



MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
P O BOX 26  
WINTERSET IA 50273-0026  
THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2015

**MEETINGS:** Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the community room in the Winterset Public Library. We meet at 7:00 pm year round.

**DUES:** Payable January 1 of each year. \$10 per person or \$15 per family. Life membership is \$115.

**RESEARCH:** \$10 per hour plus cost of copies and postage. Send to the above address.

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The dog days of summer are here. I always thought that was a funny expression, but when the heat index is above 100 degrees, one tends to seek the shade and the air conditioning. Some days you could slice the air with a knife.

The Madison County Fair was held July 14 through July 19, and we had some hot days at the fair grounds. Unlike the hot sticky days spent in the skating rink and old Community Building some years ago, we are very comfortable set up in the Jackson Building which is air conditioned.

A big **Thank You** to our members who helped to set up and take entries. Also to those who helped during the judging and who manned the exhibits and visited with fair goers during the week. Of course, what goes up has to come down and we had good help getting everything ready to go on the pallets in the storage area.

We held a drawing for a years membership in the society, and the winners are: Jan Bowers, Sheila Caudle, Kyle Leonard, Darcy Paullin and Mary Frease. We welcome them to our group.

It won't be long until members will be taking orders for pecans and walnuts. If you know how many bags you will be wanting, let one of our members know and we will put you on the list. It helps to know ahead how many cases we need to order.

Looming on the horizon is the Covered Bridge Festival which runs October 10-11. If you could give a few hours of your time to help at the Museum on the Hill, it would be greatly appreciated. The Civil War reenactors will be back and they will do the night firing of the cannon. Saturday night there will be S'mores for the kids and the young at heart. Kiwanis will have a food booth again this year. Good eating! Go to the Hill to enjoy good old-fashioned fun.

Kevin Lair will have an art show in the Depot at the museum. Entitled "Gateway - The Three Rivers County", it begins September 26 and runs through October 31. Mark your calendar for the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, as admission will be free to the museum and house. This is in conjunction with the Smithsonian's Museum Live! promotion for free admission to museums.

JoAnne Walker, MCGS President

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"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity - an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

"Hard work and determination can reap a harvest of rewards."

## 2015 Madison County Fair Genealogy and History Exhibit Results

The Madison County Genealogical Society gives a big THANK YOU to the 28 members and non-members who entered 116 items displayed at this year's Genealogy and History Exhibit. After judging, 57 blue (1st place), 34 red (2nd place), and 13 white (3rd place), along with a Best-In-Show and 4 Reserve Champions ribbons were awarded. Please congratulate all who entered for sharing their family story.

We hope that you came by to see all the interesting items that were on display. Did your visit cause you to say "I have one of those at home!" or "I could bring ... next year."? If so, NOW is the best time to note items that you might like to enter in next year's County Fair in mid- July.

Appreciation goes to all those who planned, set up and tore down the exhibit, processed entries, noted the judge's comments and decisions, and volunteered to host the room throughout the fair days. The effort of many members made this a successful showing for the MGCS.

### Division 1: Records and Legal Documents

1. DAR, SAR or similar papers
2. Bible records  
Mary Hart, blue
3. Certificates
  - a. Birth certificate/announcement
  - b. Baptismal/confirmation certificate  
Linda Smith, blue  
Velma Van Scoy, red
  - c. Death certificate  
Ida Morse, blue
  - d. Marriage certificate/Application for marriage license  
Ida Morse, blue  
Sandi Harper, red
4. Generation chart, family group sheet  
Joan Welch, red
5. Land grant, deed, mortgage, abstract, patents, leases, or sheriff sale  
Linda Smith, blue and Best-in-Show

