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September 1985

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! September is the beginning of our New Year. The Society meets the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 7:30 P. M., in the basement of the Maryville Public Library, 5th & Main. We'll be looking for you.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES! The increasing costs of postage and printing made it necessary to increase membership dues to \$7.50 per year. Dues for a family at the same address will also be \$7.50, unless separate copies of the SMOKE SIGNALS are desired. In that case dues will be \$7.50 per person. Members receive four quarterly newsletters per year in September, December, March and June. Please send **FREE QUERIES!**

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HOBBY SHOW! In October we will have a booth at the annual Business and Professional Women's Hobby Show. Come by and see our display.

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FALL WORKSHOP! October 26th is the date for our Genealogical Society workshop. Betty Harvey Williams, from Warrensburg, MO, is the speaker.

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DOCUMENT! We hope all of you found valuable information this summer as you attended reunions, visited cemeteries, courthouses and libraries. As you record your data, be **SURE** to note **WHERE** and **WHEN** you found it. Howard Comer, Trader, has Family Group Sheets, Lineage Charts, Census Record, Correspondence and Research Calendar Sheets, on which to record your information. He will have them on display at Society meetings, and you can call him at his home. The Maryville Library also has for sale our Family Group Sheets and Lineage Charts. Just ask at the front desk. Having the same surname doesn't make you related to someone. It takes documentation to prove relationships. Some English foundling homes gave babies the names of places where they were born. An orphan might have been given the surname of a noble family. **DOCUMENT! DOCUMENT! DOCUMENT!**

!!! NOTICE !!!

We have for sale the following Nodaway County Cemetery Records:
Atchison Township - 56 pages, every name index, \$6.75 postpaid.
Lincoln Township - 70 pages, every name index, \$7.25 postpaid.
Nodaway Township - 92 pages, every name index, \$8.25 postpaid.
Washington Twp. - 55 pages, every name index, \$5.75 postpaid.

Also 1882 Nodaway County History Index. Every name index to
County's first published history book. \$5.75 postpaid.

Nodaway County, MO 1890 Special Census. Surviving Soldiers,
Sailors, Marines and Widows, Etc. 225 pages, indexed,
\$15.00 postpaid.

Send check or money order to: Nodaway County Genealogical
Society, Box 214, Maryville, MO 64468

Copied from The Daily Forum, Maryville, Mo. Dec. 17, 1902

Was Almost 100 Years Old

Solomon Sherer Died Near Arkoe Sunday - Would Have Been Centenarian Had He Lived
Until Next June.

Undertaker Charles Lippman was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yeisley about
a mile southeast of Arkoe Monday to take charge of the arrangements for the burial
of Solomon Sherer who died Sunday.

Mr. Sherer was almost 100 years old, having been born June 6, 1803. He was
a native of North Carolina but for the last twenty years had made his home with
his daughter, Mrs. Yeisley.

His death was due to old age but it was in all probability hastened by a fall
which he suffered last week.

The funeral services were held at Swinford Tuesday, Rev. William Blazer
preaching the funeral, and burial took place at the Swinford cemetery that afternoon.
Mrs. Yeisley at whose home the old gentleman died, was his eldest daughter.

Copied from The Maryville Hodaway Democrat Dec. 18, 1902

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Holmes entertained at dinner last Friday J. F. Montgomery
and wife and Bruce, J. R. Brink and wife, Walter Mutz and wife, and Miss Ella Evans.

Marshal John Wallace has purchased the interest of Smith Casteel in the Star
Livery barn. The barn is now owned by the brothers, John and George Wallace, the
latter having bought Charles Knarr's interest only recently.

The death of James W. Shipps, at the age of 84, occurred last Thursday, at
his home in the Swan Chapel locality. He had three strokes of paralysis within a
year or so past. His sons, John and Harry, live in Nodaway County, and Charles lives
at Carthage, this state.

The M. W. A. Ball on the night of December 31 will be a fine social event.
Ed Sturm, John Gallagher, James M. Enis and Aaron Felix will constitute the
committee of introduction. Phil Eisel will be the manager and John Wallace and
Noah Jennings are a general committee.

Mrs. Howard McCommon entertained the following at dinner Saturday. Mr. and
Mrs. N. A. Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Frank, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Wallis, Mr. and
Mrs. J. R. Brink and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Frank.

