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FOREWORD

This publication is a revision and expansion of the Directory of County and Local Historical Societies and Museums in Iowa, published by the State Department of Public Instruction early in 1966. Included in this edition are historical societies, museums, archeological sites, geological areas, botanical preserves, wildlife exhibits, art centers, scientific facilities, and places of historical or cultural interest.

Until quite recently, there has been an apparent lack of concern about our heritage and an attitude that Iowa has nothing much of historic interest to offer. But there is evidence that we are awakening to the importance of local history and its relationship to state and national events. This change is indicated by the significant increase in the number of county and local historical societies, the creation of county and regional tourism councils, the establishment of county conservation boards, the erection of historical markers along our highways, the observance of centennials and anniversaries of historic importance, and the requirement (passed by the 61st General Assembly) that Iowa history be included in the course of study and taught in Iowa schools.

It would seem that, as communities get older, there is an increasing interest in the past. Iowa celebrated its centennial as a state in 1946. Since then, there have been more and more centennial celebrations in our cities and towns. Our heritage is important to the youth of Iowa. A knowledge of history helps us in understanding how we became what we are. Local history has special merit in that it supplies illustrative material which often is closely related to national history.

The Iowa State Department of Public Instruction is interested in filling the need of teachers for curriculum and instructional materials. This guide is intended to supplement materials prepared by the Curriculum Division. It provides information not previously available in convenient reference form for teachers, pupils, tourists and all others interested in Iowa's history.

A Guide to Historic Iowa is arranged in alphabetical order by counties. Under each county will be found the names of all known societies, museums, landmarks, sites, and facilities within the county, also listed in alphabetical order. The location map included will be of help in locating counties or areas geographically, and may be used in planning tours or field trips. An index has been added to aid in identifying and determining the location of points of interest and in contacting historical societies or organizations.

The 66 pages listing historical societies, organizations, museums, historic sites and landmarks, natural areas, and other facilities are not numbered, since they appear in alphabetical and numerical order by name and number of county. A calendar of celebrations, festivals, and historic events observed in Iowa begins on page 67. It is followed by an alphabetical index on pages 69-74.

The information shown has been obtained from a variety of sources. An attempt has been made to make the guide as inclusive and accurate as possible. Any additions or corrections should be brought to the attention of the Publications Section, Department of Public Instruction, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Revisions will be included in supplements to, or future editions of, this publication.

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Staff members of the Iowa State Conservation Commission were helpful in supplying and verifying information about state and county parks, preserves, and historic areas.

Much of the information included in the Guide was obtained from questionnaires completed and returned by historical societies, museums, conservation boards, chambers of commerce, and other organizations.

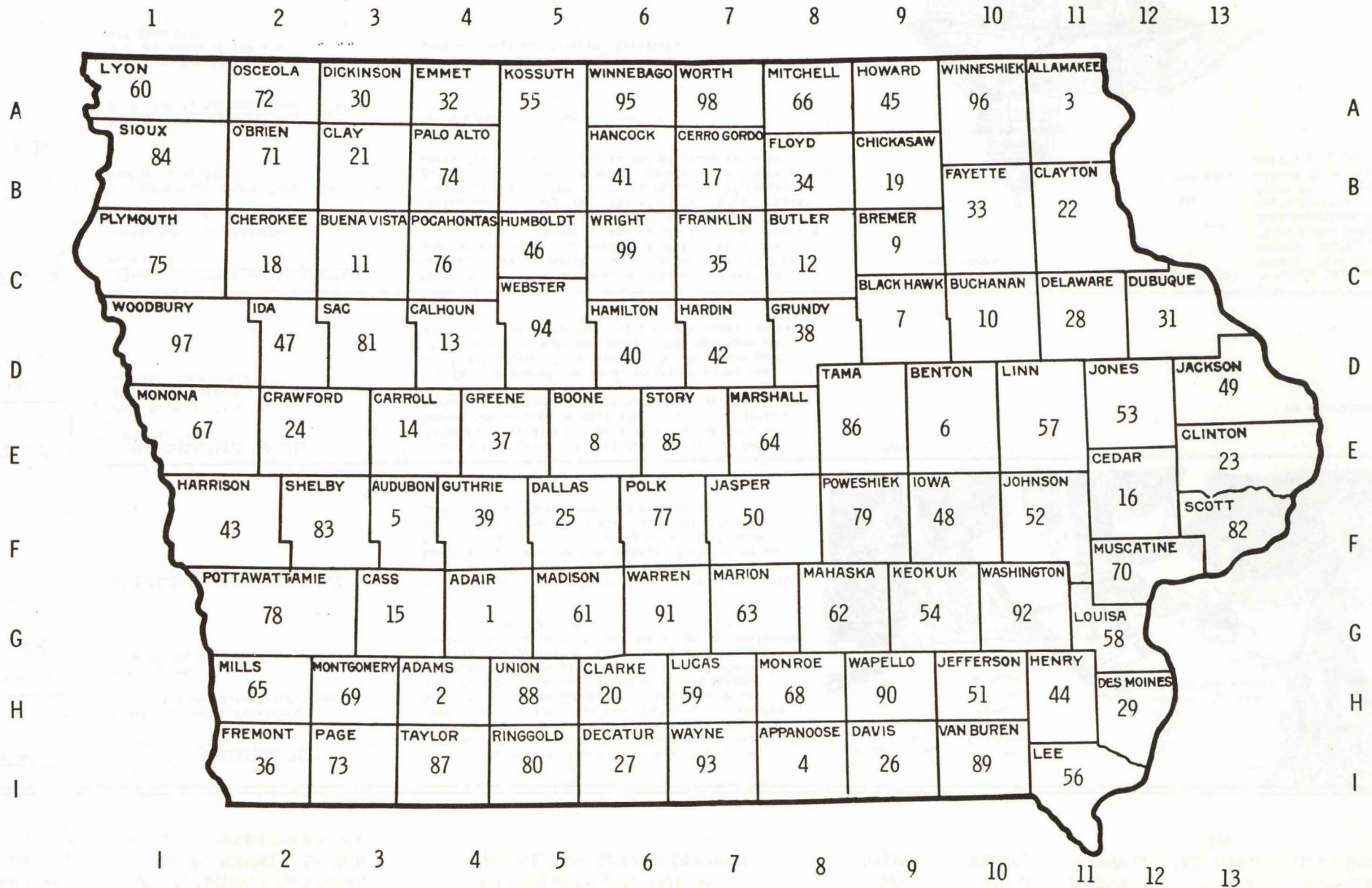
In this connection, Corliss L. Smalley and others in the Iowa Development Commission assisted in mailing the questionnaire form and in tabulating the information received from each of the 99 counties of Iowa. The Iowa Development Commission also provided funds for printing the two-color cover, and other materials going into this cooperative publication.

The Iowa Local Historical and Museum Association, in addition to giving its enthusiastic support to the publication, was helpful in encouraging its member societies to submit current information for inclusion in the Guide.

The cover design and line drawings appearing throughout the Guide are by Dennis Schrage, graphic artist, Publications Section, Iowa State Department of Public Instruction.

IOWA COUNTIES

Location map and county numbers



County and
County Seat;
Map Location

Name of Society, Organization,
or Facility; Address or Location;
Person to Contact and Address

Activities or Projects, Features,
Displays, Exhibits; Other Comments

Date
Organized

Time of
Meetings

Number of
Members

Dues or
Admission
Fee

Days and
Hours Open

ADAIR

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Greenfield

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Adair County Historical Society
Greenfield, Iowa

Douglas DeVault, President
413 East Iowa, Greenfield, Iowa 50849
or
Mrs. Ray Holliday
Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Henry A. Wallace Birthplace Memorial Committee established to preserve the Wallace homestead, birthplace of Iowa's only U.S. Vice President, near Orient, Iowa. Other projects include locating and marking historic sites and landmarks; preserving an old country school house; holding a country school visitation day; building a collection of old books, diaries, and papers on Adair County history; preparing a history map of the county; and establishing a county historical museum.

Incorporated
1967

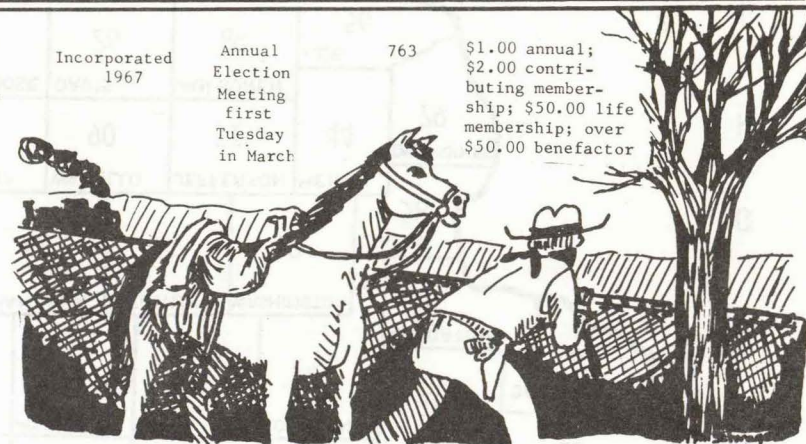
Annual
Election
Meeting
first
Tuesday
in March

763

\$1.00 annual;
\$2.00 contrib-
uting member-
ship; \$50.00 life
membership; over
\$50.00 benefactor

Site of Jesse James Train Robbery
Along U.S. 6, west of Adair, Iowa

A locomotive wheel marks the site of the first train robbery in the West. On July 21, 1873, Jesse James and his gang derailed the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific train, killing the engineer. The outlaws stole \$2,000 from the train safe, and robbed the passengers of their money and valuables.



ADAMS

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Corning

H-4

Adams County Historical Society
Corning, Iowa

Mrs. Harry B. Sickler
907 Nodaway Street
Corning, Iowa 50841

After a five-year period of inactivity, the Society is being reorganized. The former Icarian Schoolhouse, now located on West Sixth Street in Corning, serves as a museum, containing pioneer artifacts.

1957

Irregular

By appointment

The farm of Howard Townsend, located 4 miles east and 1/2 mile north of Corning on U.S. 34 is one part of the historic Icarian Colony. The farm home was originally the dining hall of the communistic society.

ALLAMAKEE

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Waukon

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Allamakee County Historical Society
Waukon, Iowa

Curtis Webster, President
Postville, Iowa 52162
or
Len Hansmeier, Museum Custodian
Waukon, Iowa 52172

The 100-year-old courthouse on Allamakee Street is maintained as Allamakee County Museum. The exterior and interior have been preserved as typical of the period. The courtroom on the second floor is furnished with old law books, judge's chair and bench, witness chair, and the jury box. The original cupola contains a working bell. Other exhibits include a Victorian parlor, kitchen, and bedroom; old-time school furnishings; early day medical equipment; and military articles.

1964 Fourth Monday of
each month

200

\$2.00 annual

2-4 p.m. Saturday and
Sunday, June through
August, and during
"Fall Color Days" in
late September and
early October. Special
tours by appointment.
Closed in winter as
building is not heated.

50c
museum adm.

Effigy Mounds National Monument
P. O. Box K, McGregor, Iowa 52157

See Clayton County for information.

Fish Farm Mounds State Park
3 miles south of New Albin,
off Iowa 182

Three acre area containing 28 Indian mounds of
archeological and historic interest.

Indian Mound Museum
Between Lansing and New Albin, on
Iowa 182, near Fish Farm Mounds

Two-story building houses collection of Indian relics,
war clubs, knives, scrapers, grinders, arrowheads, and
other Indian artifacts from NE Iowa.

July
1966

50c

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
daily

Ed Wild, Owner
Rural Route, Lansing, Iowa 52151

Yellow River State Forest
Scattered areas near Waukon
Junction, off Iowa 13 and 364
P.O. Box 115, McGregor, Iowa 52157

A multiple-use recreation area of 5,256 acres. Trout
streams, wildlife, state-owned sawmill, pioneer farm
buildings, and unusual plant life, including a low-
growing type of Yew uncommon in this climate.



APPANOOSE

4

Centerville

I-8

Appanoose County Historical Society
Centerville, IowaHarold Holder
North 12th and Washington
Centerville, Iowa 52544

Museum and county historical markers planned to preserve the history and lore of Appanoose County.

1928;
reorganized
October 27,
1967

300

\$1.00 annual

Moulton Historical Society
Moulton, IowaMrs. Doyle Anderson, President
Sandridge Farm
Moulton, Iowa 52572

Old house to be restored and furnished.

1965

35

\$1.00 annual

AUDUBON

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Audubon

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Audubon County Historical Society
115 W. Washington Street
Exira, Iowa 50076Mrs. Gerald (Mildred) Evans, President
Rural Route, Brayton, Iowa 50042
orWillis Simmons, Vice President
Rural Route 1, Hamlin, Iowa 50117
orLeon Milliman
Milliman Insurance Agency
Exira, Iowa 50076

Local history, and data on schools, churches, and old stagecoach routes being collected.

January,
1960;
incorporated
July 23, 19653rd Friday
evening of
each month,
alternating
between Exira
and Audubon

600

\$1.00
annual; \$10.00
lifetime

Museum in former Exchange State Bank Building, in Exira. Displays of fossils, rocks, antiques, early tools, and furniture. Special loan exhibits of dolls, bells, fans, and items of pioneer life.

Dedicated
Sept. 5,
1966Free
will
offeringSundays 1:30-4:30
p.m., May 1 to
November 1; other
times by appointmentPlow in Oak Park
1 mile south of Exira on
U. S. 71

Ancient oak tree with an old plow embedded in its heart. The plow was leaned against the young oak by a pioneer farmer and left undisturbed. It was rediscovered in 1880 when the railroad was built through this area. As the tree grows, less and less of the plow is visible.



BENTON

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Vinton

D-9

Benton City Park
9 miles east of Vinton
on County Road VBenton County Conservation Board
Alfred A. Hoppel
Vinton, Iowa 52349

A 39 acre historic site along the Cedar River, where the first settlement in Benton County took place. Preserved as a natural and scenic area.

Minne Estema Park
9 miles north of Vinton
on Iowa 101 and old Brandon RoadAlfred A. Hoppel
Vinton, Iowa 52349

Remains of historic old resort hotel on 63 acre site on Cedar River. Also Indian mounds and natural area.

BLACK HAWK

7

Waterloo

C-9

Cedar Falls Historical Society
303 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IowaRobert C. Wyth, Chairman of
Board of Directors
P. O. Box 96
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
orHerbert V. Hake
Director of Radio and Television
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Century-old house, acquired March 1, 1966 from Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dempster, (owners of the property since 1945) has been restored, remodeled, and furnished to serve as a research center and home for the Society. The home was originally built by A. D. Barnum in 1862. He also built the Civil War Orphans Home on the University of Northern Iowa campus, which later became the first Iowa Normal School. Barnum's home was built in classic style with a cupola to serve as a lookout for Indians. The Gothic rounded windows were hand-molded, with terra cotta trim from the early Cedar Falls pottery works. The Society home includes a gallery for traveling art exhibits pertaining to Cedar Falls, library, work room, offices, period room, displays of items of local historical interest, and the J.B. (Joe) Clay Room containing artifacts collected during his world travels.

March 22,
1964

Monthly

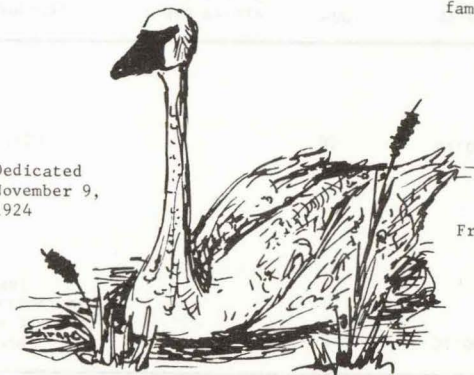
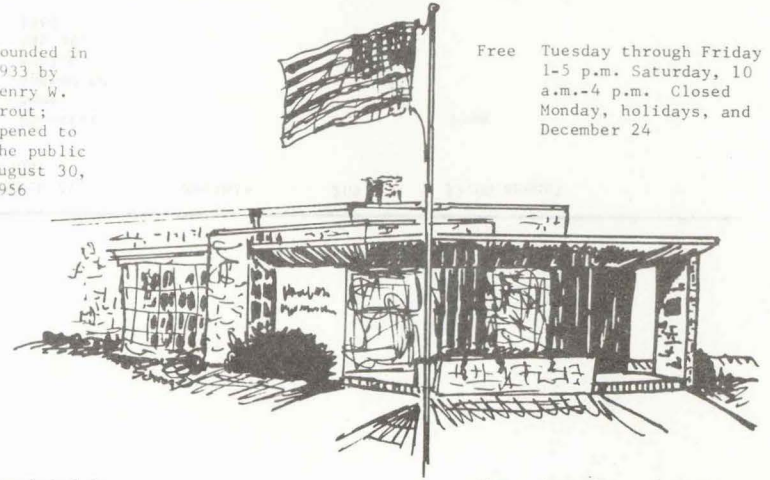
205

\$2.00 annual

Dempster
home
opened to
public
May 30,
1968

Free

County and County Seat; Map Location	Name of Society, Organization, or Facility; Address or Location; Person to Contact and Address	Activities or Projects, Features, Displays, Exhibits; Other Comments	Date Organized	Time of Meetings	Number of Members	Dues or Admission Fee	Days and Hours Open
BLACK HAWK (Continued)	<u>Museum of History and Science</u> (Grout Historical Museum) Park Avenue at South Street Waterloo, Iowa 50701 Mrs. Howard J. (Genevieve) Woodbridge, Director	Permanent exhibits on the earth sciences, Iowa and local history, pioneer life. Indians of Iowa, and early American arts and crafts (spinning, weaving, dyeing, and woodworking). Pioneer exhibits include log cabin (1850), tool shed (1850-1860), carpenter shop (1860-1900), country store (1880-1910), and drug store (1880-1910), all appropriately furnished. Collections of musical instruments, period costumes (1850-1920), early day toys, spectacles, and lamps. Historical reference library of Iowa and early Waterloo materials. Planetarium (capacity of 65), with lectures every Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Film features shown on Saturdays and Sundays at 3:15 p.m., November through May. Guided tours Tuesday through Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m.; other times for groups of 20 or more by advance appointment.	Founded in 1933 by Henry W. Grout; opened to the public August 30, 1956			Free	Tuesday through Friday 1-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Monday, holidays, and December 24
	<u>Russell-Lamson House</u> West Third and South Streets Waterloo, Iowa Junior Service League P. O. Box 568 Waterloo, Iowa 50701 or Mrs. Roy L. Glessner 1005 West 19th Street Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613	Fine example of early Victorian architecture (1861). Originally costing \$5,878.83, the house is one of the three oldest still standing in Black Hawk County. It has been restored and furnished in typical Victorian decor. The property is owned by the Peoples Mutual Savings and Loan and leased to the Junior Service League which is responsible for restoration and maintenance. Tours for groups of 5 or more by appointment.	Completed in 1861; re- stored in 1963			Free	Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., October through May. Also open during summer on Thursday, 1-4 p.m.
	<u>University of Northern Iowa Museum</u> Hudson Road Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613 Dr. Pauline Sauer, Director	Outstanding geology collection; displays on U. S. and Iowa history, American Indians, and non-Western cultures; exhibits of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and world-wide collection of shells, corals, and sponges. Special programs available to school groups by advance appointment.	1893			Free	Monday through Friday, 1-5 p.m. during academic year. Closed during vacations
BOONE 8 Boone E-5	<u>Boone County Historical Society</u> Boone, Iowa Archie Sparks, President Beaver, Iowa 50031 or Mrs. Charles Hiltz 508 Crawford Street Boone, Iowa 50036 <u>Ledges State Park</u> Madrid, Iowa 50156 6 miles south of Boone, on Iowa 164 State Conservation Commission Valley Bank Building Fourth and Walnut Streets Des Moines, Iowa 50308	Hickory Grove School, a typical small country school in Boone County, has been moved to the Don Williams Recreation Area, and furnished as it was in the 1920's. Special tours of the Kate Shelley area and archeological sites. Other activities include the marking of historic sites, publishing historical material, preserving public records and materials on local history, and displaying historic relics. One of Iowa's first state parks. The high cliffs and ledges above the Des Moines River were a popular spot for Indian councils and pow-wows. Nature trails over sandstone bluffs and through areas of natural beauty. Wide variety of birds and plant life, with some rare species. The State Conservation Commission's Wildlife Research and Exhibit Station adjoins the park. The zoo contains wildlife native to Iowa. Indian mounds are within hiking distance.	November 8, 1966		328	\$2.00 annual; \$5.00 family	
			Dedicated November 9, 1924			Free	Wildlife exhibit open from 1st Sunday in May until last Sunday in October, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. daily.



BREMER
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Waverly

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Bremer County Historical Society
402 West Bremer Avenue
Waverly, Iowa 50677

J. W. (Bill) Lynes, President
Plainfield, Iowa 50666
or

Mrs. Delbert Shepard, Museum Director
211 Second Street, S. W.
Waverly, Iowa 50677

Museum located in Waverly House, the first hotel and stage coach stop in Waverly, built in 1856 of native timber and brick, and the last of its kind in NE Iowa. Over 1,500 pioneer items on display including a 334 year-old violin, antique telephones, Civil War items, toys, quilts, pictures, clocks, books, newspapers, and clothing. Exhibits of old country store; schoolroom; Victorian living room, kitchen, and bedrooms; ghost towns of county; and original Buck Creek post office. Tours by appointment.

November 1958

Annual meeting first Tuesday in May

650

\$1.00 annual

Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 2-4 p.m. May through October

50c museum admission; children over age 14, 25c

BUCHANAN
10

Independence

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Buchanan County Historical Society
Independence, Iowa

Dayton H. Winter, President
405 Eighth Avenue, S. W.
Independence, Iowa 50644

Museum located in Buchanan County Courthouse. Materials and exhibits of local historical interest.

1961

Fourth Tuesday of each month, except June, July, and August

125

\$1.00 annual

2-4 p.m., Second and Third Friday of month

Rush Park
West edge of Independence, Iowa on U. S. 20

Remains of kite-shaped track and amphitheater, dating back to the time when Independence was the center of the harness racing world. The C. W. Williams home and carriage barn are now a cafe and tavern. Axtell's barn is located at the rear of the lot at 500-4th Street S. W., and is now a garage.

Westburg No. 7 Community Center and Museum
2 miles W of Independence, Iowa on U.S. 20, then 4 miles S, 1½ miles W, and 1 mile S

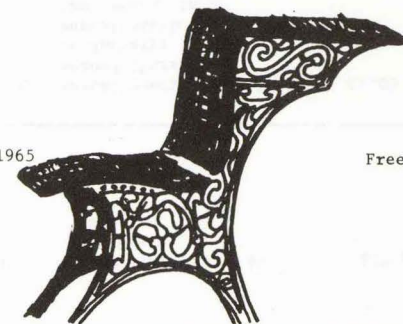
Restoration of Westburg No. 7 rural schoolhouse, built in 1883 and used as school until May 21, 1965. Text books, school records and equipment, including maps, globes, pictures, flags, bell, pump organ, and desks. Building used for community meetings.

June 10, 1965

Free

2-4 p.m., Sunday, June through October; open at other times upon request

Harry J. Circus, Owner
Route 3, Independence, Ia. 50644



BUENA VISTA
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Storm Lake

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Buena Vista County Historical Society
Storm Lake, Iowa

Franklin Halverson, President
Sioux Rapids, Iowa 50585
or

Inez Young, Treasurer
Storm Lake Public Library
Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

Prairie log cabin built by Halvor Ellerton Dahl, prior to 1871, near Rembrandt. Now located on East Lakeshore Drive, along U. S. 71, Storm Lake. Cabin is a good example of Scandinavian type construction of a homesteader's cabin. It has been restored and furnished in pioneer style.

August 11, 1960

Third Thursday of month

175

\$1.00 annual; \$100.00 life membership

Cabin open Sunday 2-5 p.m.; from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and by special arrangement

Voluntary contributions accepted

BUTLER
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Allison

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Butler County Historical Society
Allison, Iowa

Ben B. Westendorf, President
303 Sixth St., Allison, Iowa 50602
or

Mrs. W. C. Shepard, Historian
Allison, Iowa 50602

Summer tours and picnics

1956

March, May, and September

140

\$1.00 annual

Donations accepted

Thursday afternoon during summer; other times by appointment

Little Yellow Country Schoolhouse located on Court House Square and maintained as a museum. Exhibits of bird eggs, moths, butterflies, antiques; records of country schools; 100-year old teacher's desk.

Pilot Rock, pioneer landmark, located 3½ miles NW of Allison. Site of old Fort Sumpter 5 miles SW of Allison.

CALHOUN
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Rockwell City

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Calhoun County Historical Society
514 Court Street, Rockwell City, Iowa

Eugene Newhouse, President
North First Street, Rockwell City, Iowa 50579
or

Mrs. Ruth Ridge, Secretary
314 Jones Street, Rockwell City, Ia. 50579

Museum displaying pioneer home furnishings, farm machinery; study files of photographs, old manuscripts, maps, and genealogies. Tours may be arranged. Early in 1968, the old West School in Rockwell City was purchased. This 2-story brick building is being converted to house the county museum, and will provide rooms for workshops and meetings.

October, 1956; incorporated 1962

7:00 p.m., Fourth Tuesday of each month

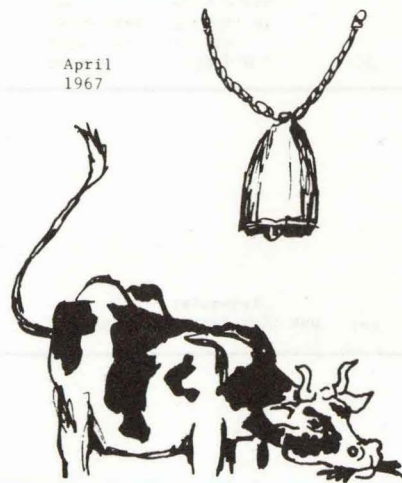
130

\$1.00 annual

Free

Museum open 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May to October; other times by appointment

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CARROLL 14 Carroll E-3	<u>Carroll County Historical Society</u> Carroll, Iowa William Fergensen, President Glidden, Iowa 51443	Farmstead museum planned near Swan Lake Park.	April 1967			\$2.00 annual	
	<u>Holstein-Friesian Museum</u> 507 Main (on Iowa 141), Manning, Iowa Melvin Scholl Manning, Iowa 51455	Only Holstein museum in America features antiques and memorabilia donated by breeders of the black and white cows, the most popular dairy animal in the world. Items include the neck chain of the late College Ormsly Burke, holder of the lifetime record for milk production--334,000 pounds.				Free; donations appreciated	1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday; other times by appointment
	<u>Pioneer Farm Museum</u> 2 miles E and 4 miles N of Glidden, Iowa Darwin Thede, Owner Glidden, Iowa 51443					35c	May-November
CASS 15 Atlantic G-3	<u>Cass County Historical Society</u> Atlantic, Iowa Rex Powers, President Griswold, Iowa 51535	Cass County Museum, south side of Main, Griswold. Schoolhouse Museum, in Sunnyside Park, Atlantic.	1963		280		12:30-9:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, June, July, and August
	<u>Lewis Town and Country Boosters</u> Lewis, Iowa Frank Berry, Lewis, Iowa 51544 or R.K. Breckerbaumer, Lewis, Ia. 51544	Promote historic sites in area, including the 1856-1860 Mormon Trails (still visible) across the county (Handcart Trail marker and replica of wooden handcart in Lewis City Park), Old Stone House (a station on the Underground Railroad), Civil War Army Barracks, old Ferry House, and the original Cass County Courthouse.		January 1, 1966	8:00 p.m.. 4th Monday of month	45	\$12 annual
CEDAR 16 Tipton E-12	<u>Cedar County Historical Society</u> Tipton, Iowa Mr. Arthur Fisher, President Lowden, Iowa 52255 or Mrs. Ina Barewald, Secretary Cedar County Courthouse Tipton, Iowa 52772	Cedar County Historical Review published annually. Landmarks and historic sites include Tipton Union School, 121 East Second Street, Tipton, the first free graded school including a high school west of the Mississippi River, constructed in 1853; the Henry Hardman Home, SE of Tipton, site of the first court, the first school, and the first church services in Cedar County (marked by boulder erected by Society); and William Maxon Home, NE of Springdale, used as winter quarters by John Brown and some of his men in 1857-1858 (marked by boulder erected by D.A.R.).	October 10, 1957	Annual meeting second Thursday in January; annual picnic last Sunday in July; Board of Directors meets last Thursday evening of each month.	600	\$1.00 annual	
	<u>Herbert Hoover National Historic Site</u> West Branch, Iowa 52358 Dr. Franz G. Lassner, Director or Mrs. Glennie C. Murray, Historian	Museum includes public papers, personal correspondence, books, manuscripts, audiovisual materials, and memorabilia of former President Herbert Clark Hoover. Presidential Library (operated by the National Archives and Records Service), with book collection of 8,000 volumes dealing with the economic, political, and social history of 20th-century America; research work areas; Auditorium (capacity 200); Hoover Birthplace Cottage (furnished); replica of Blacksmith Shop operated by his father, Jesse Hoover; and, across the street, the old Quaker Meeting House which Herbert Hoover attended as a boy. His mother, Hulda, was a Quaker minister. The graves of President and Mrs. Hoover are in the 33 acre park.		Dedicated 1962; Herbert Hoover National Historic Site established 1965.			Adults, 50c; Children under 12, free; School groups, free



West Branch Heritage Foundation
Box 232, West Branch, Iowa 52358

Preservation of two blocks of "old town"; participate in observing historic events. Museum.

