 326 Chapter of Eastern Star She belongs to Methodist Women's Society of Milan and Rock Island County Historical Society.

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Rummage at 15th Avenue church

The 15th Avenue Christian Church will be holding a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 3600 15th Ave. Rock Island. Items for sale will include collectibles, books, clothing, jewelry and much more. Pictured, from left, are Dorothy Darland, Steve Sheese and Iris Edwards.



Wherry, Darland

Don't forget to help displaced animals

We have all seen the harrowing pictures of abandoned and terrified dogs standing forlornly by the roadside or clinging precariously to trees in the wake of the hurricane. I recently watched a program from Coahuila, La., where a temporary animal shelter has been set up (and where the little dog taken from the scolding boy at the Superstore has now been found). The story described the courageous struggles of the people involved with the effort to rescue all kinds of animals and bring them to some kind of safety.

At the end of the program a web site was given, but it was given just one and very quick. I have since been able to locate that web site and the address to which donations for this dedicated group, a part of the Louisiana SPCA, can be sent. It is www.vetmed.lsu.edu. Donations can be sent to LVMA, 4096 United Plaza West, Suite 100, Baton Rouge, La., 70806. Checks should be made payable to LVMA, De Walter J. Ernst Veterinary Memorial Foundation.

You should write "Katrina Fund" on the memo line and you can indicate on your check how you wish for your money to be used -- for rescue efforts, for veterinary services or for the program to reunite pets with their owners.

Most of us have already sent donations to the American Red Cross and other worthy organizations. But please do a little

Joy prepares for All School Reunion

From left, Laverne Wherry and Marilyn Mix promote the upcoming Joy High All School Reunion on Sunday, July 17, at the VFW Hall, 106 S.W. 3rd Ave., Alledo. The event will be hosted by the Joy High School class of 1950. The meal will be served at 1 p.m. with three food choices available including: three pieces of chicken (\$9), catfish (\$9.25) or roast beef (\$9) which will be served with a potato, vegetable and salad bar. Those attending are requested to RSVP with check and food choice to Marilyn Mix, 100 W. 2nd St., Coal Valley, 61240-8327. All former students, alumni, family members and teachers are invited to attend. If you have a new mailing address, know someone who did not receive an announcement, or have any other questions please contact Jim Barnes at (309) 593-2904, Laverne Wherry at (309) 788-6206 or Marilyn Mix at (309) 799-3910.

Featured Speaker

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Historical society will honor Civil War vet with headstone



John Greenwood / staff

Jerry Baff, left, president of the Port Byron Historical Society, and Dean Jensen, treasurer of the society, display a headstone for Civil War veteran John Savage, who is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. It will be placed on his grave Saturday.

Pvt. John Henry Savage served his country honorably, and nearly 90 years after his death, he'll be accorded the final-resting-spot respect he deserves.

All because of the hard work and determination of the Port Byron Historical Society.

A Civil War veteran, Savage died Sept. 17, 1916, in Port Byron, but a headstone was never placed on his grave. Last year, the Port Byron Historical Society learned the local soldier did not have a headstone, and it went to work.

Through correspondence with officials at the National Parks Department and Department of Veterans Affairs, a headstone for Savage was secured. It will be placed on his grave during a ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday at Port Byron's Oak Grove Cemetery.

After learning of Savage's plight, the Port Byron Historical Society searched Port Byron's two cemeteries for unrecognized veterans and found five other Civil War vets without headstones. The group has located the burial sites of veterans Isaac Shattuck and Alexander Benning in Oak Grove Cemetery and is searching in Cherry Street Cemetery for the graves of Christopher Julet, Timothy Summer and



John Marx

John Aphorn

"We're working on getting headstones for Shattuck and Benning," said Dean Jensen, treasurer of the historical society. "The three other soldiers are buried at Cherry Street, and the hope is to find their graves and recognize them as well. The goal is to have headstones for all of them."

Savage, the motivation for the society's investigative efforts, was born in Cadiz, Ohio, and enlisted in the Union Army in 1864. He was involved in such expeditions as Rocky Ridge and Buzzard's Roost Gap, battled Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Carolinas, and marched with Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman. He was involved in the Siege of Atlanta in December 1864.

During the Campaign of the Carolinas in 1865, Savage was

captured and placed in the Libby Prison Camp at Richmond, Va. He later was transferred to Camp Chase in Columbus, Ohio, but was released and mustered out of the Army in June 1865. After the Confederate Army's surrender, he moved to Iowa, and then to Port Byron.

Keeping track of the history of a city is important, but members of the Port Byron Historical Society understand there's more to it than just dates. They've also seen how one project can spawn several other important tasks.

"It's a matter of respect for those who served and a part of our community," said Jensen, adding that Savage was a carpenter during his years in Port Byron, and his wife, Eliza, were parents of 10 children. "No one should be a part of an unmarked grave and no veteran should be recognized for their efforts. Each member of the historical society feels it necessary to recognize the contributions of these men."

Columnist John Marx can be reached at (309) 786-6429, or by e-mail at jmarx@qonline.com.



John Greenwood / staff

Women donate 156 bibs for seniors

Betty Bergren began making bibs for seniors last November. With help from her daughter, Linda Polich, the project was just completed and they presented 156 bibs to Sheri Maurer, admissions director of Heartland Health Care, 833 16th Ave., Moline. The bibs are reversible, containing a holiday pattern on one side and a pastel pattern on the other side. In the photo, from the left, are Ms. Maurer, Ms. Polich and Ms. Bergren.

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Genealogical road trip

From left, Linda Polich, Liz Casillas and Lorraine Hathaway promote the upcoming Rock Island County Genealogical Society bus trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 19-21. The library is the second largest genealogical library in the nation. Cost for the bus trip includes two nights' lodging and round trip bus fare. Room costs are: single-\$230, double-\$160 and triple-\$138. Reservations must be received by Sept. 2, full payment must be included for the reservation. Send checks payable to Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society to P.O. Box 3912, Rock Island, IL 61204-3912. Reservation forms can be printed from the website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbgsrim/>. For further information, contact Linda Polich at (309) 234-5151 or Liz Casillas at (563) 391-1651.

History lives at Chippiannock

The Dispatch

Let sleeping dogs lie, the old saying goes. But that often proves to be impossible for children who visit the Dimick family at Rock Island's Chippiannock Cemetery.

Neither are they put off by the dog's stony countenance after hearing the story of why this faithful hound was commemorated with such a huge and prominent statue. And who could fail to want to pet the devoted Newfoundland after hearing that he was a dally visitor to the graves of the Dimick children, Eddie, age 5, and Josie, age 9, who died tragically of diphtheria on the same

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Why celebrate 150 years of Chippiannock Cemetery?

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The cemetery is noted for bringing history to life.

awful day: Oct. 22, 1878?

And the story of this faithful companion, reportedly named Rex, is just one of many to be found walking among headstones ornate and plain, unique and traditional, old and new at Chippiannock Cemetery.

This year, it is celebrating its 150th anniversary of bringing history to life: which might seem to be an odd slogan for a place

where the dead sleep.

But, then, thanks to years of faithful care, it is also a place where their ghosts walk and history talks.

And not just through the remarkable headstones that dot the beautiful landscape — though they alone are worth visiting and studying, no matter the occasion — but for the many educational programs that the cemetery's protectors hold each year.

The 85 acres serves as the final resting place for some 25,000 souls, but it is much more than that. Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, Chippiannock is not just a collection of burial plots. Ask Greg Voegel, whose family has been caring for the cemetery, the Quad-Cities oldest, for 83 years. Chippiannock is more than a cemetery, he says. It's an arboretum, museum, nature preserve, art gallery, theater, classroom and library (for example, genealogists can take advantage of some of the most up-to-date software to aid their detective work). It has solemnly marked death and celebrated life, hosting a baptism and a wedding.

This weekend, all that and more will be on display as once again the Chippiannock Cemetery Association hosts its annual historical walk. "The Best of Epitaphs Brought to Life Walk" celebrates the 150th anniversary of the cemetery as well as the tours which bring history to life.

Earlier this year, Epitaphs Brought to Life organizers asked the public to vote on the top 10 epitaphs from past programs. Not surprisingly, the Dimick children and their faithful dog, Rex, were on the list. So was Frederick Boetje (the mustard king), Frederick Weyerhaeuser (lumber baron), Minnie Potter (who followed her dead husband as owner of The Rock Island Argus) and Col. George Davenport (who in these parts needs no introduction).

Cost for the tours, which begin every 10 minutes, is \$3 for adults. Children younger than 12 are admitted for free.

Each year, the cemetery gives these people and others back to the Quad-Cities as actors to bring their stories to life. If we could talk to them today, the cemeteries founders would no doubt be proud of the investment they made when in 1855 they bought 62 acres of land and hired noted landscape architect Almerin Hotchkiss to design a garden-style cemetery, a design, its curators say, which remains largely intact. A recent visit and slow drive through the four miles of paved roads around Chippiannock didn't disappoint.

In honor of its 150 years, we applaud those like Mr. Voegel's family and a century and a half of volunteers, including dedicated members of the Chippiannock Cemetery Heritage Foundation.

Cemetery event brings history to life in R.I.

By Janee Jackson
jacksonj@rockisland.com

ROCK ISLAND — A small group gathered Saturday around the grave of Minnie Potter.

They weren't there to stare at her grave. They were there to hear her speak.

"Is it hot enough for ya?" said Minnie Potter.

"Yeah," one man replied.

"Well thankfully, the dead don't have to feel the heat," Mrs. Potter said, as the audience laughed.

A crowd of more than 400 braved the heat to witness the "village of the dead" come to life with "The Best of Epitaphs Brought to Life" at Chippiannock Cemetery.

Visitors could walk an hour-long tour to see 10 deceased Quad-Citians at their gravesites, portrayed by costumed reenactors. In addition to Mrs. Potter, those portrayed were bottler A.D. Huesing, regional historian Susan Lewis Goldsmith, pioneer settler Col. George Davenport, lumber scion Frederick Weyerhaeuser, philanthropist Susanne Denkmann Hauberg, farmer Philip Dingeldein, mustard master Frederick Boetje, diphtheria victims Eddie and Josephine Dimick, and librarian Ellen Gale.

The 10 were selected by the public through a write-in campaign in February, said Greg Voegel, Chippiannock superintendent.

Each gravesite was decorated with a special flower bed and a special Victorian marker.

Patti Flaherty, 48, of Moline, who portrayed Mrs. Potter, former publisher of The Rock Island Argus, has acted in community theater

for about 30 years.

"I have done these ever since they started," Ms. Flaherty said.

Mrs. Potter, born in 1866, was a staple of the J.W. Potter Company which published The Argus and managed radio station WHBF. Her husband, John, purchased The Argus in 1882, when it had only 500 subscribers.

With newspapers, "they tell you the facts," Ms. Flaherty said, acting as Mrs. Potter. "But they hardly ever tell you about the heartache I was 32 years old with three little babies, and my husband was dead."

After John died in her arms, she managed The Argus for 22 years until her retirement in 1920. She left the newspaper to her three children, John, Marguerite and Ben. Mrs. Potter was 70 when she died in 1936.

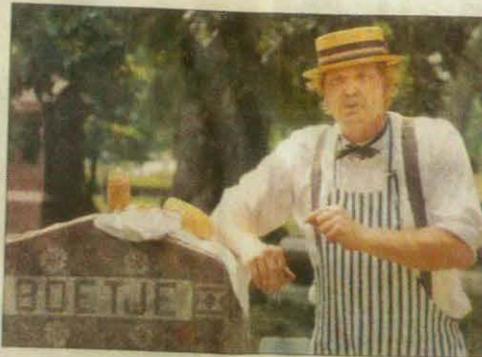
And it's those little facts and the people behind them that Moline resident Carol Gall said she never knew.

"In this hot weather, to put on those costumes, to inform the public on this history of our community is a big commitment," Ms. Gall said.

Ms. Gall brought her daughter Jenna, 20, also of Moline, and Jenna's boyfriend, Eric Nelson, 26, of Rock Island. Jenna's favorite epitaph was Ellen Gale, who helped establish the Rock Island Public Library as the first public library in the state of Illinois.

Miss Gale, as she was known, also served as the Rock Island Public Library's first library director.

"She was a lively one, for a librarian," Ms. Gall said.



Andy Costello / staff

Bob Hanske plays the role of Frederick Boetje (1840-1913) during the 'Best of Epitaphs Brought to Life' program Saturday afternoon at Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island. For his act, Hanske had a small bottle of Boetje Mustard that he would spread on a piece of bread. Frederick Boetje began manufacturing high grade mustard in 1889, and the current home of Boetje Mustard is located across the street from Chippiannock Cemetery.

July 4th

Related to the Founding Fathers

Five patriots' descendants reflect on our great-great-great-great nation.

USA WEEKEND Magazine recently spoke with descendants of some of our country's founders and discovered that the original spirit of America is alive and well in their words.

■ **Franklin.** *Jean Marie Pergrin Starr of Bellflower, Calif., the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Sarah "Sally" Franklin Bacha, Benjamin Franklin's daughter.* "They were brave to start something in a new world. And with Franklin, there's a spirit of invention. I'm a licensed pyrotechnician. When I do fireworks, I contact the

local fire department. Franklin helped establish one of the earliest volunteer fire companies."

■ **Jefferson.** *Nathaniel Abeles, of Rockville, Md., the great-great-great-great-grandson of Martha Randolph, Thomas Jefferson's daughter.* "The country almost didn't happen, but these men were politically savvy. For Jefferson to compromise with Alexander Hamilton, a political foe, demonstrates how today's politicians can work together."

■ **Hamilton.** *Doug Hamilton, of Columbus, Ohio, the great-great-great-great-grandson of John Church Hamilton, Alexander Hamilton's son.* "The founders established a government of checks and balances so nobody could take advantage. As for Hamilton, he set up our banking system."

"When someone criticizes the government, I don't view them as unpatriotic."

■ **Revere.** *Barbara Revere Kays, of Palm Desert, Calif., the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Paul Revere Jr., Paul Revere's son.* "All the Revere family name used to mean to me was an occasional crank phone call asking when the British were coming. But after joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, I appreciate Revere's contributions more. It was risky for him to belong to a secret society that plotted to overthrow the English. Now, when someone criticizes the government, I don't view them as unpatriotic. The Founding Fathers' spirit is alive in each protest."

■ **Henry.** *Brenda DeJarnette, of Centreville, Va., the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Patrick Henry Jr., Patrick Henry's son.* "As a descendant, you feel strongly about the patriotism that went into forming this great country of ours. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Being a lawyer, Patrick Henry was a great orator. He also was an architect of the Bill of Rights, which was significant because the Constitution might not have been approved without it." □



Nathaniel Abeles at the memorial to his illustrious ancestor in Washington, D.C.



John Greenwood / staff

Rummage on 15th Avenue

Fifteenth Avenue Christian Church, 3600 15th Ave., Rock Island, will hold its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Promoting the sale, from left, are Joy Miller, Iris Edwards, Dorothy Darland and Steve Sheese.



John Greenwood / staff

Shop, snack at First Lutheran Saturday

Betty Westensee, left, Sylvia Martin and Karm Wilker invite the public to the 9th annual Sweets, Treats, Yeasts and Crafts sale at First Lutheran Church, 18th Avenue at the intersection of 17th and 20th streets, Rock Island. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Homemade breads, cookies, pies, rolls, coffee cakes, candies, snacks and crafts will be available. Stop at the Coffee Time table to share a cup of coffee and coffee cake while shopping. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, West Rock Island County Chapter, provides matching funds for this project.

Dennis the Menace



"If you're a distant relative, how far away do you live?"

Finding family

Q: I have been looking for my family. I was adopted 40-some years ago. I have found my mother and father's graves. Is there any way I could get their obituaries from the paper if I have their dates of death? I thought I could find my brother's and sister's names listed there.

A: If you have the names and dates of death, there shouldn't be a problem getting the obituaries, assuming they were in *The Dispatch*. If the dates of death are after Aug. 1, 1993, send the information to press@qonline.com, and our librarian can extract the obituaries from our electronic archives. If the dates of death are prior to Aug. 1, 1993, you should contact the Moline Public Library Southeast Branch, which has older copies of the paper on microfilm. The telephone number is (309) 762-6883, or e-mail reference@molinelibrary.org.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Project to identify locations of graves

Volunteers trying to recreate old Essex Cemetery

By Connie Street
MUSCATINE JOURNAL

MUSCATINE, Iowa — An abandoned cemetery east of here has become quite colorful.

With the help of area volunteers, Michigan resident Lauri Gartner is recreating Essex Cemetery in Drury Township, Rock Island County. They have marked hundreds of graves with orange and pink flags. Green flags designate related items such as footstones, field stones, nails, bricks and glass.

Gartner's immediate goal is mapping the cemetery to keep track of everything she has found. Her great-great-great grandfather, Isaac Bowen Essex, is buried at the graveyard on land he purchased in 1835.

Gary Whitacre of Martin & Whitacre Surveyors and Engineers Inc. of Muscatine, is surveying the cemetery for Gartner at a discounted fee.

Whitacre said that, when completed, a computerized scale map would detail where the graves are located as well as where other items were found during a four-year clean-

up project spearheaded by Gartner.

Metal detector enthusiast David Moeller began helping with the project to find metal items such as Civil War Grand Army of the Republic, or GAR, markers. He decided to try his hand at grave witching and has become a fervent believer.

"We could never find a GAR marker or gravestone for Civil War soldier James Walker," Gartner said. "But Dave found a point from the star right here," she said pointing to a green flag.

Holding metal rods, Moeller walked slowly while the rods crossed in front of him indicating a grave beginning where the GAR point was located and continuing about 6 feet to the east. Moeller and Gartner are convinced they found James Walker.

"Several members of the Walker family are buried in this area," Gartner said. "We found James Walker's daughter's stone here and believe his wife is buried next to him."

Gartner's greatest hope is that someone with knowledge about any maps that designate the burial plots will contact her at Friends of Essex Cemetery, P.O. Box 32, Illinois City, IL 61259-0032, or call her at (231) 632-8678.

Connie Street can be contacted at (319) 527-6164 or cckasey@louisacomm.net.

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society 2006 Meeting Programs

7pm at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th Street, Rock Island, in the basement fellowship hall

January 24 - Ancestors series program-Genealogy and DNA

February 28 - Kris Leinicke - Arsenal History and Sights

March 28 - Schar Blevins (subject to be announced)

April 25 - Bill Burrows - Animap software demo

May 23 - Ancestor Show and Tell - *Delaine's Ancestor Thomas McCall*

June 27 - Genealogy Night at Davenport Public Library

July 25 - Rhonda Frevert (Burlington Library) - Creating Heritage Albums

August 22 - *SOFTWARE* - *LINDA POLICH*

September 26 - Kathleen Seusy - If Stones Could Speak (Riverside Cemetery)

October 24 - Kathy Carey - Revolutionary War Records

November 14 - Annual Dinner at Bethel Wesley Methodist Church (subject and date to be announced) *BOTANICAL CENTER* *NOTE: CHANGE*

Martha Hatch

Martha P. Hatch, Geneseo, will celebrate her 80th birthday at a reception Sunday, March 19, 2006.



Relatives and friends are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Geneseo Community Center. It is requested that gifts be omitted.

Martha Bird was born March 19, 1926, in rural Fulton County, near Avon, Ill. She married George E. Hatch June 2, 1944, in Galesburg. He is deceased.

Her children and spouses are Brianna and David Mallum, Geneseo; and Grant and Sue Hatch, Colona. Her grandchildren and spouses are Marta and Matthew McConville and Mathew and Jennifer Mallum, all of Geneseo. Her three great-grandchildren are Colin and Aidan McConville and Corinne Mallum, all of Geneseo.

She was employed as a correspondence clerk at Royal Neighbors of America, retiring January 1992. She is a member of First United Methodist Church, Geneseo; Eastern Star 274, Coal Valley; Royal Neighbors Retirees; Royal Neighbors Social Club; Circle of Friends; Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society and the Prayer Chain with First United Methodist Church.

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Jason Rodriguez / staff

Sharing memories

Eulalia Garrett, Harriet Peterson and Carol Johnson are preparing canoes and greens to be used for table decorations for the 75th annual New Windsor, Winola and Sherrard High School Alumni Banquet scheduled for June 10 at The Homestead in Woodhull. A social hour is scheduled for 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be at 7 p.m. Cost is \$16.50 per person. Reservations must be made by June 8 to Ms. Garrett, (309) 667-2241, Ms. Johnson at (309) 667-2442 or Ms. Peterson at (309) 334-2276.

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Genealogy trip to Madison

Claire Schiebel, left, and Jill Hoff of the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society invite the public to join in a genealogy research bus trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison. The bus leaves Moline at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, and returns about 9 p.m. May 9. The trip includes bus fare and a room at the Doubletree Hotel in Madison (no meals included). Cost is \$217 for a single room, \$135 per person for a double, and \$108 apiece for a triple. Reservation deadline, with full payment, is April 1; call (309) 797-6352 or (309) 764-0796.

*Rock Island County
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*Annual Dinner Meeting
November 15th, 2005
Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church
Moline, Illinois*

Upcoming RICIGS Programs

at Southpark Presbyterian Church, Rock Island
unless otherwise stated.

January 25th -- Ancestors Series Program
February 22nd -- Kris Leincke "Arsenal History & Sights"
March 22nd -- Scharlott Blevins (tba)
April 26th -- Bill Burrows "Animap" Demonstration
possibly at Salem Lutheran Church, Moline
May 24th -- Ancestor Show & Tell



Quad Cities Spring Genealogical Conference

Our next conference is **April 22nd, 2006**
at the Viking Club, Moline. Our speaker will be
James Hansen who is the director of the
Wisconsin State Historical Society Library,
Madison, Wisconsin. The workshop topics are:

*Tribunes and Gazettes -- Getting the Most
from Newspaper Research.

*Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin --
Research in the States of the Old Northwest.

*Genealogy in Alphabetical Order --
Getting the Most from All Types of Indexes.

*Research in Territorial Records.

For further information call co-chairs
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Lorraine Hathaway

Invocation -
Kathy Carey

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Apricot Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes
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Cole Slaw
Rolls/Coffee/Tea
Assorted Homemade Pies

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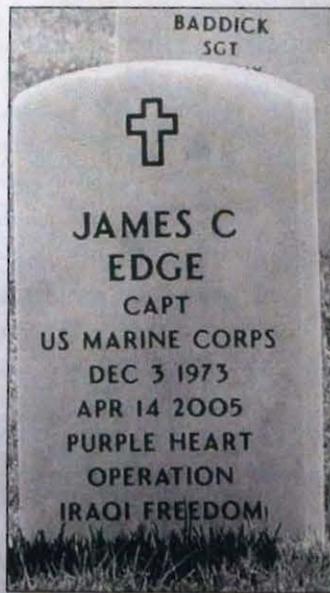
Current soldiers' grave markers include slogans

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Unlike earlier wars, nearly all Arlington National Cemetery gravestones for troops killed in Iraq or Afghanistan are inscribed with the slogan-like operation names the Pentagon selected to promote public support for the conflicts.

Families of fallen soldiers and Marines are being told they have the option to have the government-furnished headstones engraved with "Operation Enduring Freedom" or "Operation Iraqi Freedom" at no extra charge, whether they are buried in Arlington or elsewhere. A mock-up shown to many families includes the operation names.

The vast majority of military gravestones from other eras are inscribed with just the basic, required information: name, rank, military branch, date of death and, if applicable, the war and foreign country in which the person served.

Families are supposed to have final approval over what goes on the tombstones. That hasn't always happened.



Associated Press

Gravestones of fallen Americans at Arlington National Cemetery during the Iraq war era are inscribed with the operation names, unlike those of veterans of past conflicts.

Nadia and Robert McCaffrey, whose son Patrick was killed in Iraq in June 2004, said "Operation Iraqi Freedom" ended up on his government-supplied headstone in Oceanside, Calif., without family approval.

"I was a little taken aback," Robert McCaffrey said, describing his reaction when he first saw the operation name on Patrick's tombstone. "They certainly didn't ask my wife; they didn't ask me." He said Patrick's widow told him she had not been asked either.

"In one way, I feel it's taking advantage to a small degree," McCaffrey said. "Patrick did not want to be there, that is a definite fact."

The owner of the company that has been making gravestones for Arlington and other national cemeteries for nearly two decades is uncomfortable, too.

"It just seems a little brazen that that's put on stones," said Jeff Martell, owner of Granite Industries of Vermont. "It seems like it might be connected to politics."

The Department of Veterans Affairs says it isn't. "The headstone is not a PR purpose. It is to let the country know and the people that visit the cemetery know who served this country and made the country free for us," VA official Steve Muro said.

Since 1997, the government has been paying for virtually everything inscribed on the gravestones. Before that, families had to pay the gravestone makers separately for any inscription beyond the basics.

It wasn't until the invasion of Iraq in March 2003 that the department instructed national cemetery directors and funeral homes across the country to advise families of fallen soldiers and Marines that they could have operation names like "Enduring Freedom" or "Iraqi Freedom" included on the headstones.

VA officials say neither the Pentagon nor White House exerted any pressure to get families to include the operation names. They say families always had the option of including information like battle or operation names, but didn't always know it.

"It's just the right thing to do and it always has been, but it hasn't always been followed," said Dave Schettler, director of the VA's memorial programs service.

VA officials say they don't know how many families of the more than 2,000 soldiers and Marines who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan have opted to include the operation names.

2006

Consumers turn to DNA for answers about themselves, their families

Associated Press

For years, Art Thomas sifted through the stories and rumors traded among relatives and he wondered: Exactly where did I come from?

Last fall, Thomas, a retired information technology manager in Springfield, Ohio, turned to his body for answers. He scraped a cell sample from inside his cheek, mailed the swab to a test lab and waited for science to supplement his extensive genealogical research.

Thomas' quest to unlock the secrets of his own DNA is far from a solitary one. A small, but fast-growing number of consumers are paying for self-administered genetic tests, hoping to determine everything from paternity to their propensity to develop certain diseases to their ancestry.

Some health-related tests have stirred skepticism among doctors and geneticists concerned about their validity and consumers' ability to interpret the results. But more consumers are proceeding with such tests to satisfy their curiosity, and marketers are responding.

Discount retailer Target Corp. now sells DNA collection and profile kits online. Some specialty drug stores have begun stocking DNA-based nutritional tests. Ancestry tests have taken on new prominence with a project by the National Geographic Society encouraging people to explore "the ultimate human history as written in our genes."

The increased marketing of self-administered DNA testing is most

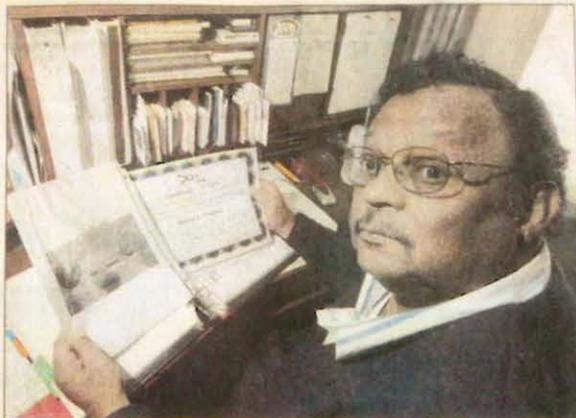
evident on the Internet, where numerous companies offer an array of products. It's hard to know how many consumers are taking these companies up on their offers, but public interest is clearly growing, observers say.

The many tests available serve very different purposes. But some observers see a commonality in their appeal, finding an audience with consumers who have gradually come to see genetics as less overwhelming and potentially useful.

There "has been an increasing expectation of what this technology would be able to deliver," said Rosalynn Gill-Garrison, a co-founder and chief science officer for Sciona Inc., a Boulder, Colo., company that sells a line of tests designed to help people match their diet with their genetic predisposition.

The business of marketing DNA testing to the public barely existed a decade ago. Awareness has increased greatly since the 2003 completion of the Human Genome Project, an effort by the federal government to map DNA.

Some direct-to-consumer DNA tests have attracted negative attention. Last year, a group of women sued the marketers of the Baby Gender Mentor test, which promised to determine the gender of a fetus. They accused the company of failing to honor its guarantee when the test results proved wrong. Other types of tests have attracted new interest, like those featured in a recent television show on the Public Broadcasting Service that



Associated Press

Art Thomas displays DNA certificates he received in researching his ancestry, at his home in Springfield, Ohio. An avid researcher of his family's genealogy, Thomas has purchased three tests that confirm that, although he is black, he has white ancestors.

traced the ancestry of Oprah Winfrey and other black celebrities.

Consumers who have purchased some of the tests see the decision in very personal terms.

For the past 15 years, Thomas has poured his free time in to researching his family tree. But Thomas, who is black, remained uncertain about pieces of the family legend that said both a great-grandmother and a great-grandfather were white.

Thomas, whose undergraduate degree is in biology, knew some-

thing about genetics. So, when companies began marketing tests that might help clarify the mysteries of his family's past, he paid attention.

Thomas spent just under \$300 for a package of two tests from Family Tree DNA, owned by Genealogy by Genetics, Ltd. of Houston, and \$175 for a different test marketed by Ancestry by DNA, owned by DNA Print Genomics Inc. of Sarasota, Fla.

The results arrived in the mail about a month later, confirming Thomas' earlier findings that his family tree includes some white

ancestors. The test showed, his genetic makeup was 49 percent European origin, 48 percent African-American and 3 percent Native American. "It confirms a lot of oral history," Thomas says.

The motivations of Chuck Bryceland of Bronxville, N.Y., were very different. He became interested in genetics seven years ago when his daughter was born with a condition that caused breathing difficulties. Tests determined the condition was not caused by genetics and it was remedied through surgery.

But Bryceland, who runs a financial advisory firm, remained fascinated and bought stock in several biotech companies. It wasn't until a month ago, that he purchased two tests — one to examine his genetic propensity for heart disease, another to screen for his body's ability to absorb nutrients — after spotting them on the shelf in a drugstore while traveling.

He paid \$199 for one test, \$99 for the other, which told him that he is unlikely to develop heart disease but that his body poorly absorbs Vitamin B. Since then, he's been campaigning to get his wife, his parents and other family members to take the tests, too.

"If there's information out there that we can use to help our health then why wouldn't I take it?" Bryceland said.

On the Net:

www.nationalgeographic.com/genographic,

www.sciona.com, www.familytreedna.com,

www.ancestrydna.com

Tracing family history can be fun and affordable

By Erin Wade
Dallas Morning News



Shirley Sloat

Shirley Sloat scrolls through microfilm researching a 1750 will involving a family member as she tries to pin down all her ancestors.

Anything that sparks interest in family history can be it: an old gravestone, an enlightening chat with a great-uncle or dusty photo found in the attic.

Who were those ancestors? What were their lives like? What traits do you share with them?

The answers to those questions come with time, dedication, a lot of work and a fondness for libraries, but surprisingly not as much money as you may think. If you do most of your research at the library, it can cost you mere cents for photocopies of records, rather than hundreds of dollars in membership fees to online companies.

We've talked to some experts in the genealogical field who've given us advice on the easiest ways to get started.

Write down as much as you know about the family members you're researching, says Lloyd Backstruck of the Dallas, Texas, Public Library Genealogy Section.

Pick up some forms (pedigree charts and family group records) at the library or online, and fill out information about yourself and your immediate family.

Next, talk to relatives to flesh out details and hear inspiring stories that will further stoke your enthusiasm.

"Gathering family information now is important," says

Shirley Sloat, president of the Dallas Genealogical Society.

"Even if you don't have time now to write and publish a detailed family history, capture and write notes about all the available information that you can from family members. They will eventually die or move away, and if you don't gather information now, you may miss the opportunity to hear very

special personal recollections."

Don't be afraid to ask questions or revisit a person multiple times. "It is amazing how family members believe they know nothing that would be of interest to a family researcher," says Sloat, "and yet, once they are asked questions by someone who really wants to listen to their answers, are able to recall detail after detail. And asking them to see if you've interpreted their words accurately almost always results in even more recollections from them."

After your interviews are over, it's time to start researching. First, choose an ancestor or family line that you are interested in learning more about, starting with the generations closest to you. The Internet is a quick place to start. You'll be able to find basic records such as birth and death certificates and fill in some blanks before you tackle mountains of books. He adds, though, that the amount of records transcribed onto the Internet is minuscule compared

to what exists in the paper world.

Here's a list of the records you'll need to get the basics and learn more about the lives of your ancestors. And if you're a good enough sleuth, you may even discover some juicy tidbits no one would ever tell you.

► **Birth, death and marriage.** Once you have names, get the time and place of birth and death, you can push forward.

► **Census.** After you've tracked down the vital stats, it's time to turn to the community. Census records can give you a wealth of information such as birth places, professions, property owned, etc.

► **Newspapers.** Find an ancestor's obituary and look for surviving members of the family, those who preceded your ancestor in death, and other information such as religious affiliation.

► **Church records.** Churches typically keep very good records, such as baptismal, christening, confirmation and

► Kids can help

- Kids are full of curiosity, so let them help you out.
- Encourage kids to read about events that occurred during the life of a specific generation, such as the start of indoor plumbing, says Shirley Sloat, president of the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- Have them create a lot of questions and interview each relative. The questions can be serious or fun, such as "What was your allowance?" "What did you eat for breakfast?" "What toys did you have?"
- Bring lots of visuals into the project, such as maps and family photos, to keep their interest.
- Take them on a trip to a graveyard and have them do rubbings of stone markers.

► Helpful Web sites

- Other helpful sites: www.genealogy.com. This basic site helps you get started for free, but access to records requires a paid membership of at least \$69.99 a year.
- www.familysearch.org. Registration is free on this site operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which offers research guidance and access to basic records.
- www.ancestry.com. Offers access to a family tree builder and an extensive collection of records, but requires a monthly membership of at least \$14.95.
- www.rootweb.com. Supported by Ancestry.com, it offers lots of hints and tips on how to research your family tree.
- www.cydndlist.com. Free site that links to other genealogy sites. A good starting point for Web genealogists.
- www.africanews.com. Resources for families of African ancestry in the Americas.
- www.german-ancestors.com. Free consultation services from the German Genealogical Institute.
- www.scotsgenealogy.com. The Scottish Genealogy Society offers a Family History Index of over 2,500 surnames.
- www.irishgenealogy.ie. Three Ireland-based genealogical research associations combine forces on this site.
- www.hispanicgenealogy.com. Links to resources in Spanish, especially Puerto Rican records.
- www.acadian.org. Search databases or order CD-ROM information on French-Canadian or Acadian-Cajun genealogy.
- italiangenealogy.tardio.com. Basics on Italian naming traditions, dialects, regions and lines of nobility.

marriage information, which can be found in books or on microfilm format in the library.

► **Court records.** You can find a lot of interesting information at your local courthouse or the courthouse where your ancestors resided at the time.

► **School records.** Think about the paper trails people might have left.

► **Military service records.**

Certain files included not only service information, but rank, age, and if you're lucky, a physical description.

► **Land records.** According to RootsWeb.com, land records can tell you when your ancestor arrived and left an area.

► **Immigration and naturalization records.** For most people, your ancestors had to arrive in America at some point.

Memorial

Justin Dean Reid
February 27, 1981 - August 18, 2004

Remember me in the family tree, my name, my days, my strife.

Then I'll ride upon the wings of time and live an endless life.

-Goetsch

Justin, you will live on with each new child that bears your name in our family and your friend's families.

Love you and miss you. Mom, Dad, Evan, Grandma, Beth, Jason, and all the rest of your family and friends.

Phyllis Windhurst

Phyllis A. Windhurst, 76, of 2906 W. 29th Street, Monday, May 22, 2006, at Trinity Medical Center, West Campus, Rock Island.

Her survivors will be Dr. Lynn Pytko, James J. and Susan J. Pytko, Mary Ann Pytko, Edna Pytko, Edna Pytko, with the Rev. Steve Doodie, the officiating.

Graveside services will be 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 22, at the funeral home.

Phyllis was born July 2, 1933, in Viola, to Robert L. and Margaret Pytko. She married John Windhurst on June 8, 1961, at The Wagonwheel Baptist Church, East Moline.

She was a secretary at John Deere Administration, Moline. Her 13 years of teaching began in 1967, retiring and working as a consultant in 1988.

The area seal published "The Hutchinson Chronicle" about our family.

Survivors (and spouses) are her husband, Will Fred, sons, Mike, Todd and Jeff, daughters, Carol, Karen, Robert, Hansmann, Darci, Rosemarie, Traci, and Arlene, sisters, Gayle (Gusard) Schultz, Sylvia, and Patricia (Stewart) Nelson, and the family who love her. She is survived by the family who love her. www.williams-phillips.com

Augustana Swenson Center trying to collect 'Swedishness'

By Kurt Allemeier
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ROCK ISLAND — A gold mine of Swedish immigration history sits below the green lawn and landscaping of the Augustana College campus.

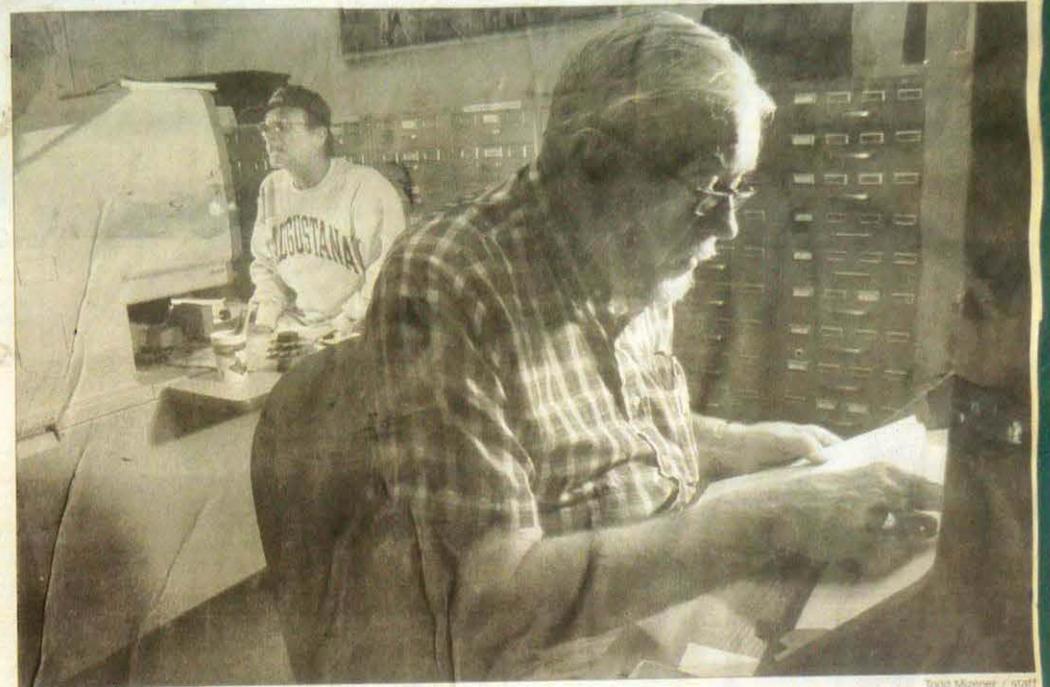
Striking gold doesn't take a pick or dynamite, but patience and an appointment at the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, located in Augie's Denkmann Memorial Hall, the former library building along 7th Avenue west of Old Main.

The library's archives, tucked underneath Denkmann and the neat and sparse Swenson library hall, include written Swedish-American histories, letters, and newspapers. Genealogical information like parish and lodge records from Sweden, and passenger manifests and United States arrival records are also available. The library also receives a few Swedish-American newspapers still publishing.

"If you are interested in Swedish immigration history, you start here," Dag Blanck, the library's director, said. "We try to assist people who want to look up genealogical research."

The library opened in 1981 already with an extensive collection of donated papers, books, immigration documents, and other materials, including artwork. The library charges a per hour research fee and requires an appointment to examine materials.

"We want to make sure we can help them before they drive from, say, Texas," Jill Seaholm, director of genealogical services, said. "The first time someone came from Nebraska to see something we didn't have, I



Tydia Maenner / staff

Bob Seaholm of Moline, right, and Chuck Maki of Rock Island do research at the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center located on the Augustana College campus.

started to re-think things."

A guest book shows visitors from across the country — Idaho and Texas, among others — from Sweden, and from around the Quad-Cities. The library gets about 12 mail inquiries and 15-20 inquiries via e-mail a day.

"We would love more people to use our books," Ms. Seaholm said.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Swedish immigrants tended to be more literate than others coming to the New World, so the information available is extensive, Mr. Blanck said. Letters and histories can provide accounts of early lives of immigrants as they spread

► Swenson Swedish Center

► For more information on the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, go to www.augustana.edu/swenson/.

► The response time for research requests is about two to three months. The library charges \$10 per day and \$5 per half-day for non-members of the Swenson Library. Requests must be submitted on a form available from the library's Web site.

across the United States.

Though literate in their own language, many Swedish immigrants couldn't speak or read English, so they depended on Swedish language newspapers for information, Mr. Blanck said. When voting, the new citizens often followed the lead on candidates recommended in newspaper editorials.

The library is also a research library for the history of Swedes in America. Augustana College professor Larry Scott, chairman of the Scandinavian studies department, used library materials for part of his research when writing a book on Swedish immigrants in Texas, Mr. Blanck said.

The library continues to

search out more documents for Swedish-American history. About 10 years ago, the library added the genealogical archives of Upsala College in New Jersey when the school disbanded.

The very Scandinavian nature of Augustana, the oldest Swedish-American college in the United States, makes it an attractive depository for all things Swedish. The school has a Scandinavian studies program and promotes study abroad programs.

"What is so special about Augustana, one aspect is its Swedishness," Mr. Blanck said. "We have a mission to collect as much as we can."

69 children may be stretching it a bit

McClintock Newspapers

Q: What family holds the record for having the most kids? — Norman Schindler, Owensboro, Ky.

A: Many sources say the most

Since You Asked

profile: none ever was "the first wife of Peodor Vassilyev" (1707-1782) of Shuya, Russia, giving birth to 69 children from 1725 to 1785. Sounds legendary to us.

The biggest family in the United States might be the Cherrishos of Rancho Carayona in northern California. Moan Zymuda has given birth to 17 children



Chippinnock Cemetery, Rock Island

This 150-year old cemetery has long been known for the unique and imaginative grave markers scattered across its 85 acres. A few examples are a boulder. Celtic cross, more than one pyramid, a cradle and an anchor. One of the best-known stones marks the grave of two young siblings who died of diphtheria in 1878. Mourning the children, the family dog came to their grave every day from dawn until dusk. When the dog died, the family erected a monument in its likeness to place next to the children's grave. The cemetery is at 2901 12th St.

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Church aids families in genealogy search

► Geneseo woman participates in the Genographic Project, a worldwide effort to collect DNA from many populations and find the answer to the genetic roots of humans. A1

By Brian Krans
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DAVENPORT — Inside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints a wealth of knowledge lines the shelves of their library.

Census data, birth and death records, and family histories from Iowa, Illinois and even as far away as Switzerland and Belgium are available. It's in books and binders and on microfilm microfiche.

And it's free for the public to peruse if they want to find out more of their family genealogy.

"I've heard it's becoming one of the quickest growing hobbies," amateur genealogist Nathan Lee said at the church's open house Saturday. "You can just walk in and say, 'this is what I've got, where do I go from here?'"