New in Our Library

The Ballew Family Journal, Apr., 1985, exchange from Atlanta, Ga.
Hawkeye Heritage, Fall, 1979, from Iowa Genealogical Society,
donated by Ruth McClurg

Ecker Family, compiled by Alna Irene (Suddeth) Meacham

The following donated by Vernal Lawnick, St. Joseph:

Marriages and Deaths from Baltimore Newspapers, 1796-1816 compiled
by Robert Barnes

Marriage Notices 1785-1794 for the Whole United States, compiled
by Charles Bolton

Marriages and Deaths from the Maryland Gazette 1727-1839, compiled
by Robert Barnes

Your Irish Ancestors by Anderson Black

Sources for Genealogical Searching in Kentucky, by Betty L. McKay

Sources for Genealogical Searching in Tennessee, by Betty L. McKay

"Ansearchin;" News, Vol 28-Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, 1981
published by the Tennessee Gen. Society

The Mountain Empire Quarterly, Winter, 1983, Spring, Summer, Fall,
Winter, 1984, published by the Mt. Empire
Research Center, Pound, VA

The Second Boat, Feb., 1983, May, August, November, 1984, Feb., 1985
published at Machias, Maine

North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee 1778-1791, compiled by
Mrs. Leister E. Presley

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Maryville Public Library - Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat., 9:00-6:00
Thurs., 9:00-9:00

Gentry County Public Library, Stanberry, Mo. Mon. thru Fri., 8:00-
5:30, Sat., 8:00-4:00

St. Joseph Phase III Genealogy Library, #7 Carriage Drive, St. Joseph.
Mailing address: P. O. Box 26, Station E, St. Joseph, MO 64505
Mon., Wed., Fri., 10:00-2:00
Wed., evening, 7:00-9:00

The library will open with advanced notice for special
appointments. Telephone: 1-816-279-8442

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We would appreciate information about libraries and courthouses in
the Northwest Missouri area where you have done research. Is good
genealogical information available? What hours are the libraries
and courthouses open? We will print the information in future
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In June, Mildred G. Moore, Librarian of the St. Joseph Phase III
Genealogy Library, gave our Society a very informative program on the
research material available there. They have many indexes and cata-
logs listing material in the Library in Salt Lake City. Microfilm
can be ordered for a fee of \$2.50 for two weeks, and \$3.50 for 6 months.
It takes four to six weeks to arrive. They have some books and maps,
and genealogical supplies are available. On a July evening, this
summer, Alytha Whittington, librarian at the Gentry County Public Lib-
rary, Stanberry, MO, graciously opened her doors for about a dozen
NCGS members. The Library has a nice genealogical collection and she
is very knowledgeable about Gentry Co. people and places. It was well
worth the trip over and hope more of you will go see for yourselves.

NODAWAY COUNTY RECORDED MARRIAGES

Davison, Zacheriah T., Page Co., Ia., m.
 Miss Laurettie B. Hall, June 20, 1869.

Day, Aaron C., Iowa, m. Cleva Jane Miller, Mar. 20, 1870.

Decker, James B., m. Ruth A. Morgan, Feb. 22, 1863.

Decker, Norman, m. Miss Mary L. Hooter, Dec. 31, 1869.
 Filed Jan. 11, 1869.

DeLay, James W., m. Miss Ella R. Adney, Apr. 26, 1873.

Delay, John W., m. Mrs. Mary Beasley, July 5, 1874.

Demott, Henry, m. Miss Katharine Johnson, Nov. 29, 1868.

Dempsey, Charles, m. Miss Emma J. Masters, Apr. 9, 1873.

Dempsey, William, m. Miss Polly Neal, Oct. 3, 1859.

Denney, George C., m. Julian Pennington, Nov. 8, 1858.

Denning, David, m. Lucy J. Snapp, July 3, 1866.

Denning, David L., m. Elizabeth Humber, Feb. 10, 1859.

Denny, Joseph L., m. Ann E. Ohowell, Feb. 19, 1865.

Deshazer, Luke, m. Miss Annie S. Smith, _____ Filed
 Nov. 1, 1873.

Dews, James, m. Miss Theresa Adkins, July 5, 1874.

Dewit, Thomas, m. Murieta Johnston, Jan. 19, 1868.

Dewitt, Benjamin F., m. Martha Boruff, Sept. 2, 1860.

Dewitt, Volentine, m. Martha Dawis, July 10, 1864.

Devault, Isaac, m. Sarah C. Cleaver, Aug. 20, 1865.

Dilal, Francis M., Taylor Co., Ia., m.
 Miss Margaret Corner, Feb. 19, 1865.