August 22,
1963

About every
two months,
at call of
president

165

\$1.00 active;
\$5.00 sus-
taining

9:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m., daily
during summer;
Saturday and
Sunday during
winter.

CERRO GORDO

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Mason City

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Charles H. MacNider Museum
303 Second Street South East
Mason City, Iowa 50401

Permanent collection of art and traveling exhibits.

January 9,
1966

Free

Lectures and demonstrations on art; film series; music series; art class.

Tuesday and Friday,
10 a.m.-9 p.m.;
Wednesday, Thursday,
and Saturday, 10 a.m.
5 p.m.; Sunday, 2-5
p.m.; closed Monday

Richard E. Leet, Director and
Resident Artist (address as shown above)

The Hanford MacNider Room is to be added to the museum as a tribute to General MacNider, who died February 17, 1968.

Pioneer Museum and Historical Society of
North Iowa, P. O. Box 222, Mason City
Iowa 50401. Located between Mason City
and Clear Lake on U.S. 18

Kinney Pioneer Museum on 7-acre tract contains exhibits to memorialize and preserve the heritage of North Central Iowa. Included are a fossil collection; hand-made farm implements; furniture, utensils, and clothing used by early residents; and a pioneer hand pump fire truck. Pioneer Village proposed, to include country store, log cabin, blacksmith shop, rural schoolhouse, church, drug store, etc.

1964

150

\$2.00 annual;
\$20.00 life

Scheduled to open
in summer of 1968

Robert Douglas, President
212 North Federal Avenue
Mason City, Iowa 50401

or
Enoch A. Norem, Chairman, Executive Committee
East State Street
Mason City, Iowa 50401

CHEROKEE

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Cherokee

C-2

Cherokee County Historical Society
P.O. Box 399, Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Lectures, films, exhibits, field trips, preparing histories of towns in Cherokee County.

August,
1963

4th Monday
of each
month

86

\$1.00 annual

2-5 p.m. Sunday
during summer;
weekdays by
appointment for
groups

Jewel Pearse, Washta, Iowa 51061
or
Mrs. Doyle Simonsen, Quimby, Iowa 51049
or
Lester and Marguerite Whiting
Custodians, Stiles Museum
Route 2, Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Stiles Museum at Quimby, Iowa. Old Number 9 one-room rural schoolhouse, furnished. Collection of pioneer items, antiques, farm tools and machinery, and Indian artifacts.

Donations
accepted

Sanford Museum and Planetarium
117 East Willow
Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Museum includes exhibits on local history, Indians, archeology, paleontology, geology, birds, ice age animals, African game animals (R.J. Wilkie collection), art, and antique furniture. Also loan and circulating exhibitions. Guided tours, lectures, and films.

Founded
1941 (by
Mr. and
Mrs. W.A.
Sanford as a
memorial to
their son,
Tiel).
Museum opened
to public
April 22,
1951

Free

9-12 noon and
1-5 p.m., Monday
through Friday;
9-12 noon,
Saturday; 2-5 p.m.,
Sunday. Closed on
major holidays

Duane C. Anderson, Director
(address as shown above)

First planetarium in Iowa, with demonstrations (45 minutes) by appointment for groups of 15-50 persons.

Meeting place for Sanford Museum Association, Cherokee County Historical Society, Northwest Chapter of the Iowa Archeological Society, and Area Artists Group.



CHICKASAW

19

New Hampton

B-9

Adolph Munson Park
3½ miles NW of Lawler, Iowa
Chickasaw County Conservation Board

Old ghost town, Jacksonville, Iowa, preserved in 2½ acre park.

1953

8:00 p.m.,
2nd Tuesday
of month

410

\$1.00 annual;
\$10.00 life

Chickasaw County Historical Society
New Hampton, Iowa

Historical pageants, annual wedding reunion dinner for Little Brown Church (Nashua), art exhibits, hobby exhibit, flower show, tours. Chickasaw Church (W of Ionia) and Deerfield Church (N of Bassett) have been restored. Restored village at Old Bradford, one block from Little Brown Church (inspiration for the famous hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood," by Dr. William S. Pitts) built in 1864, Nashua, Iowa. Ten buildings, including log cabins, office of Dr. Pitts, blacksmith shop, old rural schoolhouse, and museum; old wooden windmill; agricultural implements; antiques; books.

50c

Daily, 9 a.m.-
5:30 p.m., May
1 to Oct. 1;
other times by
appointment

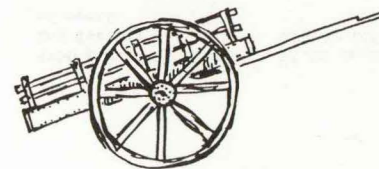
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CLARKE
20

Osceola
H-6

Mormon Trail

Joseph Smith, Jr. established his first church in New York, later moving on into Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois, where they built the city of Nauvoo. After Smith and his brother were killed by a mob at Carthage, Illinois, the church broke into factions. Brigham Young became leader of the larger group and set out to establish a church in the west, finally locating at Salt Lake City, Utah. The Mormon Trail went through 12 counties in Iowa: Lee, Van Buren, Davis, Appanoose, Wayne, Decatur, Lucas, Clarke, Union, Adair, Cass and Pottawattamie.



CLAY
21

Spencer
B-3

Inkpaduta Trail

From Peterson, Iowa to Arnolds Park, Iowa

Dr. F.V. Maytum
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

A 62-mile long hiking trail laid out by the Prairie Gold Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, following the trail used by Inkpaduta and his band of hostile Sioux Indians during the Spirit Lake Massacre of 1857. The trail starts at the Heywood Cabin in Peterson and ends at the Gardner Log Cabin in Arnolds Park, crossing parts of Clay and Dickinson Counties. It has been approved for use of Boy Scouts for a hiking merit badge.

Parker Historical Society of Clay County
East Third Street
Spencer, Iowa 51301

George Heikens, President
Spencer, Iowa 51301

Identify and mark historic sites, and collect and preserve items associated with the history of Clay County.

January,
13, 1960

Four meetings
per year

183

\$2.00 annual;
\$5.00 family;
\$30.00 life

Sundays during
summer; other
times by appoint-
ment

Rock Forest School
Peterson, Iowa

Willard Kracht, President
Peterson Lions Club
Peterson, Iowa 51047
or
C.B. Reed
Peterson, Iowa 51047

Museum with exhibits of farm machinery, tools, clothing, and items from Iowa's past, including pictures. Former home of Reverend and Mrs. Parker donated to Society.

Small, white, wooden rural schoolhouse, built about 1868 in extreme NW part of Section 20, Peterson Township, Clay County. Used as school and church until 1918, when it was moved to a farm to serve as a garage and tool shop. In January, 1963 the old school building was moved to swimming pool park in Peterson and restored by the Peterson Lions Club. The school is representative of hundreds of other rural schools that formerly dotted the countryside about 2 miles apart. It is furnished with items typical of Midwestern prairie schools of 100 years ago--old school desks, pot-bellied stove, teacher's desk, piano, blackboards, old school bells, rollup maps, and old pictures.

Sunday 2-5 p.m.,
or by appoint-
ment

CLAYTON
22

Elkader

B-11

Bixby State Park
2 miles N of Iowa 3 at Edgewood,
Iowa, on county road

Phenomenal Ice Cave in beautiful, rugged, 63-acre area. One of the few such caves in the Middle West. Year-round temperature varies little from the freezing point. Several flowing springs; profusion of wild flowers; hiking trails.

Effigy Mounds National Monument
3 miles north of Marquette, on Iowa 13

Milton Thompson, Superintendent
P. O. Box K, McGregor, Iowa 52157

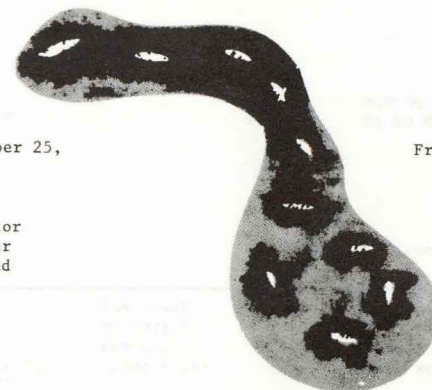
Within the monuments' 2 square mile area (in Allamakee and Clayton Counties) 191 known prehistoric mounds are preserved. These Indian burial mounds are of a type unique in North America, and are found only in southern Wisconsin and adjacent areas in Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa. Twenty-nine mounds are in the form of bear and bird effigies, while the others are conical or linear shaped. The Visitor Center includes an archeological museum, with displays of local Woodland and Mississippian Cultures; artifacts; and herbarium. Audio-visual presentations in auditorium. Self-guiding trails to burial mounds. Excellent view of Mississippi River from Fire Point. Conducted tours by appointment and on regular schedule during summer months.

October 25,
1949

Visitor
Center
opened
1960

Free

8:00 a.m.-5:00
p.m. (7:30 p.m.
during summer);
closed Christmas
Day



Garnavillo Historical Society
Garnavillo, Iowa

Arnold D. Roggman, Curator
Garnavillo Historical Museum
Garnavillo, Iowa 52049

Garnavillo Historical Museum located in building erected in 1866 as a Congregational Church. Later purchased by James O. Crosby, early day lawyer and surveyor. Also used as a community building. Building and contents deeded to Society in 1965. Museum opened to public in July, 1966. Contains thousands of manuscripts, papers, letters, and magazines dating back to 18th century or earlier; 300 paintings by Althea Sherman (a noted Iowa ornithologist); old maps; hand tools; tintypes and photographs; bills of sale; posters and handbills; and old wills and legal documents. Displays of cameras, guns, and model rooms of pioneer homes.

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Saturday and
Sunday, 2-5
p.m. and 7-10
p.m., May 1 to
Oct. 15

Kleinlein Mill Area
NW of Strawberry Point, Iowa

Clayton County Conservation Board
Elkader, Iowa 52043

Rare turbine type gristmill. Retreat for handicapped children. Picnicking and camping in adjacent area.

Permission of
owner re-
quired

Kopp Timber Tract
SE of Elkader, Iowa

Dr. R.W. Poulter
Iowa Chapter of The Nature
Conservancy
Iowa Wesleyan College
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

40-acre tract in the Turkey River Valley, featuring a high woodland and lush, rugged ravine of natural beauty. Limestone boulders, hardwood forest, wild flowers, mosses, lichens, and liverworts.

May be visited,
with permission

Property being purchased by the Iowa Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of natural areas for their aesthetic, scientific, and educational values.

McGregor Historical Society
Second Street, McGregor, Iowa 52157

Mrs. Doii E. Bickel, President
or
Mrs. W. A. (Lena D.) Myers, Curator

Locate and mark historic sites, and sponsor historical exhibits at celebrations.

1941

Quarterly

150

50c annual

Museum in old Library building, displaying articles of historic interest from the McGregor area. Included are Civil War relics, household antiques, early school equipment and records, and the famous sand bottles by Andrew Clemens.

1938

Donations
accepted

Wednesday,
Saturday, and
Sunday after-
noons; other
times by appoint-
ment

Moody's Musical Museum
1111 West Main Street
McGregor, Iowa 52157

Extensive collection of old mechanical orchestrations, music boxes, and player pianos, in operating condition. Civil War display, country store and post office, gay nineties barber shop, steamboat lore, old automobiles.

1951

50c; children
5-12, 25c; under
5, 10c

Daily, May
through
October

Motor Mill
SE of Elkader, Iowa

5-story old stone mill on Turkey River. Other stone buildings dating back to the existence of the town of Motor include the old livery stable (now used as a barn), the former tavern (now used as a farm home), and the cooperage.

Privately owned,
but may be seen
at any time

Natural Pine Grove
N of Volga City, Iowa

Clayton County Conservation Board
Elkader, Iowa 52043

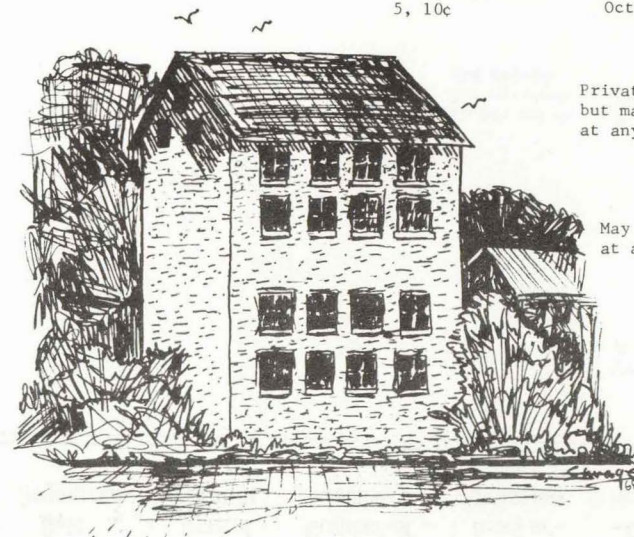
Natural White Pine grove of 40 acres, the only such area in Clayton County.

May be seen
at any time

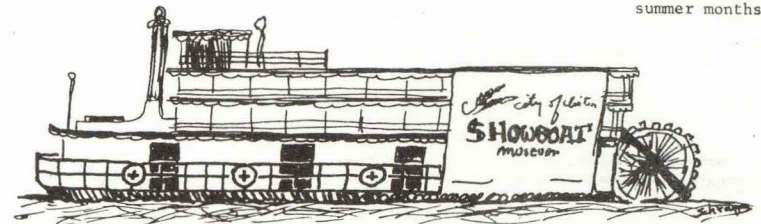
Pikes Peak State Park
2 miles SE of McGregor, Iowa
on Iowa 340

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Named for the discoverer of Colorado's Pikes Peak. Outstanding view of Mississippi River and its many bayous from 500-foot high bluffs. Indian mounds and famous colored sandstone. Trails over rugged terrain, one underneath Bridal Veil Falls and on to Sand Cave and Picture Rock. Wild flowers in deep woods and slopes of the cliffs and ridges in an area of over 500 acres. Mississippi Valley is considered one of America's best areas for bird study, especially during migration.



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CLAYTON (Continued)	<u>Pine Plantation</u> 5 miles S of Elkader on Iowa 13, near Osborne, Iowa Clayton County Conservation Board Elkader, Iowa 52043	Tree plantation demonstration area for conservation, erosion control, and educational purposes.					May be seen at any time
	<u>Point Ann</u> McGregor, Iowa	State-owned area containing Indian mounds; inaccessible by car. From the Mississippi River the huge rock bluff is said to resemble an Indian head.					
	<u>Spook Cave</u> N on spur road near junction of U.S. 18 and Iowa 13 Gerald Mielke, Owner McGregor, Iowa 52157	Natural underground river and cave with fascinating formations. Half-hour cruise, with guide, in 12- passenger electric-powered boats. Constant temperature of 47° in cave. Water wheel, picnic area, campsite, and souvenir shop.	1955			\$1.50; rates for children and groups	8 a.m.-9 p.m., May 1-Oct. 15
CLINTON 23 Clinton E-13	<u>Clinton County Historical Society</u> Clinton, Iowa Marvin Doescher, President 724 - 12th Street DeWitt, Iowa 52742 <u>Rhododendron Showboat Museum</u> Riverview Park Sixth Avenue North and River Clinton, Iowa City of Clinton Board of Park Commissioners Sixth Avenue North and Roosevelt Clinton, Iowa 52732 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Creely, Custodians	The Society sponsors the museum on the showboat, Rhododendron, conducts historic tours in Clinton County, and participates in the annual Riverboat Days celebration. Old riverboat, moored in the Mississippi River. Museum on the third deck of the triple-deck stern- wheeler, Rhododendron. Items pertaining to the history of Clinton and Indian lore are housed in glass display cases, maintained by Clinton County Historical Society. The 193-foot showboat was acquired in 1966 from the State of West Virginia. Steam driven engines, turbines, generators, and huge paddlewheel shafts are intact. Captain's lounge furnished in Victorian style. Pilot's chair, controls; meeting room for 80 persons. Magnificent 275-seat theatre in authentic decor, used by community playhouse groups in the area.	February 26, 1965	Quarterly; Board meets 6 times per year	242	\$1.00 annual; \$10.00 life 50¢; children under 6 free	9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily during summer months
CRAWFORD 24 Denison E-2	<u>Lincoln Farm</u> Marker erected by Denison Chapter of the D.A.R. 7 miles N of Denison and 1 mile E of Schleswig, Iowa	This is one of two parcels of land in Iowa owned by Abraham Lincoln. (Lincoln also owned 40 acres of land in Howard Township in Tama County, 4 miles N and 2 miles W of Toledo.) He never personally visited either tract. The land grants were given to Lincoln for his service as a captain in the Black Hawk War of 1832. This grant of 120 acres is in Goodrich Township in Crawford County. Warrant 68645 was issued on April 22, 1856 and the land was located by Lincoln himself, at Springfield, Illinois, on December 27, 1859. Patents of the tracts were issued to Lincoln on September 10, 1860, in the midst of his campaign for the U.S. Presidency, and sent to the Registrar of the Land Office at Springfield on October 30, one week before the election. This land was owned by Lincoln when he was assassinated, and was sold by his son, Robert Todd Lincoln, on March 22, 1892 as a part of the Lincoln estate, to Henry Edwards for \$13,000.	Marker 1923				



Site of Fort Purdy
 Broadway Street, near
 courthouse square, Denison, Iowa

A granite block marks the site of Fort Purdy built by the early settlers who gathered together for protection against Indian attacks at the time of the Indian scare in May, 1856.

DALLAS

25

Adel

F-5

Dallas County Historical Society
 Adel, Iowa

Assist in operation of Forest Park and Museum; Annual Harvest Home Festival Dinner in November; newsletter distributed to members.

October 26,
 1958

Last Sunday
 of each month

150

\$1.00 annual;
 \$25.00 life

Mrs. Curtis W. (Ethel B.) Gregory,
 President
 1219 Grove, Adel, Iowa 50003

Forest Park and Museum
 One mile S of 16th and Willis,
 Perry, Iowa

Five museum buildings situated in forest of over 400 trees of 130 varieties, all tagged with names. Old schoolhouse, built in 1867. Exhibits include old wooden Huber threshing machine, 1916 Des Moines trolley car, and other relics. Films on Chicago's Skid Row from the Pacific Garden Mission.

August 30,
 1953; purchased by
 County in
 1967 from
 original owner,
 Eugene N. Hastie

Custodian's home adjoins park. Conducted tours for school children and groups, by appointment.

Dallas County Conservation Board
 R. R. 1, Perry, Iowa 50220

DAVIS

26

Bloomfield

I-9

Davis County Historical Society
 Bloomfield, Iowa

One of the original brick homes in Bloomfield, owned by the pioneer Dr. Findley family, is being restored to the mid-1800 period. It is located at 301 East Franklin. A log cabin is to be moved to the site by the Bloomfield Jaycees.

March 16,
 1961

2nd Tuesday
 of each month,
 except August
 and December

100

\$1.00 annual

Quentin E. Johnson, President
 601 North Washington
 Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

DECATUR

27

Leon

I-6

Decatur County Historical Society
 115 North Main Street
 Leon, Iowa 50144

Fund raising events, such as old time threshing exhibit and variety shows.

1961

2nd Thursday
 of month

171

\$2.00 annual

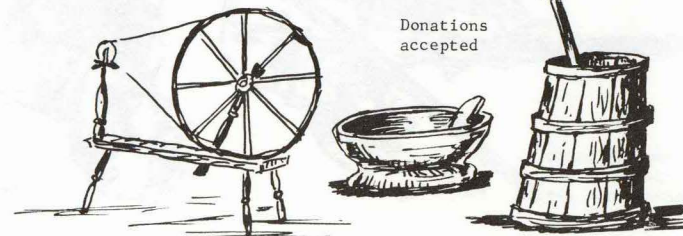
9 a.m.-5 p.m., June
 to September.

Don Brown, President
 Leon, Iowa 50144

or
 Dr. C. D. Scott
 107 West 12th
 Leon, Iowa 50144

or
 Himena V. Hoffman
 Leon, Iowa 50144

Museum contains furniture and dishes used by pioneers, tools, farm implements, guns, paintings and other mementoes related to Decatur County. Exhibits include school, church, and fireplace settings.



DELAWARE

28

Manchester

C-11

Backbone State Park
 5 miles S of Strawberry Point,
 on Iowa 410

Iowa's first state park includes 1,600 of the most scenic acres in the Middle West. Rock ledges, caves, boulders, and rock formations rising 90 to 140 feet above the curves of the Maquoketa River. High limestone ridge, "The Devil's Backbone," extends for 1/2 mile. Wind-blown pines jut over limestone cliffs. Trails, scenic drives, and trout streams. Richmond Springs, one of the largest in Iowa, feeds a large trout and bass hatchery in the park.

October 1,
 1919

State Conservation Commission
 Valley Bank Building
 Fourth and Walnut Streets
 Des Moines, Iowa 50308

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DELAWARE

(Continued)

Delaware County Historical Society
Manchester, Iowa

Mrs. W. J. (Mary) Maxfield
120½ N. Franklin
Manchester, Iowa 52057

or
Mrs. Herbert (Barbara) Gerhart
Delaware County Historical Museum
Hopkinton, Iowa 52237

Repository of historic items in Manchester Public Library. Relocated and restored Love Log Cabin, the first house in Manchester. Plans include Delaware County history and brochures on historic landmarks.

May 28,
1959

Annually, 2nd
Friday in June,
or when called;
directors meet
last Monday of
each month

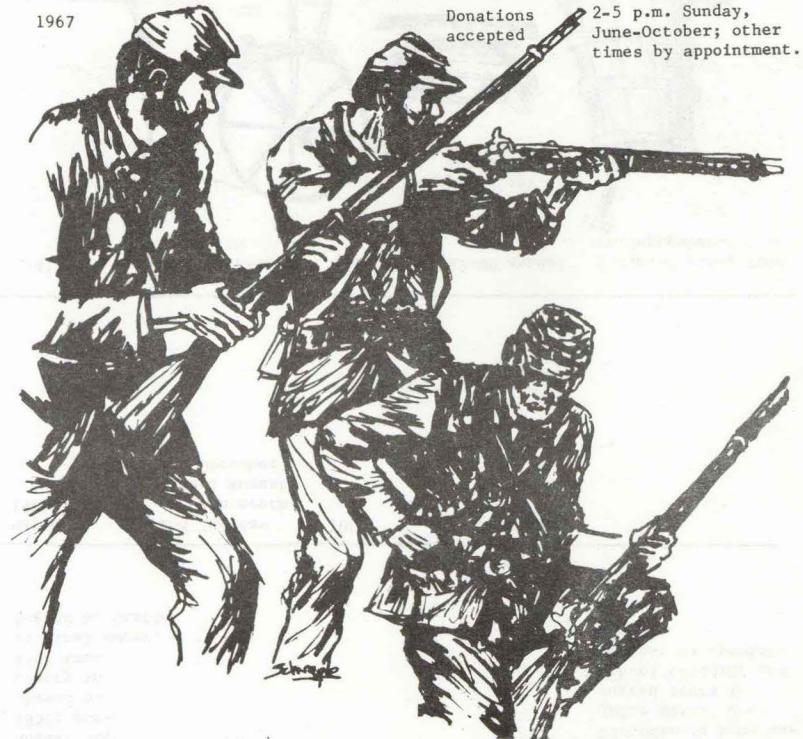
100

\$1.00 annual;
\$5.00 sustaining

Museum in Clarke Hall, formerly women's dormitory on campus of historic Lenox College, started in 1859 and closed during WW II in 1944. Exhibits include Civil War room, grandma's attic, child's room of the 1890's, natural science room, high fashions, farm tools of over 100 years ago, recreated girl's dormitory room of the 1890's, Lenox College materials; WW I room, early Americana, and articles depicting pioneer life in Delaware County.

1967

Donations accepted 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June-October; other times by appointment.



Charge for fishing

Open year round

Most male students at Lenox College during the Civil War, were in the military service. A monument dating back to November 17, 1865 on the old campus along Iowa 38 is believed to be the first to be erected by private subscription in memory of Civil War veterans.

The Livingstone Home in Hopkinton was built in Civil War times. In Livingstone Cemetery, S of Hopkinton, many of the early Scottish settlers are buried.

Hard Scrabble Park
1 mile S of Hopkinton, Iowa

Lyle Retz, Executive Director
Delaware County Conservation Board
Nichols River Access
South Tama Street
Manchester, Iowa 52057

42½ acre tract containing Indian graves. Nature trail with wild flowers identified. Trail along bluffs to Wildcat Rock, 90 feet above the road.

Red Schoolhouse
4 miles NE of Manchester, Iowa
on county road D13

One-room rural school preserved as a historic site.

Trout Haven
Hopkinton, Iowa 52237

Ever-flowing spring of clear, cool (40-50 degree) water used 130 years ago by settlers. Flow averages 750,000 gallons daily. Developed privately as a pond for trout fishing.

DES MOINES

29

Burlington

H-12

Crapo Park
Burlington, Iowa

The first American flag to fly in Iowa was raised by 26-year-old explorer, Zebulon Pike on August 23, 1805 from what is now Crapo Park. Pike (for whom Pikes Peak was named) was on a government mission to explore the Mississippi River Valley and select locations for military posts. Burlington was the capital of Wisconsin Territory in 1837 and of Iowa Territory, when it was established in 1838, until the capital was moved to Iowa City in 1839.

Des Moines County Historical Society
Burlington, Iowa

Mrs. Jack Newton
625 Cedar Street
Burlington, Iowa 52601

When original society disbanded, collections and funds were transferred to the Burlington Public Library for custody and display. Library open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily except Sunday. A museum and historic home to serve as a headquarters is being planned. Speakers, known as "Town Criers," are available to any group interested in stories of early Burlington. Arrangements may be made to tour historic homes. "Flea Market" planned.

Incorporated 1940; re-organized February, 1963 and again in 1967
General membership, quarterly; Board, 2nd Wed. of month.
153 \$1.00 annual

Zion School Museum
1½ miles S and 2½ miles W
of Dodgeville, Iowa

Des Moines County Conservation Board
Main and Court
Burlington, Iowa 52601

DICKINSON
30

Spirit Lake

A-3

Cayler Prairie
9 miles SW of Spirit Lake, Iowa
or 4½ miles W of Iowa Lakeside
Laboratory on county road

120 acres of unplowed, ungrazed prairie noted for its variety of prairie flowers and grasses and used extensively as a study area by biologists. A total of 265 species in 53 plant families have been identified here. The State Preserve includes rolling upland prairie, intermediate and lowland prairie, potholes, hilly morainal areas, and moist prairie, typical of Iowa country before it was cultivated.

1960

Deerland
U.S. 71, 3 miles SW of Spirit Lake, Iowa

B. D. Blair, Owner
Lake Park, Iowa 51347

A children's zoo featuring over 30 tame deer, seals, bear, monkeys, birds, small animals native to Iowa, and domestic animals.