Librarian Jim Cutshall said with the records available and the connections they have with other churches, they can get records faster than most libraries.

While many records are in different languages, volunteers and those with more experience can help novices with their family history. "I had one guy who couldn't read French when he began," Mr. Cutshall said. "He's really good now." Members of The

► Family History Center

► Address: 4929 Wisconsin Ave., Davenport, (563) 385-7547

► Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

► On the Web: www.familysearch.org

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints believe the family can continue after death when special covenants are made. That's why family history is so important to them.

Software and Web sites available help link those who have already done ancestry from others. For example, Mr. Lee was doing his and discovered records had been kept on his family dating back nine generations.

"It's kind of a community effort," he said. "That and it's fun going back to see if they got it right."

Getting started in family genealogy can be as easy as writing down known relatives, asking your family about who else they know of and going from there.

Because of work, other forms of entertainment and relatives living across the globe, Mr. Lee said it's easy for families to lose their history.

"As you become older, you really begin to wonder about your relatives," he said. "The Lord considers knowing about your family as important."

Mary Jane and Merlin Nelson

Mary Jane and Merlin "Rocky" Nelson, 431 2nd Ave., P.O. Box 68, Hampton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 10, with a reception and family dinner.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the reception at 1 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Hampton Methodist Fellowship Hall. Please omit gifts; toothbrushes or soap for local shelters welcome.

Mary Jane McNeal, Hampton, and Mr. Nelson, Tonica, Ill., were married June 10, 1956, at Hampton Methodist Church.

Their children and spouses are Melinda Anne and Myron Erickson, Chicago; Mark Andrew, Chicago; Martha Amanda and David Aaron, Jamaica, N.Y.; Merlin Alfred Jr., Des Moines. Their grandchildren are Linley Erickson, Chicago, Victoria Nelson, Story City, Iowa.

Mr. Nelson was employed as a math and science teacher and counselor at Orion High School for two years and United Township High School for 33 years. He retired in 1988.

Mrs. Nelson was employed by East Moline Grade School District from 1954 to 1956, Orion High School from 1956 to 1958, and United Township from 1972 until retiring in 1993 after 21 years.

They are members of Blackhawk Unit Retired Teachers, Ride the River committee, Quad City Heritage League, Hampton Historical Society, Civil War Roundtable and Republican Women of Rock Island County.



All eyes were on the members of the Rock Island Woman's Club as they celebrated autumn with lunch and conversation at the Arenal Golf Club.

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Jane Terfner, Shirley Walker, Helen Benningfield and Linda Ulrick



Gloria Kunder and Lucille Kirkpatrick



Bev Nicholson, DeLores Wynn, Jane Schneider and Pam Langston



Maude Newell, Joyce Mack, and Pam Langston



Jean Mlindich, Marilyn Gally, Donna Aliman, Louise Maloney and Lucille Kirkpatrick

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Follow that DNA



Darline Holland, of Geneseo, points to East Africa, the beginning of her ancestors' journey from that continent to Asia and then to the Americas. Mrs. Holland sent a DNA sample to National Geographic's Genographic Project to find out just how her ancestors migrated thousands of years ago.

Geneseo woman: We are all people of Africa

By Jenny Lee
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More than 150,000 years ago, the path her ancestors took rises out of East Africa and snakes through the Saudi Arabian peninsula, passing through Siberia, crossing the Bering land bridge and traveling into the Americas.

Darline Holland, of Geneseo, was absolutely amazed her DNA showed how deeply related all humans are.

She had sent a DNA sample taken from her mouth with a swab to the Genographic Project, a worldwide effort to collect DNA from many populations and find the answer to the genetic roots of humans. Project researchers believe humans descended from the first "Adam" and "Eve" in East Africa. From that point in Africa, lineages split into different directions only to split again in other continents.

"We are all people of Africa, and it has nothing to do with color," Mrs. Holland said, sitting in her home. "We are all part of one family with the same mother, Eve. Like in every family, individuals take different paths, make different choices, have different lifestyles."

"So, all this emphasis on color is fruitless."

Mrs. Holland's known ancestors include slaves, abolitionists and at least one slave owner. Many of her ancestors

From East Africa to the Americas



Church helps families with genealogy research. **C1**

had mixed ethnic backgrounds of American Indian, African-American and Caucasian. Some of her maternal ancestors had mixed backgrounds, but were born free, she said. On her father's side of the family, some people were slaves.

"That's why we're polka-dot people," said Mrs. Holland, leaning forward, her face beaming, her white, grayish hair framing her face.

She keeps her heritage close around her. Figurines of elephants, giraffes and zebras stand on tables and shelves in her house. A statue of a wizened American Indian with gray streaks of hair sits solemnly in the middle of a coffee table.

The Dispatch and The Rock Island Argus picked Mrs. Holland and two other women to submit their genetic sample to the Genographic Project. Mrs. Holland wanted to participate because she hoped to know more about her mother's family.

The project traces subjects' maternal ancestors back through time using a process that examines a specific trait of each female ancestor's DNA on the X chromosome.

Mrs. Holland's matrilineal line is "haplogroup D," a lineage that began 50,000 years ago in central Asia. This group is one of five female lineages found in aboriginal Americans.

Before she received her results, Mrs. Holland believed her ancestors' migration path would come out of West Africa and follow slave-trade routes between continents.

She also thought the migra-

The Genographic Project

To learn more about the worldwide effort to trace the genetic roots of humans, go to www.nationalgeographic.com/genographic.

tion path would show she was a third African-American, a third American Indian and a third white. However, the results totally dismissed her predictions.

She said she never would have guessed her ancestors could be from Asia. She was pleased to find out that her ancestors were the first to leave Africa on their own, according to the project's Web site.

The Genographic Project only mapped her maternal ancestors' migration route up until 15,000 to 20,000 years ago, and doesn't provide Mrs. Holland with additional knowledge on the generations she knows about. The end of the migration line gets fuzzy in South America since researchers are still studying lineages in the Americas, according to the project's Web site.

"I think everyone should do this," Mrs. Holland said. "From a swab in your mouth, you can go back (thousands) of years."

Maxine Jones Hinson

Maxine Jones Hinson, 96, of Whiteville, N.C., died Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Liberty Commons Nursing Facility, Whiteville.



Final rites were held on Monday, July 10, at McKenzie Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Errol Hubbel officiating. Burial followed in Whiteville Memorial Cemetery. McKenzie Mortuary of Whiteville handled arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association-Eastern North Carolina Chapter, 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 200, Raleigh, N.C. 27603.

Mrs. Hinson was born July 2, 1910, in Beardstown, Ill., a daughter of Anthony Ajozzo and Esther Hoelscher Jones. She was a graduate of the Rock Island High School class of 1928, a prolific artist and skilled genealogical researcher. She loved her family and was a charter member of Peace Baptist Church in Whiteville.

Survivors include four sons, John Hinson and wife, Jeanine, Key Biscayne, Fla.; Sam Hinson and wife, Meg, Chadbourn, N.C.; Donald Hinson and wife, Margaret, Whiteville; Matt Hinson and wife, Beverly, Wilmington, N.C.; three daughters, Patricia Edelkind and husband, Steve, Atlanta, Ga.; Molly Seibel and husband, Fred, New York City, N.Y.; Rebecca Hinson, Lake Worth, Fla.; one sister, Lucile McMurt, Moline; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, L.A. Hinson; a son, Steve Hinson; a sister, Beatrice Wynes; a brother, Bill Jones; and grandson, Eric Silva.

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Genealogy Thought for the Day:

Old genealogists never die, they just end up in a cemetery!

---Delmar Moore
Delmar Moore

Human family tree has extremely shallow roots

By Matt Crenson
AP national writer

Whoever it was probably lived a few thousand years ago, somewhere in East Asia — Taiwan, Malaysia and Siberia all are likely locations. He — or she — did nothing more remarkable than be born, live, have children and die.

Yet this was the ancestor of every person now living on Earth — the last person in history whose family tree branches out to touch all 6.5 billion people on the planet today.

That means everybody on Earth descends from somebody who was around as recently as the reign of Tutankhamen, maybe even during the Golden Age of ancient Greece. There's even a chance that our last shared ancestor lived at the time of Christ.

"It's a mathematical certainty that that person existed," said Steve Olson, whose 2002 book "Mapping Human History" traces the history of the species since its origins in Africa more than 100,000 years ago.

It is human nature to wonder about our ancestors — who they were, where they lived, what they were like. People trace their genealogy, collect antiques and visit historical sites hoping to capture just a glimpse of those who came before, to locate themselves in the sweep of history and position themselves in the web of human existence.

But few people realize just how intricately that web connects them not just to people living on the planet today, but to everyone who ever lived.

With the help of a statistician, a computer scientist and a supercomputer, Olson has calculated just how interconnected the human family tree is. You would have to go back in time only 2,000 to 5,000 years — and probably on the low side of that range — to find somebody who could count every person alive today as a descendant.

Furthermore, Olson and his colleagues have found that if you go back a little farther — about 5,000 to 7,000 years ago — everybody living today has exactly the same set of ancestors. In other words, every person who was alive at that time is either an ancestor to all 6 billion people living today, or their line died out and they have no remaining descendants.

That revelation is "especially startling," statistician Jotun Hein of England's Oxford University wrote in a commentary on the research published by the journal Nature.

"Had you entered any village on Earth in around 3,000 B.C., the first person you would have met would probably be your ancestor," Hein marveled.

It also means that all of us have ancestors of every color and creed. Every Palestinian suicide bomber has Jews in his past. Every Sunni Muslim in Iraq is descended from at least one Shiite. And every Klansman's family has African roots.

How can this be?

It's simple math. Every person has two parents, four grandparents and eight great-grandparents. Keep doubling back through the generations — 16, 32, 64, 128 — and within a few hundred years you have thousands of ancestors.

It's nothing more than exponential growth combined with the facts of life. By the 15th century you've got a million ancestors. By the 13th you've got



Associated Press

Actress Brooke Shields could include among her ancestry Catherine de Medici and Lucrezia Borgia, Charlemagne and El Cid, William the Conqueror and King Harold, vanquished by William at the Battle of Hastings.



Associated Press

Actor Humphrey Bogart appears in character as private eye Sam Spade in the 1941 film "The Maltese Falcon." Bogart could have traced his ancestry back to Muhammad, as could a lot of other people.



Associated Press

This file copy of an undated photo of actress Katharine Hepburn was released in New York by Sotheby's auction house on March 17, 2004. Hepburn also could have traced her ancestry back to Muhammad.

Genealogists discover lots of royal roots

By Matt Crenson
AP National writer

Actress Brooke Shields has a pretty impressive pedigree — hanging from her family tree are Catherine de Medici and Lucrezia Borgia, Charlemagne and El Cid, William the Conqueror and King Harold, vanquished by William at the Battle of Hastings.

Shields also descends from five popes, a whole mess of early New England settlers, and the royal houses of virtually every European country. She counts renaissance pundit Niccolò Machiavelli and conquistador Hernando Cortes as ancestors.

What is it about Brooke? Well, nothing — at least genealogically.

Even without a documented connection to a notable forebear, experts say the odds are virtually 100 percent that every person on Earth is descended from one royal personage or another.

"Millions of people have provable descents from medieval monarchs," said Mark Humphrys, a genealogy enthusiast and professor of computer science at Dublin City University in Ireland. "The number of people with unprovable descents must be massive."

By the same token, for every king in a person's family tree there are thousands and thousands of nobodies whose births, deaths and lives went completely unrecorded by history. We'll never know about them, because until recently vital records were a rarity for all but the noble classes.

It works the other way, too. Anybody who had children more than a few hundred years ago is likely to have millions of descendants today, and quite a few famous ones.

ing the 14th century and had nine children who survived to adulthood. Among his documented descendants are presidents (George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Zachary Taylor, both Roosevelts), authors (Jane Austen, Lord Byron, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Elizabeth Barrett Browning), generals (Robert E. Lee), scientists (Charles Darwin) and actors (Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn, Brooke Shields). Some experts estimate that 80 percent of England's present population descends from Edward III.

Had Edward II been killed along with Gaveston in 1312 — a definite possibility at the time — Edward III would never have been born. He wouldn't have produced the lines of descent that ultimately branched out to include all those presidents, writers and Hollywood stars — not to mention everybody else.

The longer ago somebody lived, the more descendants a person is likely to have today. Humphrys estimates that Muhammad, the founder of Islam, appears on the family tree of every person in the Western world.

Some people have actually tried to establish a documented line between Muhammad, who was born in the 6th century, and the medieval English monarchs, and thus to most if not all people of European descent. Nobody has succeeded yet, but one proposed lineage comes close. Though it runs through several strongly suspicious individuals, the line illustrates how lines of descent can wander down through the centuries, connecting famous figures of the past to most of the people living today.

The proposed genealogy runs through Muham-

cousin of Muhammad, is considered by Shiite Muslims the legitimate heir to leadership of Islam.

Ali and Fatima had a son, al-Hasan, who died in 670. About three centuries later, his ninth great-grandson, Ismail, carried the line to Europe when he became Imam of Seville.

Many genealogists dispute the connection between al-Hasan and Ismail, claiming that it includes fictional characters specifically invented by medieval genealogists trying to link the Abbadiid dynasty, founded by Ismail's son, to Muhammad.

The Abbadiid dynasty was celebrated for making Seville a great cultural center at a time when most of Europe was mired in the Dark Ages. The last emir in that dynasty was supposed to have had a daughter named Zaida, who is said to have changed her name to Isabel upon converting to Christianity and marrying Alfonso VI, king of Castile and Leon.

But if you give the Zaida/Isabel story the benefit of the doubt too, the line eventually leads to Isabel's fifth great-granddaughter Maria de Padilla (though it does encounter yet another potentially fictional character in the process).

Maria married another king of Castile and Leon, Peter the Cruel. Their great great-granddaughter was Queen Isabel, who funded the voyages of Christopher Columbus. Her daughter Juana married a Hapsburg, and eventually gave rise to a Medici, a Bourbon, and long line of Italian princes and dukes, spreading the Mohammedan line of descent all over Europe.

Finally, 43 generations from Mohammed, you reach an Italian princess named Marina Torlonia. Her granddaughter is Brooke Shields.

Moline girls give golf super-fan birthday gift

By Steve Tappa
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Whenever she felt like pushing the panic button Monday, Moline High School senior Morgan Joseph drew on-course comfort simply by looking down at her lapel.

Ditto for her Moline girls' golf teammates, who also had pinned somewhere on their person buttons picturing Joseph's super-fan grandfather, Burt Newell.

The "Burt Buttons" were just supposed to be a birthday surprise for Newell, who turns 73 on Wednesday.

However, the Maroons also used the pins as the inspiration leading to a Moline sweep of Western Big 6 Conference honors at Galesburg's Lake Bracken Country Club.

"What a great birthday present to get," Newell said about Moline's first league title since 1986, and a second solo Big 6 championship for his granddaughter.

"When Morgan won (the Big 6) on my birthday two years ago, that was special. But, now, this ... All of these girls are so great, out there trying, hopefully we can just keep marching on."

Moline certainly has reason to feel good heading into the IHSA state series next week.

The Maroons (360) marched past their usual nemesis, Galesburg, by a whopping 11 strokes on the Streaks' tricky home course. That snapped a string of six straight league titles for Galesburg.

Moline also had three of the six all-conference individuals. Junior Bailey O'Brien (third at 88) and sophomore Lindsey Miner (fifth at 93) joined Joseph, who fired a 7-over 79.

A fourth Maroon, senior Allison Crooks (10th at 100) also fin-



Submitted

The Moline girls' golf team took inspiration from buttons honoring their super-fan, Burt Newell, on their way to capturing the Western Big 6 title Monday.

ished in the individual top 10. Alleman's Katie Moore (9th at 98) was the only other local claiming that medal-winning honor.

Alleman (435) was a distant third in the team standings, followed by Quincy (446) and Rock Island (471). United Township does not field a full team this year.

"This gives us a big confidence boost," said Joseph, the area's reigning Player of the Year. "All year, it seems, the difference has been one stroke with Galesburg. But after what we did today, now we know we can win regionals and sectionals before getting back to state."

A two-time solo state qualifier, Joseph also pronounced herself postseason-ready, breaking

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Burt Newell,
Moline girls' golf super-fan

out of a late-season slump to outduel Galesburg rival Amanda Mendrek.

Joseph trailed by a stroke

after the clubhouse turn, but finally capitalized on No. 17, when a Mendrek shot soared out of bounds, and she had to take a penalty stroke for a later drop.

Coupled with Mendrek's double bogey, Joseph's par on the hole reversed the one-shot lead.

Joseph kept that advantage, by reaching the 18th green faster than Mendrek (two shots instead of three), then two-putting to match a par by the Galesburg star.

"I was keeping her scorecard, so I knew," Joseph said. "I wasn't scared, but I was nervous, especially standing over that last putt."

But, those were the moments the "Burt Buttons" came into play.

"He's an inspiration for all of us," said O'Brien, whose parents, Jeff and Jane, had the buttons made up in Newell's honor. "He's at all of our meets, and he's always telling us what we're doing wrong. So the buttons definitely motivated us."

"You know," Miner said, of how the buttons worked, "hit a bad shot, take a look down at Burt with his 'Go Team' balloon and correct yourself. Ask yourself, 'What Would Burt Do?'"

No wonder Moline plans to wear those pins until the end of the season now.

"And, it's not just the Moline girls," said Alleman's Moore, whose graduated sister Elizabeth also won a Big 6 medal as a sophomore in 2003.

"He's such a nice man," agreed Moore's mother, Sarah. "He roots for all of the local girls."

No wonder parents and players from several other schools also had the "Burt Buttons" on Monday. Considering how they worked for the Maroons, it's certainly worth a try.

Where did you come from? It's not hard to find out

By Bill Christensen

I have been having a fun time looking up my wife's and my family history and found my interesting relatives in the lineage of our families.

Following my wife's family back, we have found that she is a descendant of all people, Daniel Boone through his sister Elizabeth Boone.

Her family goes back to the Paul family, the Raikes family, the Saunders family, the Grant family and then the Boone family. Then I was able to follow the Boone family all the way back to merry old England around 1800. The families were hard to follow at times because some of the records were lost in in Pennessie during the Civil War. This is wife's mother's side and you can see a rich historical past back to a famous person.

Her father's lineage traces back to the Cherokee Indian nation in the state of Ohio. I was able to trace his side through the Byrne family the Williams family and then America Keil Hughes of the Cherokee Indian Nation of Ohio from around 1820.

When it comes to my side, I was able to follow the Fox side of the family to the 1860s, with a proud history of having family in every war back to the Civil War (Union side). I have a great-great-grandfather, from the Murphy side, buried in the national cemetery at Chattanooga, Tenn., because of his death in 1864 at the Battle of Chattanooga. All of my ancestors come from County Cork, Ireland but immigrated at different times around the great Potato Famine.

On my father's side, the Christensen family comes from Denmark, which had Viking warriors like their distant cousins from Norway. Vikings from Denmark had smaller ships to Nordic Vikings, but they traveled to different areas of the world and expanded the Danish influence into a great empire under many kings and



Views from the QCA—

queens.

Believe it or not, genealogy is not that hard to follow and is really easy once you know where to look. The first place is family members who are alive and willing to help you gather information like names of grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters. But this is just the beginning. A family history should be more than a collection of names, dates and places; it should be a collection of artifacts.

The following are some of the things you should look for: birth, death and marriage records; family bibles; obits and many other items to verify the family record; federal and state census records; military records; naturalization papers; licenses; ocean-going ship passenger lists and even passports.

Some of the most popular sites with Genealogy departments are the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, Rootsweb.com and the state of Illinois. As far as the other countries, most of them have Genealogy associations set up to help people find their ancestors from their countries.

As you can see, once you find out the tricks of the trade, it is easy to find and follow your ancestors. You can run into a brick wall and not get past one certain family member, but just remember keep up the faith and do not get discouraged in your search for your family history because it can be fun!

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STORIES FROM CHIPPIANNOCK

Book salutes cemetery

Looking at '150 years of Epitaphs'

By John Willard
QUAD-CITY TIMES

For a decade, visitors to Rock Island's historic Chippiannock Cemetery learned about the past and had fun doing so during the cemetery's popular "Epitaphs Brought to Life" tours.

Participants stopped at 14 graves, where they would meet actors portraying the people buried at the sites. The actors talked from scripts based on historical facts from their characters' lives as culled from old newspaper articles and other sources.

Now, those 114 scripts from the tours, held from 1994-2001 and from 2004-06, are featured in a handsome new book, "150 Years of Epitaphs at Chippiannock Cemetery."

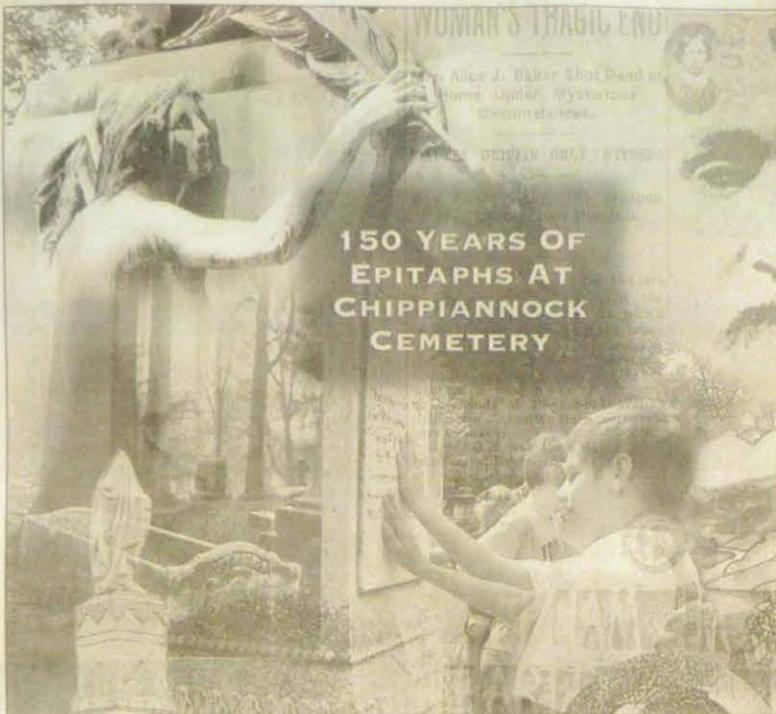
Published by the Rock Island Preservation Commission and the Chippiannock Cemetery Heritage Foundation, with the assistance of a \$11,076 grant from the U.S. Department of Interior and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the 284-page paperback book is much more than a collection of scripts from the cemetery walks.

