



MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P O BOX 26
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SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2016

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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<http://iagenweb.org/madison/index.html>

Spring is hopefully upon us. Many of us will be getting the urge for gardening and planting flowers. Hopefully, you found time this winter to work on some genealogy project that has been waiting for someone to tackle.

We have had some very interesting programs the last couple of months and will continue to have these throughout the year. If you didn't see the last month's program on Iowa's Railroad Heritage, you really missed a good one. I want to remind you of the upcoming cemetery history programs that will be done over the coming months. These should prove to be very interesting for people that have ancestors buried in Madison County.

I want to share a short story with you. While being laid up for a couple of months this winter, my son-in-law brought over a power point project that he had been working on for several years about the airplane that crashed landed through our field and into the neighbors field south of our farm in January, 1955. He has done extensive research on this and has even made a model of this. Airplanes interest him, but little does he realize all the history that he has put into this project.

Again, many thanks goes out to all the volunteers that are working on the genealogy section in the Winterset Library. It wouldn't be there if it wasn't for you.

We are always looking for new members. If you know of anyone who is interested, get them to attend a meeting to find out what we are all about.

Pat Hochstetler
MCGS President

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If you haven't been to our web site for awhile you need to check it out. New information is being added on a daily basis. I think Madison County has the best web site in the whole United States, and the best genealogy members who get the job done. Granted, I have not been to every web site, but when I go to another state with high hopes of finding information on a marriage of an ancestor to only find two marriages, it is very disappointing to say the least.

Work on the Underground Railroad (UGRR) is progressing. One of the freedom seekers, Charles Moore, who was sheltered at the Matthew McGee farm returned to Winterset and lived out his days here. Charley died in 1920 and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Winterset Cemetery. We have located the site and are going to raise money to purchase a gravestone. Charles Moore - 1838-1920 - Followed the North Star. Any donation will be appreciated. JW

List of Madison County Maps

This list shows the plat maps and atlases available in the Madison County Historical Museum Resource Center, Winterset Public Library, the Madison County Recorder's and Auditor's offices and online at www.iagenweb.org/madison.

Donations of plat maps not listed are welcomed at the Madison County Historical Museum, 515-462-2134. Compiled by Linda Griffith Smith.