- Armand Cason, red  
Phyllis Jones, white
6. Military record  
Mary Hart, blue  
Ida Morse, red
7. Will/Probate papers
8. Old letter  
Ida Morse, blue
9. School Diploma, Report card, Degree, Award certificate  
Cheryl Gray, blue  
Ruth Reed, red  
Ruth Reed, white  
Sharon Gibson, Shirley Keating
10. Immigration, Naturalization/Citizenship, Declaration of Intent, or Passenger list
11. Church records
12. Property tax receipt
13. Insurance policies and beneficiaries  
Ida Morse, red
14. Family census records (3 or more years)
15. Old map/ atlas/ plat
16. Old contract  
Ida Morse, blue
17. Old sales receipt/ Bill of sale  
Shirley Keating, blue  
Sandi Harper, red
18. Old auction sale bill/old advertisement
19. Poem/Song/Art by ancestor  
Pat Hochstetler, blue  
Martha Knapp, red  
Cheryl Gray, white  
Jo Ann Cason, Ida Morse
20. Genealogical map showing where ancestors lived
21. Newspaper research
22. Political document or record
23. Century farm certificate
24. Pioneer certificate
25. Organization Certificate
26. Any related item  
Shirley Keating, blue  
Armand Cason, red  
Elizabeth Wood, white

## Division 2: Books and Stories

27. Old personal ledger
28. Old scrapbook
29. Old diary
  - Linda Smith, blue
30. Old autograph book
31. Old story book, book, or booklet
  - Betty Johns, red
32. Organizational records or books
  - Armand Cason, blue
  - Phyllis Jones, red
33. Autobiography
34. Family history book
  - Joan Welch, blue
35. Scrapbook
  - a. Family
    - Cheryl Gray, blue
    - Diane Truckenbrod, red
  - b. Historical
36. Family story
  - Ken Callison, blue
  - Walt Libby, red
  - Gayla Barr, white
  - Betty Johns, Ruth Reed
37. History of Madison County or Iowa
  - Ida Morse, blue
  - Sharon Gibson, red and white
  - Ruth Reed
38. Family Bible
  - Ken Callison, blue
39. Book of family recipes
40. School
  - a. Old school text book
    - Sandi Harper, blue
  - b. Record books
  - c. Commencement, class plays, printed programs, etc.
  - d. Old Year Books
    - Ida Morse, blue
41. Church
  - a. Cook books
  - b. Directories
42. Political book or story
  - Mary Hart, blue
43. Any related item
  - Ruth Reed, blue
  - Walt Libby, red

## Division 3: Pictures

44. Past or present home
  - Margaret Blair, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
45. Family group photo (8x10 or larger)
46. Family group photo (smaller than 8x10)
  - Ken Callison, blue
  - Phyllis Jones, red
  - Wendell Spencer, white
  - Elizabeth Wood, Marilyn Spencer
47. Individual family member photo
  - Stan Jones blue
  - Ken Callison, red
  - Armand Cason, white
  - Ida Morse, Sandi Harper
48. Two or more person photo (any size)
  - Pat Hochstetler, blue
  - Velma Van Scoy, red
49. Pictorial family history/poster ( $\leq 14 \times 22$ )
  - Betty Johns, blue
50. Family photo album by exhibitor
51. Ancestral album/ collection of family pictures
52. Family church
  - Sandi Harper, blue
53. School
  - a. House
  - b. Student/students
    - Cheryl Gray, blue
    - Ida Morse, red
54. Military
55. Wedding or anniversary
56. Baby or Child
  - Walt Libby, blue
  - Jo Ann Cason, red
57. Four or more generation photo
  - Armand Cason, blue
  - Ida Morse, red
58. Picture of early life in Madison County/Iowa
59. Photo depicting ancestors life in another county, state or country
60. 4-H and/or organizations
  - Pat Hochstetler, blue
61. Political photo
  - Pat Hochstetler, blue