It contains chapters on the cemetery's historical significance, photos of the graves of the 114 people featured on the walks as well as photos and illustrations of their homes, businesses and other aspects of their lives.

Also included are photos, many in color, showing cemetery events and operations. Photos submitted during a cemetery photo contest also are included.

Finally, the book has sections on the historical significance of the cemetery, located at 2901 12th St., and why it was the first cemetery in Illinois listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its landscape architecture and art. Chippiannock's first "Epitaphs Brought to Life" tour was held in 1994 to celebrate the cemetery's National Register listing.

Jill Doak, an urban planner with the City of Rock Island and the book's editor, said it is a resource that anyone can use. "While it is a story of 114 people in the cemetery, there is a tremendous amount of local history in this book," she said.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"150 Years of Epitaphs at Chippiannock Cemetery" contains scripts from the cemetery's "Brought to Life" tours in which actors portray the people buried at the sites.

RECEPTION

A reception to launch the books "150 Years of Epitaphs at Chippiannock Cemetery" and "Passages: A Collection of Personal Histories of Chippiannock Cemetery" will be 6-8 p.m. Nov. 27 at Hauberg Civic Center, 1320 24th St., Rock Island. The books will be available for sale at the event.

She said creating the book involved considerable detective work. The 114 scripts used by the actors during the cemetery walks were written by retired teacher Charles Oestreich of Rock Island, based on research by the late by Suzanne Curry, a member of the Rock Island Preservation Commission. Using Curry's notes, members of book's team found old photos and other images relating to the 114 people featured during the walks.

"Our first priority was to find a portrait of each person and then images that connected the person to the community," Doak said. "It was a surprising challenge to connect those dots."

BUY THE BOOKS

"150 Years of Epitaphs at Chippiannock Cemetery" costs \$35 and "Passages: A Collection of Personal Histories of Chippiannock Cemetery" costs \$22.75, plus tax.

Both are available at the cemetery office, 2901 12th St., Rock Island. For more information, call (309) 788-6622.

Contributing authors included architectural historian Alice E. Novak, Bettendorf writer Terri Wiebenga, historian Loren Horton and cemetery superintendent Gregory Vocele. Dennis Pretty photographed the monuments and markers. Midwest Graphics Management designed the book.

Vocele, whose father and grandfather served as Chippiannock Cemetery superintendents, said the project was taken on as part of the cemetery's 150th anniversary celebration. "We figured it was a good way to tell a story of the cemetery's value to the community," he said.

While Chippiannock has a rich history, he said, it is very much an active cemetery with 75 to 100 burials a year. About 23,000 people are buried in the 85-acre cemetery, Vocele said, with enough land to keep the cemetery active for 200 more years.

Chippiannock Cemetery, whose name means "village of the dead" in the Sac and Fox dialect, was opened in August 1855 by a group of citizens who saw the need for a cemetery. They hired Almerin Hotchkiss, the designer of Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis, as the landscape architect. His design called for a system of drives that curved around the burial sections.

Chippiannock is operated by a nonprofit association. The cemetery raises money for preservation and other activities beyond its function as an active cemetery through the Chippiannock Cemetery Heritage Foundation.

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Rock Island

Phyllis Kennedy

Phyllis Irene Kennedy, 72, of Rock Island, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at River Park Healthcare Center, Rock Island.



A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Southpark Presbyterian Church in Rock Island. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established.

She was born March 25, 1924, in Edgington to Este and Rosa Kell Dunlap. She married Kenneth L. Finlay of Andalusia on April 23, 1950. She later married Richard Kennedy in the early 1960s.

She enjoyed cooking. Her ancestors, the Carrs, arrived in 1828. Peter Carr started the ferry across Rock River at 38th Street. The new bridge bears the Carr name. The Dunlaps came to Edgington area in 1838. Joseph and Sophia founded First Presbyterian Church in their log cabin.

Surviving are sons, Kenneth Wayne Jones, Rock Island, Thomas Dean Jones, Portland, Ore., Michael Swaim, Davenport, Robert Manwaring, Crown Point, Ind., William Kennedy, Davenport; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; special friend, Ben Gramadas, Silvis.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.quadcitiescremation.com. *RIGGS MEMBER

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Letters from Readers

When feeding hungry, don't forget pets need food, too

At this time of year many of us are helping to provide food for the less fortunate. We should not forget that many of the needy, disabled and shut-in seniors have only one companion — a much loved dog or cat. Many of these people who are physically and financially unable to get out to buy food for their faithful companions, share whatever they can get with them, rather than see them go hungry, even if it means having less for themselves.

I have read that one Meals-on-Wheels program in California discovered that many of the recipients were giving the meals to their pets, rather than see them starve and then going hungry themselves. One woman was found to be living

on cottage cheese and apples so that her beloved golden retriever could eat. This situation was remedied when the Purina Co. generously donated pet food to the program and a small package of dry pet food was added to the meal of each recipient who had a dog or cat, resulting in greatly improved health for both the animal and the owner.

We can help to relieve this problem by adding a bag of dry dog food (not canned, which is too rich for starving dogs) to our donations to the various agencies handing out food to those who are unable to provide for themselves. The generously donated meals should be going to those for whom they are intended and not sacrificed to relieve the pain of a loving four-legged companion. (But who among us would not do the same?)

I regularly donate dog food to food pantries, and others are surprised — even reluctant to accept it — until I explain, as they had not realized that such a problem exists. I sincerely hope that others will do the same not

just at Christmas, but throughout the year.

**Pamela M. Langston,
Rock Island**



Gary Wrambeck/staff

Trace your roots with DAR

Ilene Correll at left, Lorraine Hathaway and Kathy Carey invite you to the Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogy Workshop, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Rock Island Public Library, Community Room, 401 19th St. The workshop is free, but you must make a reservation by Jan. 24 by calling, Pam Dunfield, (309) 755-8004; Lorraine Hathaway, (309) 787-1826; or Kathy Carey, (309) 796-2064. The workshop is limited to 30 people. If you would like to join DAR, the Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter DAR would like to help you join.

RICIGS Meeting Place Change

Starting in January, 2007

RICIGS meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the
Rock Island County Historical Society Library,
822 11th Avenue
Moline, Illinois



Quad Cities Spring Genealogical Conference

Our next conference is **April 21st, 2007**
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Our speaker will be *Paula Stuart Warren* on
"A Baker's Dozen of Simple Ways to Write Your Family History"
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of the Putnam Museum on a
Civil War Trio --
Opposing newspaper editors,
Kate Perry Mosher who helped prisoners on
Arsenal Island, and the daily life of a
Union Soldier.





CONTRIBUTOR PHOTO

River rafting on the Kenai Canyon River are a boatload of adventurers that include Plus 60 members Jean Waterman, Camanche, Iowa; Garnett Norris, Cocoa Beach, Fla.; Bob and Judy Herr, Iowa City; Bob and Donna Malake, Davenport; and AAA escort Karole Snyder, Davenport.

Alaska lures us again

Almost every year Plus 60 members head for Alaska — sometimes by land, sometimes by sea on large cruise ships and sometimes in small boats, sleeping ashore at night.

Photos on this page were taken during this year's Alaska adventure that included an Inside Passage cruise aboard the Island Princess from Vancouver to

Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay National Park and Whittier and then two nights at the Princess Wilderness Lodge overlooking the Kinnai River, a night at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, a night at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge and two nights at the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge. In Fairbanks the group took a

sternwheeler riverboat cruise and stayed overnight so they could visit the El Dorado Gold Mine.

The next Plus 60 cruise to Alaska will be May 30-June 4. It's aboard a small boat carrying around 90 people and is almost sold out.

AAA Travel, (503) 332-3300, has itineraries and is in charge of reservations.



Donna and Bob Malake, Davenport, stop at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System north of Fairbanks to study the mileage post.



Bob Nicolai, Muscatine, Iowa, cruises in Glacier Bay aboard the Island Princess.



Enjoying a shore excursion break are, from left, Joyce and Dick Beemis, Delmar, Iowa; Judy and Bob Herr, Iowa City; and Bonnie and Bob Nicolai, Muscatine.



Cruising Glacier Bay are, from left, Marilyn Zuidema, Alpha, Ill.; Barb McNeil, Woodhull, Ill.; and Bonnie Hall, Clinton, Iowa.



Plus 60 members enjoy the view aboard the Princess Wilderness domed rail car between Talkeetna and Denali Park.



Marilyn and Arden McBride, Reynolds, Ill., are all ready for the Plus 60 party.



Jerry and Barb Hanson, Bettendorf, left, with Bonnie Nicolai, Muscatine, at the Plus 60 cocktail party aboard ship.



Sparky and Lynn Garlough, Harrodsburg, Ky., left, with Sparky's brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Deloris Garlough, Clinton.



Bob and Pat McCoy, Davenport.

Birth

Delmar Moore

Delmar Moore, Rock Island, will celebrate his 90th birthday Thursday, Feb. 8, with a family dinner.

He was born Feb. 8, 1927, in Knoxville, Ill., and is a World War II veteran, having served in Germany in the medical department.

He graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a B.S. degree in business administration. He married Donna Husemann June 22, 1957, in Rushville, Ill.

He was employed at the former Augustana Book Concern, Bear Manufacturing Co., and Augustana College. He is a lifetime member of First Church of the Nazarene, Rock Island.

His children (and their spouses) are Martha (Ken) Wynes, Milan; and Daniel (Debbie) Moore, Rock Island. He has five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. **RICIGS - NEWSMAN**



Lois Jackson

Lois A. Jackson celebrated her 80th birthday Tuesday, March 20.

Lois still lives on the same street where she was born March 20, 1927.

In former years, she had been employed at the former International Harvester Co., Farmall Works.

Lois is the mother of two sons, Robert W. Jackson and spouse, Sheila, Moline; and Murrell R. Jackson, Rock Island, and his friend, Diane Stacey, Eldridge. There are two grandchildren, Thomas R. Jackson and spouse, MacKenzie Jackson, Moline, and Emily M. Jackson, Norfolk, Va.; and a great-grandson, Brenden H. Jackson, Moline.

Lois is a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock Island, and a member of Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society.



VA awards \$10M contract to expand National Cemetery

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded a construction contract for more than \$10 million to expand National Cemetery on Arsenal Island.

VA awarded the \$10.1 million contract to Veteran/Pacific Joint Venture, a minority-owned small business based in Chicago.

"With this expansion, VA is continuing to keep our commitment to the men and women who have served our nation by providing a shrine-like final resting place for them and their families for many years," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson.

The expansion project encompasses approximately 25

acres and will provide more than 7,000 gravesites, including casket gravesites, pre-placed crypts and a columbarium for cremation remains.

It also will provide a new committal service shelter, an assembly area, public restrooms, an information building, a maintenance area, and additions and renovations to the administration building. New and renovated infrastructure features for water distribution, roads and utilities are included. The VA expects construction to begin within one month and be completed by late 2008.

The expansion will permit burials for veterans and eligible family members to continue for at least the next decade.



Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Our Society meets at 7:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Rock Island County Historical Society Library, 822 - 11th Avenue, Moline. We'd love to have you join us!

January 23 - Family Atlas Demo by Bill Burrows

February 27 - Organizing Digital Photos by Shari Baker

March 27 - "The Patroon at Hongegot: What's in a Name" by Gene Eiklor (RICIGS member)

April 24 - Member Research Night at RICHHS

May 22 - Minda Powers Douglas, author of *Epitaphs* magazine

June 26 - Visit to Family History Library in Davenport

July 24 - Ancestor Show & Tell

August 28 - Schar Blevins, RICIGS Member

September 25 - Kathleen Seusy, RICIGS member (*Vegetarian*)

October 23 - Family History Month Activity

November 13 - Annual Dinner at QC Botanical Center

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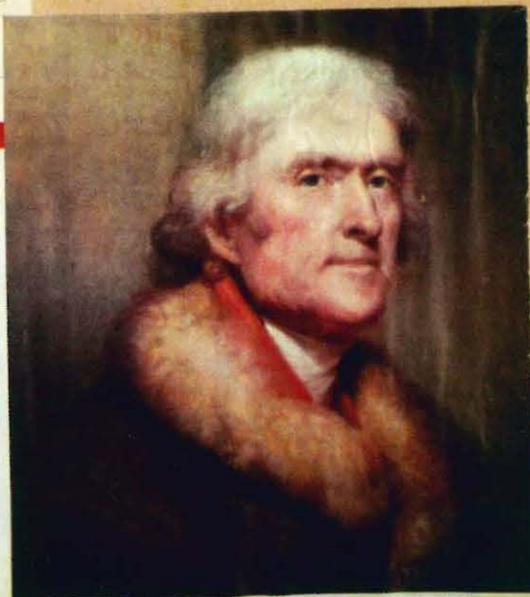
GENETICS

Jefferson, the Chosen President?

U.S. PRESIDENT, AUTHOR of the Declaration of Independence. Force behind the Louisiana Purchase. And ... Jew? A new genetic study raises the tantalizing possibility that Thomas Jefferson may have had Jewish ancestry. Researchers at the University of Leicester have found that the Founding Father's Y chromosome is part of a line known as K2; estimated to be about 20,000 years old, the line has been found scattered about Western Europe, notably in Iberia, France and Britain, but it is most prevalent in the Middle East. Since K2's European distribution "lacks clear structure," as Mark Jobling, a coauthor of the

study, puts it, scientists aren't able to trace an exact origin. But how might a 20,000-year-old chromosomal line predominantly found in the Middle East end up dispersed across Europe? One of the best explanations is the Jewish Diaspora, in which the Jews spread west through much of Europe.

Without more data, the University of Leicester researchers can't be certain—but that didn't stop the American Jewish and Jeffersonian communities from buzzing about the prospect. "Monotheism, Moses and Monticello? We should be so lucky," wrote David A. Harris, head of the American Jewish Committee, in an e-mail to NEWSWEEK. "I think it's delightful to find through genetic studies more and more that dif-



A FOUNDING FATHER'S DNA: 'Monotheism, Moses and Monticello?'

ferent people are inseparable in their origins," says Peter Ochs, a professor of modern Judaic studies at the University of Virginia, which Jefferson founded. "We also like him. He's a brilliant, complex, imperfect person, like the great Biblical mod-

els—briny, who uses his mind to build things, and yet very human." The Leicester team previously researched Jefferson's genes to determine whether he had fathered children with a slave, Sally Hemings.

—NICK SUMMERS and MARC BAIN

Picture of history

Family's story is preserved on quilt

By Ruth Longoria
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When 77-year-old Davenport resident Erma Wiszmann's ancestors immigrated to this country from Zebriov Bohemia, they embarked on a trail mixed with tragedy, merriment and tears.

The family of potato farmers set out to achieve the American dream, through purchase of United States homestead land, 160 acres provided to citizens or new residents for a nominal filing fee.

In the 1870s, the family sailed aboard the S.S. Hansa and arrived on American soil more than a decade before Ellis Island

became this country's immigration center. Then, the family of 11 traveled west by train and built its first house of sod in the state of Nebraska.

The family was dealt a hand of hardship and happiness but, as many American pioneers did, the family persevered, and left a legacy that won't be forgotten, thanks to the persistent hands of a Quad Cities descendant.

Ms. Wiszmann, a longtime telephone company operator and community volunteer, never married or had children, so if it were not for her memories, research and handiwork the Krejci family's rich portion of history might have disap-

peared from the Midwest as older family members died. However, a history quilt being created by Ms. Wiszmann will tell the pictorial tale for generations to come. She plans to donate the completed story quilt to a historical museum.

"I just felt it was a story that should be told. I had the time to do this, and so that's how the project began," Ms. Wiszmann said.

The quilt is about halfway completed, stretched atop a frame that takes up a healthy chunk of her living room.

Ms. Wiszmann's artistic endeavors aren't for family alone. In the past, she has spent countless hours stitching timeless treasures for friends and acquaintances whose family heirlooms previously lay in boxes or bins uncompleted. She has photo albums filled with pictures of projects she finished for friends, community groups, co-workers, a landlady and even a local nature center.

"I can't let someone lose that part of their history," she said of a woman whose grandmother's quilt squares she recently completed.

That portion of a prior landlady's quilt had been left in a box with a letter to relatives, written in the 1930s, saying its creator's arthritis had made completing the quilt too great a task. The woman who'd kept the box with its contents preserved, had gone into an assisted-living center when Ms. Wiszmann took on the task of completing the more than 60-year-old project.



Dan Voetsch / staff

Erma Wiszmann of Davenport works on a quilt that tells the story of her family's history including their immigration to the U.S. from Europe in the 1800s.

"The family was still in the community, and I knew someday they'd want (the quilt) so I finished it for (its owner) and took it over to her. She was so delighted," Ms. Wiszmann said with a smile as she recalled the moment.

She turned a page in the album and shared a photo with nine embroidered panels of birds brightly displayed on a quilt she prepared for the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center in Dixon, Iowa. "There's a thrush, a bluebird, a goldfinch, a cardinal, a red wing blackbird, a robin, a wren, a chickadee and a bluejay," she said, adding that the depicted birds are native to Iowa.

Creating her own history quilt began much like one age-old children's story, "The Little Red Hen." Ms. Wiszmann wrote a letter to several of her relatives, asking each if they'd like to be involved in the creation of the family quilt. One relative said she thought the project sounded

interesting, and another said she just "wasn't talented in that direction." But, just like the storybook character, Ms. Wiszmann went ahead with her plans, baking her proverbial bread, an item to be shared with even those who played no part in its creation.

Ms. Wiszmann gathered photos and magazine clippings, and drew what memories she couldn't find elsewhere. She even added a list of the first American family members, and a copy of the 1879 paperwork giving the family permission to emigrate, granted by Franz Joseph, then-emperor of Austria.

The selected documents, artwork and photos were taken to a copy shop and made into white blocks, which could be printed on material, stitched together with print borders and later embroidered.

Ms. Wiszmann learned to quilt as a child in Exeter, Neb. She has fond memories of attending a church group quilting circle with her mother,



Dan Voetsch / staff

A panel depicting turn-of-the-century (circa 1900), at-home entertainment from Erma Wiszmann's family history quilt.

where she learned the art.

Although she didn't have time to use her skill much in the ensuing years, she picked it up again as a hobby after she retired, in 1985, from Davenport's Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, where she'd worked since 1948. Coworkers at the telephone company created a quilt for her when she retired, which inspired her to take her needles and artistic abilities out of retirement.

She's spent about 50 hours working on her family's history quilt, and anticipates spending another 55 hours. "It's quite a job, but it'll be worth it when it's done," she said. "There's a lot of story in here."

They call it a family tree because if you look hard enough, you'll always find some sap in it!
 Genealogy Thought for the Day.

R.I. County Genealogical Society offers workshops

The Rock Island County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a series of beginning genealogy workshops from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 14 through April 4, at the Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island.

The final workshop will be Tuesday, April 10, at the Rock Island County Historical Society Library, 622 11th Ave., Moline, and will include a tour of the Historical Society Library and research time.

Topics will include getting started, locating vital records, using federal records, and computer genealogy. Cost is \$5 per session or \$20 for all five sessions. Space is limited to 30 people.

Registration is required and must be postmarked by Feb. 28. Registration forms can be printed from the calendar link on our Web site www.roisweb.com/index.html.

For information, contact Lorraine Hartney (309) 767-1626 or Linda Peltch (309) 234-0151.

'They Sold Their Homes'

Today's immigrants add new verses to old song

By Leon Lagerstrom
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The land of opportunity has lured plenty of people to risk life and limb to get here.

Dangers, unlike proposed immigration reforms, haven't changed that much. Risks faced are similar, but faces of those undertaking them are different.

An upcoming play, titled "They Sold Their Homes," will illustrate that point. Performed by a theatrical group from Vornland, Sweden, the play will reenact a harrowing journey taken by 200 Swedes that ended in Moline in 1854.

The play will be performed at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at First Covenant Church, 3501 41st St., Moline. Admission will be \$10 for adults, and free for children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit Moline Swedish Friendship Association cultural exchange scholarships.

The play is based on a famous Swedish emigration song, written aboard ship by Johan Erik Lindquist.

It's actually an anti-emigration song, association spokeswoman Lily Setterdahl said.

The 21-stanza ballad tells of the group's deep regrets for leaving the fatherland, and how members were swindled out of their life's fortunes.

"Now we've been packed together in a most unhealthy throng," according to a song verse. "To us, it's like looking into a grave."

The song goes on to explain how they weren't allowed to bring food on board, leading to a "gnawing hunger with sorrow, tears and grief." "And when we had been sailing for about a week or two, a darkness covered all the deck, and spread itself out. We couldn't even see each other; we could hardly breathe or move. There was dreadful suffering, for big as well as small.

"And death is stalking gruesomely among the passengers on board; one sees the tossing of the dead into the sea's wild waves."

The ship's captain was described as the devil himself in the song, which also told how others died from cholera after



Submitted

A scene from 'They Sold Their Homes,' a story of Swedish emigration to be presented Wednesday at First Covenant Church in Moline.

landing in Chicago.