1965

50c; under 8, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
35c daily during
summer

Dickinson County Historical Society
Spirit Lake, Iowa

Bernice Bergman, President
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360
or
Merwyn Smith
Terril, Iowa 51364
or
Mrs. Dale E. Peterson, Secretary
507 - 11th Street
Milford, Iowa 51351

Compile historical data, genealogical records; preserve old pictures, articles; mark historic sites; sponsor Old Settlers Picnic. Anticipate building a museum at some future time.

March,
1961

70

\$1.00 annual

January, April,
July, and
October

Gardner Cabin
Arnolds Park, Iowa
(Signs direct U. S. 71 traffic to the
site)

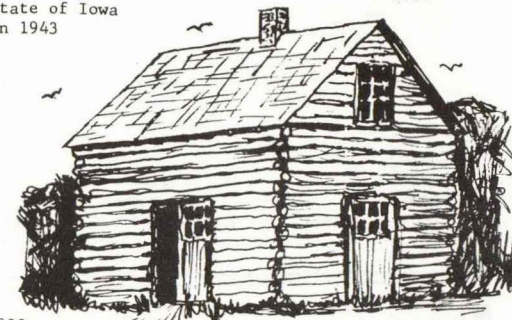
The State Historical Society of Iowa
Centennial Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52240
or
Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

Original log cabin of the Rowland Gardner family, first victims of the 1857 Spirit Lake Massacre led by Inkpaduta (Scarlet Point). The cabin has been restored and preserved as a historical monument and contains authentic furnishings of the period. The interior may be viewed through windows and the doorway. Museum nearby contains paintings of the massacre, formerly owned by Abigail (Abbe) Gardner Sharp, one of two survivors, who died in 1921. Graves of some of those killed during the massacre and the Spirit Lake Massacre Monument (dedicated in 1895) are also on the site.

Acquired by
State of Iowa
in 1943

Free

April-September;
special tour groups
by appointment



Inkpaduta Trail
From Peterson, Iowa to Arnolds Park, Iowa

See Clay County for information

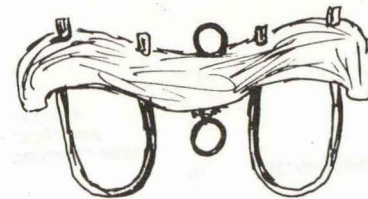
Kurio Kastle
U. S. 71, Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331
Mrs. Wilbur Gildemeister
2403 Jackson
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

Natural and wildlife exhibit, including mounted fresh and salt water fish, birds, animals, and a 1,400 pound turtle; Indian garments and artifacts; mineral specimens.

1932

25c; children,
10c 9 a.m.-9 p.m. during
summer

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DICKINSON (Continued)	Lakes Art Center U. S. 71, Okoboji, Iowa Mrs. Louise Vanderpool, President Okoboji, Iowa 51355	Art exhibits, lectures, shows, musicals; instruction in various art mediums (oil, watercolor, other).	1965	1st Monday of month during summer	250	\$5.00, individual; \$8.00, couple; \$10.00, family	Gallery, 1-5 p.m. during June, July, and August
	Marble Beach Iowa 276, N of Spirit Lake, Iowa Rodney Parsons Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360	Replica of William Marble Cabin at original site. Members of this family were the last victims of hostile Sioux Indians during the Spirit Lake Massacre in March, 1857. Museum displays.	1967				Daily during summer
	Meadow No. 7 (Viola) Rural School 3/4 mile S of Arnolds Park, Iowa or 2 miles N of Milford, Iowa on U. S. 71 Mrs. and Mr. LeRoy Morton White Oaks Campground R. R. 1, Milford, Iowa 51351	One-room rural schoolhouse, built sometime prior to 1885 (when courthouse records start) in Meadow Township, Clay County. Preserved and furnished with desks, blackboards, books, map racks, organ, and old school records. Initials and names carved on desks. Wooden pegs and square iron nails used in construction. Displays of Indian bones, arrowheads, stone hammers, lithograph stones, antique farm equipment, hair pictures, old skates, irons, and horsehide coats. Indian burial mound on premises.	Moved to present location April 22, 1962			Donations accepted	Daily during summer; other times by request
	Spirit Lake State Fish Hatchery On isthmus between East Okoboji and Spirit Lake. Jean Holtz Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360 or State Conservation Commission Valley Bank Building Fourth and Walnut Streets Des Moines, Iowa 50308	Fish factory or hatchery in operation over 60 years. Brood fish (walleye and northern pike) are brought here for stripping and may be seen in holding pens. The entire process of fertilization and the hatching of the "fry" are explained to visitors. Slide show on spawning techniques. Live Iowa game fish on display in hatchery aquaria. In Biology Building, scientific studies and investigations are under way constantly to improve fish management techniques and angling success. Biologist on hand to explain the operation to groups.					
	The Queen Arnolds Park, Iowa Bob Buhrows Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331	Historic old passenger boat, "the flagship of the Iowa Great Lakes Navy," cruises on West Okoboji Lake, one of the few blue water lakes in the world. Commentary during the ride on the history of the region and the old boat itself.	1879			\$1.00	Summer months
DUBUQUE 31 Dubuque C-12	Dubuque County Historical Society 2241 Lincoln Avenue Dubuque, Iowa 52001 Mrs. Kenneth (Helen) Mercer, President 1198 Mt. Loretta Street Dubuque, Iowa 52001 or Elsie Datisman, Historian 2045 Bennett Street Dubuque, Iowa 52001	Monthly lectures, old fashioned ice cream social on July 4th, annual Christmas party, educational school tours on Dubuque history, marking historic sites in Dubuque County, making tape recordings, and publishing "Dubuque: Its History and Background." Ham House, a 22-room Victorian mansion located at the entrance to Eagle Point Park has been restored and serves as a museum displaying Indian artifacts, costumes, and pioneer and industrial items. Exhibits include Indian Rooms, River Boat Room, Clothing Rooms, Yesteryear Room, WW I Room, John Deere Room, and natural history. "William Neuman" two-room 1827 log cabin, reputedly the oldest building still standing in Iowa, has been removed from its original site and restored. It is now located on the grounds of Ham House Museum, as is an old railroad caboose. Restoration of the Humke one-room rural schoolhouse is under way.	1950	7:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month.	550	\$3.00, annual; \$5.00, family; \$25.00 sustaining; \$100.00, life	8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily except Monday, from Memorial Day to Labor Day



Dyersville Historical Society
Dyersville, Iowa

Ray Goedken, President
Dyersville, Iowa 52040

Fourth Street Elevator or
Fenelon Place Inclined Railway
West Fourth and Bluff Streets
Dubuque, Iowa

Grave of Julien DuBuque
S of Dubuque, Iowa, beyond
the end of Rowan Street

New Melleray Abbey
10 miles SW of Dubuque, Iowa

Old Shot Tower
End of Fourth Street
Dubuque, Iowa

White Pine Hollow State Forest
3 miles NW of Luxemburg on Iowa 3

Collect small items, letters, documents, pictures, and other historical articles. Housed in Dyersville Public Library.

An inclined railway cable car that runs to the summit of a 300-foot bluff. Built in 1882 to relieve the horses and pedestrians from having to climb the staggering hill. From the platform at the summit is an unobstructed panoramic view of Dubuque and environs, the Mississippi River, and across into Illinois and Wisconsin.

Circular Galena limestone tower erected in 1897 on Mississippi River bluffs, containing the grave of Julien DuBuque, the city's first settler. In 1788, DuBuque began mining lead with permission of the Indians and the Spanish authorities. The "Mines of Spain" were located in this area, at the mouth of Catfish Creek. DuBuque died in 1810 and was buried by his Indian friends.

Trappist monastery founded in 1849. Typical Old World appearance and atmosphere. Monks live under the same rigid rules of discipline they have followed for more than 1,300 years. Most of the stone buildings, of Victorian Gothic architecture, were built around 1875.

Old stone and brick shot tower, constructed in 1855, to make lead pellets or shot, formed by dropping molten lead through screens and into vats of water at the bottom of the tower. Later used by a lumber company as a lookout tower to site rafts on the river. The tower was gutted by a disastrous fire in 1911, but has been restored.

About 15 per cent of the original area of what is now Iowa was forest land. It has been estimated that about 40 per cent of this original timber is still present. Of course, truly virgin woods, not cut over or grazed, are rare. This timber is a survival of the northern forest dating back to glacial times. It is the largest remaining stand of white pine in Iowa, with many trees over 200 years old in an undeveloped area of 650 acres. Spring fed streams, dense forest, limestone bluffs, and hillsides covered with Canadian Yew reminiscent of the far north country.

1960

No regular
time

25

\$1.00 annual

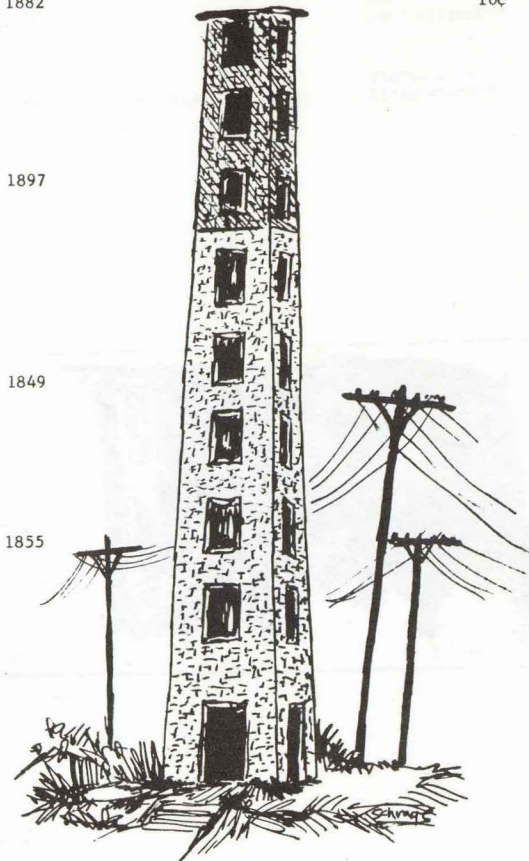
1882

10c

1897

1849

1855



Visitors
welcome on
weekdays

EMMET
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Emmet County Historical Society
Estherville, Iowa
Miss Ivadell Ross
1724 North Sixth Street
Estherville, Iowa 51334

Restored country schoolhouse, appropriately furnished, located at 1800 Third Avenue S in Estherville.

June 11,
1964

September

250

\$3.00, annual;
\$30.00, life

Open by appointment

Estherville

A-4

Estherville Meteorite
1½ miles N of Estherville, Iowa

On May 10, 1879 a 431 pound meteorite fell on the Sever Lee farm. A marker is located on the NE¼ of Section 35, Township 100N of Range 34, Emmet County, 482 feet away from the fall. The meteorite, one of the largest falls on record, exploded and broke into 3 large pieces now in museums in widely separated cities of the world. Smaller fragments may be seen in the Estherville Public Library and the State Historical Building in Des Moines.

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EMMET

(Continued)

Fort Defiance State Park
1 mile SW of Estherville, Iowa on Iowa 245

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Site of a military fort built in 1862-63 by Captain W.H. Ingham and Company A of the Northern Border Brigade. One of a string of fortifications built to protect settlers from marauding Sioux Indians, it was abandoned by the troops after 15 months. In 1911, a monument was erected by the D.A.R. to mark the site. The 181 acres of heavily wooded hills support an abundance of wild flowers. There are nature trails and recreational facilities.

Okamanpedan State Park
3 miles NE of Dolliver, Iowa on county road

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

A tract of 18½ acres along the shore of Tuttle Lake (formerly Okamanpadu or Okamanpeden Lake), the headwaters of one fork of the Des Moines River. Okamanpadu Lake was discovered by Jean Nicollet in 1838. This was the campsite of General Fremont and later of Major T. W. Sherman. The government road was surveyed in 1860.

FAYETTE

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West Union

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Montauk
Clermont, Iowa

Historical Governor Larrabee Home, Inc.
Henry Follett, Secretary
Clermont, Iowa 51029

The two-story brick home of Iowa Governor (1886-1890) William Larrabee, farmer, miller, banker, and one of Iowa's largest landowners. Original furnishings were used by the Governor's last surviving child, Anna, until her death in 1965 at the age of 97. These are still in the house and include a handmade bed in which all seven of the Larrabee children were born, the Governor's desk and papers, chairs, tables, glass cases, paintings and statuary, table service, a cast iron kitchen stove, and floor coverings. Large statues of Civil War heroes, and hundreds of trees planted by the Governor, are on the 80-acre estate. Descendants of Governor Larrabee arranged for the property to be open to the public. Escorted tours with guides are available.

1874

Opened to the public Memorial Day, 1968

\$1.00

10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily



FLOYD

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Charles City

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Birthplace of the Farm Tractor
Charles City, Iowa

Charles W. Hart and Charles H. Parr began building stationary gasoline engines in 1896 and started experimenting with machines to be used in farming. The new name "tractor" was coined (from traction motors) and the tractor industry founded in 1901 by the Hart-Parr Company. A 1913 model tractor under plexiglass is on display on the courthouse grounds. Oliver Corporation, successor to Hart-Parr, offers conducted tours of the plant every weekday at 10 a.m.

Floyd County Historical Society
107 North Main Street
Charles City, Iowa 50616

J. E. Waggoner
601 Fifth Avenue
Charles City, Iowa 50616

or
Mrs. George A. (Cecilia) Blake,
Historian, 506 North Jackson Street
Charles City, Iowa 50616

or
Charles City Chamber of Commerce

Writing biographies of local residents. History of the Society in preparation.

April 29, 1954

Quarterly

500

\$1.00 annual;
\$20.00 life

Museum (John G. Legal, Jr., donor) preserves a drug and grocery store dating back to 1873, and purchased by John G. Legal, Sr. in 1884. Collections of pharmaceutical equipment of the 1890's; quaint medicines and remedies; prescription counter with rare balances and pill machines; botanical drugs; soda fountain and candy jars; tobacco counter; grocery items in old boxes and barrels; drygoods; and hardware. Period rooms show furniture,

Museum opened April 20, 1963 (The building escaped serious damage from the tornado that struck Charles City on Wed., May 15, 1968)

50c; children, 10c

1:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 1-November 1; other times by appointment

carpets, pictures, books, toys, and kitchen equipment in a "home of the past." Old schoolroom, blacksmith shop and tool collection, stone implements, Indian artifacts, art objects, minerals, textiles, documents, newspapers, clippings, and reference library on Iowa and Floyd County. Over 10,000 items.

Girlhood Home of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt
SE of Charles City, Iowa

Two-story frame farmhouse, the girlhood home of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt (1859-1947), international leader of women's suffrage and peace movements. Marker placed by Floyd County Federation of Women's Clubs on October 20, 1938.

Glacial Rock
3 miles W of Nashua, on Iowa 54, then 3/4 mile south on gravel road. Rock is in the middle of a field, on the E side of the road.

Said to be the largest glacial rock in the midwest. This glacial erratic was deposited by the Wisconsin glacier, the last of the glaciers to invade Iowa, more than 50,000 years ago.

Mutchlar Log Cabin
Conservation Park
Floyd, Iowa

Historic log cabin, over 110 years old, moved to present site and being restored.

Sherman Buffalo Herd
1 mile E of Nora Springs, Iowa

Herd of 50 buffalo. Privately owned, but animals may be seen from road or visited with permission.



FRANKLIN

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Hampton

C-7

Beeds Lake State Park
3 miles NW of Hampton, Iowa

130-acre lake formed by 170-foot long dam located on Spring Creek. The stream is fed by numerous cold water springs that flow year round. Indians used the heavily wooded area before the coming of the white man. The lake was originally formed in 1857, when T. K. Hansbury built the first dam and gristmill. William Beed put in the long dike and improved the property when he bought it in 1864. The mill ceased to operate in 1904. The dam's unusual spillway is constructed of blocks of varicolored stone, sloping abruptly for 40 feet to the rock foundation. Flora native to the area provides excellent cover for birds and wildlife.

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Burkley Historical Area
1½ miles W of Geneva, Iowa

Old stone house located on 6½ acre tract. One of the first houses built in Franklin County; being restored.

Franklin County Conservation Board

Loomis Wisner Center Community Park
4 miles N and 2 miles E of Alexander, Iowa

Old rural schoolhouse located on 1 acre tract. School partially furnished and being used as a voting precinct. Old school well on grounds.

Franklin County Conservation Board

Maysville School House
S of Hampton, Iowa

Originally the first post office in Franklin County.

FREMONT

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Sidney

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Brownsville Historical Society

Randel Smith, President
Randolph, Iowa 51649

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FREMONT (Continued)	<u>Forney's Lake</u> 2½ miles NW of Thurman, Iowa State Conservation Commission Valley Bank Building Fourth and Walnut Streets Des Moines, Iowa 50308	A shallow marsh where huge concentrations of wild blue geese, snow geese, and ducks may be seen during the spring and fall migrations, when they stop to feed and rest. As many as 100,000 to 300,000 waterfowl funnel through the area on their way to and from their nesting grounds on Baffin Island in the Arctic Circle. The peaks of the flights vary according to the weather and water levels, but usually occur from March 15-27 and around November 1 of each year. Concentrations in the fall are smaller-- usually not in excess of 50,000 birds. The area is also frequented by pelicans, gulls, and fur bearing animals.					
	<u>Fremont County Historical Society</u> Sidney, Iowa Ralph H. Greenwood Box 218 Tabor, Iowa 51653	Identifying and restoring historic spots, old trails, and Indian camps. A building has been acquired in Sidney for a museum.	1963	As called	102	\$1.00 annual; \$10.00 life	
	<u>Manti Memorial Park</u> 4 miles S of Shenandoah, Iowa Fremont County Conservation Board and Manti Memorial Association	Old schoolhouse in 12¼ acre memorial park at site of old Mormon settlement of Manti.					
	<u>Tabor Historical Society</u> Tabor, Iowa Wanda Ewalt, President Tabor, Iowa 51653	Historic Reverend John Todd House (original building built in 1853) has been restored and furnished. This frame house, built of native lumber, was a "station" on the Iowa Underground Railway and headquarters for the Free Kansas Fighters and John Brown during his stays in Tabor. Sharps rifles were concealed in the cellar before being shipped to Harpers Ferry, Virginia. Original flooring and woodwork, hand-hewn beams and lath, adobe and (later) limestone foundations may be seen. Pre-Civil War letters, diaries, and papers; home furnishings of the period. Publications include reprinting the "Reminiscences" of John Todd, a prime source history of settlement of the area, border troubles over slavery, runaway slaves and encounters with slave owners, and the adventures of John Brown and James Lane. (\$2.00 in paper cover.) Across the street from the Todd House is Tabor City Park. When John Brown and his men camped and drilled there in 1857, it was an open, treeless square. A bronze marker indicates the campground. Several buildings remain of Tabor College, incorporated in 1866 and operated by the Congregational Church until 1926. It was reopened in 1936 as a private enterprise but later closed. Still to be seen are Woods Hall (1869), dormitory, library, museum, and WW II barracks for POW camp guards; Adams Hall (1898), conservatory, housing for POW's in WW II, and now an elementary school (K-3) in Fremont-Mills Community School District; and	June, 1965	8 p.m., 4th Tuesday of month	180	\$2.00 annual; \$20.00 life 25c	Sunday afternoons during summer; other times by request



Congregational Church (1875), designed by J. K. Nutting who also designed the Little Brown Church at Nashua (see Chickasaw County). The old Tabor College Music Hall (1875) has been moved to Orange Street, between Center and Main Streets, and is now the Tabor Town Hall and Library. On display are the bell from the locomotive of the Tabor and Northwestern Railroad, which made its last run in 1929; an 1854 plot of Tabor; and paintings by local artists.

Waubonsie State Park
7 miles SW of Sidney, Iowa
on Iowa 239

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Named for Chief Waubonsie of the Pottawattamie Indians, who lived in the area for about 10 years prior to 1846. The 1,128 acres of natural scenic beauty contain grass-covered loess hills, densely wooded ravines, high bluffs affording views of four states (Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas) and the Missouri River bottomlands, and evidences of ancient Indian villages. The park is a botanical preserve of native trees and wild flowers, some of which (desert yucca and paw paw) are peculiar to this area. Sunrise services are held here annually on Easter Sunday.

1926

GREENE

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Jefferson

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Greene County Historical Society
Jefferson, Iowa

Dr. H. B. Donovan, President
304 North Wilson
Jefferson, Iowa 50129

or
Mrs. W. Emmett (Neva) Schoppe, Curator

Tours to places of interest in the county. Maintain old cemeteries. Country schoolhouse moved to Greene County Fairgrounds and restored.

April,
1966

2nd Tuesday
of month

200

\$2.00
annual

Schoolhouse open during
Greene County Fair and
by appointment

Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower
SW corner of Courthouse Square,
Jefferson, Iowa

165-foot tower, built with funds provided by William Floyd Mahanay, a native of Jefferson. Carillon music is played periodically during the day, and a set of four huge cast bronze bells from Holland chime each quarter hour. From the enclosed observation platform, reached by elevators, visitors have a panoramic view of the city and surrounding countryside. The courthouse contains tile mosaics and murals denoting historical stages of development of Greene County.

October,
1966

Telephone Museum
Jefferson Telephone Company
Jefferson, Iowa 50129

Unique collection of historic telephonic equipment and other articles.

Totem Acres Zoo
SE edge of Jefferson, Iowa
Jefferson Telephone Company
Jefferson, Iowa 50129

Interesting collection of animals including deer, llamas, buffalo, and mountain goats; also exotic birds.

GRUNDY

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Grundy Center

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Herbert Quick School House
In Oriam Park on G Avenue
Grundy Center, Iowa

City Clerk
Grundy Center, Iowa 50638

Typical early Iowa rural schoolhouse. In this building, the noted Iowa author, Herbert Quick (1861-1925), received all of his formal education. He became a teacher in Grundy Center schools at the age of 17, and continued his teaching career for 20 years. He read law, became a lawyer in Sioux City, and then went into newspaper and magazine work. His career as an author began in 1902. His best known books are "Vandemarks Folly," "The Hawkeye," "The Invisible Woman," and "One Man's Life" (his autobiography).

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GRUNDY

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The school building was originally located in Colfax Township and was moved to its present location in 1933 as a tribute to one of Iowa's great writers. The old wooden blackboards, double seats, school-masters desk (used by Quick), stove, lamps, tin dinner buckets, water bucket and dipper, old maps, and textbooks are preserved.

GUTHRIE

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Guthrie Center

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Benedict Museum
7½ miles NW of Casey, Iowa 50048

Wilbur G. Benedict, Owner

Collections of rocks, sea shells, Indian artifacts, and 100 types of wood; manuscripts on Guthrie County schools, churches, stagecoach roads, and ghost towns. Housed in enclosed porch of farm home. Talks to visitors by the "unofficial historian of Guthrie County."

Guthrie County Historical Society
Guthrie Center, Iowa

Stella Baden
Guthrie Center, Iowa 50115

Marking historic sites of local interest. Plans for a county historical museum.

1941

2nd Sunday of month

40

\$1.00 annual

A rural schoolhouse has been preserved and furnished, and may be visited during Guthrie County Fair.

One of several early mill sites in the county is Lennon Mill, near Panorama. The dam is the only one remaining on the Middle Raccoon River. The Missouri and Mississippi Rivers Watershed Divide Marker is located west of Guthrie Center.

Guthrie County School
Panora, Iowa

Organized in 1876, this is the only example of a county high school in Iowa established under an 1870 law. County high schools were first authorized on March 12, 1858, but none were fully organized in Iowa under this law. The Guthrie County School was discontinued in 1930, but the building is still being used by Panora--Linden Community School District.

Sheeder Prairie
6 miles W of Guthrie Center, Iowa,
and 1 mile N of Iowa 64

A 25-acre native prairie, set aside as a natural monument to preserve the original flora. This is the most recently acquired of the four areas of virgin prairie now owned by the State of Iowa. Sheeder Prairie offers an outstanding prairie wild flower display through the seasons. Used by students attending the annual Teachers Conservation Camp, Springbrook State Park, during June, July and August.

1961

Springbrook State Park
7 miles N and 1 mile E of
Guthrie Center, Iowa on Iowa 384

Park Conservation Officer
Box 142, R.R. 1
Guthrie Center, Iowa 50115

or
State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

A 680-acre beauty spot, heavily wooded, and containing a great variety of flora. Once called King Park, it was renamed for a small spring-fed stream, which was dammed to create a 27-acre lake of clear, blue water. Miles of nature trails wind through the hills and valleys and around the lake. Every kind of bird native to Iowa may be seen in the sanctuary, as well as deer, squirrels, rabbits and other wild-life. Because of the abundance of plants and animals and the central location of the Park, the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp is held here each year from June until August (2 sessions of 3 weeks each), sponsored by the State Conservation Department, State Department of Public Instruction, and University of Northern Iowa.

1926



Webster City

D-6

Bell's Mill Park
5 miles NE of Stratford, Iowa

Hamilton County Conservation Board

Bonebright Museum
Webster City, Iowa

Hardscrabble (Linnburg, Iowa)
1 mile N of Iowa 175, along the
Des Moines River

Vegors Cemetery
N of Stratford, Iowa

All that remains of a once bustling and prosperous gristmill on the Boone River is an old millstone, marked by a memorial plaque. The first mill was built near here in 1853 and was rebuilt in 1867. In 1870 the mill was sold to members of the Bell family, who kept the mill wheel busy day and night. A sorghum mill is now located on the site of the old gristmill.

Relics of early Iowa.

The coal mining town of Linnburg was nicknamed "Hardscrabble" from the fact that residents had a difficult time to eke out an existence. Long since a ghost town, one building remains to mark the town-site, located in a beautiful valley known as Hungry Hollow through which Skillet Creek runs. An old stagecoach trail may still be seen in places. The Des Moines River is unique in the area, running between precipitous bluffs only a mile apart.

This 1849 cemetery was also the burial site of Indians before the white man came (500 B.C. to 500 A.D.). It is estimated that over 250 Indian mounds exist along the Des Moines River between the Ledges and Dolliver State Parks. Over 100 of these are located in the Stratford area. Five conical Indian mounds are located within Vegors Cemetery, four of which contain graves of white persons.

A monument marks the grave of Mrs. Jno. H. Lott, wife of the Henry Lott credited with starting the Indian uprisings that led to the Spirit Lake Massacre. Mrs. Lott supposedly died from exposure during an Indian raid and was the first white woman buried in the area.

A Revolutionary War soldier, Benjamin Bell (1751-1853), is also buried here. He lived to the age of 102 and is believed to be the only veteran of the American Revolution buried in central Iowa.

Garner

B-6

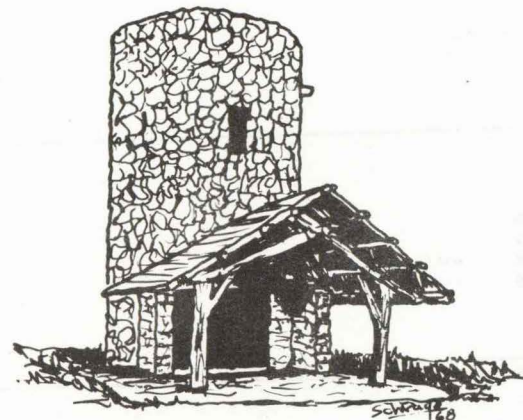
Concord Park
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S of Garner, Iowa

Pilot Knob State Park
4 miles E and 1 mile S of
Forest City on Iowa 332

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Old Concord Courthouse Square, located in a 2-acre park with camping and picnicking facilities. For more than two decades, prior to 1898, Concord was the county seat of Hancock County. A two-story brick courthouse, valued at \$10,000 was first occupied in 1869.