- 62. Century farm photo
- 63. Any related item  
Ida Morse, blue and red

#### Division 4 - Heirlooms and Artifacts

- 64. Jewelry/Jewelry box  
JoAnn Cason, blue
- 65. Silverware or metal ware  
Armand Cason, blue  
Shirley Keating, red
- 66. Glassware  
Deena Hoeness, blue
- 67. China/crockery  
Walt Libby, blue  
Armand Cason, red
- 68. Small household item  
Armand Cason, blue
- 69. Small hand or household tool
- 70. Needlework or quilts less than 36x36  
Pat Hochstetler, blue
- 71. Linens
- 72. Clothing  
Diane Truckenbrod, blue  
Armand Cason, red  
Ruth Reed, white
- 73. Personal item  
Ruth Reed, blue  
Betty Johns, red  
Diane Truckenbrod, white
- 74. Religious
- 75. Small toy  
Betty Johns, blue  
Walt Libby, red  
Sandi Harper, white
- 76. Organization memorabilia (4-H, kitchen bands, church societies, scouting, etc.)  
Armand Cason, blue  
Ida Morse, red
- 77. School award item (school letter, letter sweater and etc)
  - a. Award item (school or extra-curricular activity)
  - b. Memorabilia

- 78. Military
  - a. Memorabilia  
Sam Keating (Youth), blue  
Pat Hochstetler, blue
  - b. Clothing
- 79. Political Memorabilia
- 80. Advertisement items  
Armand Cason, blue
- 81. Postcard/greeting card/collection of postcards or greeting cards  
Cheryl Gray, blue  
Walt Libby, red  
Betty Johns, white
- 82. Any related item  
JoAnn Cason, blue  
Ida Morse, red

#### Division 5 - Funeral and Cemetery

- 83. Funeral memorabilia  
Ida Morse, blue
- 84. Funeral home record  
Sandi Harper, blue
- 85. Family stone photograph  
Sandi Harper, blue  
Ida Morse, red  
Ken Callison, white
- 86. Family stone rubbing
- 87. Cemetery project  
Pat Hochstetler, blue
- 88. Obituary one or more  
Pat Hochstetler, blue  
Ida Morse, red
- 89. Collection of family gravestones photos  
Armand Cason, blue  
Bill Keating, red
- 90. Any related item

#### Congratulations to New Members

Each County Fair, the MCGS has a drawing for 5 free memberships that last for 18 months. The lucky winners this year were: Kyle Leonard, Jan Bowers, Darcy Paullin, Sheila Caudle, and Mary Friese. Please encourage them to attend our meetings.



## The Farmer & Merchants Corner of the Square – Part 3 of 3

The previous two newsletters described early happenings on the northwest corner of Winterset's Jefferson and First Avenue. The original building in this space was the St. Nicholas Hotel that was later torn down to make room for the Citizens National Bank building. The bank closed in 1933 as part of the Bank Holiday declared under the Roosevelt Administration. This column will finish the story with the formation of the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

The information below comes from the Madison County Historic Preservation Commission's research as they prepared a National Park Service nomination for the Courthouse Square District to become a "National Historic District," quotes from the Winterset *Madisonian*, and items provided by the Farmers & Merchant Bank.

To best serve its customers, the Citizens National bank was liquidated a year after closing in favor of a new institution, the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. On April 5, 1934, the *Madisonian* explained the change. "BANK ASSETS SALE RECEIVES APPROVAL—New Bank Awaits Federal Authority To Begin Business—Another constructive step toward relieving the banking situation in Winterset was taken March 29th when Madison county district court approved a petition for sale of part of the assets of the Citizens National bank to the newly organized Farmers & Merchants National bank of Winterset. The estimated aggregate value of assets to be sold is \$216,950. 96. According to the petition, this sale will be of great value to the creditors of the Citizens National bank, for it will enable this institution to declare an immediate dividend without any sacrifice or shrinkage in value of the assets sold."



Farmers & Merchants opened a month later. "WINTERSET'S BANK NOW IN OPERATION—The Farmers And Merchants National Opened Friday— The new bank is a separate organization and has no connection with the old Citizens National bank although it is occupying the building which the Citizens bank formerly occupied. However, the new bank has been designated to handle the 50 per cent dividend which is being paid by the conservator of the Citizens bank to all its depositors. This money is now being paid out, and all persons who had money in the Citizens bank when it closed can now obtain half of it by calling at the new bank. D. P. Egy has been named president of the new bank. J. A. Ramsey will be vice president, N. E. Kelly, cashier and J. W. McKee, assistant cashier. Charles Butterfield is remaining with the new organization. Officers of the new bank have announced a policy of conducting a general banking business along conservative lines. Half per cent interest will be paid on savings and time deposits. The release of this considerable fund to the community is regarded as an important step in bringing better conditions to Madison County. It is to be noted that in the new bank all deposits are insured up to \$2,500. This is possible under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation."