Dile, George, Worth Co., Mo., m. Mary Ann Wilson,
 Apr. 5, 1866.

Dill, Hamilton, m. Miss Nancy Graham, Dec. 6, 1860.

Dillaman, Jacob, m. Margrett Rhorer, May 12, 1870.

Dillen, Henry, m. Rachel Jewel, Oct. 12, 1848.

Dillen, Porterfield, m. Nella West, Jan. 22, 1852.

Dillen, Wilbern, m. Mary West, Mar. 17, 1862.

Dillion, Theve Danl, Holt Co., Mo., m.
 Nancy Jane Harris, Mar. 6, 1856.

Dillon, Porterfield, m. Emily West, Mar. 5, 1863.

Disher, Joseph E., Brown Co., Kan., m. Miss Elisa A.
 McCory, Holt Co., Mo., Dec. 17, 1865.

Diss, William, m. Emilie Dohren, Feb. 12, 1874.
 Wit: Joseph Diss & Ann Ellen.

Dittmer, C. C., m. Miss Mary E. Tignor, Feb. 26, 1871.

Dixon, Calvin, m. Hannah Hutson, July 29, 1855.

Dixon, Francis, m. Miss Nancy M. Motes, Feb. 22, 1872.

Dixon, Fulton, m. Emma Jones, Sept. 9, 1873.

Dixon, William, m. Sarah Burns, May 19, 1858.

Dobbs, William, m. Miss Eva Spohn, Dec. 25, 1874, at
 Res. of Dr. Ellis.

Dohren, William, m. M. Ann Ellen, Jan. 14, 1874.
 Wit: John Ellen & Emilie Dohren.

Dollahite, Cyrus A., m. Mrs. Nancy J. Moberly, Dec. 9, 1871.

Dollahite, Lenard Leachman, m. Mrs. Sarah Fitzgerald, Jan. 1, 1867.

Dougan, Charles T., m. Miss Eliza A. Broderick, Jan. 11, 1872.

NODAWAY COUNTY RECORDED MARRIAGES

- Dougan, Charles T., m. Miss Eliza Broderick, Jan. 11, 1872.
 Dougherty, William B., m. Adassa Corken, Feb. 10, 1867.
 Dowis, William J., Worth Co., Mo., m.
 Mary Jane Davidson, June 7, 1866.
 Dowis, Wm. F., m. Alice C. Aldrich, Mar. 29, 1868.
 Downey, Clark, m. Miss Martha E. Hicks, Jan. 1, 1875.
 Downing, Christopher C., m. Miss Martha Miller, July 21, 1872.
 Downing, Harrison, m. Eliza Jane Greenlee, Mar. 24, 1870.
 Downing, John P., m. Louisa Gray, Oct. 3, 1869.
 Downing, John W., Taylor Co., Ia., m. Susanah Birns,
 Aug. 10, 1865.
 Downing, Noah W., m. Margaret E. Copley, both of
 Taylor Co., Ia., Jan. 13, 1870.
 Downing, Washington, m. Martha Ann Broyles, June 16, 1850.
 Duane, Thomas, m. Miss Selestia Prickett, July 14, 1870.
 Dubois, Cornelius E., m. Miss Mary M. Green, June 25, 1871.
 Duffey, John, m. Miss Manerva Terhune, Oct. 18, 1860.
 Duffield, Samuel H., m. Miss Elizabeth McNight, Oct. 27, 1870.
 Dum, Alpheus P., ae. 29, m. Priscilla Lawson, ae. 15, Jan. 5, 1860.
 Dun, John, m. _____ Howard, Apr. 6, 1857.
 Duncan, Alexander, m. Mary Jane Dillin, Mar. 15, 1849.
 Duncan, Daniel, m. Margret Dillon, Nov. 16, 1851.
 Duncan, John, m. Pheoby Ingels, Mar. 18, 1852.
 Duncan, Michael, m. Sarah Jane Broiles, Apr. 22, 1867.
 Dunlap, Franklin, m. Adia Rebeca Shell, Dec. 24, 1855.
 Dunlap, William Alexander, Mills Co., Ia., m.
 Mrs. Martha L. Rimel, Dec. 15, 1872.
 Dunn, Byram A., m. Miss Ida Saunders, June 25, 1873, at
 Res. of James Saunders.
 Dunn, Samuel M., m. Margret Belle Allen, Nov. 25, 1866.
 Durand, Wm. J., m. Miss Jane Grimes, Mar. 25, 1869.
 Duval, Clinton, m. Hannah Philips, both of Tay-
 lor, Co. Ia., July 31, 1872.
 Drake, Wilkinson, m. M. Pauline Flora, Dec. 25, 1874.
 Drum, William M., m. Miss Mary Lynch, Jan. 18, 1874.
 Dyer, Robert J., m. Miss Cynthia N. Cummings, Mar. 22, 1874.
 Dynes(r?), Thomas, m. Martha Maria Hall, Oct. 6, 1859.