369-acre tract of hills and ridges, heavily wooded with native hardwoods and containing a wide variety of shrubs and flowering plants, provides an outstanding nature study area. Rare specimens found here include the Sundew plant and a floating bed of sphagnum moss, at spring-fed Dead Man's Lake, a variety of pond lily found nowhere else in Iowa, and a unique species of red-back mice. Pilot Knob, one of many odd-shaped glacial formations in the area, is one of the highest elevations in Iowa, rising about 300 feet above the surrounding valley. In pioneer days this morainal deposit of clay, gravel, and boulders left by the edge of the Wisconsin Glacier when it rapidly melted over 50,000 years ago, was a landmark used to guide travelers. From the 40-foot-high stone lookout tower on Pilot Knob may be seen a larger area of fertile land than from anywhere else in Iowa. The bird's eye view extends in all directions as far as 35 miles distance. The pattern of fields, meadows, woodlands, farms, and nearby towns varies with the seasons.



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HANCOCK

(Continued)

Timberland Museum
3 miles SE of Pilot Knob State Park

Arlo Johnson, Owner
Forest City, Iowa 50436

Early pioneer and Indian relics of the area.

1940

35c; children
under 12 free

Sunday only, May 15
November 1; other
times by appoint-
ment

HARDIN

42

Eldora

D-7

Pine Lake State Park
N of Eldora on Iowa 118

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

548-acre area with two lakes formed by impounding Pine Creek near its junction with the Iowa River. Hiking trails lead to native white pines over 250 years old, and a variety of other trees, wild flowers, and shrubs. Several Indian mounds are located in the park.

HARRISON

43

Logan

F-1

Magnolia Memorial Log Cabin
and Museum
Magnolia, Iowa

Mrs. Frank Thomas, Caretaker
Magnolia, Iowa 51550

A log cabin, closely resembling those built by the pioneers, has been built by members of families of early settlers in the area. The cabin is used as a museum and is the gathering place for the Old Settler's Reunion held in August each year in Harrison County's oldest town. Hundreds of relics are on display--many brought here by families in their covered wagons. The Masonic Museum, in Magnolia, houses additional relics. The remains of the first courthouse in Harrison County--a brick building--is now used by the local American Legion post.

1926

Open during
summer; other
times by appoint-
ment

Preston Niles Pioneer Village
and Museum
3 miles E of Missouri Valley, Iowa
on U.S. 30

Preston A. Niles, Owner
R.R. 3
Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555

Collection of 5,000 items, contained in 8 buildings. Included are pioneer Iowa relics, early farm machinery, Indian artifacts, antique toys, and dioramas of Iowa history. One building is devoted to the history of corn. Also a pioneer log cabin and 1856 stage depot.

1938

35c; children
10c if supervised

10 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Tuesday through
Saturday; 2-7 p.m.
Sunday; May through
November. Closed
Monday.

HENRY

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Mt. Pleasant

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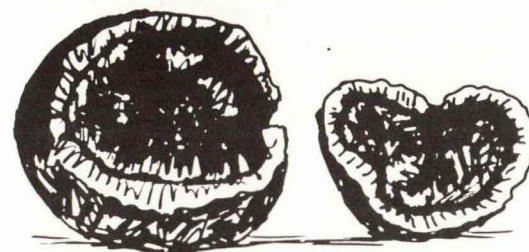
Geode State Park
6 miles SE of New London, Iowa
or 4 miles SW of Danville, Iowa

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

1,641-acre heavily wooded area with limestone bluffs, a 200-acre artificial lake, and an old stone quarry along the Skunk River which is one source of the geode, Iowa's state stone. These concretions are usually hollow and when broken open the cavities are lined with quartz crystals, calcite crystals, or other accessory minerals.

A tiny cemetery, reached by trail, contains grave markers bearing epitaphs dating back as far as 1816; the latest date is 1855. Old-timers in the region say the graveyard was used by one family. There is evidence that several of those buried here perished in a plague that struck the family early in the last century.

In the SW corner of the park, the Skunk River flows along to the Mississippi.



Harlan House
122 N. Jefferson
Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641

For 16 years this was the home of James A. Harlan (1820-1899). He built the house in 1857 and lived here during his entire career in the national government. It was also here that he died in 1899. Harlan was President of Iowa Wesleyan College, the first elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction (1847), U.S. Senator from Iowa, and was appointed Secretary of the Interior by President Lincoln, who was his close personal friend. The cabinet post was held by Harlan from 1865 until 1866, when he resigned to return to the U.S. Senate. Whether Harlan was among those admitted to the dying President's room at the time of Lincoln's assassination, is a matter of dispute. However, the close friendship between Senator Harlan and President Lincoln was recognized by the Senator's associates when he was chosen as a member of the Congressional Committee to escort the body of Lincoln from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois. James Harlan is one of two Iowans to be elected to the Hall of Fame at the national capitol in Washington, D. C.

The Harlan House is now a hotel and eating place. It contains many relics and documents of early Mount Pleasant and the Civil War, and Harlan memorabilia.



Harlan-Lincoln Home
101 West Broad
Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641

The former home of Senator James A. Harlan and his son-in-law, Robert Todd Lincoln. The Harlans moved here, near the Iowa Wesleyan campus, in 1873. Abraham Lincoln's eldest son married Mary Harlan, and the couple spent their summers in this home, with their children. Built in the 1860's the home has been restored and furnished with many of the original Harlan furnishings and Lincoln memorabilia. The three Harlan-Lincoln grandchildren have their heights recorded on a closet door in this old home.

Contributions
accepted

Open during
Midwest Old
Settlers and
Threshers
Reunion;
other times by
appointment

Henry County Historical Society
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Donald E. Young
305 West Green Street
Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641

Collection of local historical information (in private home). Guided tours; writing and compiling material on local history; educational programs for adults.

1956

Spring, Fall, 120
Winter

\$1.00
annual

Iowa Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

Dr. R. William Poulter
301 South Van Buren Street
Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641
or

Dr. Paul A. Christiansen, Chairman
Cornell College
Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314
or

LeRoy G. Pratt, Vice Chairman
317 S.W. 42nd Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

A national, non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of natural areas for their aesthetic, scientific, and educational values. Loans are provided to local organizations to protect outstanding natural areas through acquisition. Financial and legal responsibilities are assumed for the permanent protection of natural areas acquired by the Conservancy.

The Iowa Chapter promotes and coordinates natural area acquisitions in the state. Those areas already acquired or in the process of being acquired include 40-acre Berry Woods in Warren County, 42-acre Kopp Timber Tract in Clayton County, 12-acre Savage Memorial Woods in Henry County, a 60-acre area in the Red Rock Dam area in Marion County, a 17-acre hanging bog in Linn County, and a 7-acre woodland tract in Fort Dodge, Webster County, Iowa. A Newsletter is published periodically. Speakers and programs on nature and conservation are available for meetings.

Annual meeting 103
in Spring; field
trips as
announced to
members

\$5.00
annual



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HENRY

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Iowa Wesleyan College Museum
Iowa Wesleyan College
Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641

Exhibits on art, archeology, geology, and zoology; herbarium; collecting trips. Joint insect survey program with the University of Iowa.

College established in 1844

Lewelling Quaker Shrine
West Main
Salem, Iowa 52649

This imposing 6-room sandstone house was built in 1840-1845 by Henderson Lewelling. It was another "ticket office" or refuge for slaves escaping on the "Underground Railroad to Freedom", long before the Civil War. The Quakers were firmly opposed to slavery and were active in helping runaway slaves escape. Secret places in the homes and other buildings were used to hide the slaves until they could be moved on to freedom. The house contains pioneer utensils and farm equipment dating back to 1834. Mr. Lewelling was also a noted early horticulturist. He developed the "Bing" Cherry and took the first grafted fruit trees to the Pacific Coast in 1847 by wagon train, to start the fruit-growing industry on the West Coast.

1959

On call

Donations

Open by appointment

Delmar Barton or
Elbert M. Brown
Salem, Iowa 52649

Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association
McMillan Park
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

During the Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Reunion--a "steam festival"--over 100 large and small steam engines, steam locomotives, and stationary engines, and a like number of antique automobiles are in operation. On the grounds are an Old Settlers Village with log cabin, rural schoolhouse, country church, depot, general store, saloon, barber shop, blacksmith shop, wagon factory, fire station, and bandstand. Demonstrations of threshing machine, sorghum mill, saw mill, and Baker fan powered by steam engines. Displays of old farm machinery, antiques, and pioneer items to tell the story of our agricultural heritage. Narrow gauge (36-inch) steam railroad--the Midwest Central Railroad--in operation on the grounds. An old-time tent show is performed each night during the Reunion.

1950

Board meeting
1st Monday of
each month

Annual
attendance
over 200,000

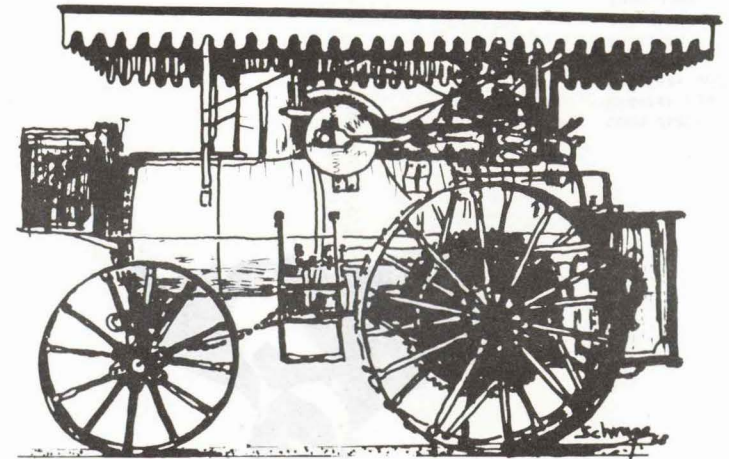
\$1.00 annual;
children,
free

5 days starting
on the first
Thursday before
Labor Day

Oakland Mills State Park
4 miles SW of Mount Pleasant,
on Iowa 133

85-acre wooded tract along the Skunk River, at the site of an old fishing village and mill. The dam was the first authorized by the State Legislature on the Skunk River. The old water mill and dam have been replaced by a hydroelectric plant.

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308



HOWARD

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Cresco

A-9

Ada Hayden Prairie
5 miles SW of Lime Springs, Iowa
on county road

This State Public Hunting Area is popular for nature study, with 134 species of native flowers, representing 36 plant families.

When the white man first arrived in Iowa about 85 per cent of its area was beautiful prairie covered with tall prairie grass and a wide variety of wild flowers. About 500 acres (only 0.015 per cent of the original area) have been preserved in four state-owned natural areas. Ada Hayden Prairie is the largest of these--199 acres--and was the first acquired by the State of Iowa. Other smaller natural

prairie areas exist in State parks or have been preserved by County Conservation Boards or by private owners, or exist in rural areas along railroad rights of way, country roads, cemeteries, and on rural school grounds.

Howard County Historical Society
Cresco, Iowa

George R. Laub, President
217 North Elm
Cresco, Iowa 52136

Restored historic building and old rural schoolhouse at Howard County Fairgrounds, where antiques are displayed each year. Sponsors spring coffee and bake sale and a fall book sale. Restored log cabin. Purchase of a Victorian period house planned for use as a permanent headquarters.

1926

3rd
Saturday
of month

60

\$1.00
annual

Sunday 2-5 p.m.
during summer

HUMBOLDT

46

Dakota City

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Humboldt County Historical Society
Humboldt, Iowa

Mrs. Paul Parsons, President
R.R. 1, Humboldt, Iowa 50548

Old Mill Farm, located on the E side of the Des Moines River near Dakota City, was donated in 1966 by Mr. and Mrs. Art Kunert and Mrs. Clarence Kunert for the permanent site of a museum. The mill was destroyed by fire and the old mill dam went out later, leaving only the home. This old 14-room, red brick house, which was built by Cory Brown, Sr. in the 1880's, is being restored. When work is completed, the historical museum will contain mementoes of famous residents, old Humboldt College, and the old stagecoach stop and post office at Addison. Willow or Norway No. 6 School built by Ole Blondahl in 1883, is also on the grounds, and has been furnished in the 1890 period. Classes were held in the school, SE of Thor, until May 26, 1955. The early day schoolhouse was also used for church services and community meetings. A log cabin is being rebuilt. World champion heavyweight wrestler, Frank Gotch, was born near Humboldt. His training camps were in Bicknell Park and Frank Gotch Park 2 miles SE of Humboldt on the Des Moines River. An annual Frank Gotch Day is observed in June. Various money-making projects are used to provide funds for Society activities.

November
13, 1962

1st Monday
of month,
8 p.m.

287

\$2.00 annual

Humboldt County Old Settler's Association
Livermore, Iowa

Mrs. John Olson, Secretary-Treasurer
Livermore, Iowa 50558

A log cabin built in 1890, located on a half-acre of timber near Livermore, is used for a meeting place and contains ox yokes, a scythe and cradle, cider press, wood carvings, and other pioneer relics.

September 25,
1885

70

Donations

Picnic 1st Saturday
in September

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Ida Grove

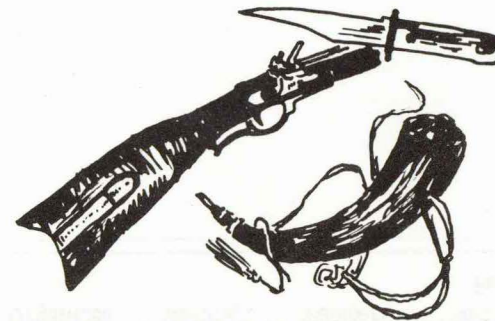
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Battle Hill
Near Battle Creek, Iowa

Ida County Historical Society
Ida Grove, Iowa

Arthur L. Johnson
Ida Grove, Iowa 51445

The site of an 1849 battle between hostile Sioux Indians and a government survey party, marked by a bronze tablet erected in 1936. The battle gave the adjoining hill, a small stream at its foot, and the town of Battle Creek their names.



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Organized

Time of
Meetings

Number of
Members

Dues or
Admission
Fee

Days and
Hours Open

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Marengo

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Amana Colonies
Located on and N of U.S. 6

Seven "old world" villages founded in 1855 in the Iowa River Valley by the Inspirationalists under the leadership of Christian Metz (died 1867). The towns are spaced "one hour by oxen" apart. Homes of brick or locally-quarried stone; fruit trees; grapes; flowers; American Lotus on Amana Lake in mid-summer. Tours may be arranged through the various factories which manufacture woollens, furniture, wines, bakery goods, and meat specialities. These industries provide the villages with the essential necessities of life. Skills have been handed down from father to son in the old world tradition. Today the new ways are blended with the old. Amana restaurants are famous for excellent meals, served family style.

Amana Heim (Home)
Homestead, Iowa

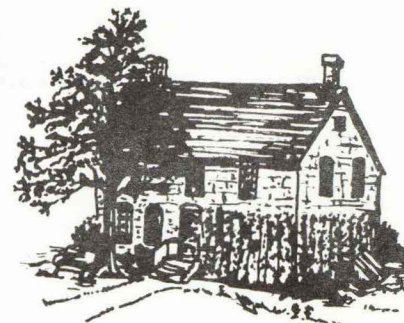
Built nearly 100 years ago on the south bluffs of the Iowa River in the Amana settlement. Constructed of brick made from native clay and timbers cut and hewed in the nearby forests, mortised and tenoned and put together without nails. Furnished with Amana-crafted walnut furniture and authentic and original pioneer items--old iron stoves, carpet looms, quilting frames, ironstone chinaware, toys, and hand implements. A hostess is available for guided tours.

Iowa County Historical Society
Marengo, Iowa

Mrs. A. B. Patterson
291 W. South Street
Marengo, Iowa 52301
or
Earl Myers
Marengo, Iowa 52301

Annual picnic in September held at Gritter School, a red brick schoolhouse established in 1872 in English Township, 3 miles NW of North English, in wooded area (oak and hickory nut trees).

The last remaining log house and cabin in Iowa County was moved in 1965 from Iowa Township to Marengo City Park. Original logs cut from land owned by Henrick Meyer (1825-1907), who came from Germany to Iowa County and built a bachelor cabin in 1856. Following his marriage, the log house was built in 1861. The original stones of the foundation and basement are in the restored building. The log buildings are furnished with heirlooms, mainly from Iowa County. Included are kitchen equipment, candle mold, rope bed, Boston rocker, and old cupboards.



Daily 10 a.m.-4:30
p.m.; Sunday noon-
4:30 p.m.; April 15-
November 1

1-5 p.m. Saturday and
Sunday; other times by
appointment.

JACKSON

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Maquoketa

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Bellevue State Park
S of Bellevue, Iowa on
U.S. 52

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

A beautiful 145-acre tract near the Mississippi River. From 300-foot high bluffs is a superb view of the river, lock and dam No. 12, river barges, wooded islands, Bellevue, sand dunes, rugged woodlands, and an old mill on Mill Creek. Trails lead to unusual rock formations and conical Indian mounds associated with the Woodland Culture (1,000 B.C. to about 1300 A.D.). White settlers arrived in the region as early as 1833. An assortment of wild flowers grow in the park, and many ferns (including purple cliffbrake) on the limestone ledges. Trees include tall white pines and graceful white birch. Birds common to the area are the ruby-throated hummingbird, and the rarer pileated woodpecker and the bald eagle.

Home of Ansel Briggs
Andrew, Iowa

Ansel Briggs (1806-1881), Iowa's first elected State Governor (1846-1850) lived in the Butterworth Tavern (inn), which was located ½ mile N of Andrew. Briggs carried the mail along the old military road to Dubuque from 1836 to 1846. A bronze tablet memorializes an elm tree planted by Briggs in Andrew, and a monument stands at the head of his grave in the cemetery.

Jackson County Historical Society
Box 1335, Maquoketa, Iowa 52060

Paul Junior Papke, President
RR 2, Sabula, Iowa 52070
or
Dr. L. Hepker
620 South Main Street
Maquoketa, Iowa 52060

Sponsors an annual Anecdote Contest and tours to historic areas in Jackson County, assists in marking and preserving historic sites, presents radio programs on station KMAQ, and maintains a booth at the Jackson County Fair. An office and small display are housed in the former Salvation Army Church. A new museum will be located in the Pearson Memorial Building (late August, 1968).

April 25,
1903; dis-
continued
1912; re-
organized
June 11,
1964

3rd Tuesday
of month

280

\$1.00 annual;
\$10.00 life

Weekdays
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Maquoketa Caves State Park
7 miles NW of Maquoketa, Iowa
on Iowa 130

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

A 152-acre wooded tract containing many geological curiosities. Trails lead through deep ravines with sheer cliffs ranging up to 75 feet in height. From the top are exciting views of the surrounding valley. Numerous caves honeycomb the limestone cliffs. Initials and dates carved in the walls of the caves date back to 1835, and Indian pottery, arrowheads, and spears found in the caverns are evidence that they were used as a dwelling place by prehistoric Indians. When discovered by a hunting party before the Civil War, the cave ceilings were hung with milk-white stalactites, and corresponding stalagmites rose from the floor. Unfortunately, these have been removed by souvenir hunters. The major caves are electrically lighted. A natural bridge connects two bluffs about 25 feet above the valley floor, and a 17-ton balanced rock is perched atop a cliff, resting on a base only one foot in diameter. The park is popular with spelunkers and practicing mountain climbers and is unexcelled in Iowa for its variety of flora and fauna.

1921

Red Schoolhouse
3 miles W of Maquoketa, Iowa
on U.S. 64

Jackson County Conservation Board

Old rural schoolhouse on a one-acre plot.

Sagers Museum
6 miles NW of Maquoketa, Iowa,
at entrance to Maquoketa Caves
State Park

Paul Sagers, Owner
RR 2, Maquoketa, Iowa 52060

A natural history museum containing specimens of wildlife, artifacts of prehistoric peoples, freaks of nature, pioneer artifacts, and displays on the history of the area.

Founded
1950;
opened 1952

25¢; children
10¢; free to
school groups
with teacher
upon advance
appointment

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
during June, July,
and August



Saint Donatus, Iowa (Tetes des Morts)
On U.S. 52 and 67

This picturesque French village offers "a bit of Luxemburg in America." Niagara limestone buildings date back to the 1850's. The Parish School, formerly St. Mary's Academy (1869), was the first girls' boarding school in Iowa. A winding path leads past the 14 Stations of the

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JACKSON (continued)		Cross to the Chapel on the Mount, a reproduction of Chapel du Bilchen in old world Luxemburg. The twin-towered, red brick Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John, on the side of a rocky hill, is visible for miles up and down the valley.					
JASPER 50 Newton F-7	<u>Maytag Historical Center</u> The Maytag Company Newton, Iowa 50208	Authentic antiques, wall and floor coverings, pictures, and newspaper reproductions are used in period settings to tell the story of the washing machine industry. Beginning with the first Maytag washer--a hand operated 1907 "Pastime" model--displays progress through the years to the latest in home laundry equipment.				Free	8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
JEFFERSON 51 Fairfield H-10	<u>Jefferson County Historical Society</u> Fairfield, Iowa Ben J. Taylor, Secretary 304 South Main Street Fairfield, Iowa 52556	Items of local historical interest are preserved. A Pioneer Museum is maintained in the Public Library. Exhibits also include stuffed birds and animals, Indian relics, archeological collections, and art. Bonifield Log Cabin built in 1836 is the first erected in Jefferson County, located in Waterworks Park. In front of the cabin is the grave of the first white settler in the county. In Evergreen Cemetery is a monument to Mrs. M. E. (Auntie) Woods (1813-1891), who traveled among the Iowa troops with a commissary wagon under soldier escort during the Civil War. She received an honorary commission of major from Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood. Fairfield is the site of the first Iowa State Fair, held on October 10-12, 1854.	March 1, 1953	No regular time	17	Voluntary contributions	
JOHNSON 52 Iowa City F-10	<u>Iowa Archeological Society</u> Adrian D. Anderson, President Office of the State Archeologist 129 South Capitol Iowa City, Iowa 52240 or Mrs. Phil Thornton, Secretary- Treasurer, 326 Otsego Street Storm Lake, Iowa 50588 or Garland J. Gordon, Editor Effigy Mounds National Monument McGregor, Iowa 52157	A non-profit, scientific society whose purpose is to bring about cooperation of amateur and professional archeologists in expanding our knowledge of the pre-historic Indians of Iowa. Publications include a <u>Newsletter</u> , issued periodically, which reports archeological finds and activities of members, and the <u>Journal of the Iowa Archeological Society</u> , which contains reports of permanent scientific value describing archeological camps, villages, mounds, and tools left by the prehistoric Indians of Iowa.		Annual meeting in Spring at different location each year; SE Chapter meets in Ottumwa, 7 p.m., 2nd Friday of month; NW Chapter meets in Cherokee, 3rd Sunday of month	271	\$2.00 annual; \$3.00 family; \$10.00 sustaining; \$50.00 life	
	<u>Museum of Natural History</u> Macbride Hall The University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa 52240 Walter C. Thietje, Curator	For the first 28 years of its existence, the museum was housed in the Old Capitol building. Many of its collections have been obtained through expeditions financed by friends of the University and by gifts. The systematically arranged exhibits include a Bird Hall, (with collections of Iowa winter birds, abnormally colored and extinct	Established in 1858			Free	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday; closed on national holidays



birds, and exotic species) and Mammal Hall. In addition, there are displays of geology, botany, fish, reptiles, amphibians, marine invertebrates, insects, and habitat groups. Also Maori and Philippine exhibits; weapons, carvings, and implements from Africa, Mexico, and Java; Eskimo ivory carvings, and beadwork; and arrowheads, spearheads, and axes collected along the Iowa River; and displays of museum techniques. Courses in museum training are offered.

Old Capitol
Clinton Street at Iowa Avenue
Iowa City, Iowa

The seat of the first Territorial Government in Iowa was at Burlington, but Iowa's first permanent capitol was built at Iowa City. The cornerstone was laid July 4, 1840. Built in Greek Revival style, the building was not completed until 1855, and only two years later the State capital was moved to Des Moines. John F. Rague, the supervising architect, also designed the Old State House at Springfield, Illinois (1839). Built at a cost of \$123,000, the capitol is topped by a gold dome supported by sixteen Corinthian columns. The graceful building is used today to house the administrative offices of The University of Iowa.



Plum Grove
727 Switzer Avenue
Iowa City, Iowa

The historic home of Robert Lucas, first Governor of the Territory of Iowa (1838-1841), and his wife, Friendly. This impressive red brick residence--the "Mount Vernon of Iowa"-- was built by Lucas in 1844 and remained his home until his death on February 7, 1853. Although of Quaker ancestry, Lucas was a military man, rising in rank to become a major general in the Ohio militia and a colonel in the U.S. Army. He served four years as Governor of Ohio before his appointment as Iowa Territorial Governor by President Martin Van Buren. Governor Lucas is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Iowa City. Plum Grove was purchased by the State of Iowa in 1940 and restored. The home has been appropriately furnished with pieces authentic to the Lucas period, by Iowa members of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America.

Free 1 - 5 p.m. Tuesday
through Saturday,
April - November

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

State Historical Society of Iowa
Centennial Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Collects, preserves, does research, and publishes material on Iowa history. Library of 109,000 titles; microfilms of Iowa newspapers; Indian artifacts. Sponsors annual river cruises in July. Responsible for erection of historical markers.

1857

10,485

\$5.00 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-5
annual p.m. Monday through
Friday

William J. Petersen, Superintendent

JONES

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Antioch School Memorial
Grant Wood Memorial Park
3 miles E. of Anamosa, Iowa
on U.S. 64

Rural schoolhouse, built in 1872, attended by Iowa artist Grant Wood (1891-1942) from 1897 to 1901. Contains reproductions of Wood's paintings and historical articles. The Log Cabin Art Gallery and Studio, on the grounds, displays amateur art. An Outdoor Art Exhibit and Open House is held annually on the last Sunday in July. Grant Wood's grave is in Riverside Cemetery in Anamosa, Iowa.

June, 1955

2nd and 4th
Wednesday of
each month

34

\$10.00
annual

Donations welcome
1-5 p.m. Sunday,
during Summer and
Fall; other times
by appointment

Anamosa

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Stone City, Iowa
4 miles W of Anamosa, Iowa

In the 1930's artist Grant Wood established an Art Colony at Stone City. In 1931, he painted "Stone City", which drew nationwide attention.

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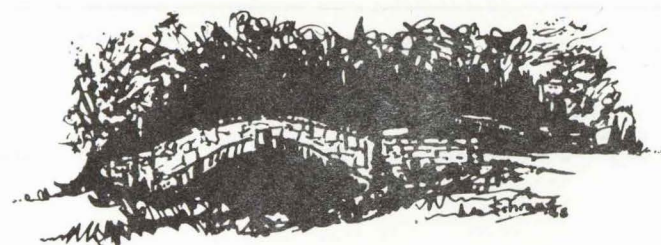
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Wapsipinicon State Park
S edge of Anamosa, Iowa
on U.S. 151

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

This painting is now owned by the Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska. The town was a flourishing community in the 1880's, situated in the sheltered valley of the Wapsipinicon River. The bluffs above the river provided a fine grade of limestone and from the quarries came the stone for many of the homes, places of business, the church, and school in Stone City. More recently, this stone was used in the construction of the Herbert Hoover Library at West Branch, Iowa.

This 248-acre tract along the W bank of the Wapsipinicon River includes high rocky sandstone and limestone cliffs, open meadows and timbered hills, several caves, an abundance of wildlife and plants of high botanical value, and Indian burials. Hiking trails lead to Horse Thief Cave, said to have been used as a hideout by early day horse thieves, and Ice Cave, which maintains a steady temperature year-round. The oldest planting of White Pine in Iowa creates an atmosphere of being "way out West" or in the far North.



KEOKUK

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Sigourney

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Keokuk County Historical Society
Sigourney, Iowa

Gordon Hauschild
519A Pershing Boulevard
Sigourney, Iowa 52591

Marker erected in South English, Iowa in memory of the Tally War or Skunk River War, a Civil War incident in which Cyphert Tally, a young Baptist preacher, was killed.

2½ miles SE of Delta, Iowa is a covered bridge dating back to 1867, and still open to light traffic. The bridge crosses the North Skunk River and originally cost \$1,620. The distinctive arch truss or Pennsylvania type of construction is unusual. A picnic and recreation area is maintained nearby.