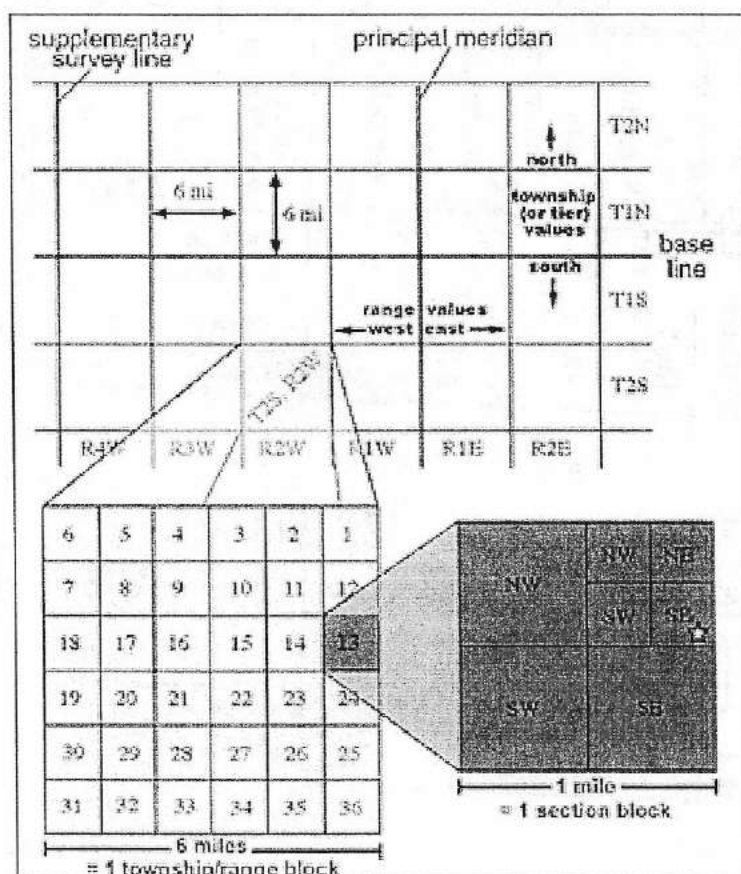
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1875	Andreas Atlas Co., Chicago	Atlas	MCHS Resource Center
1875	Andreas Atlas Co., Chicago	Atlas	Winterset Public Library
1875	Harrison & Warner, Philadelphia	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1875	Harrison & Warner, Philadelphia	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1875	online - undetermined	Online	iagenweb.org/madison/
1879	Union Historical Co, Des Moines	Book	History of Madison County, 1879
1881-82	J. A Wilkins, artist	Plat	Madison County Auditor
1891-92	J. A Wilkins, artist	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1891-92	online - undetermined	Online	iagenweb.org/madison/
1896	J. A Wilkins, artist	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1896	online - undetermined	Online	iagenweb.org/madison/
1901	Northwest Publishing Co., Minneapolis	Plat	Madison County Auditor
1901	Northwest Publishing Co., Minneapolis	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1901	Northwest Publishing Co., Minneapolis	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1901	online - undetermined	Online	iagenweb.org/madison/
1904	Iowa Publishing Co., Davenport	Atlas	Madison County Recorder
1908	Madisonian	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
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1908	Midland Map Co., Oskaloosa	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
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1919	Midland Map Co., Oskaloosa	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1920	Midland Map & Eng. Co., Des Moines	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1925	Madisonian	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1925	online - undetermined	Online	iagenweb.org/madison/
1930	W.W. Hixton & Co., Rockford, IL	Online	digital.lib.uiowa.edu
1933	Madisonian	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1933	online - undetermined	Online	iagenweb.org/madison/
1943	Madisonian	Plat	Madison County Auditor

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1943	Madisonian	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1943	online - undetermined	Online	iagenweb.org/madison/
1949	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1950	Iowa State Highway Commission	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1951	Madisonian	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1951	Madisonian	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1951-52	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1955	Farm Operators Rural Residential Map Co.	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
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1960	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1960	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1960's?	Farm Operators Rural Residential Map Co.	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1962	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	Madison County Recorder
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1963-64	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1964	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	Madison County Recorder
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1966	Midwest Atlas , Fremont, NE	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
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1967	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	Madison County Recorder
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1969	Madisonian	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1969	Madisonian	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1969	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Auditor
1970	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1970	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1971	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1972	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	Madison County Recorder
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1972	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1972	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Winterset Public Library