 East, Theopheles, m. Miss Mary E. Ingram, Mar. 13, 1870.
 Eaton, Charly, m. Miss Elizabeth Turner, May 8, 1870.
 Ecker, Alvy F., m. Sarah E. Bonham, Mar. 22, 1871.
 Eckert, Henry, m. Miss Medora Conrad, Jan. 1, 1874.
 Eckley, Simon P., m. Miss Alice McCrea, Apr. 19, 1874.
 Edwards, Albert H., m. Charlotte Critchfield, Mar. 11, 1870.
 Edwards, Hiram A., m. Miss Alice J. Sexon, Oct. 11, 1874.
 Edwards, James W., m. Miss Mary A. Miller, Aug. 31, 1873.
 Edwards, Jerry, m. Miss Martha Ann Carmichal, Aug. 13, 1874.
 Edwards, Joel Dorwin, Gentry Co., Mo., m.
 Miss Sarah Ann Joslin, May 22, 1862.
 Edwards, William, m. Miss Syntha E. Thompson, Jan. 11, 1874.

Nodaway County Estate Index 1846-1956 (con't from June issue)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>
Crosby, Hester et-al	143	6	Currie, Peter	92	7
Crandall, Daniel R.	164	18	Curnutt, Mary	92	18
Criss, Orville E.	171	15	Curfman, John C.	129	16
Craig, Anderson	171	16	Cunningham, Elizabeth et al	138	2
Croy, Amos J.	171	17	Cunningham, Thomas	138	20
Crawford, Joseph A.	171	19	Culverson, Chas. A.	159	12
Crossan, Isaac J.	179	31	Curry, John M.	164	19
Crigger, Lillian & Robert A.	179	32	Cunningham, Melinda E.	164	20
Crigger, Elta	179	33	Cummings, Rob't. S.	171	18
Crawford, James S.	179	34	Curry, Francis M.	186	8
Craig, Gallatin "unsound mind"	186	1	Currey, Mary J. dec'd.	211	34
Craig, Hugh	186	2	Curry, Eliza A. "unsound"	212	1
Crossan, Isaac J.	186	3	Culp, Elisha C.	212	2
Crossan, Edwin	186	4	Curnutt, John C.	245A	1
Craven, Roberson	186	5	Cummins, Mary	237	7
Craven, Nancy E.	186	6	Curnutt, Harvey Roland "minor"	229	12
Craig, Gallatin, dec'd	199	16	Curnutt, Wm.	269	1
Craine, Edward	199	17	Cunningham, Elizabeth	199	20
Craven, James M.	199	18	Cunningham, Ruby	199	21
Croy, Albert F.	199	19	Curnutt, Margaret A.	212	3
Cryder, George T.	211	30	Curry, Peter C.	212	4
Crosson, Ruth C., dec'd	211	31	Cummins, Patrick	199	22
Cratzer or Cretzer, Anna	211	32	Cunningham, Thomas	199	23
Crockett, Ursle C., Jr.	211	33	Cumpston, Wm. H.	212	5
Crowhurst, Mary Ann	233A	1	Curnutt, Fields C.	244	14
Craig, Wm. P.	233A	2	Cunningham, Charles A.	245	2
Croy, Viola V.	233A	3	Cummins, Thomas A.	264	29
Crow, Martha B.	233A	4	Curnutt, Jessie E.	275A	12
Crigger, John F.	163	3	Curnutt, Marve M.	267	27
Crater, Edna Florence and Norman Taylor	236	8	Curnutt, Carolyn & Marjorie M.	275A	11
Crane, Elizabeth Evans	238	22	Curren, L. C.	274	17
Crane, Harvey T.	253	2	Curfman, Leonola A.	295	7
Crosby, Sarah	244	5	Curfman, Della	305	18
Crawford, Marion T.	256	17	Curfman, Frederick L.	308	4
Creek, John	259	21	Curfman, Katherine M.	308	14
Croy, Phebe	275	12	Curfman, Frederick L.	311	20
Craig, Laura B.	276	15	Curfman, Edwin C.	317	17
Crigger, Charles S.	277	24	Aesdale and Monk	225	10
Cryder, George S.	281	9	Clary, Geo. W. & Guy C.	186	7
Crenshaw, Virgil E.	285	22	Costello & Dubois	3	7
Craig, Chloe L.	292	10	Curnutt & Co., J. C.	50	11
Crockett, Frank J.	294	4	Baker, Saunders & Co.	9	10
Crane, Henry	300	22	Bantz & Overman	9	11
Crawford, Joseph E.	304	28	Blavelt & Moberly	129	19
Craig, Martha R.	305	13	Bodle Bros.	167	22
Crater, David	306	13	Buck & Jackson	274A	7
Crowdes, James Mitchell	306	17	Burch Co. Carl C. & Co.	245A	25
Cramer, Leta C.	309	18	Butcher & Burdeck	43	2
Cushing, Edward	3	8	Davis, Thomas J.	19	1
Curnutt, Wm. R.	16	22	Dawson, Isreal S.	19	2
Curtin, J. W.	16	23	Danger, Susan E.	19	3
Culverson, Carrie and Mamie	16	24	Dawson, Frank	19	4
Culp, Calvin S.	16	25	Danner, "Heirs of" Putman	19	5
Curtin, Jeremiah	16	26	Davidson, Lauretta B.	19	6
Curnutt, Wm. and Samuel	16	27	Day, Mabel & John L.	19	7
Cunningham, John	17	21	David, Maude & Thos.	20	1
Curtis, Lizzie	17	22	Davis, B. K. "Minor"	20	2
Cummins, Stephan	20	24	Davidson, Rosanna	20	3
Curnutt, J. C. & Co.	50	11	Davis, "heirs of" Jessie	20	4
Curfman, Christian	80	12	Dawson, Icie J.	20	5