"Since olden days in Sweden have lived pious folks and good," sums up the second-to-last stanza. "But they are inclined by nature to indulge in games of chance. They let themselves be cheated and come to no good end. It has happened in bygone days, it will happen so forever."

"People might be surprised to learn of all the difficulties people faced back then," Ms. Setterdahl said. "Immigrants face similar perils today."

Instead of crammed into ships for weeks at a time, Mexican emigrants often are found stuffed into cargo vans or SUVs. Rapes, assaults, robberies and people taking advantage of many escaping Mexicans have been reported often, too, compared to the song's reported Swede swindling.

"It was far more difficult for the Swedes, though," said Chuck Holmgren of Moline, a descendant of those early Swedes. His great-grandmother, Caroline Peterson, was the song-writer's wife, and a featured subject of a play performed by an earlier Swedish theatrical during a 1993 tour.

Her husband, Mr. Lindquist, either died at sea or shortly after arriving in Moline, according to contrary reports.

His widow later married a preacher named E. Conrad Holmgren, but then divorced. She died in

1939, after living in Moline for 56 years, according to her obituary. She's buried at Riverside Cemetery in Moline.

Chuck Holmgren looks forward to seeing the play about his great-grandparents' journey, but discounts comparisons to immigrants of today.

"To get into the country, they had to agree to learn English," he said. They needed passports and parish sponsorships, too, Ms. Setterdahl said. They weren't entering the country illegally.

Yet, she finds some comparisons interesting. For example, the Florencia Neighborhood in Moline, where so many Hispanics have chosen to live, used to be populated by those Swedish immigrants.

First Lutheran Church, 1230 31st Ave., Moline, stands nearby. The church has served as a worship home for 4,500 Swedish immigrants over the years, Ms. Setterdahl said.

"Swedish parents used to send their children to the church to learn how to speak English," she said. "Now, it's Mexican children who come to church to learn English as a second language."

People used to walk around neighborhood streets speaking Swedish to each other. "Now it's Spanish," she said. "Mexicans have huddled together here now, as Swedes once huddled together as a community back then."

Sherry Cosentine, another descendant of that group of Swedes, noted an additional similarity.

"Those Swedes were hard-working folks who did what they could to survive, and took the jobs no one else would," she said.

Her ancestors, the Kohler family, joined First Lutheran in 1864, after that fateful trip from Sweden, and also are buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Their welcome in Moline, however, may show how well the area long has handled cultural diversity, Ms. Cosentine said.

"Just look at Lagomarcino's and their Italian descent, right in the heart of a Swedish settlement, but how well



Chuck Holmgren at the grave of his great-grandmother, Carolina Holmgren

they've been respected for so long, and prospered in that area."

"But in the 1850's, the U.S. was crying for immigrants," Ms. Setterdahl

Even Mr. Lindquist's anti-immigration warning didn't halt peak flows of them in 1868-69, and in the 1890s, she said.

A hundred-plus years later, though, those U.S. immigration cries have turned into cries of protest. Dangers immigrants face, however, don't look all that much different from what Mr. Lindquist related in his 152-year-old song, and prayed:

"O Lord God, protect us, everyone on earth from giving oneself to danger, and believing a hawk's word. My song is a cold preventive, for those to take in, who

intend to emigrate and have an unstable mind."



Sherry Cosentine stands beside the grave marker for the Kohler family grave site at Riverside Cemetery where her ancestors, descendants of Swedish settlers, are buried.

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Beverly and Stanley Francque

Beverly and Stanley Francque of Moline will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 8. Helping them celebrate with a card shower and family dinner are their children, Craig and Linda Francque, Gary and Margo Francque, Tammy and Jerry Ryker and Diane and Mark Kohrs; their nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Beverly Newell and Stanley Francque were united in marriage Nov. 8, 1947, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Moline.

Stanley was employed at Bakers Dairy for 31 years, retiring in 1978. Beverly was employed at Target for 11 years, retiring in 1967.

They are members of Christ the King Church, Moline.

MEMBERS OF ALIENS

Stanley Francque

Stanley "Stan" Francque, Moline, will celebrate his 80th birthday with a family dinner and a card shower Sunday, Sept. 10.

He was born Sept. 10, 1926, in Geneseo. He married Beverly Newell Nov. 8, 1947, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Moline.

Their children (and spouses) are Craig (Linda) Francque, Wichita, Kan.; Gary (Margo) Francque, Moline; Tammy (Jerry) Ryker, Spirit Lake, Iowa; and Diane (Mark) Kohrs, Moline. They have nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Stan was a World War II Navy veteran, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. He was employed at Baker's Dairy, Moline, as a route foreman for 31 years. He then was employed by Moline School District 40 as a custodian at Butterworth School, retiring in 1991.

He and Bev are members of Christ the King Church, the Center for Belgian Culture, the Rock Island Historical Society and the Rock Island County Genealogy Society. He feels he has been blessed with great family, relatives and many, many friends.



Associated Press

Scott Amsler and Miranda Patterson of Collinsville, Ill., pose in the graveyard where they plan to be married.

Undying love: Couple plan cemetery wedding

► Unusual weddings

Genealogical conference talks research

The 33rd annual Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 21 at the Moline Viking Club, 1450 41st St.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes a luncheon if payment is received by April 16.

The conference speaker, Paula Stuart-Warren, will discuss "A Baker's Dozen of Simple Ways to Write Your Family History," "Twentieth & Twenty-First Century Research," "The U.S. National Archives: The Nation's Attic" and "Railroad Records & Railroad History: Methods of Tracking."

Checks may be sent to the Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference, P.O. Box 0943, Moline, IL, 61266-0943. For more information, call (563) 386-1367.

PACIFIC, Mo. (AP) — It's not the traditional "till death do us part," but Scott Amsler and Miranda Patterson believe getting hitched in a graveyard is just thinking outside the box.

Come September, the Illinois couple expects to pledge their undying love among the dearly departed in this St. Louis suburb's city cemetery, even though those who approved the request are dead set against seeing it become a trend.

The wedding wouldn't be out of character for Amsler, 27, a computer expert for a financial company by day and rehabber of old hearses by night.

The graveyard, he said, just has a certain tranquility and thriftiness for nuptials the young couple insists will be small, private and traditional — except for the bagpipes, Amsler's refurbished hearse and the throng of eternally silent witnesses.

"People are going to think how they want. I don't actively try to convince people that my interests

are normal or logical," Amsler said. "I'm not a freak or Satan worshipper or cult member. It just goes with our theme."

Deep down, the couple said, it just seemed right.

Amsler and Patterson, who recently moved to Collinsville, Ill., became an item not long after they met in November 2005 at a birthday party where Patterson, 21, was to have been the celebrant's blind date. Amsler showed up in a retrofitted hearse that caught Patterson's eye.

"I wanted a ride in it, but I chickened out at the last minute," she said.

By their first date weeks later, on New Year's Eve, Patterson knew Amsler was the one. Not long afterward, she quit her factory job in Sullivan, Mo., and moved in with Amsler in Troy, Ill.

Amsler proposed last June, affixing to the side of the 1965 hearse — which the two call "Edgar" — a plate with a simple message: "Will you marry me?" Seconds later, the ring slid onto a

craying Patterson's finger.

She received Edgar as an engagement gift and had only one stipulation: The wedding had to be outside, in a gazebo.

Her worries were laid to rest while she and Amsler drove to her dad's house. While traveling on Interstate 44, Patterson spotted a gazebo on a hilltop, only to find it was in a graveyard. No worries.

"The view was just gorgeous," she said. "I said, 'This is where I want to get married.'"

When the couple called last fall for permission to use the three-acre cemetery, which dates to the Civil War, City Clerk Jo Ann Hoehne told them the local cemetery committee would have to decide.

"When I spoke to them, they were just a normal young couple who wanted to have a wedding some place they thought was nice and serene for a very small, intimate wedding," Hoehne said. "They weren't any cult group or anything like that."



John Greenwood / Staff

Two-day rummage sale upcoming

The 15th Ave. Christian Church, 3600 15th Ave., Rock Island, will hold its fall rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Items for sale include a large collection of mugs, plates and other collectibles, a large collection of mugs, plates and other collectibles, bird cage, kitchenware, books, clothing and much more. Promoting the sale are, from left: Dorothy Darland, Steve Sheese and Iris Edwards.

Casserole queens

► Winners

- Ellen Bielenberg, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charlotte, Iowa
- Ronda Bird, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport
- Jane Duben, Asbury Methodist Church, Bettendorf
- Kathy Grace, Springdale United Methodist Church, Springdale, Iowa
- Dorothy Hotle, Riverside United Methodist Church, Moline
- Evonne Kragness, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dora
- Debra Rhoads, Oakway United Methodist Church, Waukeet
- Deb Toppert, St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock Island
- Pat Townsend, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Ill.

► The winning recipes, B3

By Brandy Wehner
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Could it be ... Satan? Nah, just casserole.

Earlier this month, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, Rock Island, hosted a casserole taste-off to decide which heavenly hot dishes will be featured on its buffet during the run of the new musical comedy "Church Basement Ladies," which will be presented at Circa from March 28 to May 26.

The theater had asked church-basement ladies from regional churches — the women responsible for coffee, cookies and potluck — to submit their best "hot-dish" recipes. Ninety-nine churches responded, representing an array of denominations and congregations from as far as Elizabeth, Ill., 85 miles from the Quad-Cities.

From those 99 recipes, nine

winners emerged, and each one will enjoy a spot in the limelight for one week during the run of the show. Winners also received two free tickets, good for the week their dishes are being served.

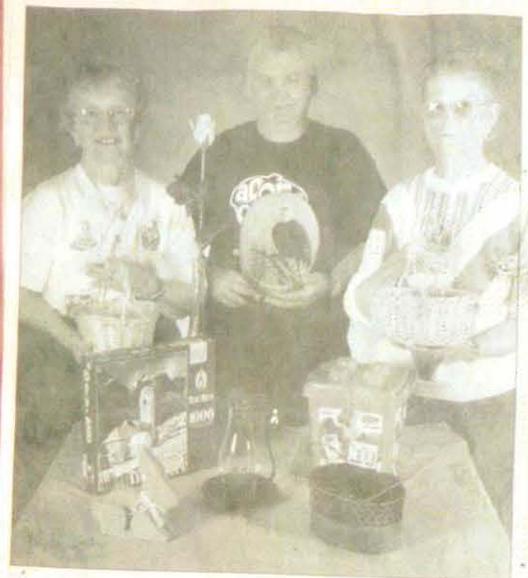
That's right. Showgoers can taste the winning recipes at the theater or make them at home, using the recipes following this story.

Circa '21 producer Dennis Hitchcock cooked up the contest. He says it was inspired by a Curious Cook column, written by Liz Meegan, which appeared in The Dispatch and The Rock Island Argus. In the recipe-exchange column, one Quad-Cities cook requested recipes for dishes to take to potlucks.

Circa '21 staffers narrowed the 99 entries to 20, then called on members of the Quad-Cities media to attend a taste-off to help choose the winning nine.

In conjunction with the contest and the show, Circa '21 will

See **Casserole**, B3



Paul Cobetti / staff

Rummage on 15th Avenue

Joy Miller, left; Steve Sheese and Dorothy Darland show some of the items that will be available at the rummage sale at 15th Avenue Christian Church, 3600 15th Ave., Rock Island. The sale will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Household items, clothes, toys and books will be among the items for sale.

Delmar and Donna Moore

Delmar and Donna Moore, Rock Island, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Donna Husemann, Mount Sterling, Ill., and Mr. Moore, Rock Island, were married June 22, 1957, at the Free Methodist Church, Rushville, Ill.

Their children (and spouses) are Martha (Ken) Wynes, Milan; and Daniel (Debbie) Moore, Rock Island. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore retired from Augustana College.

They are members of First Church of the Nazarene, Rock Island. **RICLOS-HI&TERRIAN**



Richard and Dorothy Darland

Richard C. and Dorothy V. Darland, Rock Island, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dorothy Bailey and Mr. Darland, both of Ottumwa, Iowa, were married Aug. 2, 1947.

Their children are Dennis and Kenneth Darland, Rock Island, and Shirley (husband, Kevin) Wiklund, Rockford, Ill. There are two grandsons, Kev and Andrew Wiklund.

Mr. and Mrs. Darland are members of 15th Avenue Christian Church, Rock Island.



Dan Vukobich / staff

The women who submitted the nine winning recipes in the Circa '21 'Church Basement Ladies' hot-dish contest are, from left, Dorothy Hotle, Debra Rhoads, Evonne Kragness, Ronda Bird, Jane Duben, Kathy Grace, Pat Townsend, Deb Toppert and Ellen Bielenberg.



Piecing together the family story

Exploring your family's military history could be a hefty task

By Bill Meyeroff
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If you want to explore your family's military history, you'd better have a lot of spare time.

"It's never going to be a quick process," said Pam Dunfield, registrar of the Moline-Rock Island branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution. "You do have to be persistent."

Before searching through military archives and records, Mrs. Dunfield said, the best

plan is to get as much background information as possible.

"Start by asking living people the questions," she said. "Googling is always helpful."

Mrs. Dunfield used this technique to verify some of her family's military stories. Her mother's cousin, Lt. Cmdr. Frederick Warren Purdy, was serving on the USS Strong during World War II when it was hit by a torpedo July 5, 1943, she said. Armed with that bit of information

▶ Researching tips

Tips if you're interested in researching your family's military history.

- ▶ Be patient. "It's never going to be a quick process," Pam Dunfield, the registrar of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said.
- ▶ Enter the name of the family member you're researching in an internet search engine to find some background.
- ▶ Look up alternate spellings of your family member's name.

and the knowledge that the Navy had named a ship after Lt. Cmdr. Purdy, she set out to find the rest of the story.

"It's amazing what you can

Records are not perfect and sometimes names get misspelled, according to Mrs. Dunfield.

▶ Start by asking living relatives questions about any deceased family members you want to research.

▶ Helpful Web sites and phone numbers:

- ▶ Rock Island County Historical Society: www.rchis.org or call (309) 764-8590
- ▶ National Archives: www.archives.gov or call (866) 272-6272

eventually find," Mrs. Dunfield said. "He had gone back on board to try and get the last people off."

Mrs. Dunfield said, however,

that relying exclusively on Internet searches is a bad idea. "You can find part of (the story) on the Web," she said. "But I wanted all of it."

Examining historical documents also can help, said Linda Polich, a volunteer at the Rock Island County Historical Society.

"We've got, for example, an original Civil War roster," she said. The roster shows the names, ethnicities and hometowns of many Civil War soldiers from Rock Island County. The book also tells if soldiers died in combat or deserted, she said. "I love this book."

Once you have some background information, Mrs. Dunfield said, it's time to start looking through official

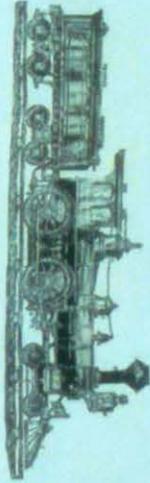
records. The National Archives, she said, has military records going back to World War I and interested people can fill out a form to request military records. But be careful filling it out, she adds.

"How you fill it out determines where you send it," Mrs. Dunfield said. "It takes some reading to know what you're doing. It's very detailed."

Though the process can be long, she said, Mrs. Dunfield thinks researching military history is worth it.

"I've met gobs of relatives I didn't even know I had," she said. "It's kind of piecing together the family story."

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Echoes from the past

Actors portray historic characters

By Stephen Elliott
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MOLINE — Sometimes, it's hard to hear the voices of the dead.

A fall breeze came rushing through trees at Riverside Cemetery on Saturday, creating a waterfall-like sound.

Visitors walked along the cemetery road, up hills and through patches of dried grass to listen to actors give voice to those from Moline's past.

"I leave tomorrow," lamented the late Marcia L. Towndrow Gould, portrayed by Kay Krewer of Orion. "It's difficult. I've lived here all my life."

The audience — those attending Echoes from Riverside — was silent as "Mrs. Gould," a Moline socialite, spoke of a life of dinners and clubs, of helping with local education programs. She was at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Her husband, Frank Gould, was the son of a famous judge.

And then in 1908, Mrs. Gould's husband fell into financial disarray. He killed himself, and the widow moved to Massachusetts, where she died in 1936.

In its 12th year, the walking tour touched on the lives of some of the 40,000 people buried in the 60-acre cemetery.

The actors wrote their own scripts and did the research on the people they played. Todd Slater, manager of Moline's cemeteries division, said the approximately five-minute scripts tried to summarize bits of information about those buried there.

The late Robert K. Swan, por-



photos: Stephen Elliott / staff

Above: Kay Krewer played the role of Marcia L. Towndrow Gould (1859 - 1936) at the annual Echoes from Riverside cemetery walk in Moline Saturday. Ms. Krewer said Ms. Gould believed strongly in advancing the cause for women in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Below: Colona resident Dan Olson sets up his props during the Echoes from Riverside cemetery walk Saturday. Mr. Olson, a teacher at Wilson Middle School, played the part of Oscar Peal, a popular hotel- and saloon-owner in Moline.

trayed by Bill Hannan of Moline, stood on a hill overlooking the Mississippi River. Dressed in a black frock coat, top hat and vest, Mr. Hannan, a retired Black Hawk College teacher, spoke about Mr. Swan's role as chief operating officer of Moline Plow Co. well over a century ago.

"There is a lot of history of Moline that people don't know about," Mr. Hannan said.

Nearby a man stood next to a grave stone, dressed in a black coat carrying cigars in his pocket. Old liquor bottles sat next to him.

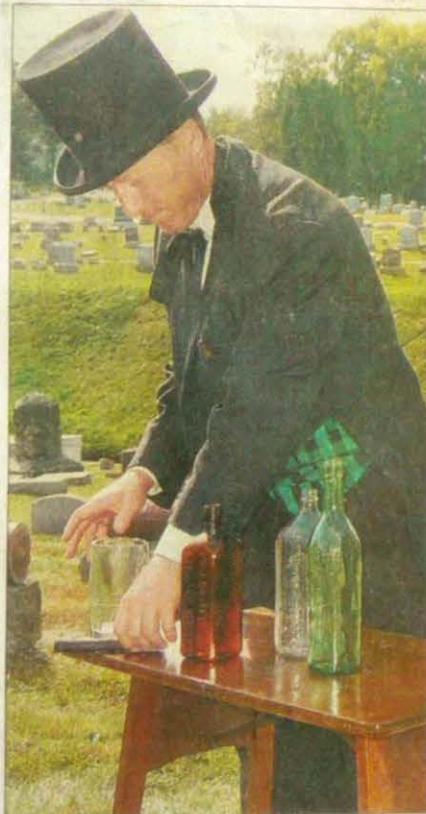
Oscar Peal was a popular 19th century hotel- and saloon-owner in Moline. He also spoke out strongly against a woman's temperance movement locally.

"He was a congenial man in the eyes of the public," said his portrayer, Dan Olson of Colona. "Standing up against the women's temperance movement gave him a lot of popularity."

Mr. Olson is a science teacher at Wilson Middle School. He wrote his script in a rhythmic cadence that left his visitors pleased.

"There's just something about being there," said Linda Thomas, of Moline. She and her mother, Sara, were attending their first tour.

"The saloon keeper had it all in verse," Ms. Thomas said. "It was really cool to listen to."



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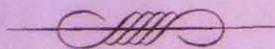
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Finding family

Q-C residents embrace fun of genealogy

By Brandy Donaldson
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Several hundred years ago, William Shakespeare posed the question, "What's in a name?" and for the millions researching their genealogy, it usually takes only one family name to get the ball rolling.

Civil rights proponent the Rev. Al Sharpton probably couldn't have been more surprised at a name that turned up in his genealogy — the late Sen. Strom Thurmond.

Rev. Sharpton, who ran for president on a civil rights platform, discovered his family was tied through slavery to the family of the long-time U.S. senator who once ran for president on a segregation platform.

Sen. Barack Obama recently learned his white mother's family likely owned slaves — which probably came as quite a shock to the presidential hopeful whose black father immigrated from East Africa.

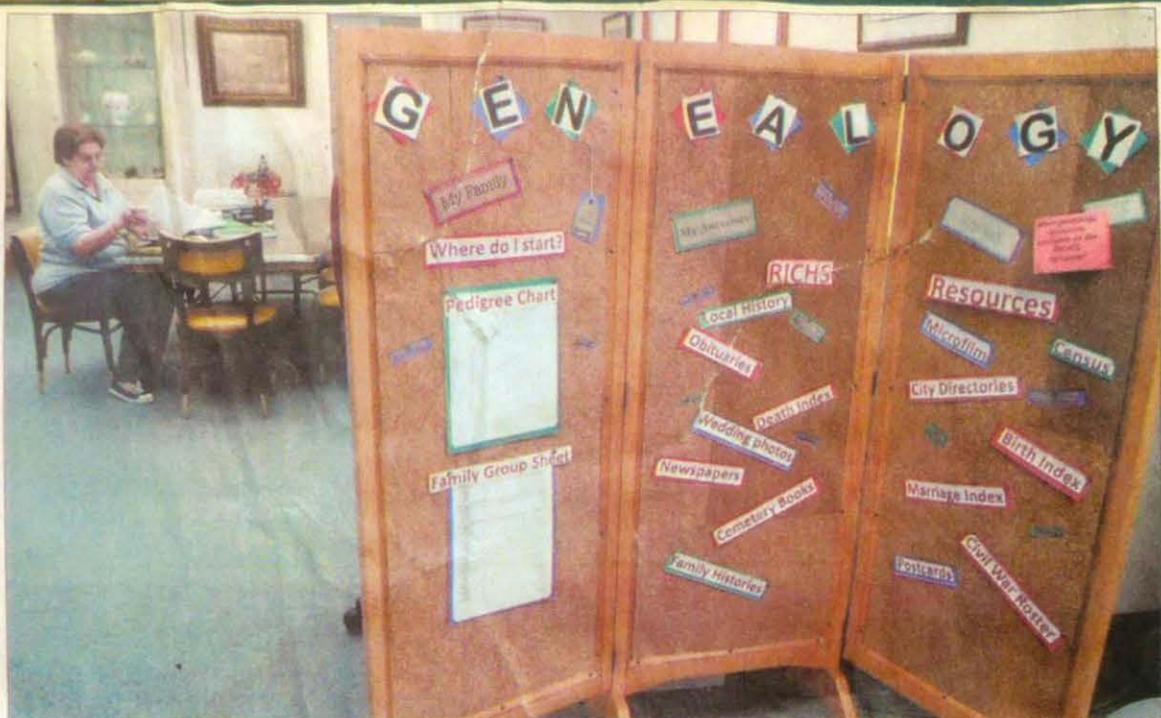
These men's family trees yielded some strange fruit. For most, the discovery process is a bit less dramatic, but nonetheless intriguing.