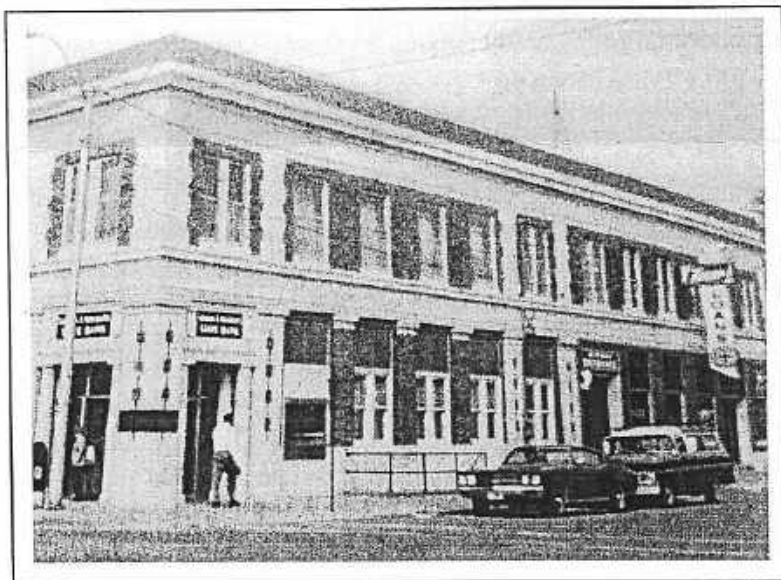
In hopes of recovering more than 50-cents on each dollar deposited, the assets of the Citizens Bank was placed in the hands of receivers who liquidated the bank's assets, but this took some time. The March 30, 1938, *Madisonian* announced that "the last group of assets of the defunct Citizens National bank of Winterset were sold at Public auction. "To date, 81 percent has been paid and another final dividend is yet to be made." Within a month, the *Madisonian* reported, "CITIZENS BANK TO PAY LAST DIVIDEND—6 Per Cent Final Payment Authorized — A final dividend of 6 per cent has been authorized for the Citizens National bank and will be paid within the next few weeks. When the checks are made out all depositors will be notified as to when and where to call for them. This dividend will wind up the payments to depositors and end the history of the old Citizens National bank which was closed during the Roosevelt banking holiday of March 1933. This dividend will raise the total to 87 per cent an unusually good record for banks in receivership. The Citizens National bank was organized in 1872 with J. J. Hutchings as its first president and D. E. Conger as the first cashier. Among its later presidents were S. G. Ruby, one of Madison county's leading lawyers and later United States consul to Belfast, Ireland; Dr. J. H. Wintrobe, and James P. Steele."

The Farmers and Merchants 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book, written in 2009, states, "In 1934 Farmers & Merchants and the Ford dealership showroom were on the first floor and a law office, skating rink (which also served as a dance hall on occasion), and auto assembly and repair shop were on the second floor, where Bonnie & Clyde's bullet-riddled car from the famous shootout near Dexter was exhibited for 10 cents a look. A vault, barbershop, coal furnace, and storage areas occupied the basement."

In 1938, Farmers & Merchant's National Bank changed its charter and name to Farmers & Merchants State Bank in order to acquire its Orient and St. Charles branches, which was not allowed under national bank charters. F&M acquired the J. F. Johnston Bank that had been built in 1900 on Main Street in St. Charles. In Orient, the building of the First State Bank of Adair Co. was purchased.