Nodaway County Estate Index 1846-1956 (con't.)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>
Davison, Harley E.	20	6	Dane, Thomas N.	188	7
Dawes, Kittie Ann	20	7	Davis, Samuel W.	33	21
David, John B.	20	8	Daugherty, Wm. W.	33	22
Davis, Branson	20	9	Dakan, Maria E.	200	4
Dawes, John B.	25	8	Dagley, Rebecca S.	200	5
Daugherty, Joshua	25	9	Daniels, Beatrice H., Iona E., Edward B., Herman F.	200	6
Davison, Zachariah	25	10	Davison, Isabella	200	7
Davidson, Mary	25	11	Daise, dec'd. Lewis J.	200	8
Davis, Lewis F.	25	12	Dawson, Calesta	213	1
Davis, Samuel A.	25	13	Dakon, Riley	213	2
Davis, James M.	25	14	Daniels, "unsound" Mary E.	213	3
Daxtater, Adam	25	15	Daniels, George	227	1
Davidson, Wayne	33	19	Davis, Archa L.	227	2
Darnall, Perry V.	33	20	Dalrymple, Ezra A.	227	3
Davidson, Jessie	36	1	Davis, Edna C.	227	4
Davis, Martha & Sam	36	2	Daugherty, Charles W.	227	5
Davis, John C.	36	3	Davis, Reva O'Neil	226	16
David, T. K.	36	4	Damon, Frank E.	257	2
Dalrymple, Chaney	36	5	Davis, Eliza E.	227	6
Davis, Jessie H.	36	6	Davis, Stephen F.	227	7
Davis, Elizabeth	36	7	Davis, Cecil	227	8
Davis, Wm.	79	1	Davison, Edgar J.	227	9
Davis, Francis M.	79	2	Dawson, Edwin N. & LaVern J.	227	10
Davis, Thomas	79	3	Dawson, Elvira B.	227	11
Davis, James F.	79	4	Davison, Allen	227	12
Davison, Wm.	79	5	DaVault, Cassius E.	213	4
Davis, Francis M.	79	6	Dack, James W.	238	12
Davis, Wm. H.	79	7	Davidson, Nancy Jane	240	15
Davis, Alfred	79	8	Daugherty, Eva	257	13
Daniels, Henrietta	79	9	Dawson, Douglas Edmond, Betty Lou, Opal Verlone	256	21
Daniels, Bicy N.	79	10	Dawson, Ellis David	259	17
Davis, George W.	82	2	Dack, "unsound" James Wm.	262	9
Davis, Orin S.	82	14	Davis, Elizabeth F.	262	10
Davis, "heirs of" John C.	82	15	Davis, Dwight	264	4
Davis, Joshua	82	16	Davis, Wm. P.	267	12
Davidson, Geo. B. & Bessie	82	17	Davis, Arthur Wm.	267	14
Davis, B. K.	93	1	Davidson, Lewis J.	270	21
Dawson, Chas. D.	93	2	Dack, dec'd. J. Wm.	272	17
Davis, Isaac	95	24	Dalrymple, Martha	276	10
Davis, Fred & Riffle	117	16	Dakan, Ernest	279	2
Davis, Vernon E.	139	5	Davis, Charles D.	279	15
Davis, Harry, Nancy Lee Ruth	143	7	Davis, Simon Peter	281	4
Dawes, Florence L.	146	1	Dawson, Anna	284	1
Dawson, Noah E.	159	13	Danner, James M.	284	16
Davis, Minnie	163	4	Davis, Laura Ellen	300A	3
David, Hiram L.	166	1	D'Andrea, Charles	288	24
Davis, Wm. A.	166	2	Davidson, Betty Jane	294	23
Dawson, John Leslie	166	3	Davidson, Gordon F.	295	3
Davis, Jared J.	166	4	Day, Hiram	298	7
Davis, Mary A.	180	1	Daniels, John Francis	299	15
Daniels, Edward B.	180	2	Davis, Julia E. Burns	301	13
Davison, Rob't. H.	186	11	Dawson, Ella	303	6
Dailey, Harry H.	186	12	Dalton, John M.	305	12
Davis, Donald U. & Leland C.	186	13	Dawson, Floyd N.	308	12
Davis, Wm. E.	186	14	Dale, Eddie T.	312	19
Davenport, June L.	186	15	Davenport, S. H.	315	23
Davault, Isaac	186	16	Dawson, Mary T.	319	20
Davis, Elizabeth	186	17	DeMott, Henry	19	8
Davis, Eliza M.	200	1			
Dawson, Eva M.	200	2			
Davis, Giles R. "unsound"	200	3			