Kathy Minder of Gene-seo's genealogical journey began more than 20 years ago with a single name — Grandma Grace. Mrs. Minder's maternal grandmother's past was shrouded in mystery.

"My grandmother was a big influence on my life and I loved her to pieces," Mrs. Minder said. "But we never knew anything about her family."

"After she died, I started to wonder how she ever got here, because she was born way out in northwestern Iowa. So I started hunting for her family."

Mrs. Minder's genealogy



Nick Loomis / staff

Dorothy Hunt, of Moline, top left, looks up Moline High School classmates in area death indexes at the Rock Island County Historical Society in Moline on Friday afternoon. Ms. Hunt is the locator for the MHS Class of 1954 and continued to keep tabs on her classmates after her 50th class reunion.

on the other side of her family is clear as crystal, which prompted her to search the tree more meticulously for Grandma Grace's branch. Each year brings forth new information, she said.

"I just found out she had a sister that died when she was little," Mrs. Minder explained excitedly. "I didn't know that until I found my grandma's sister's obit and it said she had two sisters. I had only known about the one."

Before the Internet gave birth to an entirely new age of genealogy searching with sites like Ancestry.com, Familysearch.org, Rootsweb.com and countless others, folks like Mrs. Minder did things the old-fashioned way.

"It was very difficult back then," she said. "My mom was still alive then. So I asked her questions and my aunts questions and relied on things we kind of already knew. ... Then I found out (Grandma Grace's) mother's maiden name and her father's name and was able to go from there."

▶ Get started

For more information about collecting information on family history in the Quad-Cities, visit the Rock Island County Historical Society Web site at www.richs.cc or stop by Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One name yielded many more, Mrs. Minder's search spontaneously sprouted into the immensely fulfilling hobby she still enjoys today.

"There's so much to learn and so many different kinds of people in my family that have done different things. It just amazes me," she said.

Her discoveries have far exceeded the expectations she had when she began, Mrs. Minder said. Her search has taken her as far back as the 1750s to family members who fought in the Revolutionary War.

"It's amazing the people you find out you're related to and how you get there," she said.

Such was the case with Vy Higginsen of Harlem, N.Y., the woman responsible for "Mama, I Want to Sing," the longest running black, off-Broadway musical in American history that was recently made into a feature film.

By running her DNA, Mrs. Higginsen discovered a branch of her family tree she never knew existed that included a white rancher in the Missouri bootheel with whom she has since become close. Their story garnered national attention, having been featured in The New York Times and on the "Today Show," among others.

She said, if nothing else, she hoped her story would be a catalyst for others.

"I hope it will stimulate people to look at themselves, go back and hear the stories of their grandparents and great-grandparents and find a new respect for their own family history," she said.

Mary Robinson of Bettendorf knows that feeling. She began tracing her family lineage more than a decade ago, and has even traveled

as far as Halifax, Nova Scotia and Germany to unearth family ties.

"It just gives you such a close feeling," she said.

It was plain old curiosity that got Mrs. Robinson started.

"You just want to know: Where did I come from? Who am I?" she said.

Mrs. Robinson's search led her to the Rock Island County Historical Society in Moline. Carol Kroeger has volunteered there 14 years and has published four books on her own family history.

"I've always been interested in genealogy," she said.

The historical society is a great place to get started with local history or add to existing research. Its wealth of resources include city directories from as far back as 1856; newspaper collections from as far back as 1837; cemetery indexes; township references; electronic databases; maps; photo collections and countless other resources.

"If you come here, we can definitely help you," Mrs. Kroeger said.

Remembering loved

An array of items left on graves

By Todd Welvaert
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The monument lists the man's name and the years of his birth and death, but the Chicago Bears cap atop the achingly cold granite says a little more about what kind of a guy he was — and the loved ones he left behind.

As Christmas approaches and thoughts turn to family and friends, Greg Voegel, superintendent of Rock Island's Chippianock Cemetery, will see more such memorials appear. Some will be the traditional and expected, like Christmas wreaths or simple red ribbons, but others aren't as familiar.

"I've seen candy bars, beverage cans, toys," Mr. Voegel, who has worked for the cemetery for nearly 31 years, said. "It's seemed to have changed over the last 10 years or so. I'm not sure what drove the change."

"I think it's good," he said. "You see a lot more of them. It's the thought, not the decoration."

"Toys are big," Mr. Voegel said. "Golf balls — sometimes they put them on a tee in front of the marker, the person must have been a golfer. There was a fishing hat on one of the memorials, they had it on kind of a hanger right on the memorial. Just an indication of the person there, a remembrance of what they were like or did."

Mr. Voegel said the decorations run from simple to complicated. Closer to Christmas, the cemetery staff will see lighted trees and light-up Santas and snowmen, powered by 12-volt car batteries.

"Decorations are one of the most difficult things to regulate. Our board of directors looks at our regulations annually and tries to respond to what we can allow," Mr. Voegel said. "Decorations are also a challenge to us, to know how to handle the things people bring and leave. We want to be respectful, but we also have to maintain the cemetery and keep up with the aesthetic that people expect from us."



Photos: Gary Krambeck / staff

Greg Voegel, Chippianock Cemetery superintendent, looks over one of the grave sites that has a Chicago Bears cap resting on the grave stone, along with flowers in the Bears' colors. Families remember loved ones with different articles they leave at the graves.

Shepherd hooks are not allowed. While the metal flower pot hangers are popular, Mr. Voegel said they pose a danger to people who visit and to the people charged with taking care of the cemetery.

"I think most cemeteries have prohibited them," Mr. Voegel said.

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Graves

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"They can be used to vandalize the markers. They can pose a hazard to the people who visit the cemeteries. If they fall over, they can cause a lot of damage to the lawn equipment and a danger to the operators."

"We encourage people not to spend a lot on something or bring something they would be worried about if something happened to it," Mr. Voegel said. "I don't think we have a problem of people actively looking through the graveyard for things to take, but I don't think I would want to encourage it either."

Chippianock Cemetery and nearby Calvary Cemetery allow items to be left at the grave sites from Nov. 15 to March 15. In the spring, the staff posts reminders in the cemetery's newsletter and in area church bulletins, and places notices in the newspaper to remove the items because grounds maintenance soon will begin.

Not every cemetery allows for memorial items to be left at grave sites, Mr. Voegel said. Some places even throw items away as soon as they are left.



Gary Krambeck / staff

A jack-o'-lantern and a bottle of Vitalis Hair Tonic are nicely placed on a marker in the Calvary Cemetery in Rock Island.

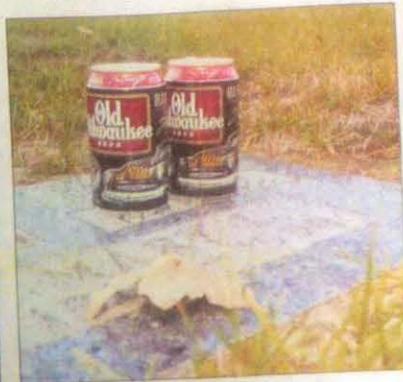
"We try to be respectful to people's wishes," Mr. Voegel said.

Family members left coins on one grave stone — not many, just enough to know someone was there. At another grave, someone left a bottle of Vitalis, a hair tonic for men, Mr. Voegel said.

"People leave what makes them feel good."

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Above left: In an overhead view of a gravestone, a dollar bill, some change, a rose, a planter and an angel are seen at the Chippianock Cemetery in Rock Island. **Above right:** In one of the more unusual items left, two cans of beer — one of them opened — were left on a marker at Calvary Cemetery in Rock Island. Families leave a wide range of items and personal remembrances on grave sites.



Rock Island Lines

The tales from Rock Island's past that make the community what it is today.
by Roald Tweet

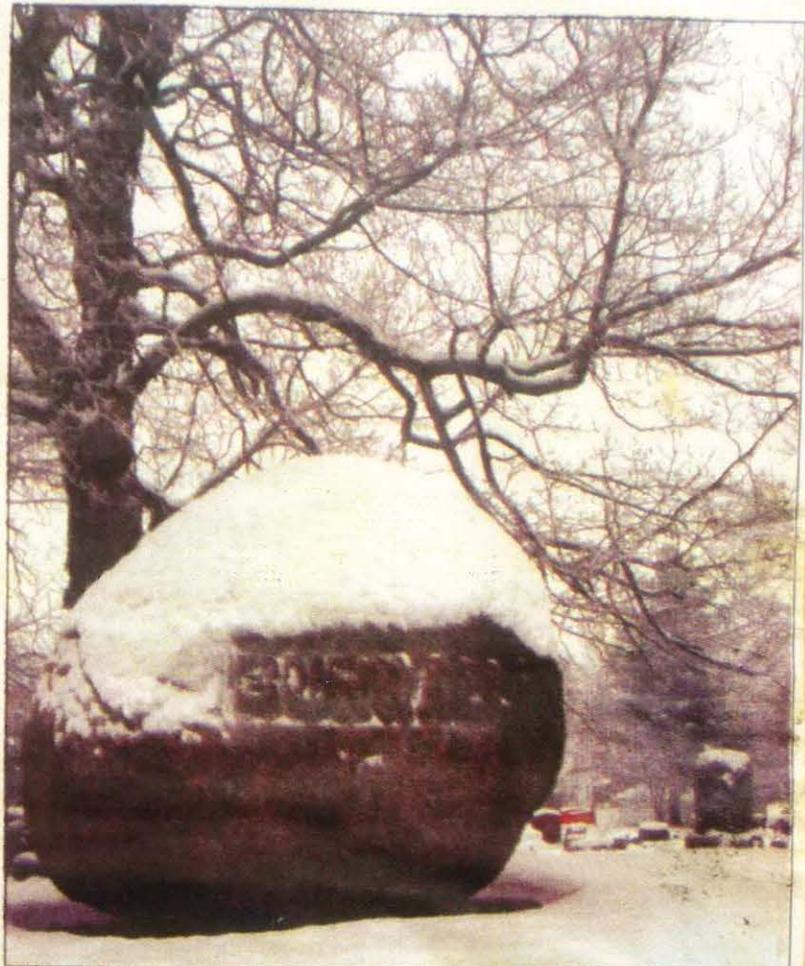
“CHIPPIANNOCK” is a Sauk Indian word meaning “city of the dead,” a fit name for the city of Rock Island’s first cemetery. Its 95 acres lie on a plateau not far from Saukenuk, where the war chief Black Hawk grew up. The place was originally called Manitou Ridge because of the Native Americans’ belief that here the Great Spirit spread his wings among these hills to keep floods away.

The site was selected as a cemetery in 1855. The name was chosen by Susan Lewis Davenport Goldsmith, the wife of George Davenport, one of Rock Island’s founders.

The Village of the Dead may lack some of the amenities expected in a town of more than 20,000 — no city hall or hotel — but it has a magnificent library, filled with stories both fanciful and real, restless and tragic. Markers stand in rows as if on shelves, and on every marker, a story in stone. Dates confirm typhoid and flu epidemics, battles lost, children gone.

Here is an intricate Celtic cross carved by the sculptor Alexander Sterling Calder in memory of Second Officer William Harte, killed on the U.S. gunboat Mound City while attempting to destroy Confederate shore batteries in Arkansas. There is the grave of Capt. David Tipton, who spent his life on Mississippi steamboats and whose crew dug an anchor out of the river at Keokuk and placed it on his grave.

Four granite anvils and hammers in Chippiannock show that four Rock Island black-



Melissa Coulter/ROCK ISLAND NEWS

A 30-ton boulder from Davenport rests atop Edward Burrall Jr.'s snowy grave at Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island.

smiths are buried there. Edward Burrall Jr. lies under a 30-ton boulder from Davenport which he had admired all his life and requested as his monument. The boulder was barged across the Mississippi and eased up 9th Street to the cemetery on planks and rollers.

The founder of Rock Island, Col. George Davenport, lies here, too. He was buried near his home on the island of Rock Island, then moved to Chippiannock. Over his grave is a

totem pole, a copy of one his Sauk and Mesquawki friends erected over his island grave as part of a Native American burial ceremony.

“Dead men tell no tales,” they say in cheap movies. Not so, if one only takes the time to look and listen carefully.

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Richard Miller and Dean Ring



Don Hiesterman



Wes Whiteside and outgoing board member, Belinda Hollbrook

Meet some founding fathers of HFHQ.

As HFHQ passes the milestone of the 50th house this year, it seems a good time to look back at its beginnings and at some of the "Founding Fathers" that have helped to make these 50 homes a reality.

In the winter of 1993, after hurricane Andrew had stormed across southern Florida, a group of Quad Cities traveled to the devastated town of Homestead to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity's rebuilding efforts there. In the process of helping the Floridians rebuild, the group had two revelations: (1) South Florida can get pretty cold in the wintertime, even for seasoned Midwesterners, and, (2) "We could start a Habitat chapter back in the Quad Cities!"

Back at home the enthusiasm built, and the research, planning and paperwork began for establishing Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Among the visionaries at that time were four men: Dean Ring, Wes Whiteside, Richard Miller, and Don Hiesterman, all part of the trip to Florida. Each of which have their signatures on the original HFHQ covenants.

Dean Ring, a former Marine and shop teacher, volunteered on the very first Habitat home, and has done some work on every home (now up to 53) since then. He has been a construction supervisor and a volunteer for both the Family Selection and Family Support Committees. Dean and his wife Lorraine have a son and two daughters in the area, along with three grandchildren and six great grandkids.

Wes Whiteside is a former contractor who was involved with the construction of the first homes and served on Habitat's first Board of Directors. Wes realized early on that obtaining sites for homes would be a challenge. He decided to take on that challenge and has been a member and sometimes Chair of the Site Selection Committee ever since. Wes lives in Pleasant Valley with his wife, Marilyn. They have two daughters who are heavily involved in volunteer activities in Minnesota and Colorado. Wes also has a long time interest in solar technology and energy efficient home designs.

Richard Miller always planned to spend his retirement doing volunteer work, but wasn't sure just what type of work it would be. He retired from Oscar Meyer in 1992, just as Hurricane Andrew was heading for Florida, and joined other members of his church on the initial trip down. He found that Habitat was "just what I was looking for" and, even though he had no prior construction experience, learned from other volunteers and has been building ever since. Now he is the experienced one, and generously takes the time to help others learn how to "do it right". Richard lives in Bettendorf and has two sons in Florida, a daughter in Tennessee, and two teenage grandchildren.

Don Hiesterman retired as an electrician in 1993 and jumped head first into volunteer work, participating in the Florida

trip, serving on the original Habitat Board, and helping build the first QC house in Davenport. In addition to helping people in Florida recover from the hurricane, he assisted the Red Cross a few months later in rebuilding homes in Buffalo and Andalusia devastated by the flood of '93. He has made several trips recently to the Gulf Coast region to help people in Mississippi recover from Hurricane Katrina. He was also chosen to represent Iowa at Habitat's "home in a box" initiative in Washington, D.C. Don has been construction supervisor for eight homes, and is rewarded at each home dedication when he sees the family receive the keys to their new home.

Habitat is a family affair for the Hiestermans, as Don's wife, Barb has also been involved with Habitat from the start. Don and Barb live "way out" in Montpelier, and have a blended family of 5 kids and 9 grandchildren.

Common threads among Dean, Wes, Richard, and Don include their dedication to Habitat's goal of eliminating poverty housing, and their generosity in helping everyone learn the joy of serving others. They are the ones who patiently remind the rest of us when to use a sixteen penny nail (the big ones) or the smaller eights, or show us how to use a chalk line to keep the siding from going downhill. When they talk about the 50 plus homes and their years as Habitat volunteers, Dean, Wes, Richard, and Don use words like, "exciting", "rewarding", a "fun ride", and "anxiously looking forward to the next 50." ■

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Lewis "Del" Blevins
Lewis "Del" Blevins, 69, of Davenport, died Friday, March 7, 2008.



Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Weerts, Davenport. Burial is in National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Visitation is 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

He was born May 26, 1938, to Victor and Lillian Blevins. He married Scharlott Goetsch Jan. 8, 1965, in Rock Island. Surviving are his wife, Schar; sons, Brian Lewis and Corey Todd Blevins, Davenport; brothers, Marion (Vera), Bettendorf, and Cornelius (Mary), Davenport.

I chatted with Schar and her dad at Bishops Friday evening, and then saw the obit. Schar wrote:

Thanks, Bill. It was shortly after we got home and found out that Del had not come home.
Thanks again for your thoughts.

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This shows the German hausbarn as it looked before it was dismantled and shipped to DeWitt, Iowa, where it is awaiting reassembly in the city's downtown park.

DEWITT, IOWA

Town's German hausbarn could be in place by fall

By Steven Martens
QUAD-CITY TIMES
Gateway Bureau

DEWITT, Iowa — DeWitt's hausbarn could be erected this summer or fall if the remaining money necessary to fund the project is raised, City Administrator Steve Lindner said Wednesday.

The 19th century German hausbarn is, as its name implies, a combination of a house and a barn. It was dismantled and shipped from Germany to DeWitt in November and has been sitting in storage ever since.

A local committee is raising the money to erect the building through grants and private

donations.

Lindner said almost \$100,000 has been raised and another \$75,000 has been pledged for in-kind donations, such as the labor required to reassemble the building. An additional \$45,000 to \$50,000 must be raised for the project to proceed.

The hausbarn will be rebuilt in Lincoln Park in downtown DeWitt and eventually will replace the current DeWitt Chamber of Commerce office in the southwest corner of the park. JoElla O'Connell, executive director of the chamber, said the hausbarn is about equal in size to the existing building, but will include a full basement and attic space for storage.

O'Connell said the chamber office will be in the house portion of the hausbarn, while the barn portion will remain a barn used as a tourist attraction and a place where school groups can get a glimpse of an authentic German structure.

"Of course, we're very excited," O'Connell said.

Local supporters of the project are scheduled to meet with representatives of the Iowa Department of Economic Development on Friday to discuss possible funding sources for the project, O'Connell said.

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Q-C poll picks top 10 'Epitaphs Brought to Life'

By Roger Ruthhart

Beg your pardon -- 3-1-05

A Friday article about the Top 10 Epitaphs Brought to Life for Chippiannock Cemetery incorrectly stated the relationship of Susan Lewis Goldsmith to George Davenport. She was Mr. Davenport's stepdaughter. Her mother, Margaret Bolling Lewis, a widow, married Mr. Davenport. We regret the error.

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ROCK ISLAND -- The Quad-Cities have selected their favorite voices from the past.

As part of a year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of Chippiannock Cemetery, the organizers of the Epitaphs Brought to Life program asked the public to vote for their favorite Epitaphs from previous performances. The top 10 will be performed at a special "Best of Epitaphs" program at the cemetery June 25.

In Epitaphs Brought to Life, actors portray historic figures buried at the cemetery. Since 1994, 113 stories of men and women buried in Chippiannock Cemetery were portrayed through the epitaphs program.

The top 10 were announced Wednesday at the Henry Farnam Dinner, held at Watch Tower Lodge at Black Hawk Historic Site.

They were:

1. Frederich Boetje, a German immigrant who began making high-grade mustard in 1889.
2. Frederick Weyerhaeser, a lumber baron.
3. Ellen Gale, who helped establish the first public library in the state in Rock Island and served as librarian for 65 years.
4. Col. George Davenport, the area's first settler.
5. Susanne Denkmann Hauberg, daughter of lumber baron Frederick Denkmann and leader of early social services.
6. Minnie Potter, president and owner of The Rock Island Argus and early radio station WHBF.
7. Philip Dingeldein, who established a home and wine hall on Milan Road (today's 9th Street in Rock Island) by 1858, with vineyards, barns and ice house behind the home.

8. A.D. Heusing, who founded the A.D. Huesing Bottling Works in 1899 and pioneered multi-ton production at an ice plant.

9. Eddie and Josie Dimick, siblings who died the same day of diphtheria. Their dog visited the cemetery every day until his death, and is immortalized in sculpture at the cemetery.

10. Susan Lewis Goldsmith, stepdaughter of George Davenport. She suggested Chippiannock, which means city of the dead, as the name of the cemetery.

The keynote speaker at Wednesday's dinner was Dennis Montagna, director of the National Park Services' Monument Research and Preservation Program.

He said Chippiannock was an excellent example of the American Rural Cemetery Movement, which began in 1831 at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Mass. The design style is marked by roads and footpaths that move within the undulating landscape. The cemetery style led to a new world where cemeteries were built away from city centers.

"The new cemeteries were more than repositories for the dead; they were places where families could gather and visit and mourn together," said Mr. Montagna. They followed an English Garden model, he said, and featured private and personal landscapes as well as well-defined family spaces marked by iron fencing or stone curbing. Some featured planted urns and cast-iron benches that families brought to their plots.

Many cemeteries could not withstand financial pressures, or eventually became full, and started to fill in the green space. "Chippiannock has done an excellent job of preserving its heritage," he said.