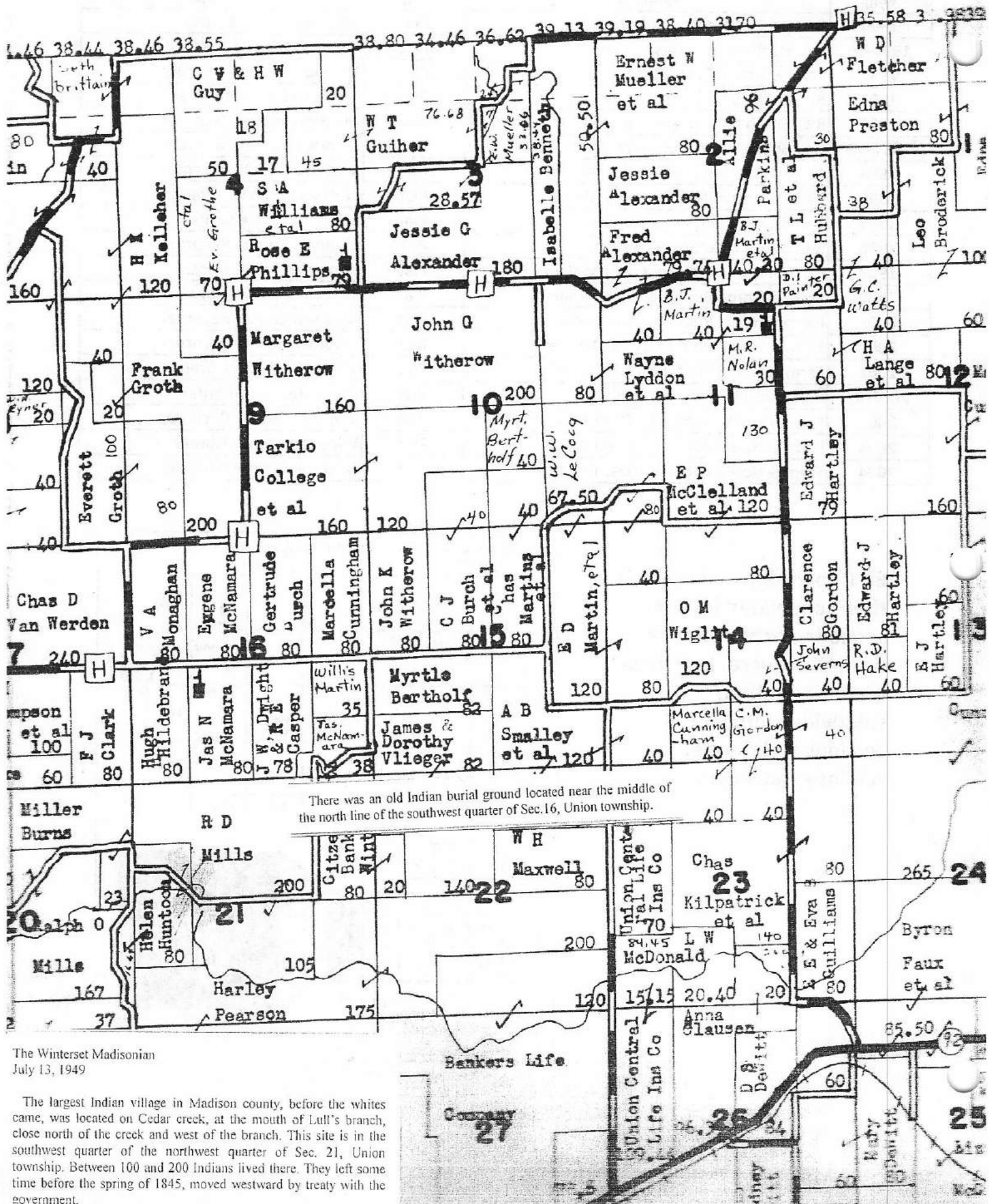
Year	Publisher	Format	Location
1972	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1972	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1975	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1975	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1975	Universal Publ, West Des Moines	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1976	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1977	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1977	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1977	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1977	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1978	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1979	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
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1980	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Auditor
1980	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1980	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1980	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1981	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1982	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1982	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1982	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1983	Directory Service Co, Boulder, CO	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1984	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1985	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1985	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1987	Farm & Home Publishers, Belmond	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1987	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Auditor
1987	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1987	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1988	Farm Operators Rural Residential Map Co.	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1989	Farm & Home Publishers, Belmond	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1989	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Auditor
1989	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1989	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1989-90	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1990	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1990	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1990	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1990's	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1990's	Directory Service Co., Algona	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1991-92	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1992	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1992	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1993	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1993-94	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder

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1994	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1995-96	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1997	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1997	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Auditor
1997	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1997-98	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1998	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1998	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Winterset Public Library
1998	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
1998	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	Madison County Recorder
1999	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Winterset Public Library
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2001	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Madison County Recorder
2002	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Madison County Recorder
2002	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Winterset Public Library
2002-03	R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan	Plat	MCHS Resource Center
2003	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Madison County Recorder
2003	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Winterset Public Library
2004	Farm & Home Publisher, Des Moines	Plat	Madison County Recorder

Each township and range is then subdivided into 36 sections. Each section is one mile square. Individual sections are then subdivided into half sections and quarter sections and so on.