through his farm with the understanding that the new town would be located on his farm. However, the town was laid out about one mile farther north and given the name of Barnard.

Sunnybrook

Sunnybrook was the name given to a thriving trading center which was located about the middle of the west side of Sec. 10-62-36, six miles east of the present town of Graham. There was no postoffice there but there were a feed mill, blacksmith shop and a splendid general store which was run by Peter Maurer. This little center served a large territory for many years. For a while after Mr. Maurer's death the store was operated by a Mr. Dougherty but was finally destroyed by fire in 1934. The rest of the place was soon dismantled.

Chester

Chester was the name given to a small town laid out on the east side of Sec. 11-63-34, about one-half mile north of the present town of Conception Junction. It was located on the Chicago Great Western Railroad and consisted of a station and a hotel. It served passengers making connection with the Wabash until a union depot was built at Conception Junction in 1894. This would cover a period of five or six years. Chester was nicknamed "Cocklebur."

Sweet Home

In 1846 and 1847 the earliest roads were laid out in Nodaway County, one of which was eastward toward the town of Athens (later known as Albany). It was designated that this road should pass the home of Moses Stingley. This road was destined to be an early mail route and a postoffice was established in the home of Mr. Stingley which was located on the south edge of what is now Ravenwood. Mr. Stingley named the postoffice "Sweet Home" which name was later given to a new town which was laid out in 1859 one mile east of this point (middle of west side of Sec. 17 and east side of 18-64-33) on land belonging to Leonard Stingley. Moses Stingley served as postmaster in his home for eight years. The postoffice was established in the new town in 1864 with Henry Reed as the first postmaster in that place.

Samuel Mason built a hotel and within a year Robert Shaffer opened a general merchandise store in a building he had erected. There was practically no activity in the town during the Civil War but immediately afterward buildings were erected and this became a thriving town which served the community

until Ravenwood was started along the newly laid Chicago Great Western Railway in 1889.

There is very little left to mark the place of this once very active trading post. In its busiest days general merchandise stores were operated by Henry McMullin, S. P. Joy, John Ham and Peter Hawk. James Bentley had a store at a little later date. Dr. E. W. Bishop was the first physician in the community. David Flynn operated the town blacksmith shop. Isaac Barton, J. C. Fryar and John Steiger lived at late enough date to see their town dismantled.

This one illustration serves to show one item of progress in the past seventy-five years. Sweet Home

was located twelve miles east of the center of Maryville. In Oak Hill Cemetery, north of Maryville, is an inscription on a monument stating that the party died in 1869 "at Sweet Home, about a day's journey east of Maryville."