January 21,
1963

When called
by president

60

\$1.00 annual

What Cheer Opera House, Inc.
What Cheer, Iowa

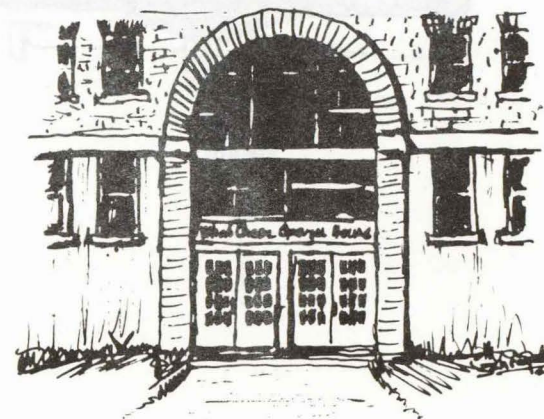
Mrs. Raymond Newcomb, President
What Cheer, Iowa 50268

The 1893 brick Opera House has been restored and is used to present concerts by "big name" bands and variety programs. The 800-seat theatre featured nationally known artists, and companies often came to the What Cheer Opera House within a few weeks of their appearance on Broadway. The attractively designed interior, with its horse-shoe balcony, marvelous acoustics, and such memorabilia as old posters and the reserved seat ticket board, are preserved.

An old brick schoolhouse is being preserved. It is planned to furnish one of the four rooms as an old school room, and use the other rooms as a museum to display artifacts and items of local historical significance. A log cabin, dating back to 1840, is to be moved to the site and furnished in that era. It is hoped that a stage-coach stop or inn, built about 1850, can be restored, also.

August 30,
1965

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KOSSUTH

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Algona

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Ambrose A. Call State Park
1½ miles SW of Algona, Iowa on Iowa 274

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

A wooded area of 130 acres with exceptionally large black walnut trees and oaks, overlooking the East Fork of the Des Moines River. Formerly farm land belonging to the Call family, the park includes the site of the first log cabin in Kossuth County, built in July, 1854 by Ambrose Call. According to some historians, Inkpadutah and his band of outlaw Sioux Indians camped here before perpetrating the Spirit Lake Massacre of 1857.

Kossuth County Historical Society
Nebraska and Dodge Streets
Algona, Iowa 50511

Annual bean supper held on George Washington's birthday. Historical display at Kossuth County Fair. Plans to form a pioneer club.

1959

2nd Tuesday
in January

450

\$2.00 annual;
\$25.00 life

William Dau, Sr., President
Algona, Iowa 50511
or
Chester R. Schoby
R.R. 1
Algona, Iowa 50511
or
Mrs. Wayne Keith, Museum Director
Algona, Iowa 50511

A two-story, 30' x 50' building, built in 1867 and formerly the public schoolhouse, G.A.R. Hall, Library, and American Legion Hall, was acquired in June, 1967 for a county museum. Exhibits include a grandmothers' kitchen, a period living room, wearing apparel, pictures of early days, war memorials, pioneer items, and art. A record and research department contains books, histories of the county, and a file of newspapers of the Upper Des Moines region dating back to 1870.

Free

2-4 p.m. Friday;
other times by
appointment

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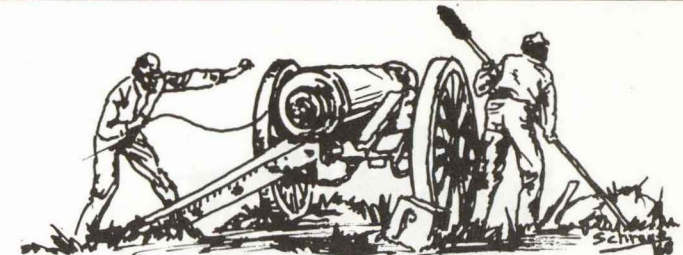
Fort Madison
and
Keokuk

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Croton Civil War Memorial Park
Croton, Iowa

Lee County Conservation Board
Lee County Courthouse
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

Iowa's only Civil War battle scars are at Croton, The Des Moines River formed the boundary between North and South in a battle or skirmish that was fought at Athens, Missouri, across the river from Croton, on August 5, 1861. A monument has been erected at this historic site to honor the casualties. Sprouse House, located in an 8-acre park, was used as a field hospital during the struggle. One of those wounded was William Sprouse, who later died in his own home.



Dedication
October 4, 1940

Open by appointment

Galland School
3 miles S of Montrose, Iowa

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Replica of the first schoolhouse in Iowa, erected in 1830 by Dr. Isaac Galland in a clearing on the bank of the Mississippi River at the Indian village, Ahwipetuck, which means "head of the rapids." Berryman Jennings, a native of Kentucky, was employed by Dr. Galland as the first teacher. The original site was submerged in 1913 when the Keokuk Dam was built. This reproduction of the log schoolhouse is situated nearby.

Keokuk River Museum
Victory Park, at foot of Johnson Street
Keokuk, Iowa 52632

William L. Talbot
226 High Street
Keokuk, Iowa 52632

Old double helical paddlewheel towboat, the George M. Verity, berthed on the riverfront, serves as a museum of upper Mississippi River history. This steamboat inaugurated modern barge service above the Keokuk Dam, and was one of the last sternwheelers to operate on the Mississippi. Visitors have access to the machinery and interior of the steamboat. Pictures and river artifacts are displayed. Sponsored by Lee County Historical Society and Keokuk Chamber of Commerce, and operated by the Keokuk Museum Commission.

1963

Keokuk Museum
Commission meets
at 11 a.m. on
the 2nd Tuesday
of each month

8

50¢; children
25¢; tour groups
of 12 or more,
35¢ for adults,
15¢ for children

9 a.m.-5 p.m.,
Monday through
Saturday and
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday and
holidays, April
15-November 1

Lee County Iowa Historical Society
318 North 5th Street
Keokuk, Iowa 52632


Projects include tours of historic sites and publications on local history.

1956

Every two
months

170

\$2.00 annual

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LEE (Continued)	Alois (Al) Weber, President R.R. 2, Keokuk, Iowa 52632 or William L. Talbot 226 High Street Keokuk, Iowa 52632	<p>A museum is maintained in the pioneer home of Samuel F. Miller, appointed to U.S. Supreme Court by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862; Miller served until his death in 1890. The home was built in the late 1850's. On display are Chief Keokuk's rifle, Mark Twain furniture, antiques, paintings, and early Keokuk memorabilia. The old home serves as the Society's meeting place.</p> <p>Other homes of historic interest, located in Keokuk, include the boyhood home of novelist and playwright Rupert Hughes (across the alley from the Miller home); the modest dwelling in which Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) once lived while he was employed as a printer's devil; and the birthplace of internationally famous party-giver Elsa Maxwell, at 318 North Fourth Street.</p> <p>The monument and grave of Chief Keokuk is located in Rand Park, high above the Mississippi.</p>	1861		Open by appointment		
	<u>National Cemetery</u> W end of Cedar Street Keokuk, Iowa	One of 85 national cemeteries in the United States and the only one in Iowa. Established in 1861, over 750 soldiers were buried here before the end of the Civil War, including at least 5 Confederate prisoners. The College of Physicians and Surgeons (which later became the University of Iowa Medical School) was located here in 1850 and, during the Civil War, Keokuk was designated a General Hospital Center. Five hospitals were established here to care for sick and wounded soldiers from southern battlefields. The cemetery is still used as a burial place for the honored dead of our wars. The 2,000 veterans buried here represent every war in which our country has been involved, except the American Revolution.					
	<u>North Lee County Historical Society</u> Fort Madison, Iowa L.P. Koch, Treasurer 1207 Avenue C Fort Madison, Iowa 52627	A red brick rural school, Brush College, over 100 years old, has been restored and fully equipped.	May, 1962	5th Monday of month	125	\$2.00 annual	Open on advertised Sundays; to groups by appointment
	<u>Old Fort Madison, Inc.</u> Fort Madison, Iowa B. B. Hesse IV 635 Avenue G Fort Madison, Iowa 52627	Foundations and cobbled walks of Old Fort Madison (1808-1813), the first fortification built in Iowa to guard the frontier and quiet the Indians on the upper Mississippi. The fort proved difficult to defend. After repeated attacks by the Indians during the War of 1812, the troops were forced to abandon the fort, burning it as they escaped by boats. The blackened lone chimney remained standing and became a landmark and monument to the high tide of Indian power. In later years, a replica of this chimney was erected on the site of Blockhouse No. 1. The exact location of the old fort was determined by archeological excavations in 1965 and many artifacts were recovered. Plans call for rebuilding the 1808 fort.	1965	When called	20	\$5.00 annual	

Cedar Rapids

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Abbe Creek School Museum
2 miles NW of Mount Vernon,
on Iowa 150

Linn County Conservation Board
Central City, Iowa 52214

Believed to be the oldest standing brick school-house in Iowa. Constructed in 1854 of soft brick, kilned locally. Initials, names, and dates (earliest is 1885) have been carved in many of the bricks on the outside of the building. On the site is a marker honoring William Abbe, the first white settler in Linn County. Mrs. Abbe is buried nearby in an unmarked grave. The original storm cave, opening into the side of the hill, and the spring which furnished the drinking water for students and teacher are on the grounds.

Museum dedicated
in October, 1964

Open during
summer season,
or by
appointment

Original books, slates, desks, and furnishings of mid-19th Century country schools may be seen.

Iowa Masonic Library and Museum
813 - First Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Ralph E. Whipple, Grand Secretary of
Grand Lodge of Iowa
Box 279
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

One of the oldest and largest Masonic libraries in the United States, established in 1844 by Theodore S. Parvin who came to Iowa in 1838 as Secretary to Robert Lucas, first Territorial Governor of Iowa (1838-1841). The library includes works on secret societies of the Middle Ages. The museum contains collections of Masonic interest, firearms, Indian weapons and tools, and personal items owned by Parvin.

1964

8 a.m.-noon
and 1-5 p.m.,
on week days;
other times by
appointment



Lewis Wildlife and Timber Reserve
4 miles S of Center Point, Iowa

Linn County Conservation Board
Central City, Iowa 52214

A 350-acre tract, donated by Ira Lewis, set aside to preserve the native Iowa landscape. No road access. Plans to plant walnut trees in one part of the area.

Linn County Heritage Society

Loyal Melton
R. R. Palo, Iowa 52324

Locating and securing information about old cemeteries in Linn County. Programs on history of Linn County.

February
22, 1965

Second Thursday 60
of month, in
evening;
genealogical
meeting on
fourth Thursday,
in morning

\$1.00 annual

Linn County Historical Society
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

W. Howard Smith
515 Merchants National Bank Building
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

A 150-acre area along the Cedar River preserved for nature study.

Palisades--Dow Preserve
5 miles E of Ely, Iowa

Linn County Conservation Board
Central City, Iowa 52214

No trespassing; may be
seen only with written
permission

Palisades--Kepler State Park
4 miles W of Mount Vernon, Iowa,
off U.S. 30

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

A 688-acre area of natural scenic beauty containing huge limestone cliffs, or palisades, from 30 to 75 feet high along the Cedar River. Numerous caves, Indian mounds, and a stone archway are in this historic area. A variety of Indian pottery, arrowheads, stone fishhooks, and other articles, and a molar tooth from an ancient mammoth have been found here. Deep timbered valleys provide a haven for assorted wild flowers, mosses, and ferns. Red cedar, American yew, and ground hemlock are in evidence. Marked nature trails wind through the park, and from Lookout Tower, atop a high cliff, is a fine view of the river and surrounding countryside.

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(Continued)

Palo Marsh Wildlife Refuge
½ mile N of Palo, Iowa

Linn County Conservation Board
Central City, Iowa 52214

An undeveloped area of 144 acres on the Cedar River. A migratory bird refuge and wildlife reserve preserved for nature study.

No trespassing; may be seen only with written permission

Rock Island Preserve
1 mile NW of Linn Junction, Iowa

Linn County Conservation Board
Central City, Iowa 52214

A 20-acre undeveloped area preserved for scientific botanical study. Prairie wild flowers and plants.

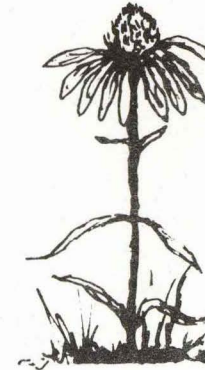
Standing Rock
4 miles SW of Lisbon, Iowa

A granite glacial boulder, which was one of the original and possibly only remaining landmark used to locate the boundary of the Black Hawk Purchase, following the close of the Black Hawk War of 1832. The rock may have been named by one of the original surveyors. All or parts of 22 Iowa counties were included in the tract of nearly 6 million acres W of the Mississippi River.

Wickiup Hill Conservation Area
2 miles W of Toddville, Iowa

Linn County Conservation Board
Central City, Iowa 52214

An undeveloped area of 177 acres preserved for hiking, nature study, and wilderness camping.



LOUISA
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Wapello

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Joliet and Marquette Historical Marker
Near Toolesboro, along Iowa 99

French-Canadian trapper Louis Joliet and Father Jacques Marquette were the first white men to see Iowa and set foot on its soil. They entered the Mississippi River after coming down the Wisconsin River, and for 8 days paddled along the eastern border of Iowa. On June 25, 1673 the party landed on the W bank of the Mississippi, probably at some point near the mouth of the Iowa River. They were met by friendly Illinois Indians and remained to rest and smoke the calumet or peace pipe with them at their village.

Louisa County Historical Society
Wapello, Iowa

W. O. Weaver
Wapello, Iowa 52653

Early in 1968, a 5-acre tract in the Toolesboro area was purchased to develop as a historic site. A museum is to be built near the Toolesboro Indian Mounds, along the Great River Road. Five miles S of Wapello, along the Iowa River, Chiefs Black Hawk, Keokuk, Poweshiek, and Wapello held war council to deliberate on an attack on Fort Armstrong. War parties were launched from this area during the Black Hawk War.

Swinging Bridge
Columbus Junction, Iowa
just off Iowa 92

This historic swinging, wooden, suspension bridge was built about 100 years ago on Elm Street as the thoroughfare between 3rd and 4th, across a deep wooded ravine. It was restored in 1967.



Toolesboro Indian Mounds
Toolesboro, Iowa

State Historical Society of Iowa
Centennial Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Approximately 100 Hopewell Indian mounds have been located near the junction of the Iowa and Mississippi Rivers. Many have been obliterated by cultivation of the land since the mounds were first explored in the 1870's by a party from the Davenport Academy of Sciences. Skeletons and artifacts have been found in the mounds. Many of these specimens and relics were removed to the Davenport Public Museum.

LUCAS

59

Chariton

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Hillcrest Rock Museum
W of Chariton, Iowa on U.S. 34

John L. Lewis Mining Museum
Lucas, Iowa

Lucas County Historical Society
123 - 17th Street
Chariton, Iowa 50049

Mrs. J. G. Garton
625 South Eighth Street
Chariton, Iowa 50049

Stephens State Forest
Scattered areas NE of Chariton and
SW of Lucas, Iowa

James Bulman
Area Forester, Chariton, Iowa 50049

Old house acquired for museum. Items related to heritage of early settlers. Old schoolhouse.

March, 1965

3rd Friday in
March

325

\$1.00 annual
Museum, 50¢;
children 25¢

1 - 5 p.m.
Sunday and
Wednesday

LYON

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Rock Rapids

A-1

Gitchie Manitou State Preserve
9 miles NW of Larchwood, Iowa

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

This portion of land in the extreme NW corner of Iowa, covering 153 acres, is one of the most unusual areas in the State. Gitchie Manitou is the Sioux Indian name for "Great Spirit" or "Great Force of Nature." French explorers called it Coteau des Prairies or "Hill of the Prairies" and English trappers referred to it as "Height of Land." The oldest known rock outcrop in Iowa is Sioux Quartzite, dating back to the Pre-Cambrian Age, two billion years ago. Erosion has exposed this hard pink colored rock only in this corner of Iowa. In other parts of the State, the Sioux Quartzite lies buried deep under the soil. In the 1890's, prisoners quarried the quartzite and much of it was shipped out. The area was rescued from further exploitation when it was made a geological monument in 1920. Jasper Pool is a deep colored pool in the quartzite. The area is also of botanical interest. Desert plants, such as prickly pear cactus, and prairie grasses and wild flowers are found on the lush native unplowed prairie along the Big Sioux River. Western prairie birds are common. Old-timers in the area claim that Gitchie Manitou was one of the secret meeting places of Sitting Bull and his Sioux warriors when they were preparing for the Battle of the Big Horn where Custer's troops were wiped out. Artifacts found here give evidence of previous Indian occupation. A series of circular Indian burial mounds are located in the southern portion of the preserve.



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MADISON

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Winterset

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Covered Bridges

Located on rocky roads in the
Winterset, Iowa area

Chamber of Commerce
Winterset, Iowa 50273

Typical of bygone days are the dozen old wooden covered bridges still in existence in Iowa. Madison County has preserved 7 of its original 16 covered bridges, built between 1855 and 1884. The oldest of those remaining was completed in 1871. In 1872, the first wrought iron bridge was built in the County, marking the beginning of the end of the old wooden covered bridges, symbols of America's romantic past. The names of the Madison County covered bridges are: Cedar Lake or Casper, Cutler or Donahue, Hogback, Holliswell (the longest span), Imes, McBride, and Roseman or Oak Grove. All are in use for light traffic (8 ton limit).

Earlham Historical Preservation Society
Earlham, Iowa

Mrs. Ted Harris, President

A museum, located in a town-owned building dating back to the turn of the century, contains such items as an old horse-drawn fire hose cart, early Quaker clothing, old farm machinery, toys, an early Presbyterian church organ, old school books and religious volumes, bound copies of The Breeder's Gazette from the 1890's, and antiques. The Society is also interested in the preservation of historic structures in the community.

Madison County Historical Society
Winterset, Iowa

Lloyd H. Smith
Madison County Superintendent of Schools
Winterset, Iowa 50273

A collection of items related to Madison County history are preserved. Dignified Madison County Courthouse was designed by architect Alfred H. Piguénard, who also designed the State Capitol in Des Moines. The courthouse is constructed of native limestone quarried in Madison County. The dome, which rises 136 feet above ground level, is a familiar landmark.

1904

On call

\$1.00 annual

Original Delicious Apple Tree

Near Peru, in Madison County, Iowa

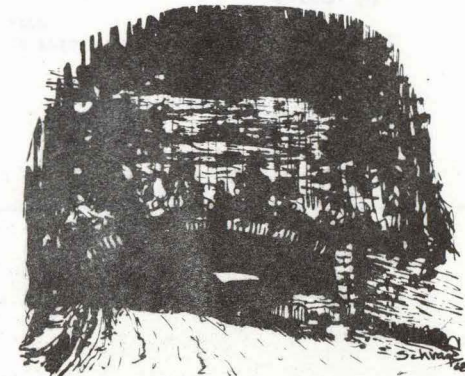
In 1872 a "freak" variety of apple tree was found in an orchard planted in the 1860's by Jesse Hiatt, a Quaker who came to Madison County in 1856. From this original tree the Stark Nurseries developed the Delicious Apple. Some 10,000,000 trees have since come from its branches. An early freeze killed the original tree on November 11, 1942, but from the stump new shoots have grown. The famous tree is now protected by an iron fence. A glacial boulder marker at Winterset commemorates the discovery.

Pammel State Park

5 miles SW of Winterset, off
Iowa 92 on Iowa 162

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

This picturesque region was once called Devil's Backbone Park because of an unusual limestone ridge extending the length of the park. Its present name honors the late Dr. Louis H. Pammel of Iowa State University, who was an early supporter of the conservation movement in Iowa. A branch of Middle River winds through the 281-acre park, over limestone beds. Iowa's only highway tunnel passes through the ridge. This was formerly the water tunnel for old Backbone Mill, built in 1855-58 by William Harmon. The burrstone from the old gristmill, abandoned in 1904 and demolished in 1913, is preserved in a marker at the W edge of the park.



Mahaska County Historical Society
R.R. 1, Glendale Road,
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

Mrs. Stillman (Dorothy) Clark, Curator
1303 Ninth Avenue East
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

Owns and maintains the Nelson Homestead Pioneer Farm and Craft Museum. The two-story farm house, dating back to 1852, was built of bricks from a local kiln and native timber by Daniel Nelson on a 320-acre farm. It has been restored and furnished in the style of the period. The museum building is patterned after a Pennsylvania Dutch barn. Exhibits include furniture, quilts, clocks, books, antique tools, agricultural implements, war relics, and arrowheads. A log cabin, built in 1867, has been moved from Bussey, Iowa to the site of the original log cabin occupied by the Nelson family from 1844 until the brick house was completed. The barn, built in 1856 from native lumber cut on the farm, contains pioneer farm equipment, vehicles, and machinery. The 1861 Prine School was moved in 1966 from its original location W of Oskaloosa to the museum area. This one-room rural school has been restored and furnished with double desks, classroom equipment, and school records.

A Pioneer Craft Day is held in September, with demonstrations of wool carding and spinning, dyeing, quilting, loom rug-weaving, candle dipping and molding, butter churning, cheese-making, bread making, soap making, shingle making and wood working, harness making, blacksmithing, cider making, and other pioneer activities.

Seminar's on the early crafts of Iowa pioneers are offered with courses in spinning and weaving, rug making, rosemaling, natural stain dyeing, caning and pioneer technology.

January 31, Annual meeting 432 \$2.00 annual;
1942 in January life, \$25.00

Area other than
museum free; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,
museum 50¢; child- Tuesday through
ren 12-18 years Saturday; 1-5
old 25¢; children p.m., Sunday;
under 12 free closed Monday;
when accompan- May 12 through
ied by adult October 12

Marion County Historical Society
Marion County Park
W edge of Knoxville, Iowa

Roy S. Coolley, President
309 Third Street Place
Knoxville, Iowa 50138

or
C. B. Campbell, Curator
614 West Pearl
Knoxville, Iowa 50138

A museum containing over 15,000 items, located in the former milk house of the Veterans Administration Farm, in Marion County Park. A Red Schoolhouse (Pleasant Ridge School built in 1874), a rural church, and a small C.B. & Q railway depot have been moved to the park and restored. A garden with plants and shrubs native to Iowa is being developed.

A botanical garden at the Veterans Administration Hospital, nearby, may also be visited.

March, 7:30 p.m., 345 \$2.00 annual
1955 third Monday
of month

1-6 p.m.
Saturday
and Sunday,
May 1 -
October 30;
other times
by appointment

Pella Historical Society
507 Franklin Street
Pella, Iowa

Paul Farver, President
501 Lincoln Street
Pella, Iowa 50219

Sponsors annual Tulip Time Festival in May, when there are conducted tours of the community, street scrubbing, folk dancing, parades, and stage presentations.

Pella Historical Site includes tulip beds; a museum displaying antiques, farm machinery and equipment, Dutch artifacts, and Americana of the mid-1800's; the Van Spankeren Store in the Wynberg Dwelling; the Beeson-Blommers Mill (from near Lynnville); the Werksplatt (old-fashioned carpenter shop); and the boyhood home of frontiersman and Western law man, Wyatt Earp, who lived here from age 2 to 16. His part in the taming of the Old West has become legend and the subject of motion pictures and television programs.

August 24, 300 \$5.00 annual
1965

Museum, 50¢; 8:30-noon and
students, 25¢; 1-5 p.m. week
children under days
12 free

In downtown Pella, an extensive remodeling program by business firms is under way, to create an Old World atmosphere symbolic of the Netherlands.



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MARSHALL

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Marshalltown

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Historical Society of Marshall County
201 East State Street
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

James R. Bradbury, President
303 West Linn Street
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Collect and preserve materials related to the history of Marshall County; erect historical markers; and publish historical matter. Guided tours and educational programs for school children are offered.

1908

Quarterly

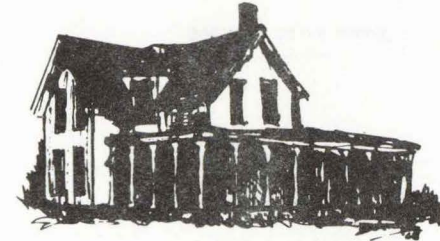
75

\$1.00 annual

Susie Sower Historical House is maintained by court appointed trustees as a historical museum for use of the Society. Built in 1860, it was occupied by the George Sower family from 1870 until the death of Susie Sower, the last survivor, in March, 1952. The frame house was restored and repaired in 1958 and dedicated May 10, 1959. Original furniture and furnishings of the Civil War period afford a glimpse of gracious living of the past century. The front hall, parlor, music room, kitchen, and master bedroom are featured. Hand carved woodwork and parquet flooring. One room in the house contains a collection of Indian relics, including unusual arrowhead arrangements; original paintings by artist Charles Pushetonequa, Mesquakie Indian of Tama; and Crinoids from the LeGrand, Iowa quarries.

Donations
accepted

By appointment;
annual open house



Wetherbee Rural Schoolhouse (Taylor Township No. 4) has been moved to the Sower property and restored. The country school is furnished with old double desks, pot-bellied stove, recitation bench, organ, ABC reading chart, water bucket and dipper, and school bell.

A Memorial Log Cabin was built in Riverview Park in 1937 to honor settlers prior to 1885.

MILLS

65

Glenwood

H-2

Early Trails
Monument near Glenwood, Iowa,
along U.S. 275

Marker erected by the Glenwood Chapter of the D.A.R. commemorates the early trails across Mills County--the Dragoons in 1835, the Mormons in 1846, and the stagecoach in 1850.

House of A Thousand Bottles
Nishna Vale Farm
2½ miles NW of Hastings, Iowa

Extensive collection of character and figure bottles, glassware, and art objects in museum building.

50c; children
free

By appointment

Otha D. and Lola B. Wearin
Hastings, Iowa 51540

Hoyt House
½ mile S and 1 mile E of Hastings, Iowa

Historic home which served as a station on the Underground Railroad in the 1850's. A stagecoach station was located just across the road.

Privately owned;
not open to
public

Mills County Historical Society
Box 170, Glenwood, Iowa 51534

Mills County Historical Museum (a gift of the Mintle family) in Glenwood Lake Park. Exhibits include Indian artifacts, pioneer items, early American glass, furniture, clothing, dolls, farm implements, musical instruments, paintings, fabrics, and historical documents. Also a country store and a country school.

August,
1957

Twice a year
or as called

150

\$1.00 annual

Museum, 25c

Weekends
June-October;
other times
by appoint-
ment

MITCHELL

66

Osage

A-8

Hamlin Garland Home
NE of Osage, Iowa

Boyhood farm home of Iowa author Hamlin Garland (1860-1940). His "Son of the Middle Border" was autobiographical. Garland attended Cedar Valley Seminary in Osage.

1961

Annual meeting 260
2nd Wed. in
March

\$1.00 annual;
\$10.00 life

2-5 p.m. Friday,
Saturday, and
Sunday, May to
October

Mitchell County Historical Society
North Seventh Street, Osage, Iowa 50461

Marking historic sites, compiling histories of famous people and of Mitchell County, preserving rural school and a former log house. Old Central, on the former Cedar Valley Seminary campus, was leased in 1966 from Osage Community School District for use as a museum. Civil War and pioneer displays, old clothing, home furnishings, school and church records, tools, old conveyances, art by local painters, and a library are in the museum.

Saint Ansgar Mill
Saint Ansgar, Iowa

This picturesque old watermill and dam on the Cedar River is a landmark in northern Iowa, built in 1861. A cement dam was built in 1915 to replace the first dam constructed of brush and logs, and the tailrace has since been filled in. The original source of power for the mill's operation was a water wheel; later, a water turbine was installed. Electricity is used today to do custom grinding and manufacture livestock feeds. The town of Saint Ansgar was settled in 1853 by Norwegians, under the leadership of Reverend Claus L. Clausen.