Union Twp. 1949



"I lived on the frontier when I was a little boy in Illinois; I lived on the frontier in Iowa until that frontier passed away and left me an old man," said Uncle Jimmie Bertholf telling about the years he spent near Backbone. Uncle Jimmie is eighty-five years old and came to Madison county in 1848 to visit his uncle, James Bertholf. In 1851, with his parents, he moved to the bottom lands near Backbone. He helped his father in the sawmill which they built above the Backbone and it was years after they came here before he went to school. "That schooling didn't last long," remarked Uncle Jimmie, "because it was too expensive. Father had to pay for what I learned."

"No, I never saw many deer at a time," he answered when questioned about the game, "just a few at a time. There were many of them but never in herds. There were no quail and no rabbits when we came and it was 1856 before they began to come in. I do not know the reason for their disappearance or why they came again after we did and I have never learned."

In those days there were many traces of Indians near the Backbone or on the land adjoining it which is now a part of Madison county's new state park. There were always arrowheads to be found and sugar troughs made from logs which the Indians had evidently hollowed out with blunt tools. Traces of Indian camps were many, for every spring the Indians stopped to make maple sugar as they made their annual pilgrimage from Kansas to the lands near Tama along the Iowa river.

One spring the Indians stayed later than usual and it was learned that one of the Indian girls was sick. She died early in the summer. Johnny Green, who was the Indian chief of the little band of Musquakies, had her buried like "white folks," as he expressed it. Somewhere down below Backbone is that forgotten Indian grave but Mr. Bertholf refuses to divulge its location. "The land has changed since then," he said. "Much of it has been cut over and I wouldn't tell if I could. I doubt if I could find the place."

Madison county people and the many visitors who will come to the new park will never know the tales that might be told of the days when the Indians camped near Backbone, tapped the big maples there and made maple sugar. They will never learn the stories that were told around those Indian camp fires. They will never know much of the Indian life of those early days before Iowa became a state. Only a few men like Mr. Bertholf are living to tell anything about the few Indians they saw near Backbone in the fifties.

Now the state has set aside that land out there over which the Indians roamed. The crooked river in which they fished, the big trees which they tapped, the high bluffs near which they put up their teepees are all included in the park. When the roads are better and the sap runs, go there and reconstruct for yourself the days of years ago. If your imagination is vivid enough you may see a big Indian stalking along the top of one of those bluffs or near sundown catch a glimpse of him standing on the river's bank. Indian ghosts are there if you can see them.

On this Memorial weekend let us remember our loved ones who have passed before us. God bless our troops and watch over them.



Memorial Day is upon us. If you would like to help again this year, the American Legion Green Rogers Post No. 184 will be meeting in the Winterset Cemetery around 3:00 pm on Friday, May 27 to put the white crosses at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at the north end of cemetery. They also put a small American flag at each veterans grave. If you know of a veteran's grave that is not marked, please let the American Legion know and they will put the appropriate marker on that grave. This applies to all graves in all cemeteries in Madison County. We want to get them honored.

On Sunday, May 29 at 6:00 am the VFW Post 8142 will meet at the Winterset Cemetery to put up the large American flags to mark the roadways in the cemetery. After the work is finished the helpers are invited back to the VFW Hall for a breakfast prepared by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, everyone taking part in the Memorial Day Parade will meet at the American Legion Hall at 9:30 am. The parade begins at 10:00 am and marches to Monument Park for placing of a wreath at the Soldier Monument there, and a brief ceremony. It then proceeds down East Court Avenue to S. 3rd Street and to the Cemetery marching to the mausoleum at the South end of the cemetery where a lot of the Civil War Soldiers are buried. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary places a wreath and holds a brief ceremony there and then back to the north end for the Memorial Day Program. This year's speaker is Jodi Tymeson, retired Brigadier General, served as Republican State Legislator and in the Department of Veterans affairs.

And if you love a parade there is another one that weekend during John Wayne Days. On Saturday, May 28 there will be an all horse parade through the streets of Winterset. Featured will be the Wells Fargo stagecoach.

Take time to step back into yesterday by checking all the new (old) items at the Madison County Historical Complex. There have been a lot of changes, and more in the making.

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.

Amount Enclosed:

Membership Rates:

_____ \$10.00, single - 1 year

_____ \$15.00, family - 1 year

_____ \$115.00 Lifetime membership

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