Carterville

Perhaps the earliest trading place and postoffice established in the southeast part of Nodaway county was given the name of Carterville but when it was discovered that there was another town in the south part of Missouri bearing the same name this one was changed to Guilford. Later, when the Chicago Great Western Railroad was built (1889) a new town was started one-half mile further west to which the name of Guilford was attached and the original town became known as "Old Guilford."

Nipponsett or Neponset

All that is left of this settlement is the memory in the minds of a very few people. Even the spelling of the name is uncertain but its location was two and one-half miles north of the present town of Guilford, near the SE Cor. of Sec. 4-62-34, on the farm of Michael Cotter who moved there in 1870. It consisted of a saw mill, a blacksmith shop, a store and a few dwellings in the timber on the bank of Platte River. The timber has been removed and the course of the river has also been changed. Some of the inhabitants were the families of James Jones, Harry Miller, Schanerhorn and Melton.

The date of its existence are obscure except that it stood there in 1870 but it is near one of the earliest communities developed (White Oak Grove) and in an old cemetery located in an open pasture nearby were found only two marble slabs, broken in pieces, one bearing the name of Robert J. Gray, died 1854, and the other one of Mrs. Lucy

Richards whose death occurred in 1872. She was the wife of Guilford Richards who came to that community in 1842 and for whom the town of Guilford is said to be named.

Gillett

Gillett is the name of a postoffice established in the farm home of John Gillett, eight miles southeast of the present town of Guilford, on the west side of Sec. 32-62-34. Death broke up this home and the family scattered. The postoffice was then moved one mile further south where it was operated by members of the Ves Manship family. This postoffice was on a mail route between Barnard and Island City which latter place is located in the southwest corner of Gentry County. Its lifetime was during the seventies, eighties and early nineties.

Xenia

Old Xenia was in Union township, Sec. 36-66-35 (SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36). It was "laid out" in 1856 and people were more neighborly then than they are now. When a newcomer came they all turned out to meet him. Wild turkeys and prairie chickens were plentiful. The prairie was covered with wild strawberries and the woodland provided plums, blackberries and other fruits in abundance. Quail were so numerous that people drove them in corals and trapped them.

There were four streets in Old

Xenia, the main street running north and south and three cross streets. There were a hotel, drugstore, harness shop, blacksmith shop, grocery and dry goods stores, a schoolhouse, postoffice and several dwellings. The postoffice was established Feb. 19, 1857. The schoolhouse was a small frame building. Its seats were made of boards or slabs with wooden pegs for legs. The teacher's desk was a dry goods box. Children of all ages from tiny tots to twenty-one years old attended.

Old Xenia was a lively town. Fourth of July celebrations were great events. The stage ran through the town from St. Joseph to Bedford, Ia.

When the Burlington Railroad was built from St. Joseph to Creston some of the Xenia people moved to Pickering and some to Hopkins.

Old Xenia, now known as a "lost city" still lives in memory. There are many familiar names in the White Oak cemetery near Old Xenia. The children and grandchildren of the Xenaites are scattered far and wide over the United States.

Dr. Wallis, Dr. Girard and Dr. Coleman were among the first doctors of Xenia. Dr. Sargent and wife both lived here in their childhood. Pearl Kennedy, granddaughter of the first postmaster of Xenia

lives in Hopkins. I. N. Wray, his father and S. K. Wray were made Masons in Old Xenia. George Greenlee was a music teacher. Merrill Otis, sr., grandfather of

Judge Merrill E. Otis, came to Missouri in 1863 and bought 800 acres of land around Xenia. His big red barn was a landmark in those days.

Since the writing of the above article the name of Judge Merrill E. Otis has been added to "the many familiar names in White Oak cemetery."

The County Plat Book shows that the town was platted on the farm of George Nash. The postoffice was discontinued in January, 1872.

Jacksonville (Brownsville)

In 1841 Andrew Brown came from Jackson County, Tenn. and settled on a section of land on Elkhorn Creek in what later became Hughes township. In 1844 he built a saw mill on this creek which was the second mill built in the county. In 1856 he laid out a portion of his farm into four blocks and called his town Jacksonville. Two years later he added two more blocks and about the same time Abraham Linville laid out an addition to the town. Before the town was started a postoffice had been established in a farm house about a half-mile north of that point which was given the name of Graham in honor of Amos Graham who had secured the postoffice for the community. Andy Russell was the first postmaster.