The August 17, 1938, *Madisonian* printed, "FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK OPENS TWO BRANCH OFFICES—Local Institution Announces Opening of Offices in St. Charles and Orient—Effective Monday morning, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, offices were opened in both St. Charles and Orient by the Farmers and Merchants State bank of this city. Four new directors have been added to the bank's board, making a total of nine men on the board. The new directors are R. R. Gillespie, Earlham; Dr. R. K. Sayre, St. Charles; E. J. Carlyle, Orient; and Harry C. King, Winterset. Other directors are E. E. Drake, J. A. Ramsey, F. P. Hartsook, I. N. Eivins and N. E. Kelley. Herman A. Mueller, cashier in the former J. F. Johnston bank in St. Charles has been selected to manage that office, while J. F. Kingery, formerly an officer of the Orient bank, will head the Orient office. Both Mr. Mueller and Mr. Kingery are well known and highly respected citizens in their communities and both have a background of many years of experience in the banking business. C. D. Butterfield is teller; and Leo Gillespie, bookkeeper, Alice Tomas has been employed in the bookkeeping department, and Harry C. King, former Winterset hardware merchant, has returned here and will manage a new household appliance and automobile loan department recently opened by the bank.

In 1965, the Winterset bank acquired the remainder of the first floor from the Ford dealership and underwent an extensive renovation. A Board Room, Loan office and an east side "Walk Up" window was added. The most striking addition was a "Drive Through" lane where customers could transact business from their car. They entered the building on the east side, stopped at a business window, then exited into the alley on the north side of the building, curving around Walker's Cleaners. (The entrance can be seen above the cars in the picture below.)



The last major change occurred in 1998 when Walker's Cleaners and the "Drive Thru" space was converted to expand the Community Room/kitchen and create a Loan Department.

A drive-up bank building was built in 1980 on the former site of John McConnelee's Standard Oil Company gas station at Lane and North First Street (now John Wayne Drive).

New bank branches have also been constructed - the Orient Branch was built in 1995 and the St. Charles branch in 2007.

Linda Griffith Smith

Reminiscences of Mrs. Dunlap - Part 2  
The Winterset Madisonian - February 20, 1930

As related to Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ogburn -  
January 22, 1930

We lived in the double-log cabin about two years, and in that time father built a two story frame house on land that he owned two miles south of where we were living. He first built a small one room house out of lumber from a saw mill on Middle river, wither owned or operated - maybe both - by a man named Duncan. It may have been the same one that a history of Madison county tells was built in 1849 by David Hagge. If so, it was located in section 15, Lincoln township, just east of where the Drake ford bridge was afterward built.

In the early days of Madison county, saw mills "changed hands," as they said - meaning ownership or leasehold - quite often, so that the mill which supplied the lumber for this house is not easily identified now. But William Duncan, the brother-in-law of William (Bill) Mercer, the well-remembered saloon keeper of Winterset, lived on Middle river near this sawmill, and it probably was from this man that it had its name, and it almost certainly was this mill that supplied the lumber, as there was no other, of the very few saw mills then in the county, so convenient, unless it was in section 13, on Middle river, a short distance below the Afion bridge. It is possible that the lumber was from this mill.

In 1855, Jonathan Myers and Martin Ruby built a steam saw mill on North river, in the vicinity of where Stringtown cemetery is now. It was at that mill that the lumber was sawed for the two story part of our house, which consisted of two rooms below and two above, and was joined to the little one room building, which then was used for the kitchen. Father bought the trees, to be made into lumber, cut them down, hauled the logs to the mill and gave one-third of the lumber to pay for the sawing.

Not including that part of our house first built, it was 16x32, and when completed was by far the best house in that part of the county. In fact, it was the only frame house, except a very small one that Enos Mills had built. The carpenter work on our house was done by Jake Voorhees, with some help from my brother, Thomas. Father paid Voorhees a dollar a day and board. That was the customary wage. And they were bit days of eight hours each that he worked. But almost from daylight till dark. That, too, was customary. The carpenter made the sashes for the windows, and also made the doors. As there were no planing mills, this was the only way. The nails and other hardware were bought in Winterset, to which place they had been brought in a wagon from Burlington, Keokuk, or some other place on the Mississippi River.

At the time this house was built there was an unbroken prairie southward for miles - as far as the brakes of Middle river. My brother, Thomas, and our cousin, Thomas Benton Kale, "ran a breaking team," and broke up a part of this prairie. In a recent letter from my brother, he says their team consisted of three yoke of oxen; their plow turned a sixteen inch furrow, and that they broke an average of two acres a day.