MONONA

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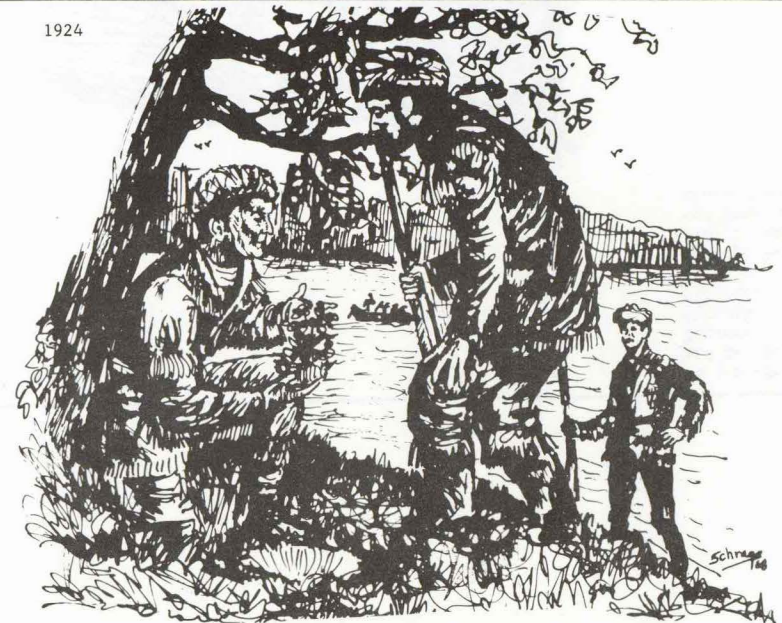
Onawa

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Lewis and Clark State Park
2 miles W of Onawa on Iowa 175

Named for Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who were commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson in 1804 to head an expedition up the Missouri River and into the far Northwest, after the Louisiana Purchase. Members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition arrived in the area on August 9, 1804 and spent several days exploring the region and making observations on its geography and on the plant and animal life. The party camped at a spot opposite the present-day park. The 286-acre area is situated on Blue Lake, an oxbow formed by the meandering of the Missouri River. When Lewis and Clark visited the region, the lake was part of the main channel of the river. Since then, the river has changed its course to the west, leaving the natural lake in the shape of an oxbow. Recreational facilities are available, nature trails crisscross the heavily wooded park, and there are sandy areas.

1924

Preparation Canyon State Park
5 miles SW of Moorhead, off Iowa 372

The Mormons settled at this point in 1853, on their trek to Utah, and established the village of Preparation. The colony was broken up because of dissension between Charles B. Thompson, the Mormon leader, and his followers. The 187-acre park includes many small streams and springs, a variety of trees and wild flowers native to Iowa, canyons, and a commanding view of the rolling loess bluffs above the Missouri River flood plain.

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

See Lucas County for information

MONROE

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Albia

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Monroe County Historical Society
Albia, Iowa

Stephens State Forest
Scattered areas in Lucas and
Monroe Counties

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MONTGOMERY

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Red Oak

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Viking Lake State Park
4 miles E of Stanton, Iowa
on county road

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Viking Lake is an artificial impoundment with 4½ miles of shoreline. The hills and valleys in this general area were once favored as campsites by the Indians. Many artifacts were discovered when the dam was built to form the lake, and at least one Indian burial site is now under water at the NE corner of the lake.

1957

MUSCATINE

70

Muscatine

F-12

Laura Musser Art Gallery and Museum
1314 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, Iowa 52761

George Furman, Curator

A gift of the Laura Musser Atkins estate to the City of Muscatine. Displays of historic artifacts and works of art. Many traveling art exhibits and lectures are also featured.

Free

10 a.m.-Noon
and 2-5 p.m.,
Tuesday
through
Saturday;
2-5 p.m.
Sunday; 7-9
p.m. Tuesday
and Thursday;
closed Monday

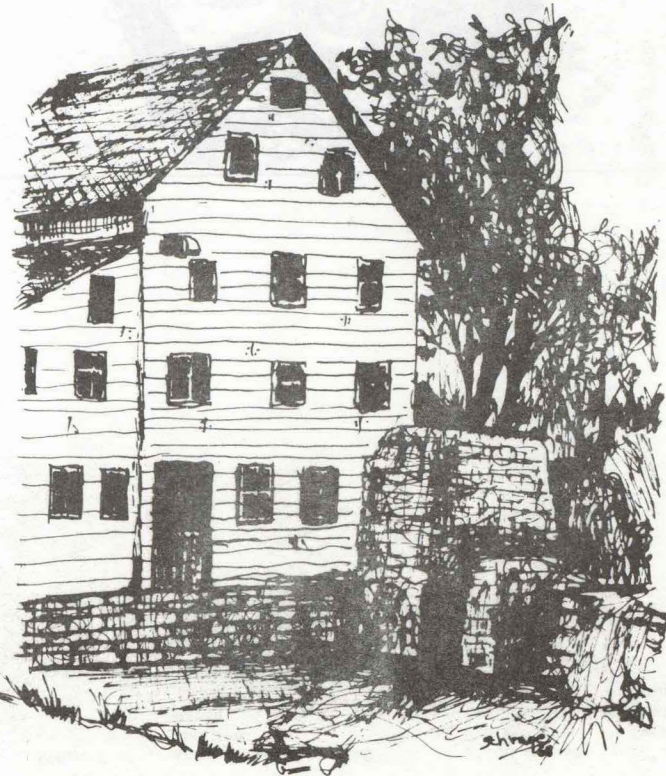
Wild Cat Den State Park
3 miles E of Fairport, off U.S. 22 on
Iowa 389

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

The 322-acre area was donated to the State by the Brandt sisters, who lived here at one time. The heavily timbered terrain includes 100-foot cliffs, rock formations with such descriptive names as "Steamboat Rock," "Devil's Punch Bowl," "Fat Man's Squeeze," and "Horseshoe Bend." Names carved over a century ago in the rocks may be seen. Picturesque trails wind through the park. As many as 25 varieties of ferns have been identified, including Walking Leaf, Polypody, and Maiden Hair, and wild flowers are here in abundance.

A mill built in 1850 on Pine Creek by Benjamin Nye, one of the first settlers in Muscatine County (he settled here in 1834), has been restored. The well-preserved mill is one of three built by Mr. Nye in this vicinity. (The first was built in 1839.) Although the mill ceased to operate in 1927, most of the machinery, grain chutes, and encased millstones are still intact. Power for the old gristmill was originally supplied by water from the creek, but later, power turbines and an auxiliary steam engine were installed. Settlers for miles around brought their grain to this mill to have it ground. The mill specialized in a coarse grade of wheat flour which was packed in barrels and shipped to St. Louis. Here it was sold to plantation owners in the South and used to feed slaves until the Civil War period. The first store and post office in Muscatine County were at the site of the original mill. Benjamin Nye is buried in a tiny cemetery (one of Iowa's oldest) in the vicinity of the mill.

The millrace still babbles along as it did over a century ago, and the old flour mill stands as a nostalgic landmark for sightseers with an appreciation for the labors of Iowa's early pioneers. "Down By the Old Mill Stream" could very well have been written here.



Old mill open
Sunday or by
appointment
for groups

O'BRIEN

71

Covey Church Park
8 miles S of Hartley, Iowa
on blacktop county road

The first wooden church and the oldest church in O'Brien County has been restored. Recreational facilities on grounds.

Acquired
in 1965
for
restoration

Free

L. H. Wilson
O'Brien County Conservation Board
Hartley, Iowa 51346

Primghar

B-2

Indian Village
4 miles E of Sutherland
on blacktop county road,
3/4 mile S on gravel, and 1/2 mile W
through a field

A 5-acre area preserved as the site of an early Indian village.

Inaccessible
except on foot

Alfred Wittrock
Sutherland, Iowa 51058

O'Brien County Historical Society
Primghar, Iowa

Mrs. Caroline Bohan
Primghar, Iowa 51245

OSCEOLA

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Ocheyedan Mound
Near Ocheyedan, off
Iowa 237

The highest point in Iowa, 1,675 feet in altitude. The name Ocheyedan, means "spot where they weep," and refers to the Indian custom of seeking elevations on which to mourn for their dead. The mound rises 170 feet above the surrounding countryside. On the surface are boulders of granite, limestone, and Sioux quartzite.

Sibley

A-2

Osceola County Historical Society
Sibley, Iowa

Maintains the Albert W. McCallum Museum in the H. K. Rogers House, located in the Sibley City Park. One of the first wooden houses in the county (1871). Articles on display include Civil War guns, swords, and uniforms; china and glassware; farm and household equipment; manuscripts; and other items related to the history of the County.

1936

Annually,
May 1

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50c

Mrs. Stella Fox
Sibley, Iowa 51249

Museum free

2-5 p.m. Sunday
and on holidays;
other times by
appointment

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Colonel W. P. Hepburn Home
Clarinda, Iowa

William Peters Hepburn (November 4, 1833-February 7, 1916) served as U.S. Representative from Iowa for a total of 22 years, and was prominent in national affairs. He was the author of the Hepburn Law, which prohibits discrimination and rebates by railroads, and of the Pure Food and Public Health Act (59th Congress). Under a huge maple tree behind the home, President Theodore Roosevelt and Colonel Hepburn sat in 1903 and discussed plans for purchase of the Canal Zone and building the Panama Canal. On the Clarinda High School grounds, a bronze tablet marks the site of the first schoolhouse in Clarinda, built in 1854, and commemorates the spot where President Roosevelt spoke on April 28, 1903. Hepburn was editor and part owner of the Clarinda Herald and practiced law at various times in his life. During the Civil War, he organized and served as captain of Company B, 2nd Iowa Cavalry. He advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel and served under the commands of Generals Sheridan and Rosecrans. When eight companies of infantry and one of cavalry reported in 1878 for the Soldiers Reunion and Decoration Day Military Maneuvers and the election of field and staff officers, Hepburn was elected as colonel.

Clarinda

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Glenn Miller Home
South 16th and Clark
on U.S. 71
Clarinda, Iowa

Famous dance band leader, arranger, and trombonist Glenn Miller was born at Clarinda, March 1, 1904. This was his boyhood home. Miller formed his own band in 1936 and gained tremendous popularity which has continued long after his death in an airplane accident somewhere over the English Channel, toward the end of World War II, in December, 1944. A marker has been erected by the Clarinda Lions Club near the Miller home.

Goldenrod School Museum
Page County 4-H Fairgrounds
Clarinda, Iowa

A one-room rural school built in 1873 and used until 1959 has been restored and furnished as it would have looked in the early 1900's. In this schoolhouse, Jessie Field Shambaugh began her work in 1901 with rural boys and girls in agriculture. She designed the first 3-H and 4-H pins. The old school was moved from Fremont Township through the efforts of Page County Historical Society.

Restored, and
dedicated
August 5,
1965

Donations
accepted

1st week in
August, dur-
ing 4-H Fair;
other times
by appoint-
ment

Page County Historical Society
Clarinda, Iowa

Ed W. Fulk, President
1115 North 16th Street
Clarinda, Iowa 51632

or
Mrs. Wayne L. Whitmore, Secretary
620 South 16th Street
Clarinda, Iowa 51632

A Page County Historical Festival is sponsored annually in June. Activities include an antique show, tours of historic homes, historical pageants, and showing floats in holiday parades. A new county history is planned.

1963

As called
by Board

152

\$1.00 annually;
\$5.00 sustaining;
\$10.00 life;
\$10.00 business
and professional

The oldest remaining log cabin in Page County is being moved to Clarinda City Park, where it will be restored and furnished in the 1850 period. The cabin was built in 1854 by a Mr. Van Sandt who was among a group of five families from Tennessee to settle here.

Clarinda is also the birthplace of Marilyn Maxwell, noted motion picture and television actress. Shenandoah is considered the nursery center of the United States. The oldest of the six nurseries located here dates back to 1870.

PALO ALTO

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Emmetsburg

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Grotto of the Redemption
West Bend, Iowa 50597

A monument in ornamental and semi-precious stones, covering one square block, depicts events in the life of Christ. Construction was begun in 1912 by Reverent P. M. Dobberstein. Since his death in 1954, the work has been continued by Reverent L. H. Greving. There are 9 grottoes and the 14 Stations of the Cross. Stones from every state in the Union and from nearly every country in the world make up one of the largest collections of minerals, fossils, shells, and petrifications in existence. The geological value is estimated at over \$2,500,000.

Donations
accepted

Open daily;
conducted
tours from
June 1 to
October 15



PLYMOUTH

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Le Mars

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Plymouth County Historical Museum
On U.S. 75
LeMars, Iowa

Carol Parkinson
Lakeside Motel
LeMars, Iowa 51031

The famous Parkinson musical collection, artifacts, and a historic log cabin are featured.

May 3,
1965

Donations
accepted

Daily 1-5 p.m.;
other times by
appointment

POCAHONTAS

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Pocahontas

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Kalsow Prairie
1 mile W and 4½ miles N
of Manson, Iowa

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

An example of original native Iowa prairie set aside as a botanical monument. The 160-acre area includes flat upland and lowland. A wide variety of prairie wild flowers bloom through the seasons, with new faces almost every week. A total of 149 species representing 35 different plant families have been identified here. Prairies are able to survive burning, but spraying is fatal. The plow was responsible for the vanishing of most of our prairie flora.

1948

Little Cedar Creek Game Farm
Section Lane Road
Laurens, Iowa

Paul Mefford, Owner
526 North First
Laurens, Iowa 50554

16-acre site devoted to breeding of wild ducks, geese, pheasants, partridge, quail, deer and other animals, all on display; several ponds for waterfowl.

1958;
present
location
since
1963

Free

Open all year;
tours on re-
quest

Pocahontas County Historical Society
Pocahontas, Iowa

Darrell Stockwell, President
Laurens, Iowa 50554
or
Mrs. F. J. Eichler
Pocahontas, Iowa 50574
or
Jessie Fae Schon
Rolfe, Iowa 50581

The last remaining log cabin in Pocahontas County, built in 1865 by Edward Tilly, near "Old Rolfe," is being restored and will be furnished. An 1867 house of Greek classical design is to be restored as a museum. Other plans include preparation of historical maps and uniform roadside markers at historic sites. An annual reunion is held during the 4-H Fair. Three miles E of Rolfe is the site of one of the last Indian battles fought in Iowa.

1941

\$1.00 annual;
\$10.00 life

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Des Moines

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Altoona Historical Society
Altoona, Iowa

Robert W. Thompson
104 Fourth Street
Altoona, Iowa 50009

Blank Park and Children's Zoo
7401 S.W. Ninth Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50315

Owned and operated by the City Park Board, the Children's Zoo started from a gift of \$150,000 contributed by Des Moines theatre owner and philanthropist, A.H. Blank. The zoo includes MacDonald's Barn, with common domestic farm animals; deer; bears; a monkey island; an Asian elephant; birds of prey from the U. S. and South America; small mammals; kangaroos; and a flight cage containing exotic birds from Florida and South America. Other features in the 138-acre park include a half-mile ride on a one-third scale model train; Noah's Ark, surrounded by a pool; Old Mill; and Birthday House.

Dedicated
May 8,
1966

15c

Noon-8p.m. daily,
Memorial Day through
Labor Day, the week-
ends until October.



City Greenhouse
Second and College
Des Moines, Iowa

Displays of flowers include a spring showing of wild flowers and an exhibit of chrysanthemums in the fall to climax the growing season.

12-5 p.m., Easter
weekend and con-
tinuing for 4 weeks;
12-8 p.m. in early
November for 2
weeks; other times
by appointment

Ewing Park
Indianola Road and McKinley
Des Moines, Iowa

The 357-acre farm of David Rittenhouse Ewing and his wife Lucinda was given to the City of Des Moines by their daughter, Mrs. Winnie Ewing Coffin, to be preserved as a recreational park. The Children's

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Governor's Mansion
2900 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

Forest contains some 4,000 trees native to Iowa and others which are not native to the State, such as the Cork Tree, Gingko, and Tulip Tree. A small grove of Quaking Aspen, practically unknown in Iowa, is located in another area of the park. The Lilac Arboretum features over 200 varieties of the finest French lilacs and a few varieties of flowering Wild Crab Apples, Cherries, and Plums, together with ornamental and native Iowa shrubs. An 11-acre area is devoted to wild flowers, with name markers. The park is popular with birds common to Iowa.

Lilac display from
May 1-20, depending
on the weather

Wild flowers, April
and May

Grandview Park
East 32nd and Easton
Des Moines, Iowa

Built by W. W. Witmer in 1903 and purchased by the State of Iowa in 1947 from Gerald S. Nollen, whose wife was a daughter of the builder. Cost of the Philadelphia Colonial house and lot was \$27,200. Another \$22,800 was spent on remodeling and \$22,421 for furnishing and decorating the mansion. Governor William S. Beardsley became the first Iowa governor to occupy the home, in January, 1949.



Greenwood Park
48th and Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

A natural woods with a larger variety of trees than in any other park in the Middle West. Covers nearly 76 acres.

Roses in June
until frost

Hoyt Sherman Place
15th and Woodland
Des Moines, Iowa

Nearly 81 acres of wooded hillsides, predominantly White Oak. Ashworth Park (over 63 acres) is adjacent to the area. The formal Rose Garden, containing several thousand varieties, is one of 24 trail gardens recognized by the National Rose Society. Newly developed varieties are included and marked for public evaluation. Colorful Day Lilies bloom during the summer in flower gardens.

Free
11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday,
Wednesday,
Friday,
Saturday;
11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday; 1-6
p.m. Sunday;
closed Monday

Des Moines Women's Club
1501 Woodland Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

The Des Moines Art Center, designed by Eliel Saarinen, is located in the Park. It was founded by James D. Edmundsen and presented to the City of Des Moines. Included are works by Goya, Gilbert Stuart, Daumier, Pissarro, Courbet, and many of the foremost American artists. Classes are provided for adults and children; a Junior Museum features exhibitions for children.

The central part of a three building complex was built, beginning in 1877, as the home of Hoyt Sherman, the younger brother of General William Tecumseh Sherman, famous for his "March to the Sea" during the Civil War. Hoyt Sherman came to Des Moines in 1848, and was appointed postmaster in 1850. He built the first two postoffices here. During his career he was School Fund commissioner; a leader in establishing a bank, street railway, waterworks, public school, college, and insurance company; served in the Iowa Legislature; and held the rank of major in the U.S. Army. Original furnishings in the old mansion include the dining room furniture and a painting of early Des Moines at the forks of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers. Mrs. Sherman died in 1887, but Mr. Sherman lived in the house until his death on January 25, 1904. Some of the prominent guests

Tours by appoint-
ment, 8 a.m.-4:30
p.m.; Monday through
Friday

entertained here were President and Mrs. U.S. Grant, General William T. Sherman, General Philip Sheridan, and Major William McKinley, who was then Governor of Ohio and later U.S. President. The property was acquired in 1907 from the heirs by the Des Moines Park Board Commissioners. Since then, the Des Moines Women's Club has leased Hoyt Sherman Place for their headquarters. In 1909 an Art Gallery was added, and in 1923 a 1,500-seat auditorium and a room adjacent to the Art Gallery were built. This room, named for Major H. S. M. Byers, a personal friend of the Shermans, houses a collection of paintings, statuary, antique carved chests, and art objects.

Iowa Genealogical Society
Box 4084 Highland Park Station
Des Moines, Iowa 50333

Mrs. Hazel H. Demirjean, President
7119 Maryland Drive
Urbandale, Iowa 50322

Activities devoted to the promotion of genealogy.
Hawkeye Heritage published quarterly.

1965 Second Tuesday 435 \$3.00 annual
of January,
March, May, and
September;
annual meeting
in November

Iowa Local Historical and Museum Association
State Historical Building
East 12th and Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Mrs. Stillman (Dorothy) Clark, President
1303 Ninth Avenue East
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

Organized to work cooperatively with existing organizations in promoting an interest in local, state, regional, and national history, and to exchange ideas and discuss common problems in the preservation of historic landmarks and sites and in the displaying of articles of historic value.

Consultative services available; regional workshops; newsletter and other publications.

January 17, 1966 Various times 75 \$2.00 annual
throughout the
year; annual
meeting in
October

Iowa Society for the Preservation of Historic Landmarks, Des Moines, Ia.

LeRoy G. Pratt, President
317 S.W. 42nd Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

or
William J. Wagner, Vice President
500 Hubbell Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

or
Mrs. Lida Lisle Greene
Iowa State Department of History and Archives
East 12th and Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

The purpose of the Society is to kindle and keep alive an active interest in the historical buildings, sites, and landmarks of Iowa, and to advise, aid, and encourage local groups and communities in their preservation. The Society does not own property, but seeks to cooperate with all existing organizations concerned with historic preservation, and sponsored the organization of the Iowa Local Historical and Museum Association. Publications include a Newsletter, The First Ten Years, a three-color brochure and map of historic Iowa, note paper and correspondence cards with sketches of Iowa landmarks, and other historical materials. Speakers and color slide programs on historic preservation and Iowa landmarks are available for meetings. An advisory staff assists and advises local groups in the identification, evaluation, and preservation of historic sites and buildings in Iowa.

Founded 1956; incorporated 1959 Spring, meeting; 195 \$2.50 annual
annual meeting
in October; and
field studies or
tours during
summer

Iowa State Capitol
1007 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

Situated on an eminence on the E side of the Des Moines River is this center of Iowa's government. Des Moines became the state capital by proclamation of Governor James W. Grimes on October 19, 1857. The first capitol stood about where the Soldiers and Sailors Monument is today. Construction was begun on the present capitol building in 1871, and the cornerstone, cut from an Iowa granite boulder, was laid by Governor Samuel Merrill on November 23. It was necessary to replace this original cornerstone and a new one was laid September 29, 1873. The capitol was dedicated in 1884, but was not completed until 1886. It was built on a "pay as you go" basis and cost the taxpayers \$2,873,294.59.



Tours Monday
through Friday
by appointment

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After an extensive fire in the north wing on January 4, 1904, the capitol was repaired and redecorated. Its commanding feature is the central dome, covered with 23 carat gold leaf. The dome itself is said to weigh 487,000 pounds, rises 275 feet above ground level, and is the largest gold dome in the country. The building includes many interesting architectural features, mural paintings, statues, displays of Civil War battle flags, and a pioneer suffragists plaque.

Monuments on the capitol grounds include the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Senator William B. Allison Monument, the Pioneer group, the Christopher Columbus memorial, a replica of the Liberty Bell, a miniature of the Statue of Liberty, the Lincoln and Tad statue, historic cannons and mortars, and a Japanese Temple Bell and Bell House (a gift of the State of Yamanashi, Japan). Extensive exhibits of popular flowers may be seen blooming throughout the season in the flower beds surrounding the capitol. On a high point SE of the capitol is the grave of Willson Alexander (Alex) Scott, one of the first white settlers in the vicinity, who donated a tract of land (10.2 acres) on which to erect the capitol. He died on June 23, 1859, enroute to Pike's Peak, and is buried here on his old homestead in accordance with his wishes.

The Court Avenue viaduct or underpass just south of the capitol spans one million years, geologically. The south abutment of the viaduct rests on the Kansas drift, second oldest of the five glaciers that touched Iowa, while the north end is situated on the Wisconsin drift sheet, youngest of the glaciers in Iowa. This glacial drift phenomena was discovered about 1870 when road cuttings were made during construction of the stone viaduct.

Iowa State Department of History and
Archives, State Historical Bldg.
1112 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Jack W. Musgrove, Curator

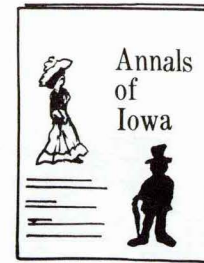
The State Historical Department was organized in 1892 and construction was begun in 1898 on the State Historical Building. An addition was built in 1903. In 1939, the department was reorganized as the Iowa State Department of History and Archives. Its chief purpose is to preserve Iowa history from the earliest geological time, through the days of the Indians and of the pioneers, to the present. In the museum is a wide range of exhibits including rocks and fossils covering a billion years of geologic time, with an outstanding display of fossil crinoids from LeGrand, Iowa; ancient Indian artifacts and modern Indian bead work, canoes, and wickiup; fire-arms; tools, utensils, and implements used by Iowa pioneers; horse-drawn vehicles and early automobiles; a 1909 Bleriot XI airplane (the first to fly in Des Moines, in 1911) built in France by Louis Bleriot; telephone equipment; early lamps; equipment used to explore outer space; sand paintings; early glass-ware; antique furniture; coins; animal and bird specimens; portraits of outstanding Iowans; and photographs. Also in the building are manuscripts, autographed letters and papers, historic maps,



Free

8 a.m.-4 p.m.
every day of
the year;
guided tours
for groups

census records, enlistment and military service records, official reports, and newspaper files. The Historical Library has approximately 50,000 volumes, by Iowa authors or about Iowa, family records, and reference books. The Traveling Library, established by Governor Robert Lucas in 1839, now includes 290,000 volumes, phonodiscs, and films. The Annals of Iowa, a historical magazine, is published quarterly. Lectures, films, and consultative services are available.



7 a.m.-10:30 p.m. during summer; closed after 4:30 p.m. during winter

Lewis A. Jester County Park
3 miles NW of Polk City, Iowa

John A. Wymore, Executive Director
Polk County Conservation Board
Granger, Iowa 50109

The 898-acre recreational area includes nature trails and a display of bison (buffalo), elk, and fallow deer.

Mitchellville Historical Society
Mitchellville, Iowa

John L. Carter, President
123 Center Avenue North
Mitchellville, Iowa 50169
or
C. C. Glenn
Mitchellville, Iowa 50169

Sponsored centennial celebration in 1956, and is active in marking, preserving, and developing historic sites in the area.

August 1,
1954

20

\$1.00 annual

Municipal Observatory
Waveland Park
48th Street and University Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

Department of Astronomy
Drake University
Des Moines, Iowa 50311

A cooperative enterprise of Drake University and the City of Des Moines. The land and building is provided by the city, while Drake University furnishes the scientific equipment, displays, and staff. The Observatory is used for instruction in astronomy and physical science classes, and for public programs providing lectures and non-technical accounts of astronomy. A display of transparencies of astronomical subjects and the 20-piece Edgar Harlan collection of meteorite specimens are also in the observatory building. The instruments include an 8½-inch refracting telescope, donated to the University by Francis Marion Drake, with optics by Brashear and mounting by Warner and Swasey Company.

Established
1921

Free

Open to the public 7:45-9:30 p.m. Friday during academic year, in clear weather; limit of 25-100 persons; Monday nights by appointment, for groups and classes of 30 to 100.

Pioneer Park
S. E. 16th and Pioneer Road
Des Moines, Iowa

A panoramic view of Des Moines may be seen from a high promontory overlooking the Des Moines River Valley. An authentic split rail fence borders the entrance roadway into the 46-acre park.

1917

Polk County Historical Society
Des Moines, Iowa

Paul K. Ashby, President
612 - 48th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
or
LeRoy G. Pratt
317 S. W. 42nd Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Sponsor of the Des Moines Birthplace memorial, a reconstruction of historic log cabins on the original site of Fort Des Moines No. 2, established in 1843 at the junction of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers, S.W. First and Elm. The first log cabin to be reconstructed came from Washington County, and was dedicated on June 6, 1965. A museum building is planned to house items identified with Polk County history. The military fort was established by Captain James Allen to protect the Sac and Fox Indians from unscrupulous white traders, land grabbers, and speculators, and from the warlike Sioux Indians. Fort Des Moines No. 2 ceased to exist as a military post on March 10, 1846, but around the reservation the City of Des Moines began its growth to become Iowa's largest city and the capital of the State. A bronze tablet was erected at the site in 1908 by the D.A.R.

Incorporated
1938; reorganized in
1961 after a period of inactivity

Monthly, except July and August, on second Sunday or second Wednesday of the month, or special announced times.

115

\$2.00 annual; family \$3.00; sustaining \$10.00

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

Water Works Park
Off Fleur Drive
Des Moines, Iowa

Includes about 1,500 acres, kept in a natural state, along both sides of the Raccoon River, with large areas of river bottom woodlands, grassy meadows, and several bodies of water. There are roadways and trails for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. A great variety of wildlife may be seen, and it is considered "a bird watcher's paradise." Wild flowers and trees and shrubs of nearly every kind native to the area are in the park. Charles S. Denman Woods is a memorial to the general manager of the Water Works when the property was acquired by the city. The chemical laboratory and water treatment plant, greenhouse, ornamental sunken pool with water lilies and goldfish, fountains, and flower beds are other attractions.



Sunrise to
sunset

The A. F. den Boer Crabapple Arboretum is one of the world's finest collections of flowering crabapple trees. Some 300 varieties are represented in this 1,500 tree collection acquired from all states and many foreign countries. There are also specimen shade trees, lilacs, ornamental shrubs, and evergreens.