In 1858 there were two stores in Jacksonville, viz: Burns & White and Brand & Welsh. There was also a hotel operated by W. H. Woodward.

In 1843 Andrew Brown built the first schoolhouse out of logs, on his own land and at his own expense. "Grandpa Brown contributed more time and money towards education and the building of churches than any man in the county during his lease of life." He died in 1872.

From the very beginning the town was referred to as Brownsville, evidently because Mr. Brown laid it out on his farm, and even today the oldest inhabitants will declare that the real name of the town was Brownsville. But we find in the 1859 Session Acts of the Missouri Legislature: "An Act to Change the Name of the Town of Jacksonville in Nodaway County, Missouri.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri as follows: That the town now known by the name of Jacksonville, in Nodaway County, shall hereafter be known by the name of Graham.

This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Approved, March 30, 1860."

Halfway House and Littsville

In 1852 Hiram Davis, who had come to what is now White Cloud township in 1841, built a log house on the west side of Sec. 32-62-35, about fourteen miles south of Maryville. The site is on the east side of the present road, about one-fourth mile south of the Baker school, just west of where White Cloud Creek crosses Highway 71. Mr. Davis and his wife accommodated travelers, and being on the most direct stage route between Savannah and Maryville and about equidistant from both places, their residence soon became known as "The Half-Way House." G. W. Litts, a Southern Methodist minister, having married the only daughter of Hiram Davis and wife, established their home across the road from Half-Way House and, in 1858, became the postmaster of Littsville. A blacksmith shop stood nearby. Cana Baker kept a store in the late sixties and early seventies and at one time had the postoffice in his store.

The log house was blown away by a tornado May 29, 1879, but was replaced by a large, rambling frame house. The Litts Cemetery is a little north and east of the exact location of the old hostelry, and can be seen from Highway 71 as you approach the long concrete bridge from the north. This old cemetery of some fifty marked graves is lying open to the ravages of stock in the pasture of the farm.

Mrs. Mary Nelson and her son, Jim, operated the Half-Way House at one period. This was a regular stop for the stage coach, which operated through Maryville between Savannah and Bedford. John Grems of Maryville drove the coach at one time following the Civil War.

Reindeer Postoffice

The records of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Maryville, refer to the death of a child of G. W. Turner at "Reindeer, Nodaway county, Missouri." Knowing that Mrs. Augustus Romasser was a daughter of G. W. Turner, she was consulted and gave the information that Reindeer postoffice was in the home of the postmaster, who lived immediately south of where the Salem church now

stands, about nine and one-half miles south of Maryville on Highway 71 (N. E. Cor. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5-62-35). Mrs. Romasser has in her possession a letter addressed to her aunt, "Miss Ella Moorman, care of Thomas Moorman, Esq., Reindeer P. O., Nodaway Co., Missouri." This letter is postmarked "1863".

Allison

There was a period in the history of Nodaway county when a wagon would appear at your door, perhaps once in several months, loaded with all sorts of household supplies. Sometimes the driver would stop over night or for the noonday meal and would pay for the accommodation with wares. The farmers were credited with their produce which was taken in exchange for supplies. A man named William Reid sold groceries and dry goods from one of these covered wagons. He finally bought one and one-half acres on the southwest corner of Sec. 1-66-34 (five miles east of Hopkins), on which he erected a store building with living rooms above, where he and his wife (whose maiden name was Simmons) lived. This was about 1880. Mr. Reid became the first postmaster in this the first building in the town of Allison. James Allison lived one-half mile south of this corner. Whether the town was named for him was not ascertained. John Lindsay built a home on the west side of the road and there was a blacksmith shop on the southwest corner of the crossroads. Tom Jersey built another store and after the death of William Reid became the second postmaster. Henry M. Glass and family and John Lester also lived in this small town. In 1886 a Baptist church was erected west of the corner near a cemetery which had been located there previously. The first pastor of this church was Rev. H. J. LaTour, who was pastor of the Maryville Baptist church in 1889.

Bridgewater

Some names linger in our memories longer than others and it would seem that "Bridgewater" is one of them for it has been seventy years since the town was dismantled and yet it is a familiar name. Perhaps one reason for this is the fact that there were good picnic grounds on the banks of the 102 river about eight miles south of Maryville where once stood the little town that was laid out in 1870 on the tracts of land owned by O. A. Howard and William Elrod. Two adjoining tracts were platted near the same time one being called Howards and the other Bridgewater.

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