I have said that there were a great many wolves where we lived. I remember that my sisters and I watched from the upstairs window as brother Tom, on one of the horses, ran down a wolf on this prairie in front of our house and killed it with a club. There was a deep snow, making it impossible for the wolf to get away. The one that he killed was like what we here in the west call coyotes. There they were known as prairie wolves, to distinguish them from another species, that were much larger and more dangerous, called timber wolves, for the reason that they usually were to be found there, rather than on the prairie.

When we came to Madison county, besides great numbers of deer and wolves, there were large flocks of wild turkeys, a great many quail, and an unbelievable number of prairie chickens. We had no trouble whatever in keeping ourselves in a bountiful supply of many kinds of game. I remember that father had made a trap, for catching prairie chickens, out of a large box or body that had been used for a sled, by putting in the side of it some gates or doors, hinged at the top so that they opened inwardly but not outwardly (unreadable few words) he asked me to go and see if there were any prairie chickens in the trap. I did as requested, and reported that there were a thousand in it! So father went back with me, and by actual count there were only eleven.

One of our neighbors in our new location was a bachelor by the name of Jimmy Black. Sometimes we girls would walk the long miles to Winterset and back - though they did not seem long to us - to do some trading, or on an errand of some kind, and it was always convenient for us to stop and listen to Jimmy Black's fiddling! I thought he could almost make his fiddle talk.

After we moved into the frame house, father rented a sugar camp two "seasons" from uncle John Gatchell, and we went there and made maple sugar and syrup. It was on North river, not far from Myers & Rubys' sawmill. The trees grew on the south side of the river, under what was called "Cedar Bluff." Some small cedars were rowing on the bluff, and that gave it the name. There were huts made out of logs and covered with clapboards in which we lived at the camp, maybe there would be so much that to keep it from wasting the fires under the kettles had to be kept going night and day.



for making maple sugar was strenuous work. Where there was a "good run" of sap - "sugar water," as it was called - maybe there would be so much that to keep it from wasting the fires under the kettles had to be kept going night and day. I suppose everyone knows that maple sugar could only be made for a few days in the early spring when the frost was going out of the ground and the sap rising in the trees.

The Indians were all gone from Madison county when we came there, but occasionally bands of friendly Indians came back and camped from place o place on the streams, remaining but a few days at a time in any one location. I recall that in 1857 - I think it was that year - there were about a hundred Indians camped on Middle river, south of where we lived, and one day father took us children to see them. The squaws were busy cooking something that smelled horrid! The men were lounging about - some of them playing cards, others a game much like "pitching horseshoes". A few were running foot races. But none except the women were at work.

Then I used sometimes to go with father to the Buffalo Mills, when he went there with a "grist" of corn or wheat, to be made into meal or flour, and there I saw Johnny Green, an Indian, who was thereabouts for a number of years. He was heavy set, and had scanty chin whiskers. I do knot know why he remained after all the other Indians were gone, and neither do I know what finally became of him. #Everybody who lived there then knew old Johnny Green. He was probably fifty years of age when I first saw him.

When we lived in the log house I attended the Stringtown public school. My teacher was Miss Dora Prebble. She married Anderson Bengé. Later, when we lived in the frame house, I went to the Cline school, northeast of father's. John Bard was teacher. There was no well, and water had to be brought in a bucket from David Cline's. One of my happy recollections is that of going with Davy Cline to his father's for water, a bucket partly filled being carried between us on a stick under the bail - one of us at each end of the stick. And Davy and I went just as often as we could get permission! We scholars all drank out of a long handled gourd! We never had heard of microbes, germs, or individual drinking cups in those days.

(To be continued)

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## Membership Information

The Madison County Genealogical Society "year" runs from January 1 through December 31.

**Dues are \$10.00 per year, per person or \$15.00 for a family membership. A lifetime membership is \$115.00.**

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Amount Enclosed:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Rates:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00, single - 1 year

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