Crabapple blooms
first of May

Yeader Creek Park
1 mile S of Des Moines, Iowa,
adjacent to Ewing Park

Polk County Conservation Board
Granger, Iowa 50109

A 448-acre recreational area which includes Easter Lake on the site of an old coal mine. In 1968, the Owens Covered Bridge, Iowa's most historic, and the only remaining wooden covered bridge in Polk County, was moved to a new location spanning one arm of the lake. The old bridge was originally located at the site of the first covered bridge in Iowa, built in 1844. It was at this spot, near present-day Carlisle, that Captain James Allen made a ford across North River to bring in lumber used to construct Fort Des Moines No. 2 in 1843. In those days, this road was known as the Dragoon Trail. The old covered bridge, now restored in its new setting, was originally built in 1887-1888 and was used until 1940 when it was abandoned for a new road. The bridge is nearly 100 feet long and has unusual wings at the openings to keep the truss from weathering. It is a Howe type bridge, named for the uncle of the inventor of the sewing machine. A later model than the other existing covered bridges in Iowa, it uses iron rods and angle blocks to prevent sagging. After the old road was abandoned and the course of North River was changed, the bridge was left almost forgotten, high and dry in dense timberland until acquired by Polk County Conservation Board. The original location is in the flood plain of Red Rock Reservoir, which necessitated its removal to a new location.

Dedication
June 9, 1968

POTTAWATTAMIE

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Council Bluffs
and
Avoca

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Botna Bend Park
Hancock, Iowa

Pottawattamie County Conservation Board
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

Contains 115 acres of land along the West Fork of the Nishnabotna River. A small buffalo herd has been established in a fenced-in 7-acre range. One of the largest buffalo herds in Iowa ranged in this area in pioneer times.

1963

Golden Spike
21st Street and Ninth Avenue
Council Bluffs, Iowa

A 56-foot concrete replica of the famed golden railroad spike driven at Promontory Point, Utah in 1869, to link the Union Pacific Railroad with the Pacific Line, thus spanning the continent with rails.

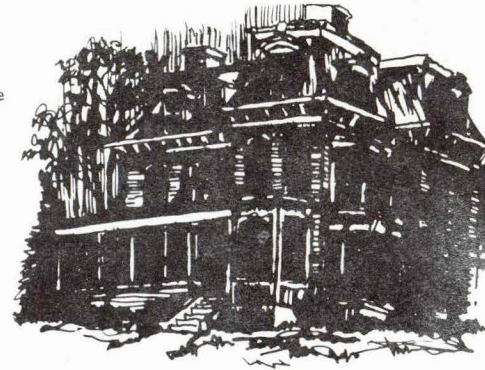
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Historic General Dodge House
605 Third Street
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

Richard B. Graeme
c/o Council Bluffs Savings Bank
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

Built by General Grenville Mellen Dodge in 1869 at a cost of \$35,000, the three-story brick mansion has been restored and furnished as accurately as possible to the 1870 period. The interior is notable for the walnut woodwork, Italian marble fireplaces, and many relics of historic significance. General Dodge was one of Iowa's foremost citizens--statesman, soldier, merchant, financier, and railroad builder (Illinois Central, Rock Island, and Union Pacific). He died in Council Bluffs and is buried in a tomb in Walnut Hill Cemetery. The Victorian house with American Mansard roof and large French windows was designated a National Historic Site by the U.S. Department of Interior on October 20, 1963.



50¢; children,
25¢

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Tuesday through
Saturday; 2-6
p.m. Sunday

Historical Society of Pottawattamie County
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Arthur Rogers, President
130 Park Avenue
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

or
Mrs. Abbott (Elizabeth) Dean
231 Park Avenue
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

The General Dodge House has been restored and furnished in cooperation with the Council Bluffs Park Board. Guide service is provided for tours. Joint meeting annually with Greater Omaha Historical Society.

March 13,
1961

January, March
April, May,
September,
October, and
November

110

\$5.00 annual;
students,
\$1.00

Lewis and Clark Monument
N of Council Bluffs, Iowa
on Rainbow Drive

A monument, erected in November, 1935, on a high bluff above a loop in the Missouri River, commemorates the council Lewis and Clark held with Indians during the expedition to the far west in 1804. The meeting place was called Council Hill or Council Bluffs and this name was later applied to the area and finally to the settlement on the Missouri River which had been called Kanesville by the Mormons in 1848. Sculpturing on the monument depicts Lewis and Clark meeting with the Indians.

Lincoln Park and Monument
Oakland Drive
Council Bluffs, Iowa

A tall granite shaft commemorates the visit of Abraham Lincoln to Council Bluffs August 12-14, 1859. It is erected at the point where Lincoln looked out over the valley of the Missouri River. He later (1863) designated the City of Council Bluffs as the eastern terminus of the Union Pacific railroad.

Mormon Camp
Bayliss Park
First Avenue and Pearl Street
Council Bluffs, Iowa

After leaving Nauvoo, Illinois in 1846, Brigham Young and the Mormons established one of their many camps at this point on their way to the Great Salt Lake in Utah. Here the harassed people gathered supplies in preparation for their journey across the Great Plains. A huge boulder bearing two bronze tablets commemorates their historic trek.

Walnut Heritage House Museum
Walnut Public Library
Walnut, Iowa 51577

Over 1,000 items are on display, featuring pioneer, Indian, and wartime relics belonging to early residents. Included are an 1884 advertising stage curtain from German Hall, the towns first enter-

Free

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday, and
Saturday after-
noons; hours vary
according to
season

Mrs. John (Wilma) DeBerg
Walnut, Iowa 51577
or
Mrs. Walter Rieck, Librarian
Walnut, Iowa 51577

tainment hall; furnishings from old local business houses, including a desk from the first grocery store and a chair from the first barber shop; a large clock from the early post office; Victorian glassware and china; clothing of early residents; toys; handmade farm implements; early valentines; and a collection of old pictures, photographs, and tintypes.

POWESHIEK
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Montezuma

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Grinnell Historical Museum Society
P.O. Box 22
Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Mrs. J. D. Stoops, President
1033 Park Street
Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Collection of articles of historical or cultural value, related to the Grinnell community. The late Victorian, 10-room Burton residence at 1125 Broad St. provides a home for the museum. On display is a unique desk--an "office in itself"--used by J.B. Grinnell, founder of the city; an airplane engine made by pioneer Grinnell aviator, Billy Robinson, the "Bird Man;" homemade toys; and 1890's wearing apparel. Markers indicate the site of the Grinnell home and the communal Long House, a log structure built by the city founders. Grinnell was an ardent abolitionist and aided John Brown in maintaining the Underground Railroad.

1950; incorporated 1958

275

\$1.00 annual

Free

2-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday during summer; 2-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday during winter; closed Monday; other times by appointment.

RINGGOLD
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Mount Ayr

I-5

Ringgold County Historical Society
Mount Ayr, Iowa

Historical Museum located in Ringgold County Courthouse, displaying items of local interest.

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

SAC
81

Sac City

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Lake View Historical Society
257 Crescent Park Drive (summer)
511 Harrison (winter)
Lake View, Iowa 51450

Mrs. Ava Zeilman
Lake View, Iowa 51450

An old log cabin, located one block E of Crescent Campground on Black Hawk Lake in Lake View, has been restored and furnished. Hostesses in old-fashioned costumes tell about the cabin and its contents.

1965

As called

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50c

Admission 2-5 p.m. Sunday, to cabin June to September free

SCOTT
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Davenport

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A Little Bit O'Heaven
Palmer College of Chiropractic
808 North Brady Street
Davenport, Iowa

Boyhood Home of William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody
3 miles SW of McCausland, Iowa

Scott County Conservation Board
Davenport, Iowa

An exotic garden with statues, shrines, and mementoes collected by Dr. B. J. Palmer during his world travels.

Le Claire is the birthplace of "Buffalo Bill" Cody (1846-1917). As a boy, he lived in at least three homes. One of these was moved from Le Claire, Iowa to Cody, Wyoming in 1933 and restored there on the grounds of the Buffalo Bill Museum. This stone building is another of his boyhood homes, built in 1851 by Isaac Cody, father of Buffalo Bill. A frame section was added later. The Cody family left Iowa when Bill was only 8 years old. In later years, he was a messenger boy, Pony Express rider, scout and soldier for the Union, buffalo hunter,

Dedicated
May 28,
1967

51c; children under 12, 26c 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Labor Day to May 1



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SCOTT (continued)		and owner of a Wild West Show. He died, almost penniless, in Colorado and is buried there on Lookout Mountain. The house, near McCausland, was donated to the Save The Landmarks Association by Roy Curtis and partially restored and furnished. Later, the property was deeded to Scott County Conservation Board and is being further improved, more furnishings added, and the grounds improved and restored to appear as they did when this was the Cody homestead. A rural school and old blacksmith shop are located nearby; plans call for their restoration.					
	<u>Buffalo Bill Museum</u> Le Claire, Iowa 52753 Mrs. Harold Kennedy Box 1, Le Claire, Iowa 52753	Museum in old City Hall Building. A memorial to Indians, pioneers, and steamboat days, operated by a nonprofit organization. Preserves documents and mementos from town of Le Claire's history--a rafting town, the home of river pilots, and the birthplace of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody (February 26, 1846-January 10, 1917), noted hunter, soldier, scout, and showman.	June, 1957			\$1.00 annual	Daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Day until October 31; Saturday and Sunday only during winter months
	<u>Credit Island</u> West River Drive Davenport, Iowa	This island park is the location of an early trading post and the site of a victory by Chief Black Hawk and 1,000 of his Indian braves, aided by a detachment of British soldiers, over 334 American soldiers under the command of Major Zachary Taylor (later President of the United States) on August 12, 1814, during the War of 1812.	Acquired by city 1918				
	<u>Davenport Municipal Art Gallery</u> 1737 West 12th Street Davenport, Iowa 52804	Collections of paintings, sculptures, and decorative art. Works of European and contemporary American artists, including Grant Wood, and a Mexican-Colonial exhibit.				Free	Noon-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday; 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday and holidays.
	<u>Davenport Public Museum</u> 1717 West 12th Street Davenport, Iowa 52804 Donald G. Herold, Director	This third oldest museum west of the Mississippi contains outstanding exhibits of local, regional, and river history; tools; household furnishings; textiles; costumes; 10,000 coins and stamps; military and transportation items; old pictures; and manuscripts and documents. The natural science collections include minerals, rocks, and fossils; shells; insects; mammals; birds; displays on archeology, anthropology, and ethnology of the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, Egypt, and the Pacific area; and an herbarium. The art collection includes primitive art, water colors, oils, prints, and sculptures. The B.J. and Mabel H. Palmer Memorial Collection is located in a separate wing. There are also changing and traveling exhibits. The library includes 50,000 volumes on history, science, and art. Sponsors a Travelogue Series (motion pictures with lecturers), a Silent Film Series, and other film showings and lecturers.	December 14, 1867; present building completed in 1964		2,000	\$8.00 annual; children \$2.00 Museum 35¢; children 10¢; school classes free	9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday



June, 1957

\$1.00 annual

Museum free
(voluntary
donations
welcome)

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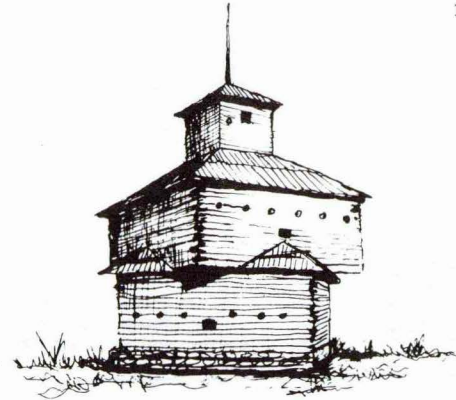
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through Saturday;
1-5 p.m. Sunday

Fejervary Park
W end of 12th Street
Davenport, Iowa

The 75-acre park, on wooded bluffs, features a childrens zoo built around Mother Goose characters. The property was owned by Count Nicholas Fejervary, who came to Davenport from h's native Hungary in 1853, and died here in 1895.

Fort Armstrong
End of Government Bridge
on Rock Island, between
Davenport, Iowa and
Rock Island, Illinois

The "Guardian of the Mississippi" was built in 1816 on Rock Island, opposite Davenport, on a high bluff above the rapids that began at this point. Its purpose was to control access to the Upper Mississippi. The fort was occupied from 1816-1836. During the War of 1812, four years before the fort was built, the British and their Indian allies had a cannon mounted on the bluff. Most of the activity of the Black Hawk War of 1832 centered around this fort. The conflict ended in Black Hawk's defeat. In 1910, a replica of one of the three blockhouses constituting the original fort was built. Vandals had set fire to the old fort in 1853 destroying the barracks and one blockhouse.



15c

Daily during summer; week-end from mid-May to June 10 and from Labor Day to end of September

John M. Browning Memorial Museum
Rock Island Arsenal Island

Dorrell E. Garrison, Curator
Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Originally the Rock Island Museum, containing one of the largest military arms collections in the Mississippi Valley. Now a memorial to the "father" of automatic weapons, including the U.S. Automatic Pistol, Model 1911 (Colt); the Browning U.S. Machine Gun, Model 1917; and the B.A.R., U.S. Automatic Rifle, Model 1918. The museum includes weapons dating from pre-Revolutionary War times to the present, including weapons captured from hostile Indians, Civil War, Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion, World Wars I and II, and the Korean Conflict. Many other items of historical interest to this area are also on display.

Established
July, 1905;
rededicated
in 1959

Free

11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday through
Sunday

Rock Island Arsenal
Rock Island Arsenal Island

Rock Island is situated in the Mississippi River between the cities of Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois. The island is about 3 miles long and up to 3/4 mile wide, containing 945 acres. Ancient Indian mounds are located on the island, and it was a popular spot with them. The island was acquired from the Indians in 1804 by treaty. This treaty was never recognized by Chief Black Hawk and eventually led to the Black Hawk War of 1832. Colonel George Davenport, for whom the City of Davenport was named, first settled on the island in 1816. In 1833 he replaced his log cabin with a large two-story Colonial home, which has been partially restored. It was in this home that Colonel Davenport was murdered by bandits on July 4, 1845 while his family was attending a picnic celebration. The 7 robbers were apprehended and convicted. Also on the arsenal grounds are the National Cemetery established in 1865, the site of a Confederate Prison established in 1863, and a Confederate Cemetery where the bodies of 1,961 prisoners who died while confined here during the Civil War have been buried; 11 bodies have since been removed to their home states.

1862



Saint Anthony's Church
417 Main Street
Davenport, Iowa 52801

The original church was erected in 1837 and was Davenport's first church. The Catholic church was designed by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, while Antoine Le Claire was responsible for the construction and major part of the financing. The 1837 church is now used for the parish school. A rough-cut stone church of modified Georgian architecture was built in 1853 and has become a landmark in the city.

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Save Our Landmarks, Inc.
Davenport, Iowa

James M. Bentley
321 West Kimberley Road
Davenport, Iowa 52806

or
Mrs. JoAnn Brown, Secretary
1816 Elmwood Lane
Bettendorf, Iowa

This association is concerned with the preservation of historic landmarks in Scott County. The Cody Homestead, near McCausland, is one of the properties on which much work has been done. Monthly newsletter issued.

7:30 p.m., last
Monday of month
at various
locations

\$2.00 annual

A sun-dried or adobe brick house, unusual for this part of the country, is located at Long Grove. A wooden frame house has been built over the original home, preserving the old walls. The property is privately owned (Contact Mrs. Robert Lage, Long Grove, Iowa 52756.)



SHELBY
83

Harlan

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John Baker Museum
Spring Street
Harlan, Iowa 51537

Shelby County Historical Society
Harlan, Iowa

Mrs. Lloyd Obrecht, President
Harlan, Iowa 51537

Interested in markers for historic sites in the county, tours, and an exhibit at Shelby County Fair. Historic sites include the first church in the county (Latter Day Saints Church) at Manteno, the old Stagecoach Trail at Portsmouth, a virgin prairie located on the farm of Derald W. Dinesen, and a meteorite in cemetery at Harlan, Iowa. A museum is planned in Potter's Park in the SW part of Harlan.

January 24, 1965
Monthly on 4th
Sunday afternoon;
special events

117

\$2.00 annual

SIoux
84

Orange City

B-1

STORY
85

Nevada

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Heritage Room and Hoeven Room
Northwestern College Library
101 Seventh Street S.W.
Orange City, Iowa 51041

Prof. Nelson Nieuwenhuis

The Heritage Room contains books, pictures, and articles pertaining to the Dutch background of the college and the community. The Hoeven Room features mementoes of Charles B. Hoeven, Congressman from Iowa's Sixth District for 22 years.

Free

Daily except Sunday;
evenings Monday
through Thursday

Community Historical Society
Main Street
Maxwell, Iowa 50161

Mrs. Ernest J. (Donna) Travis, President
222 Main Street
Maxwell, Iowa 50161

or
Mrs. J. Harper White, Historian
R.R. No. 1, Maxwell, Iowa 50161

or
Miss Belva Swalwell, Curator
Maxwell, Iowa 50161

Museum contains pioneer tools and machinery, old wearing apparel, toys, dishes, photographs, mementoes from various wars, including a sword used at "Custer's Last Stand," and natural history displays.

January 1964;
incorporated
February 7,
1964

8 p.m. second
Monday of
month

200

\$1.00 annual;
\$25.00 life.
Museum free;
donations
welcome

2-5 p.m. Sunday
and holidays,
Memorial Day
through Labor
Day, or by
appointment

Handsaker Museum
Located in farm home,
2½ miles N of Colo, Iowa on
U.S. 65
Ralph Handsaker, Owner

Features collection of over 3,000 bird eggs, representing 660 species; animal and bird specimens; Indian relics; Civil War mementoes; old rifles; handmade furniture; and wood carvings.

TAMA

86

Toledo

D-8

Dysart Historical Museum
315½ Main Street
Dysart, Iowa 52224

Robert Schlotterback
315 Main Street
Dysart, Iowa 52224

Features historical items from central Iowa, rock specimens, war relics, old guns dating back to 1770, antique household items, early business machines, and a large collection of odd and curious money of the world.

1964

Free will donations

Week days
April 1-
October 1;
other times
by appointment

Tama County Historical Society
Toledo, Iowa

Roy L. Shaffer, President
111 East Sixth Street
Tama, Iowa

Articles of historic interest, collected by the Society, are displayed in cases located in the corridors of Tama County Courthouse. Included are pioneer, Indian, and war relics, and items of general interest.

April 9,
1942First Saturday
in April at 2
p.m.

165
(of
which
150
are
honorary)

50¢ annual;
museum exhibits
free

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
daily, except
Sunday, or when
Courthouse is
open

Tama Indian Settlement
W of Tama, Iowa

Approximately 1,500 Mesquakie Indians live on a settlement--not a reservation--comprising some 3,600 acres of timberland and river bottom along the Iowa River. The land is owned by the Indians, who are descendants of members of the Sac and Fox tribes. Some farming is done, and many of the Indians are employed in Tama and neighboring towns. Bead work, baskets, bows and arrows, tomahawks, and jewelry are made by others and sold at many of the homes or at roadside stands.

TAYLOR

87

Bedford

1-4

Lake of Three Fires State Park
2 miles N of Bedford on
Iowa 49, and 2 miles E

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

According to legend, great Indian council meetings were held within the 642 acres included in the park. When the Indians roamed Iowa's prairies this was one of their favorite hunting grounds. It is said that the exact location of their council meetings was announced by the smoke of three fires built on top of a high hill. The valley that is now the bed of the Lake of Three Fires was the gathering place for many a pow-wow, council, or religious festival.

UNION

88

Creston

H-5

Mount Pisgah
2 miles W of U.S. 169
near Lorimer, Iowa

This is the site of one of 8 camps or stations established by the Mormons on their trek from Nauvoo, Illinois to Utah in 1846. These Camps of Israel were conceived as rest camps for those unable to continue the journey, and as supply stations for later groups headed west. Located on high hills overlooking the Grand River Valley, Mount Pisgah reached a population of about 3,000 at its peak, and was occupied until 1852. All that remains today is a burial ground and a limestone obelisk erected in 1888 in memory of the 800 Mormons who died here in 1846, 1847, and 1848. Individual grave markers were not used, as it was feared these would attract Indians who might disturb the burials.



VAN BUREN

89

Keosauqua

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Bentonsport
W of Keosauqua, Iowa

Herbert K. Redhead
Mason House Museum
Bentonsport, Iowa

Once a bustling steamboat town of nearly 2,500 people, situated on the Des Moines River, Bentonsport is now referred to as "Iowa's liveliest ghost town" or the "Williamsburg of the Midwest." It is approached over a one-lane iron bridge, one of the oldest still in use across the Des Moines River. The first paper

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mill in Iowa was located here; there were also grain and weaving mills. The remains of old foundations, cabins, mansions, and business houses, and the old river dam may be seen. Several homes have been restored.

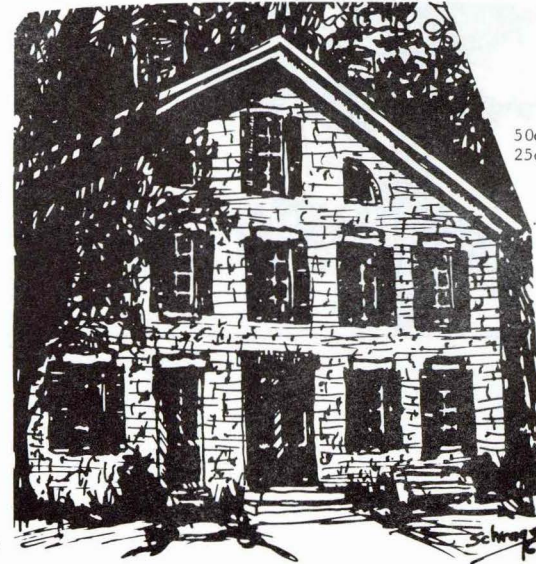
Mason House (1846) was patronized by steamboat captains and railroaders when this was one of Iowa's largest towns. All river traffic ceased in 1872. The brick and stone building has been restored and serves as a museum with lavish Victorian furnishings of over a century ago. A country store, stocked with merchandise from the past, is next door to the hotel; the 1852 Steamboat Gothic building was once Iowa's seventh post office, built of black walnut. The Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Hall, built in the 1840's, was originally a furniture store. The building now houses a large collection of Indian artifacts and pioneer relics.

The Presbyterian Church, built in 1855, was one of four churches in the town, and has been preserved. The Methodist Church continues in use.

Vernon, or South Bentonsport, located opposite Bentonsport on the Des Moines River, was also a flourishing town with mills, stores, and a clay pottery factory noted for its excellent jugs, crocks, and drain tile. The Vernon School, erected in 1867-1868, is a classic brick building and served the area for over 90 years.

These lock walls and dam shoulder are the only ones remaining of the old Des Moines River navigational system. Bonaparte, another of the old steamboat towns, was named for the French Emperor. It was settled in 1837. In 1839, the Territorial Legislature of Iowa granted William Meek, founder of the town, the right to build a dam and locks, which were completed two years later. The locks were 135 feet long, and the passage way was 35 feet wide. The old iron rings to which the boats tied up are also still in place. Disasterous floods in 1902 and 1903 washed most of the dam away, after which the many mills (grist mills, saw mills, and woolen mills) that lined the river bank were forced to close. A flood in 1905 removed the last remnants of the old dam.

The Iowa Indians established their principal village here along the Des Moines River. Never a large tribe, the Iowas were constantly at war with the Sac and Fox, and often with the Sioux and Osage Indians. The village was burned and most of the Iowas were killed in 1824 by a huge war party of Sac and Fox warriors led by Pashepah, "The Stabber." Black Hawk, then a young chief, also took part in the battle. Both Black Hawk and Keokuk spent much time in the area, and Black Hawk was buried near here, at his dying request, on the farm of James H. Jordan, Indian Agent and trader. On July 3, 1839, Chief Black Hawk's body was taken from the grave. About a year later the bones were recovered from a dentist in Quincy, Illinois. He had received them from St. Louis. Black Hawk's widow then left the remains in the care of "good old man", Governor Lucas. The bones were placed in the museum of the Burlington Geological and Historical Society and lost when the building burned in 1855.



50c; children
25c 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
April 1 through
October

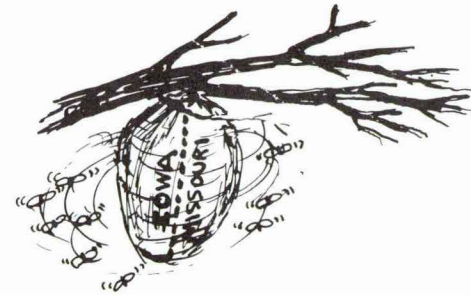
Bonaparte Dam and Locks
Bonaparte, Iowa

Iowaville
W of Selma, Iowa

Lacey-Keosauqua State Park
near Keosauqua, Iowa,
off Iowa 1

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

This is Iowa's largest park--2,260 acres of flower and shrub covered woods on the great horseshoe bend of the Des Moines River. The site of an ancient Indian village and a series of Indian mounds are located near the river. The mounds have been excavated and their contents removed to museums. Ely's Ford, on the N side of the park, was the river crossing for the Mormon Trail and the pioneers, before bridges were built. Woodsmen lived on the southern slopes of one of the ridges in the park. These pioneers made their entire living by cutting and selling timber. The ruins of some of the old cabins may still be seen. The "Honey War" boundary dispute between Iowa and Missouri in 1837 was over a 12-mile tract of timberland in this area. Many trees in the park are over 200 years old. A wide variety of ferns and wild animals abound in the area, and a species of cottony prairie grass, found nowhere else in Iowa, grows on one part of the park's golf course.



Morris Park and Museum
Stockport, Iowa

A memorial log cabin, a replica of the original built by pioneers Henry and Jane Morris at this site, is located in a grove of hardwood trees. The cabin and other buildings house relics of the Midwest--pioneer tools, agricultural equipment, and domestic items. A one-room rural schoolhouse, replica of a water mill, and small lake are also in the park.

Free

Sunday; other
times by
appointment

Phil Stong Birthplace
Pittsburg, Iowa

There is little left of the pioneer village laid out on the Des Moines River, near Keosauqua, in 1839. There were mills and a liquor distillery that was one of the first to produce "quality bourbon." The two-story, red brick house in which Iowa author Phil Stong was born is still occupied as a residence. Stong is best remembered for his novel, State Fair, and a fictionalized tale of early settlers in the new Iowa Territory, entitled Buckskin Breeches. His family operated the store in Pittsburg for many years. Stong died in 1959 and is buried in Keosauqua.

Pioneer Historical Society
Farmington, Iowa

Robert M. Satterly, President
Farmington, Iowa 52626
or
Mrs. Verna Olson, Corresponding
Secretary, Farmington, Iowa 52626

Organized to locate, preserve, and mark historic landmarks, sites, and points of interest. The old Congregational Church (1847) in Farmington is being restored to be maintained as a museum. It was the second church of that denomination to be established west of the Mississippi and is now the oldest still standing. The building was patterned after the little white country churches of New England.

May 24,
1966

7:30 p.m.
last Mon-
day of each
month ex-
cept
December

184

\$1.00 annual;
family, sus-
taining, \$10.00;
endowment,
\$25.00; bene-
factor (clubs
and organizations)
\$50.00; life,
\$100.00

The Burg Building, built in 1874 for the Burg Carriage and Wagon Manufacturing Company, is an outstanding example of a native limestone building of a bygone day. The annual production of the factory was 350 wagons and buggies.

Old Line House, a wayside inn or tavern of the late 1830's is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile E of Farmington on Iowa 2. The brick and stone building is now a residence.

Shimek State Forest
E of Farmington, off
Iowa 2

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

A 3,975-acre forest located in Van Buren and Lee Counties, offering a chance to return to a wilderness area, and offering hunting, fishing in four stocked ponds, hiking on fine trails, picnicking, and primitive camping. Since 1937, approximately 300 acres have been planted to red, white, and jack pine.