Greg Vogele, Chippiannock superintendent, acknowledged that the dinner was planned to provide new financial resources for the cemetery foundation.

"I've been fascinated by the thought that giving to a cemetery is anything but a worthy cause," he said. In asking guests to support the foundation, Mr. Vogele noted that Chippiannock is not just a cemetery -- it's also an arboretum, museum, nature preserve, art gallery, theater, classroom and library. "All are causes we are used to supporting," he said.

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Militia + Continental Army

William Moore

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It is required that DAR ancestors served with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence between April 19, 1775 and November 26, 1783.

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RESIDENCE DURING THE REVOLUTION

The residence of the patriot during the Revolution is essential and should be proved first through primary documentation.

- You need to know how many people with the same name lived where the Revolutionary ancestor lived.
- Court records, tax records, census records, vital records, church records, deeds, etc. may document where the ancestor lived.
- If the ancestor is "too young" to have property, prove the residence of the parent and also prove the relationship between parent and child.
- The residence should be within the correct county, district (if the state had districts), and state. All designations should be historically correct.
- The distance and relationship between places is important. Look for service near where the ancestor lived.

AGE OF THE ANCESTOR

Most soldiers in the militia were between 16 and 60 when they performed the Revolutionary military service.

- Teenagers were rarely officers.
- The youngest soldiers could travel far places but the oldest soldiers enlisted in their local militia units and protected the home front.
- In most cases, men under 21 years could own land but not sell it or witness other people's deeds.
- For estimation, a man married at age 21, and his bride was 18.
- Guardians were appointed for children under 14. Children over 14 could choose their own guardian. Both parents did not have to be dead for guardianship to begin. The age for majority could be over twenty-one.
- For estimation, people serving apprenticeships were often young minors.

RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE OF THE PATRIOT

Religion played an important part of the family in that time period. What a man and woman believed and how they reacted to the Revolution was often instilled and reinforced in their religious community.

ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE PATRIOT

It was a sacrifice to support the cause of American independence. The contributions made often depended upon the economic status of the person involved. Studying the economic status of men of the same name in a locality can often help to determine their Revolutionary service.

SOURCES FOR SERVICE

1926?
Do not use the Patriot Index, the DAR Lineage Books, or another national number from a DAR application.

Evidence of patriotic act should be from primary source.

Refer to *Is That Service Right?* for assistance on finding service sources.

Make sure your service source is more than an annotated index.

Do not use undocumented genealogies, histories, or family tradition to prove service.

MILITARY SERVICE

Men served in the Continental line, the navy, and in militia units. In most instances, establish the residence before you begin to establish the service.

- Not every soldier or sailor who served in the Revolution was eligible for or applied for a pension.
- Not every person that applied for a pension served in the Revolution.
- Not every pension application is proof of military service.
- The National Archives has many military records but not all of them.
- Fine lists and desertion lists are not proof of acceptable service.
- Soldiers are credited with the highest rank achieved *during* the Revolution.
- The service job description should logically fit the soldier's age, residence, and religion.

CIVIL SERVICE

Civil service was conducting public business under the authority of the new state government during the Revolution.

- Office holders and jurors were over 21 years, so age must also be proved.
- Men considered "too old" to have military service often had civil service.
- Jury lists are often overlooked as a source for civil service for an ancestor.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Patriots are considered to be men and women who by an act or series of actions demonstrated loyalty to the American cause. This is the most inclusive category of service.

- Proof of patriotism may be found in town, county, state and federal records.
- The act of service cannot be self-serving.
- In most cases, implied oaths are not accepted as proof of service.
- Petitions must be to new government acknowledging right of that government to represent the signer and they cannot be self-serving.
- Nurses and doctors who rendered aid to wounded (other than to their immediate families) were patriots.
- Rendering aid could not be a humanitarian concern benefiting both sides.
- Rendering material aid is a large category. It includes furnishing supplies, lending money, munitions and more.
- Other types of patriotic service are found in source pamphlets.

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Refreshment Fund	\$100.00													\$120.30	Refreshment Fund	\$100.00
Research	\$150.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$34.30				\$30.00			\$56.00			\$20.00	Research	\$150.00
Workshops	\$0.00													\$0.00	Workshops	\$0.00
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Publication	\$50.00													\$2.80	Publication	\$50.00
Research	\$30.00							\$16.63	\$105.43	\$111.13	\$165.44			\$99.71	Research	\$50.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,878.00	\$312.62	\$1,005.28	\$373.45	\$254.00	\$322.79	\$64.18	\$216.12	\$545.30	\$191.82	\$673.34	\$967.80	\$705.23	\$5,832.13	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,878.00
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Beginning Workshop														\$214.27		
Expenses		\$9.65	\$15.00	\$95.10	\$25.00					\$27.65	\$13.95	\$27.72		\$420.00		
Income		\$30.00	\$170.00	\$195.00	\$5.00									\$420.00		

THE PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES

from Don't Cry Timber by Prudence Groff Michael

First of all, the collection consists of a total of 138 books; they record a vast amount of early Pennsylvania information on official governmental proceedings, as well as legal and military records and other useful data. The books are published in ten series, with books in each series being numbered starting with Volume number 1. Thus, we will find, for instance, a reference to: Series IV, Volume 2, page 224. Some books have no index, but this little nuisance is taken care of by the fact that many times the following series will have several volumes of an index to the series that precedes it. In a nutshell, the collection is set up like this:

Colonial Records: 16 volumes of Pennsylvania Provincial Minutes.

First Series: 12 volumes, Secretary of the Commonwealth papers.

Second Series: 19 volumes, church records, militia rolls, 1777 Minutes of the Board of War and Navy Board, etc. **Volume 6 contains marriage records on pages 285-310.** - *6th Series*

Third Series: 30 volumes, land warrantees and taxables, Virginia claims to western Pennsylvania, donation lands information, and militia rolls. "Last Purchase" warrantys will be found in Volume 26, pages 701 to 905. **The last four volumes are an index to the preceding sixteen.**

Fourth Series: 12 volumes, consisting mostly of Governor's data.

Fifth Series: 8 volumes, consisting of muster rolls and military lists. **A complete index for this Fifth Series will be found in Volume 15 of the Sixth Series.**

Sixth Series: 15 volumes, containing military rolls from the Revolution to the War of 1812, etc., church records, estate inventories, and other varied items of much interest. **Volume 15 indexes the entire Fifth Series.**

Seventh Series: 5 volumes comprised entirely of the index of over one million names appearing in the Sixth Series.

Eighth Series: 8 volumes giving data on the Province of Pennsylvania's House of Representatives. Reprinted from eighteenth century records.

Ninth Series: 10 volumes concerning the Division of Public Records.

Revolutionary War Pension Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Action</i>
26 Aug. 1776	Invalid pensions for officers and soldiers, half-pay during disability, continental line.
24 May 1780	Widows and orphans of officers of Continental Army, half-pay for seven years, rescinded 29 July 1789.
21 Oct. 1780	Service pension for life for officers of Continental Army only, rescinded 4 Aug. 1790.
28 July 1789	Federal government assumes state invalid pensions, continental line.
3 March 1804	Federal government assumes all of South Carolina invalid pensions, continental line.
3 March 1805	Invalid pensions to those disabled since the war for wounds incurred during the war, continental line.
10 April 1806	Invalid pensions extended to volunteers, militia and state troops.
1813	Military records burned in War of 1812, including pension applications prior to 1813.
18 March 1818	Service pension for "cont. Establish 'T.'" Act of 1820 removed many.
15 May 1828	Service pension for officers and soldiers eligible for pension under resolution of 21 Oct. 1780, full pay for life.
7 June 1832	First service pension for all Revolutionary soldiers and sailors, continental and state. Widows and orphans entitled to balance of money due a pensioner.
4 July 1836	Widow's pension for widow of Revolutionary soldier, on pension rolls of 1828, married during last term of service or before 3 Nov. 1783.
7 July 1836	Pension for widow if married before 1 Jan. 1794.
3 March 1837	Revolutionary widow entitled to pension even if remarried.
3 Feb. 1853	Revolutionary widow entitled to pension, regardless of date of marriage.
5 April 1869	Daniel F. Bakeman, last Revolutionary pensioner, dies.
11 Nov. 1906	Esther S. Damon, last pensioned Revolutionary widow, dies.

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Ferkel family offshoot of Col. Davenport clan

There is a surprising story behind this simple postcard. An elderly couple is posed behind a fence, their small house in the background.

A gate, cobbled of scrap wood, separates neatly shaped pickets on one side from wire on the other. Like other Real Photo postcards, it may be one-of-a-kind and it now belongs to Greg Binder who shared it with us.

— Postcards from Home —

Neither is smiling, but smiles were not the style of 1910; about the time this picture was taken. The old gentleman standing behind the gate has a neatly trimmed short beard and wears a striped shirt with wide suspenders.

The lady is nearby under a small cottonwood tree (the characteristic leaves are apparent under magnification). Her gray hair is caught in a high bun and she wears a long-sleeved blouse with a dark skirt. She bears a strong resemblance to her well-known half brother.

This would simply be an interesting but anonymous scene, were it not for the handwritten caption on the reverse side: "Grandma and Grandpa Ferkel. She is the daughter of Colonel Davenport."

And here's the rest of the story.

Postcards from Home features vintage Rock Island postcards with text that has been researched and prepared by the Rock Island Preservation Society.

estate after his death in 1845.

Elizabeth, in contrast, was not mentioned in his will. Moreover, she was uneducated, in later years signing legal documents with an "X".

Elizabeth, "Lizzie," spent her childhood and youth between Rock Island and St. Louis, where she and her mother accompanied Susan Lewis. In Waterloo, Ill., near St. Louis, she wed Niclos Ferkel, who had come from Germany as a boy. The Ferkels returned permanently to Rock Island in 1871.

Although Bailey Davenport, whom she resembled, is said to have helped his half sister, the Ferkels did not share in the Davenport riches. Nonetheless, Nic-

los and Elizabeth managed and ultimately had 14 children. Niclos died at age 85 in January, 1913. Only six months later, Elizabeth succumbed after her clothing caught fire in a kitchen mishap at home.

That home, at 518 Lowell Ave., is shown in our postcard. It stands today, with a new address, 518 23rd Ave. Over the years, it has been enlarged and modified, but its simple shape and high foundation reveal the historic roots. In that era, several of the Ferkel children lived near their parents on Lowell Avenue and also on Hinrichs Street, now 22nd Avenue.

Although of limited means, Elizabeth Davenport Ferkel had other riches. There are no recognized Davenports that still bear her philandering father's name. But at the time of their death, Elizabeth and Niclos were survived by seven children, 17 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, assuring their honorable name would be carried well into the future.



Niclos and Elizabeth Ferkel stand at their Rock Island home at what is now 518 23rd Avenue. The house still stands to this day. Elizabeth is a relation to Col. George Davenport.

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George Davenport (colonel was an honorary title) was one of the first European settlers in this area, arriving in 1816 when he was 33, to work as a trader and supplier at Fort Armstrong.

He brought his wife, Margaret Bowling Lewis, a widow 14 years older than he, whom he had wed in 1805. Margaret, who outlived George, also had a daughter, Susan Lewis, who lived with them.

Then Col. George Davenport, honored as founder of Rock Island and namesake of Davenport, fathered two sons by his stepdaughter, Susan. The older, George L. Davenport, was born in 1817 when Susan was just 16. Bailey arrived in 1824.

Today, Col. Davenport easily could be imprisoned for his behavior with a family member. But in those days of frontier isolation, there wasn't anyone to come to the defense of a young girl.

This wasn't Davenport's only extramarital activity. He is reported to have fathered several children — "catch colts" they were called — from relationships with many women of European and Indian descent.

One of these children was Elizabeth Davenport, born in 1835 when Col. Davenport was 52. Elizabeth's mother was a laundress at Fort Armstrong on Rock Island.

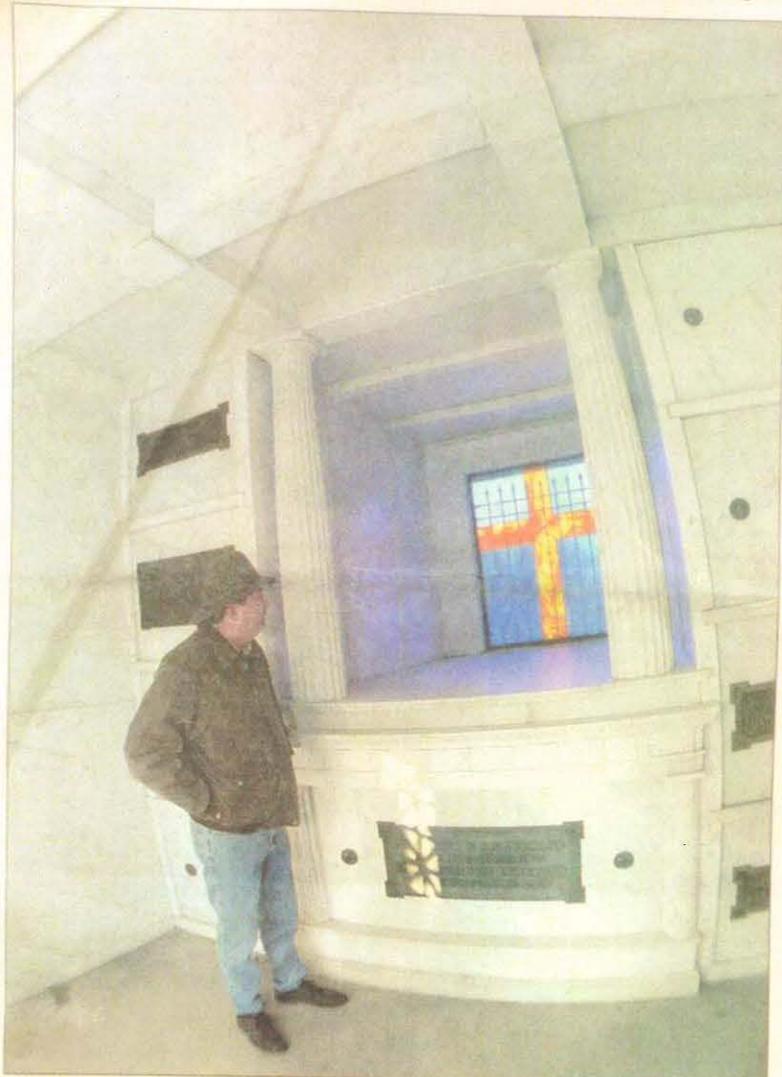
To his credit, Davenport acknowledged most of his children and provided modestly for some of them while he was alive. But there was inequity. His sons from stepdaughter Susan lived with him, were well educated and ultimately were the major beneficiaries of his

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A 'PANESTAKING' RETURN TO THE Q-C



Larry Fisher/QUAD-CITY TIMES

A stained-glass window with a cross fills the space once occupied by the Tiffany window inside the Denkmann family mausoleum. Cemetery superintendent Greg Vogele, left, made the replacement himself. The ledge is where his father, Joseph, found burglary tools in April 1976 that had been purchased locally and still had price tags on them.

Window is resurrected

Figge will exhibit Tiffany work stolen from RI cemetery

By Alma Gaul
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Joseph Vogele was driving through Rock Island's historic Chippiannock Cemetery on April 5, 1976, when he noticed something wrong with one of the mausoleums. There was a bright spot where a window

should have been.

Upon investigation, Vogele, the cemetery superintendent, discovered the mausoleum had been broken into and its stained-glass window stolen.

He checked another mausoleum — one built by the lumber baron Denkmann family — and found that it, too, had been burglarized, the entry gate forced open and the padlock broken off.

And inside he saw that its

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TIMES FILE PHOTO

The "River of Life" was a common motif for Tiffany memorial windows, and featured a meandering river and mountains framed by trees. This window will be showcased at the Figge Museum, Davenport.

IF YOU GO

Find out more about the window's history, and when you can see it. Page A4

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window also was missing. On the ledge under the opening were some tools that thieves had used to remove the window—a valuable Tiffany made about 1905.

With no fingerprints or other physical evidence to go on, Rock Island police contacted the FBI, which has agents who specialize in the investigation and recovery of stolen art, but solving the crime did not look promising.

On Wednesday however, the Tiffany window will be the center of attention as it is unveiled for the first time in its new location at the Figge Art Museum in downtown Davenport.

And museum curators will recall the story of how the window was recovered and returned to the Quad-Cities nearly 20 years after its disappearance; thanks to the dogged efforts of Vogele's son, Greg, who took over as cemetery superintendent about a year after the theft.

Tenacity credited with recovery

The crime scene at Chippinnock that spring morning "looked like a very professional job," recalls Rock Island police Lt. Steve Harder, who had been on the force only a week or two when he was called out along with two other officers.

"The windows (from the two mausoleums) were removed carefully," he says. "We investigated the scene and the tools left behind, but there was no physical evidence that would lead to who did it."

Vogele and police guessed that whoever took the windows placed them on plywood, loaded them into a vehicle and drove off.

"Many times, you can drive up in here and you won't see anybody else for a long time," Vogele says of the 85-acre cemetery.

When he took over as superintendent from his father, Vogele made it his personal mission to try to find the window.

He figured that whoever stole it eventually would attempt to sell the piece, so he began sending letters—maybe a dozen in all—complete with pictures to

thought might be likely purchasers.

Nearly 20 years after the theft, Vogele happened to write to The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art in Winter Park, Fla., after reading a newspaper article about its extensive Tiffany collection.

That was the breakthrough. "In a few months, I got a letter from the attorney of the museum saying, 'We believe we know who has your window.' And he gave a name and address in Jamaica, N.Y."

Proof was needed for return

Getting the window returned to Rock Island took some doing, though.

The Denkmann family had to supply documentation—photos and measurements—to prove that the window was, in fact, theirs. Experts from the FBI's photographic unit compared photos and the window to find imperfections that were the same between the two, says former FBI Special Agent Gary Karns, who was with the Moline FBI office at the time.

A court order had to be obtained to take the window from the New York couple who had purchased it from someone in Colorado and were contesting its repossession, says Karns, who is now retired and living in Orion, Ill.

Coincidentally, it was Rock Island's Harder who made arrangements for the window's return to Rock Island, where it was stored in a bank vault before cracks that occurred after its theft were repaired.

A large diagonal crack through the largest piece of glass and smaller cracks in the nameplate were fixed in 1999 by a professional Tiffany glass conservator hired by the Denkmann family.

The family also decided that the window should go to a secure location, so a permanent loan agreement was drawn up with the then-Davenport Museum of Art.

The window was displayed for several years at the museum's previous location on 12th Street, but it has been in storage for nearly two years since the move to the Figge, awaiting the building of a light box that will show off its radiant colors and the complex layering of glass to create texture.

DENKMANN FAMILY WORKED IN LUMBER

The Denkmanns are descendants of Frederick Denkmann, who came to what is now the Illinois Quad-City area in the mid-1800s and eventually partnered with his brother-in-law, Frederick Weyerhaeuser, to form the Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing Co.

In 1864, they acquired standing timber in northern Wisconsin, and when the Civil War ended and the Homestead Act opened vast tracts of government land to farmers, they took advantage of the unprecedented opportunity to grow their company.

As Midwest timber began to dwindle, the company moved west, settling in Washington, where Weyerhaeuser bought 900,000 acres of timberland from a railroad, and the company became the largest lumber concern in the world. Weyerhaeuser is now a multinational corporation based in Federal Way, Wash.

Frederick Denkmann and his wife, Anna, and five other family members are buried in the mausoleum at Chippinnock Cemetery, Rock Island.

Denkmann's daughter, Susanne, built the fine home that is now the Hauberg Civic Center in Rock Island. It carries the Hauberg name because Susanne married John Hauberg shortly after the home was built. Their son, John Hauberg Jr., died in 2002.

Family descendants are scattered throughout the country, including a few in the Quad-City area.

WINDOW INCORPORATES COMMON THEME

The Louis Comfort Tiffany window being unveiled Wednesday at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport is called the "River of Life," a 40-by-50-inch piece made about 1905 on a commission for the Denkmann family mausoleum.

It is a confirmed Tiffany work because it was included in a list of windows published by the Tiffany Studios in New York in 1910.

Tiffany frequently used the "River of Life" motif in memorial windows. It is a figurative composition consisting of a river meandering through a valley with mountains and foliage framed by tall trees.

In discussions with several lighting designers and after examining the window's original installation site in the mausoleum, the Figge curatorial staff led by Michelle Robinson decided that because natural light would not always be available indoors, the best option would be to backlight the window with full-spectrum fluorescent bulbs.

A piece of sandblasted glass was placed behind it to block out the distinct shapes of the fluorescent tubes, which are museum pieces in and of themselves since they are no longer in production.

ABOUT TIFFANY

The Gothic medium of stained glass enjoyed a revival at the turn of the 20th century, and the two most talented artists were John La Farge and Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Born and raised in New York, Tiffany trained as a painter but began in the 1870s to design decorative arts, founding in 1879 an interior decorating business that grew into a gigantic commercial enterprise with large teams of designers.

Tiffany and La Farge both created pictorial effects with layers of modulated glass, much as a watercolorist would use washes or an oil painter would employ glazes. They also used the leading as part of the design.

Tiffany Studios went bankrupt in 1933, the year Tiffany died.

VISITING THE FIGGE

The Figge Art Museum is at 225 W. 2nd St., Davenport. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for those 60 years and older, \$6 for students with identification and \$4 for children ages 3-12. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. The museum is closed Mondays.

floor, in front of a west window. Full-spectrum fluorescent lights in the box behind it will simulate sunlight.

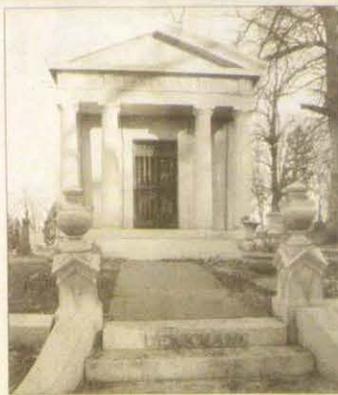
Was theft part of a grave-robbing ring?

What happened to the window between the time it was taken from Rock Island and recovered in New York is unknown. No one has ever been charged with its theft.

But the theft occurred at a time when the graves of wealthy families in largely unprotected Victorian-era and early 20th-century cemeteries across the country were being looted for windows, statues, bronzes and other antiques.

It is possible that whoever hit Rock Island was part of one of those rings.

In 1969, just two years after the



Mausoleums of wealthy families, such as the Denkmanns of Rock Island, have long been the target of thieves throughout the country. They take windows, bronzes and statues from little-protected cemeteries.

Larry Fisher
QUAD-CITY TIMES

window was returned to Rock Island, a man named Alastair Duncan, who was a leading authority on Tiffany windows and had written several books, was convicted in New York on charges of dealing in stolen mausoleum art, according to an article in *The New York Times*. Duncan was aware of the location of most of the windows; he had written a book that included the title, "a partial list of Tiffany windows by state."

A federal court found Duncan guilty of conspiring with a grave robber and antiques dealer to pilfer rare stained-glass windows from cemetery mausoleums and resell them overseas for a hefty profit.

Testimony during the trial offered "a riveting account of the underbelly of the antiques world, a 'don't ask, don't tell' community populated by 'bottom-feeders and erudite experts,'" according to the *Times*.

Art and cultural property crime has now become the world's fourth-largest category of international crime, a growing black market that generates losses of up to \$6 billion annually and a problem that is garnering increased attention from the FBI, according to Special Agent Robert K. Whitman, who spoke recently at the Morse museum in Florida.

Luck played a part, too

"We credit Greg Vogele with finding this window," says Harder, who is now a watch commander for the Rock

Island Police Department. "He's the one who made the exceptional effort."

Vogele also knows he was incredibly lucky on several fronts, including the fact that the person who ended up with the window tried to sell it to a legitimate museum rather than a private collector or someone from overseas.

Locating the window required more luck than it might with the ability today to send instant messages and pictures over the Internet to multiple—even hundreds of—recipients at once.

In those pre-Internet days, Vogele had to send paper letters and photos, and he had to find addresses of auction houses by looking them up in the library. There was no "Google" searching or any electronic databases of stolen art works, such as the Art Loss Register, a site maintained by a small private company in London that lists 180,000 items stolen or missing around the world.

"It was a different world back in the '70s," he says.

The other window taken from Chippinnock that day has not been found, but Vogele has not given up hope.

"It's still out there," he says.

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Mystery of the backyard cemetery solved



Only one marker in the Resthaven Cemetery has fake flowers on the stone, that of John Doe. The stones are lined up in rows with names, dates of birth and death, and numbers indicating their place in the row.



Terry Herbig / staff

Joline Bennett gestures to areas of Resthaven Cemetery where markers are lined with names and numbers of people who were buried there from the East Moline State Hospital. Ms. Bennett, of LeClaire, said hundreds of tombstones from the cemetery were given away in the late 1950s and replaced by headstones. She grew up in an East Moline home, the site where several of the tombstones were recently discovered.

Tombstones from mental hospital were given away in 1950s

By Stephen Elliott
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A plastic bouquet of flowers marks a flat stone surrounded by grass in Resthaven Cemetery.

The stone has the number 18 engraved on it along with the name "John Doe" and "1930." Someone didn't forget John Doe.

A soft summer rain

caresses the quiet cemetery grounds, surrounded by pine trees and a white wooden fence. The sign out front says "No Trespassing — State Property."

Joline Bennett of LeClaire knows this cemetery well.

She also knows the mystery behind hundreds of tombstones buried about a mile west

in the backyard at 333 23rd St., East Moline. Ms. Bennett grew up in that home, where tombstones now make a backyard patio and surround parts of the home's foundation.

Since a story ran in The Dispatch and The Rock Island Argus a few weeks ago about the house, there have been questions from readers

about where the tombstones came from. Ms. Bennett said they came from Resthaven Cemetery in the late 1950s. Both she and her brother, Harry Turrell, remember when they were made available to the public.

"When my parents purchased the home in the early 1950s, that was when this was the state

mental hospital and the state farm was here," Mr. Turrell said. "My dad and I actually got the tombstones."

His sister said an employee of the mental hospital made the tombstones available to anyone.

"I'm old enough to remember the stones

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► Tombstones

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being put in the car and the trunk sagging," Ms. Bennett said. "They were replaced by headstones that were put into the ground for easier maintenance."

East Moline Correctional Center Warden Gene Jungwirth said records are limited at the prison, which replaced the mental hospital in 1980. He said the Illinois Department of Corrections maintains Resthaven Cemetery.

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death, and a number indicating where it stands in the row. Growing up in the neighborhood, Ms. Bennett and her brother remember the odd things that became part of their life near the state hospital.

"The escapees either came down in front of my parent's home or they would go the other way (north) toward the river," Mr. Turrell said. "I went to school with a number of kids whose parents worked up there."

When they were children, Harry and Joline met some of the escapees who wandered down the hill.

"Old Florence, she would escape," Mr. Turrell said of one patient. "My mother would see her come down and yell at her to come into the house. This was back in the days when no one locked their doors."

"While Florence would wander up toward the house, Mom would get on the phone and call security. Then, mom would give her a cup of coffee and a cookie."

Mr. Jungwirth spent 30 years on the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department. He remembers coming out to pick

up patients who had left the grounds of the state hospital.

It happened often, he said. "It was kind of scary," Warden Jungwirth said. "It was also the sheriff's duty to haul them to other institutions. It was kind of a long ride."

Judy Belan, who is the author of "East Moline: A Centennial History 1903-2003," said the graves also signify another aspect of people who lived at the mental hospital.

The area was formerly known as Watertown. She said the village merged with East Moline in 1914. The state hospital opened in Watertown in 1898.

"Many of those (residents) who were put up there that were perhaps not really mentally ill," Ms. Belan said. "They were alcoholics or even just some kind of mild developmental problem we would treat today. You could go there if you were eccentric. One could go before a judge and have a spouse committed."

Ms. Belan said the East Moline mental hospital was known as a progressive facility for its time.

"It was quite large, with at least a couple of thousand people there at one time," she said.

Janet Meyer, who has done extensive research on the cemeteries in that area, said there was a second Resthaven Cemetery on the backside of the correctional center. Those tombstones were apparently removed by inmates at the state prison in 1981 for landscaping purposes.

A picture in a July 28, 1981, article of The Dispatch shows the tombstones stacked up.

Warden Jungwirth doesn't know what happened to those hundreds of tombstones that were removed.

"Our records are very limited on this," the warden said. "What happened, nobody knows for sure. It's too bad the history gets lost."

Greg Voegle, who heads the Rock Island County Historical Society, said records of the burials at Resthaven Cemetery are available at the county historical society.

He said it's important they're not forgotten.

"We weren't as enlightened back then," Mr. Voegle said. "Some of these people were tucked away, an embarrassment to their families and forgotten. It would be a real tragedy if no one knew what happened."

time in our country and the world," he said.

About 1,800 turned out Saturday to watch the band, a spinoff of Sinise's role in "Forrest Gump."

"I just want to see what Lt. Dan is doing now. See if they're any good," said Sgt. Erik Bull.

"I think they're actually surprised when they hear the band," Sinise said. "I don't think they expect very much."

Prince Albert vows to remain a bachelor

NEW YORK (AP)— Prince Albert of Monaco said Sunday that despite recent rumors linking him romantically to South African swimmer Charlene Whitstock, he doesn't see marriage in his future.

"I have no plans in the near or distant future," the 48-year-old monarch told ABC News' "Good Morning America."

"Any time I'm seen with a pretty young woman by my side more than once, then everybody flashes the 'M' word as you say. Then it becomes very difficult to have a relationship with someone in any semi-public or private way."

The prince is the second child of Prince Rainier and American film star Grace Kelly, who were married 50 years ago. He was visiting the U.S. this weekend to attend an international leadership conference and a celebra-



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Pictured above, from left Albert

Wasicka betting on strong future in world of poker

DENVER (AP)— Paul Wasicka is betting on a big future in the world of professional poker.

He's already got an ace up sleeve: \$6.1 million he collect after beating out 8,771 rivals past week to claim second place in the main event at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

Until February, the 25-year Boulder native was managing his brother-in-law's restaurant Via Toscana, in Louisville, Co. But after two years of daily poker sessions online and hours of analysis and study, Wasicka said he knew what he wanted to do: high stakes, no limit Texas Hold'em.

Wasicka (pronounced WAH-sih-kah) says he still has plenty to learn about a game the pros

YAYBACK!

Arsenal cemetery a tribute to almost 140 years of history

By Sara Adams
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A lasting memorial to those who died to preserve American freedom, the Rock Island Arsenal's National Cemetery is one of just more than 125 national cemeteries to honor deceased soldiers.

The cemetery was started in 1863 as a simple burial ground for Union soldiers who died in service as guards at a Confederate prison camp on the Arsenal.

An inspection in 1868 indicated that cemetery held the remains of 136 people, including six women and children, and seven unknowns.

Today, the cemetery covers 66 acres, with about 26,000 interments, according to cemetery director Sean Baumgartner.

Soldiers who served in the Civil War, Mexican War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, World wars I and II, Korean War

and Vietnam are buried in the cemetery, which is decorated with several notable monuments.

Memorial Walkway is made of donated stones representing several organizations such as Gold Star Wives, Gold Star Mothers, American Legion and Korean War Veterans, among others.

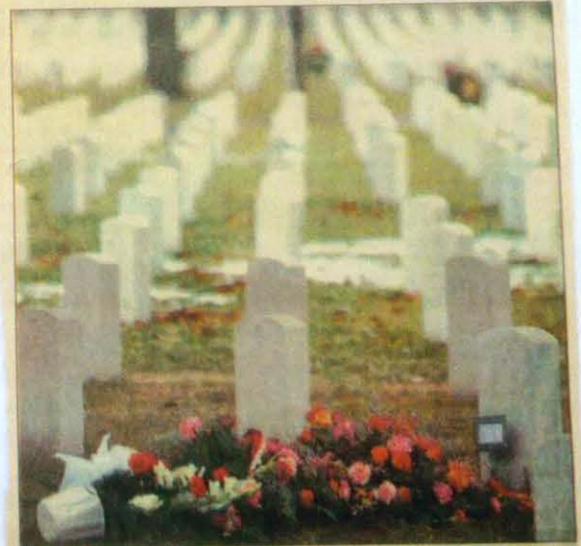
New monuments include one dedicated to women who have served in the armed forces, and a bronze plaque of a folded American flag, donated by the Moline American Legion.

Mr. Baumgartner said having a national cemetery in the Quad-Cities area enhances the community.

"This is the final resting place for our veterans, and it brings a sense of history that you can't get other places," he said. "It's a memorial for the price paid for our freedom."

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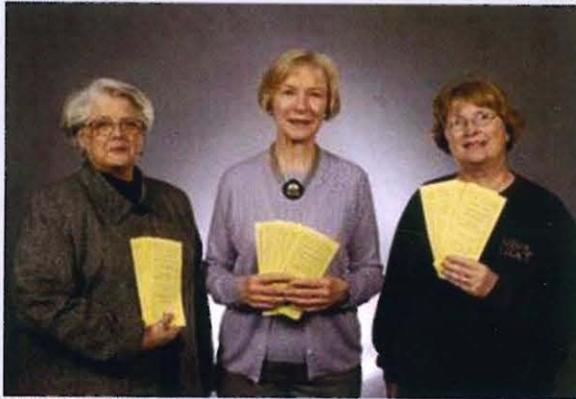
A bronze plaque showing a folded American flag, which is presented to the family of the deceased with military honors, stands near the committal area in the Rock Island National Cemetery on Arsenal Island.



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The Rock Island National Cemetery on Arsenal Island was created in 1863 and now has more than 26,000 gravesites.

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The Rock Island County Illinois and Scott County Iowa genealogical societies are hosting their 34th annual Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference on Saturday, April 26, at the Viking Club, 1450 41st Street, Moline. This year's speaker is Colleen Fitzpatrick. Conference topics will be Overview to forensic Genealogy, You will Never Look at Your Old Photos the Same Way Again, The Database Detective, and Genealogical Revelations Through DNA. Registration fee is \$25 per person and includes conference handouts, coffee and buffet luncheon. Deadline for registration is April 16. For an online registration form, visit website: www.rootsweb.com/~ilbgsrim/index.html and click on "Annual Conference." From left are, Claire Schiebel, Jill Hoff, and Linda Polich.

Conference and Classes



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The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society is sponsoring a five-week series of Beginning Genealogy workshops. The sessions will be on Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Rock Island County Historical Society Library, 822 11th Ave., Moline. Topics covered will be Getting Started, Locating Vital Records, Using Federal Records and Computer Genealogy. Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins. Workshops are limited to 30 people. Registration deadline is Sept. 15. Send check, along with your name and address to Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 3912, Rock Island, IL 61204-3912. For information, call Lorraine Hathaway, (309) 787-1826 or Linda Polich, (309) 234-5151. From left, are Linda Walker and Linda Polich.



(Photo by Jim & Mary Whitmer)

Genealogists Are Getting Help From Unexpected Source – Male Saliva

by Margaret Schmidt
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Among tools a family historian (you, perhaps) can use to unravel male ancestry is a cotton swab bearing saliva from a living male descendant. Sending the swab to a laboratory specializing in genealogical DNA testing can give you added assurance you descend from the paternal line you think you do.

For instance, if your last name is Robertson, you may suspect your ancestors came from the Duncan clan in Scotland (since the name Robertson is derived from Duncan's great grandson Robert). This is, in fact, the case with many Robertsons in the United States. But how do you sort it out with more certainty?

A set of DNA tests offered through the "Donnachaigh Surname Project" ("Donnachaigh" is the ancient name for "Duncan") can tell you, "Yes, you do." (Be aware, however, it cannot tell you the names of individuals in your specific Duncan ancestry line.)

Thanks to DNA testing, we now know that few Robertsons living on the former clan lands in Perthshire today are related to the ancient Duncan clan. But 99.9 percent of all Robertsons living in the United States are. Who would have guessed?

Genealogical DNA tests are expensive – starting at about \$200. There are two basic tests: the Y-chromosome DNA test and the mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) test. (The mtDNA test for female ancestry will be discussed in the Summer "Blue MedicareRx News.") You may be able to combine the two tests to save money. But only the Y chromosome DNA test can confirm the ancestral line of your paternity.

The Y Chromosome

DNA is a digital code, somewhat like a bar code, containing the genetic recipe for any one particular human

being. In males, a special strip of DNA known as the Y-chromosome, responsible for the early embryo developing manly characteristics, is contained in the nucleus of cells.

Most of the Y chromosome is inherited as a unit, passed without alteration from father to sons, on to their sons, and so on – all the while unaffected by any influence from the mothers. To establish a line of paternity, a genealogical DNA laboratory examines bits of code on the Y chromosome of a living male. It compares them with corresponding bits of code on the chromosome of someone who has a proven line of descent and whose data is already in the laboratory's database.

The two people being compared usually have the same surname. (In cases like the Robertsons above where you suspect or know a surname has changed over time or been incorrectly recorded, you may have to do some genealogical sleuthing before turning to the DNA companies.)

Usually, a genealogical DNA laboratory analyzes 12, 37 or 67 bits of code, or "markers," on the Y chromosome. The more markers, the more accurate and expensive the test.

An exact match of all chemical markers compared shows a common male ancestor in the not-too-distant past. A close but not exact match shows a common ancestor in the more distant past. No match at all rules out a common biological ancestor.

Once you have used Y-chromosome testing to identify a specific line of male ancestry, you must put together a paper trail of the names of your grandfathers, great-grandfathers, etc., based on names and dates from records of births, deaths, marriages, land purchases and the like.

One Example

To understand how this happens, pretend you are a male with the last name "Spencer."

Through library research you learn

that a large number of people in the United States with the last name "Spencer" are descendants of four Spencer brothers who came to New England in the 1630s – the adventurous sons of Gerard Spencer and Alice Whitbread of Bedfordshire, England.

Further research shows you that the Spencer Genealogical and Historical Society, dedicated to research on the four Spencer brothers, sponsors a Y chromosome research project. The Society's Web site tells you how to obtain a DNA test kit and file a saliva sample with a genealogical testing laboratory on contract to build a database of proven descendants of Gerard and Alice. You or one of your male relatives with the last name "Spencer" provides a sample of saliva and mails back the test kit.

The results are positive! Now you have successfully linked your Spencer line to one about which much published data already exists. Since the test results do not tell you the names of each Spencer ancestor who falls between Gerard Spencer and your own family, you must study birth records, marriage records and similar data to find out the names of your grandparents, great-grandparents and so on, going backwards.

If you happen to find that one of your Spencer ancestors is William Spencer, born in 1601, you're extremely lucky because the line of his wife (Agnes Harris, born 1604) has been traced back to Charlemagne! For genealogists, finding a trail to Charlemagne is like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

In fact, various genealogists are at work right now trying to link Gerard Spencer's ancestors to the line of Lady Diana Spencer, the late Princess of Wales. So far, though, a common ancestry has not been proved on paper. To settle the issue, perhaps some day one of the Princess' living male relatives will donate a saliva sample to the Spencer Society database.

Hoping For Best

As with all genealogy searches, be aware that the result you get may not be the one you're expecting or wanting.

In one of the most famous early genealogical applications of DNA to ancestry, two sons of Sally Hemings, the supposed mistress of Thomas Jefferson, were tested to see if their Y chromosome DNA could be matched to a common male ancestor of the fourth president.

The descendants of Ms. Hemings' oldest son, Thomas Woodson, were sure that Woodson had been fathered by the fourth president, since the family was in possession of a detailed history on paper that said as much.

Thomas Jefferson himself had no proven adult sons, so the DNA from a descendant of a male cousin on his father's side was used for the study.

The results of the Jefferson DNA study, published in the British journal "Nature" in 1998, show that Thomas Jefferson could not possibly have fathered Thomas Woodson (the two came from completely different paternal lines). However, it was determined some Jefferson probably fathered Ms. Hemings' youngest son, Eston.

Though the test itself proved only that someone with the "Jefferson Y chromosome" had fathered Sally's youngest son, there was no indication of which specific Jefferson it was. But based on the historic record, various researchers have come to believe Thomas Jefferson's brother Randolph is the most likely candidate, based on the date and location of Eston's probable conception.

Companies To Consult

Some genealogical testing companies specialize in building a database for just one surname, while others may test for many surnames such as dozens of Scottish clan names (www.familytreedna.com).

The best way to find a genealogical DNA testing laboratory for the surname you are researching is through an Internet search engine. A genealogical librarian or professional genealogist can help you use the computer.

You will find that "Chris Pomery's DNA Portal" lists many laboratories building databases for specific family names. There are companies specializing in African-American ancestry, Native American ancestry, English ancestry, etc.

The Web site www.familytreedna.com puts you in touch with a company that tests for many different surnames. Try www.OxfordAncestors.com if your surname is English and www.AfricanAncestry.com if you are African-American.

Once you have identified a company that analyzes DNA related to your surname, call the company or visit its Web site to make sure the results you want will be presented in a way you can understand.

For instance, a company that produces only numeric data for the number of matches at each site studied on the Y chromosome will not be much help – unless you have extensive knowledge of DNA sequencing. ♦

BACKWARDS GLANCES

Historian dedicated to community service

HE was known as "Mr. Historical Society," but the legacy of John H. Hauberg impacts the Quad-Cities on a broad front.

Credited with bringing diversity and energy to the Rock Island County Historical Society in its formative years, the German immigrant's son who became a crusading lawyer did much to promote



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John Hauberg was rarely without his camera as he explored the Quad-Cities' past.

awareness of local history, particularly that of the area's native Sauk and Fox people.

He led the move to create the Blackhawk State Historic Site, donated his extensive collection of Indian artifacts to its museum named in his honor and commissioned the murals depicting Sauk and Fox life that grace the park's Watch Tower Lodge.

He documented local history through thousands of photographs, journal entries, clippings and recordings now housed at the Augustana College Library.

Local history was not his only passion. His civic involvement spanned a wide spectrum of community life ranging from youth, social service and religion to business, culture and the outdoors.

As the Rock Island County Historical Society marks its centennial this month, let's take a closer look at Hauberg and his contributions.

Born on Nov. 22, 1869 on a farm north of Hillsdale, Ill., he worked on a logging railroad crew in Missouri, at a sawmill in Arkansas and rode the range as a cowboy in Wyoming before graduating from Valparaiso University in Indiana and earning a law degree at the University of Michigan in 1900. The next

year, he began his decade-long practice of law by opening an office in Moline.

As attorney for the Rock Island Law and Order League, he battled the notorious underworld leader John Looney.

In 1911, he married Susanne C. Denkmann, the youngest daughter of lumber baron Frederick Carl A. Denkmann, and moved into her new Rock Island mansion, which today is the Hauberg Civic Center. Following the death of J.P. Weyerhaeuser in 1936, he became president of Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann

Lumber Co., Rock Island. He died on Sept. 13, 1955 at the age of 85.

He and his wife, who died in 1942, immersed themselves in civic and philanthropic endeavors. Along the way, he pursued his love of history, serving as the president of the Rock Island County Historical Society from 1917-1920 and from 1928-40. He also was its curator for 45 years.

Founded on Aug. 5, 1905, the society had been an all-male organization until Hauberg encouraged the first admission of women in 1916. He also promoted the collection of oral histories from the county's vanishing pioneer settlers.

Another interest was the preservation of the Blackhawk State Historic Site, once part of a vast Sauk-Fox village, where he sponsored