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Van Buren County Historical Society
Keosauqua, Iowa

Clay Lanman, President
Keosauqua, Iowa 52565
or
Theo M. Cook, Historian
Keosauqua, Iowa 52565

Pearson House, with its double end chimneys, built in the 1840's, has been restored. The house was damaged during the tornado of April 16, 1967. A trapdoor in one of the rooms leads to a small secret cellar used as a hideout for escaping slaves, traveling on the Underground Railroad. An annual tour of historic homes has been held since 1965 in various towns in the county. Two books on Van Buren County and its part in the Civil War have been written by Theo M. Cook, County Superintendent of Schools. A museum in downtown Keosauqua is planned.

Van Buren County Courthouse constructed from 1840-1843 is the oldest courthouse in continuous use in Iowa, the second oldest to be completed (Lee County was finished the year before), and was the scene of the state's first murder trial. The brick walls of the building are 22 inches thick at the first story level. Oak timbers, a foot square, support the floors, and the interior is trimmed in walnut from trees hewn near the courthouse site.

Bonneyview, built in 1839, is the oldest frame house in town, and overlooks the river.

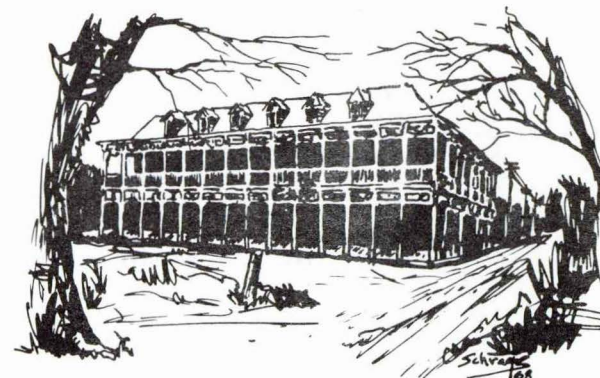
Hotel Manning is a classic example of Steamboat Gothic architecture. A long second story veranda affords a view of the Des Moines River. Below this porch, high water marks established by early floods, are painted on the bricks. Edward Manning's home, in a residential section, is one of the showplaces of Keosauqua.

1960

3rd Friday
of month

116

\$1.00 annual



WAPELLO

90

Ottumwa

H-9

Grave of Chief Wapello
Near Agency, Iowa

Four important Indian chiefs lived in the area around present day Ottumwa. Iowa counties and cities have been named for them--Wapello, Mahaska, Keokuk, and Poweshiek. Chief Wapello is buried at the site of the old Indian Agency (1838), at his request, in a plot with General Joseph Street and his family. Street was the Indian Agent and a close friend of Wapello, who was considered a wise counselor and able leader, farsighted in his thinking. He did much to further peaceful relations with the white men. The graves are along the C.B. & Q Railroad right-of-way and a number of historical markers have been erected at the site. Atop the Wapello County Courthouse and directly over the Fourth Street entrance stands a statue of Chief Wapello, dedicated in 1894.

Ottumwa Public Library
129 N. Court Street
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

The lobby and dome of the building are decorated with murals by the German artist, Johannes Scheiwe. The library has a collection of Babylonian tablets dating back to 2350 B.C., and an unusual collection of dolls in the Children's Department.

Ottumwa Memorial Park
North Jefferson Street
Ottumwa, Iowa

A small zoo, containing bison (buffalo), deer, llamas, and smaller animals in cages are the chief feature. Wooded ravines, a rustic foot bridge, and picnic facilities are included in the park.

9 a.m.-9 p.m.
weekdays

Wapello County Historical Society
Ottumwa, Iowa

Elmer K. Bekman, President
107 North Court Street
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501
or
W. Sinclair Venables, Curator
165 West Alta Vista
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

In January, 1966 a museum was opened in City Hall. Housed in the main lobby and on the building's third floor, the collection includes a wooden beam plow, old hand tools, sausage mill, railroad car coupler, war mementoes, a Swedish Bible, and other items associated with Wapello County history. A larger museum in permanent quarters is planned.

October 14, 1959
2nd Wednesday
in February,
March, April,
October and
November

321
\$2.00 annual
\$50.00 life

WARREN

91

Indianola

G-6

Berry Woods
5 miles NW of Indianola, Iowa

Don L. Berry
101 South Buxton
Indianola, Iowa 50125
or
Dr. Donald De Lisle
Department of Botany
Simpson College
Indianola, Iowa 50125

A 42-acre timber tract located on the bluffs of Middle River, containing many old trees, wild flowers, and fungi. Donated by newspaper publisher Don L. Berry to the Iowa Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, to be preserved for nature study.

Visited only
with permission

Nature Trail
E from North Ninth Street, along
the city limits of Indianola, Iowa

Mrs. G. A. Grant
Indianola Park Board
Indianola, Iowa 50125

A 3/4 mile stretch of abandoned railroad right-of-way, formerly part of a branch line of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad from Chariton to Indianola (1881-1961), preserved in its wild state as a walking nature trail and refuge for birds, animals, and insects. Used by biology classes for study of native plants.

January,
1966

Warren County Historical Society
Indianola, Iowa

James C. Patrick, President
104 East Henderson
Indianola, Iowa 50125
or
Miss Ruth M. Jackson, Historian
510 North I
Indianola, Iowa 50125

An annual antique exhibit is held at the Warren County Fairgrounds in August. The Mount Hope School House has been moved to the fairgrounds, to be restored and furnished as of the 1910 period. In preparation are county maps to show old stage routes, Indian camps, mills, mines, rural schools, railroads, and cemeteries, and an illustrated Warren County annotated directory. Plans include marking of historic sites.

1960

Last Tuesday
in January,
March, May,
July, September,
and November

275
\$1.00 annual;
\$10.00 life

WASHINGTON

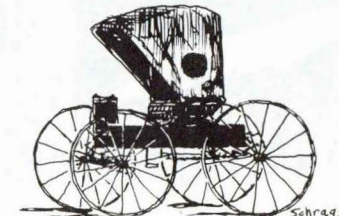
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Washington

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Amish Settlement
Near Kalona, Iowa

The first Amish settlers came to this area in 1846. The strictest of four distinct groups are the Old Order Amish, characterized by their resistance to change and simple way of life. Horse-drawn buggies are used for transportation rather than automobiles, and most modern conveniences are rejected. Homes are usually large, sometimes with "grandpa" houses or smaller homes attached for use of succeeding generations. The settlement may be seen along Iowa 1, where motorists are warned to "watch for horse-drawn vehicles" which use the surfaced shoulders of the highway.



1948

41

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society
Kalona, Iowa
John Gingerich, President

Mennonite Museum maintained.

Walnut School
Between Washington and
Brighton, Iowa on Iowa 1

One of the few one-room schoolhouses preserved in its original state. It was formerly known as Memorial Miller School.

Washington County Conservation Board
214 North Avenue B
Washington, Iowa 52353

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Washington County Historical Society
Washington, Iowa

Laurance Miksch, President
or
Charles Hotle
Box 169
Washington, Iowa 52353
or
Edna Jones
1623 North Marion Avenue
Washington, Iowa 52353

Annual summer tours to points of historic interest within Washington County are sponsored. A room in the City Library contains written material.

December 2,
1959

February, June,
September

110

\$1.00 annual

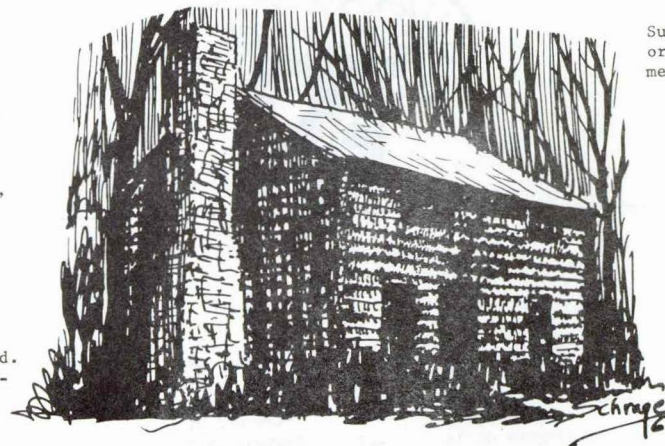
The Alexander Young log house, built in 1840 on a 320-acre tract 4½ miles NW of Washington, was moved to Sunset Park in 1912 and restored by the DAR as a relic of pioneer days. The cabin has been furnished with over 200 antiques appropriate to the period when it was built.

The Timothy Brown Memorial in Elm Grove Cemetery was erected by the State of Iowa and citizens of Washington, Iowa. Brown, a Revolutionary soldier, served under General George Washington and died in Washington County on May 30, 1852 at the age of 90.

Wassonville Mill Site
1 mile N of Wellman, Iowa

Washington County Conservation Board
214 North Avenue B
Washington, Iowa 53353

The site of the old town of Wassonville and the mill, located along the English River, has been preserved as a picnic area. According to legend, John Brown stayed in the village and left boxes of clothing, never claimed. A peaceful old cemetery and an old quarry site are nearby. Indian camps and mounds along the river.



Summer holidays
or by appoint-
ment for groups.

WAYNE

93

Corydon

1-7

Dickey Museum (Shantytown)
N edge of Corydon, Iowa

Art Dickey
511 West English
Corydon, Iowa 50060

Included are an old-time general store, post office, blacksmith shop, and telephone office of the period around 1900. Store includes over 1,200 items, such as coffee grinder, scales, old cash register, lard press, cheese cutter, biscuit boxes, tinned food. "Never Sink" soap, wearing apparel, old guns and sporting goods, razors, Waterbury watches, iron kettles, granite ware, wooden utensils and tools, dishes, flat irons, iron toys, saddles, and horse collars. The post office boxes are from the old Allerton, Iowa post office. In addition, there are blacksmith tools, a harness repair display, a Columbia gear driven bicycle, old buggies and spring wagons, a broom making machine, old gasoline engines, and a 1911 Spocke Cycle Automobile assembled in Corydon.

35c; children
15c

Harry's Dog House
Next to Dial Telephone Building
Humeston, Iowa

H. W. Marks
P. O. Box 215
Humeston, Iowa 50123

A collection of over 9,000 ornamental dogs, claimed to be the world's largest, is on display in four buildings or rooms. Over 100 of the figures move, including a ferris wheel, merry-go-round, and teeter-totter.

Free

Wayne County Historical Society
Corydon, Iowa

Amy Robertson, President
Promise City, Iowa 52583
or
Orpha Green, Curator
408 East State Street
Corydon, Iowa 50060

Lectures, study clubs, and hobby workshops are sponsored. The museum, located on Iowa 2, contains over 20,000 items related to Wayne County history. Exhibits include general merchandise; the cage and safe from the original Ocobock Bank of Corydon, robbed of \$10,000 by Jesse James; dentist's office; doctor's office; an early kitchen, parlor, and bedroom; barber shop; toy shop; music room; church; jail; and courtroom furniture and railings from the courtroom where Clell Miller, a member of the

July,
1942

Quarterly

1,079

\$1.00 annual;

\$10.00 life

Museum 50c;
children
25c

1-5 p.m. except
Monday, during
summer; Sundays
only during winter;
other times by
appointment

Museum
erected
1942

Jesse James gang, was tried for murder. There are also collections of early tools and over 300 varieties of birds and animals from Wayne County. An addition to the museum building is planned. The D.A.R. Log Cabin in Corydon's Walden Park has been given to the Society. This cabin is built from logs used in the original pioneer home of the Miles family in the early 1850's. It is planned to move the cabin near the museum.

The Little Red School House, located a mile north of Lineville on U.S. 65, is also owned by the Society. The old school building is equipped with desks, pot-bellied stoves, classroom equipment, and manikins of the teacher and pupils in the dress of their day.

WEBSTER

94

Fort Dodge

D-5

Dolliver Memorial State Park
4 miles NW of Lehigh
off Iowa 50

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

This 572-acre area is one of five large parks located on the Des Moines River, and is a memorial to Jonathan P. Dolliver, orator, statesman, (U.S. Senator from Iowa 1900-1910), and conservationist who once lived and worked in these hills and valleys. A bronze likeness of Dolliver has been placed on a sandstone ledge, above a spring, located in the center of the park. Of interest are the deep ravines, massive sandstone cliffs, caves, and wooded hills covered with almost every variety of tree, shrub, wild flower, and fern native to central Iowa. Indian mounds are located atop one of the highest points in the State. Boneyard Hollow, a narrow, rocky ravine running back from the river, was named for the wagon loads of bones of buffalo (bison), elk, and deer unearthed there by early settlers. It is believed that Indians used this dead end valley as a trap for the animals, and many ancient Indian relics have been found here. Copperas beds (sandstone bluffs impregnated with iron) are the park's most unusual geological feature. These deposits lie along the banks of Prairie Creek and were used by Indians for paint and dyes. Dolliver is also a paradise for birds. Just outside the park is Woodman Hollow, a deep gorge cut into the sandstone slopes, famous for ferns and wild flowers.

Lehigh was settled in the 1850's and was first called Slabtown, then Tyson's Mill and Vesper, before the change to its present name. For many years coal mining was the chief industry. Lehigh is now one of the largest clay producing towns in the area.

Fort Dodge Historical Foundation
Fort Dodge Historical Museum
P.O. Box U
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

O. Larue Marquesen, President
P.O. Box 458
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

An exact replica of a government fort built in 1850 for the Sixth U.S. Infantry Dragoons to protect the early settlers against hostile Sioux Indians. The post's sutler was Major William Williams, who later became the first mayor of the City of Fort Dodge after the fort was abandoned in 1853. The original fort was located about a mile from the present site, on Lizard Creek where it joined the Des Moines River. Two original log cabins--one the first hotel and the other the first post office in Fort Dodge--were used in recreating the old fort. It was from Fort Dodge that Major Williams led the Spirit Lake Massacre Relief Expedition in 1857. Collections of the old Webster County Historical Society (organized 1931) are included in the museum displays, consisting of Indian artifacts, pioneer articles related to the

Dedicated
June 28,
1925



1962;
replica
of fort
dedicated
in May,
1964

50¢; children
25¢

Memorial Day
through Labor
Day 9 a.m.-
9 p.m.; 1-5 p.m.
through October;
closed November
until May 30; other
times by appoint-
ment

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Pioneer Museum
Main Street
Harcourt, Iowa 50544

Francis Carlson, Sr., Owner

community, a reproduction of Fort Schuyler built by men of the North Iowa Brigade in 1860, leg irons used on the assassin of President William McKinley, century-old furniture and home furnishings, fossils and rocks, stuffed birds, World War I and II articles, and Chinese and Alaskan art. The fort is surrounded by a stockade. Outside the wall is the first school built in Webster County, at Border Plains, and "Arts Art", a collection of wood and concrete figures of bison, deer, elk, polar bear, camel, rhino, and other life-size animals carved and formed by the late Art Caffrey on his farm near Jolley, and moved here in 1966.

Features a collection of antique tools, furnishings, utensils, and family belongings brought to Iowa from Sweden. Model "rooms" include a children's room, with toys and small furniture; a living room, complete with parlor organ, Edison phonograph, iron heating stove, and rocking chair; a bedroom with antique furnishings; and a kitchen with iron range, cupboard, kettles, and dishes. There are also over 125 old irons, from the charcoal irons and flatirons to electric irons; a top buggy; 1856 Wheeler and Wilson sewing machine; sleigh bells; a 1925 Model T roadster; early spark plugs; antique greeting cards; grindstone; wooden pump; bee smokers; a magazine and newspaper collection; and old Swedish family Bible.

1966

35c

1-5 p.m., May 1
to September 1;
other times by
appointment



WINNEBAGO

95

Forest City

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Pilot Knob State Park
4 miles E and 1 mile S of
Forest City, Iowa

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

See Hancock County for information

WINNESHIEK

96

Decorah

A-10

Bernatz Mill
Decorah, Iowa

For nearly a century this mill was run by power furnished by the Upper Iowa River. It is generally regarded as the last of Iowa's truly great mills to have operated with full water power. In 1947 a levee was built which blocked the flow of water through the old millrace, so a switch was made to diesel power until the mill ceased operations in 1966. Threatened with destruction in 1967, local historian's hope to preserve the distinctive old stone building.

Bily Clock Exhibit
Dvorak House
Spillville, Iowa 52168

C. J. Andera, Manager-Curator
Spillville, Iowa 52168

Hand-carved clocks of unique design, with mechanical figures created by the Bily (pronounced Beelee) brothers--Frank L. (1884-1965) and Joseph C. (1880-1964). Of Czech descent, the brothers' main occupations were farming and carpentry; wood carving was their hobby. Woods from around the world were used

50c; children 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.,
8-11, 20c; May through October;
special rates on call daily in March,
to schools and April, and November;
large groups on call Sundays only in
December and February;
closed during January

to carve the Apostles' Parade Clock, American Pioneer History Clock, Statuary Clock, Lindbergh Clock, Little Brown Church Clock, Paradise Clock, Village Blacksmith Clock, Parade of Nations Clock, and many others. The first of the clocks was carved in 1913. The collection is housed in the building occupied by the composer, Antonin Dvorak during his stay in Spillville in 1893. Guides describe the various features of the clocks and demonstrate the mechanical features, chimes, and music boxes. A museum is located on the second floor of the building. Unusual items of pioneer times, wood-carving tools used by the Bily brothers, and old coins are displayed. A separate room dedicated to Dvorak contains memorabilia related to the famous composer of "New World Symphony", "Humoresque", and "American Quartette", including the organ he used in Spillville.

The Antonin Dvorak Memorial is located in Riverside Park, at Spillville.

Bloomfield Township Historical Society
Castalia, Iowa

Wayne Timmerman, President
Castalia, Iowa 52133

Dunning's Spring
Decorah, Iowa

Just outside a large cave eroded into the side of a rock bluff the gurgling waters of a cool spring tumble down the 60-foot cliffside.

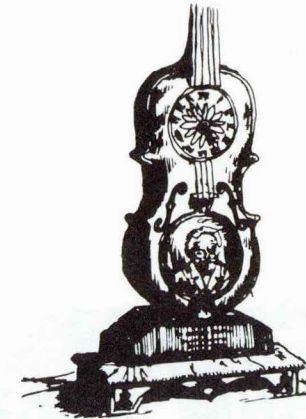
Fort Atkinson State Park
NE edge of Fort Atkinson, Iowa

State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

This federal military post was established in 1840 to protect the peaceful Winnebago Indians against the hostile Sioux Indians. The earliest forts were usually made of logs, but Fort Atkinson was built of limestone, quarried nearby. It took two years to complete, and cost the Army about \$90,000. Although the fort was heavily armed, there is no record of its ever being attacked. In 1848, the Winnebagos moved to a new reservation at Fort Snelling, by treaty, and there was no longer a need for Fort Atkinson. The last troops left on February 24, 1849. Supplies were sold and, although a caretaker was appointed, travelers and settlers found the old fort a wonderful source of firewood, glass, lumber, and hardware. Finally, the buildings were sold for \$3,521 in 1855 and the land made available to settlers for \$1.25 per acre. The only buildings to survive destruction were the southwest blockhouse, one powder magazine, and part of the north stone barracks. The fort was acquired by the state of Iowa in 1921; reconstruction began in 1958. The historical museum is located in the old barracks and hospital. Artifacts and information pertaining to the fort and the military forces who served there are on display, including rosters, maps, and uniforms. Many artifacts were recovered by archeologists in 1966 from the original outhouses within the fort. The latrines were evidently used as a dump by military personnel and such things as broken plates, cups, mugs, pitchers, bottles, uniform buttons and buckles, spurs, parts of old muskets, pieces of window glass, gaily decorated chamber pots with matching lids, and a fancy carved ivory cane head were recovered.

Ice Cave
Decorah, Iowa

Located on a high rocky bluff overlooking the Upper Iowa River, the cave is over 200 feet deep. It was formed when a large stone slab broke away from the face of the cliff, leaving the hole exposed. Ice forms in the cave from condensed moisture during the summer.



1962

Second Sunday 68 \$1.00 annual
of month

Museum es-
tablished
in 1961

Free Mid-May through
mid-October, 1-5
p.m. Monday through
Friday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Saturday and
Sunday; closed
during winter

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WINNESHIEK
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Norwegian-American Museum
520 West Water Street
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Dr. Marion Nelson
or
Mrs. Betty Seegmiller,
Administrative Assistant

One of the oldest and largest immigrant museums in this country, displaying over 10,000 items, predominantly Old World treasures and pioneer life exhibits. Through original artifacts, the life and culture of Norwegians in their native land and after they established themselves in America is shown. Included are large collections of materials from the Indians and Eskimos, models of immigrant ships, log-wheeled wagons, equipment used in farming and lumbering, wood carvings, rosemaling (rose painting), bridal crowns, provincial costumes, decorated chests, jewelry, paintings, pewter, china and glass, textiles, old weapons, rock specimens, birds' eggs, biological specimens, and coins. A group of typical pioneer buildings has been built on Luther College campus as part of the museum. Workshops are conducted during the summer in Scandinavian crafts. On Sundays, special activities include demonstrations of pioneer crafts, with hostesses in costumes, and folk music. A quarterly Newsletter and other publications are issued. The Decorah Nordic Fest, initiated by the Museum and the City of Decorah, attracts large crowds in late July. Norse crafts are demonstrated, Norse specialty foods served, and folk music is enjoyed.

February 16,
1877

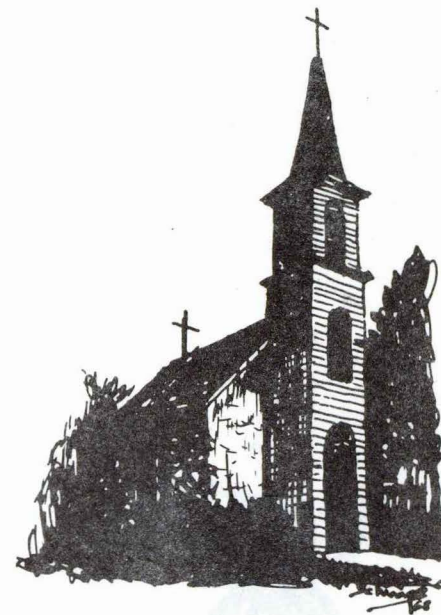
75¢; children
50¢; adults
in groups
50¢; children
in groups
35¢; children
under 6 years
free

9:30 a.m. to
5:30 p.m. May
1-October 15
on weekdays;
noon to 5:30
p.m. on Sundays

Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel
Festina, Iowa

Luther College is located in Decorah, the largest Norwegian settlement in Iowa. This was the first Norwegian-American institution to offer an academic degree. From Main Tower, situated on a high bluff, there is an entrancing view of Decorah. A Planetarium is in the Science Building.

Said to be "the smallest cathedral in the world," this little chapel seats eight people. It was built in 1885 by Johann Gaertner (1793-1887), who served as a soldier under Napoleon. Gaertner came to Iowa in 1846. He and his wife and sister-in-law are buried behind the chapel in the cemetery. The 12'x16' chapel was dedicated by Gaertner to his return from the disastrous winter retreat of Napoleon's army from Moscow. A miniature altar and stained glass windows were installed in 1903. On June 13, the feast of Saint Anthony mass is celebrated each year.



Spillville Mill
Spillville, Iowa

The rushing sound of the water pouring over the dam at the Spillville Mill is said to have inspired composer Antonin Dvorak to write his famous "Humoresque." He spent the summer of 1893 in this quiet Bohemian town. The pioneer mill still grinds feed, but electric power is now used. The old water wheel went long ago, and much of the dam has been broken out by ice.

Trout Run Mill
1 mile SE of Decorah, Iowa,
along Iowa 9

Made of native limestone, this relic of bygone days has switched from water to electric power and is now a meat processing plant (Reardon's).

Wiest Mill
N of Ft. Atkinson, Iowa

Built in 1857 on the Turkey River as a flour mill, it is still in operation, grinding livestock and poultry feeds. The mill pond, below the dam is a popular spot with fishermen. Painted a bright red, with white trim and stone foundation, the mill makes a charming picture.

Winneshiek County Historical Society
Decorah, Iowa

Mrs. Roy Schultz, President
Castalia, Iowa 52133
or
Verne Koenig, Vice President
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Historic markers have been installed in the county; abandoned graves and cemeteries located and restored; Locust School, which was in operation for 106 years, has been renovated at Locust, Iowa, and a museum is maintained at Frankville, Iowa. The museum contains approximately 900 items related to the early history of Winneshiek County. A pioneer log cabin, over 100 years old, has been moved to the site and restored.

July 8,
1963

When called;
annual meeting
third Saturday
in September

300

\$1.00 annual;
\$15.00 life

1:30-4 p.m.
Sunday, Memorial
Day to October 1

Wonder Cave
N of Decorah, Iowa

A natural cave with multicolored formations, including an 87-foot stalactite, 200 feet below the surface.

WOODBURY

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Floyd Monument
S of Sioux City, Iowa
near Interstate 29

A stone obelisk rising 100 feet above the summit of Floyd's Bluff marks the burial place of Sergeant Charles Floyd, the only person to die on the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-1806, and the first U.S. soldier to die west of the Mississippi River in the area included in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The entry of August 19-20, 1804 in the journal kept by Lewis and Clark indicates that Sergeant Floyd died of a "stomach disorder" (probably appendicitis). His original grave was marked with a cedar post which long served as a landmark for navigators on the Missouri River. In 1895, the grave was opened and Sergeant Floyd's remains were reburied at the present site on August 20, 1895, the 91st anniversary of his death. It was several years before arrangements were completed for a suitable marker. Construction on the towering shaft was begun in 1900 and it was dedicated May 30, 1901. The grave site and monument was the first registered national historic landmark in the United States, possessing, as the plaque reads, "exceptional value in commemorating and illustrating the history of the United States of America." From the base of the monument may be seen a sweeping panorama of the Missouri River and its valley and a view of the three states of Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Sioux City

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Lewis and Clark Historical Society
Sioux City, Iowa

Ed Ruisch, President
3025 McDonald Street
Sioux City, Iowa 51104

The Society is mainly concerned with promoting the Sergeant Charles Floyd National Historic Landmark and the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Sioux City Art Center
513 Nebraska Street
Sioux City, Iowa 51101

The art gallery includes work by contemporary American and Midwestern artists.

Sioux City Public Museum and Historical Association
2901 Jackson Street
Sioux City, Iowa 51104

William J. Schwarting, Director

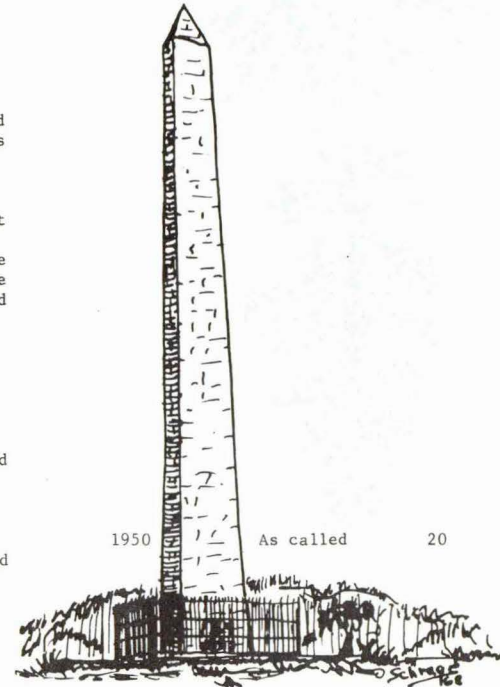
Located in the Pierce Mansion, built in 1889-1890 by John Pierce, an early day realtor and developer. In the museum are displays on anthropology, archeology, natural history, science, and history. Plains and Eastern Woodland Indians (dugouts, ceremonial trappings, and artifacts), pioneer objects and clothing, glassware, birds and animals, minerals and

1950

As called

20

\$1.00 annual



Founded in
1858 as
Sioux City
Lyceum;
opened in
1959 in
Pierce
Mansion

200

Free

Free
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday through
Saturday; 1-5
p.m. Sunday

9-12 a.m. and
1-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday through
Saturday; 2-4:30
p.m. Sunday;
closed Monday
and on national
holidays

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WOODBURY

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fossils, Civil War articles (weapons, uniforms, and equipment), and a model of the steamboat, Omaha, of the 1850's, are included. There are guided tours, lectures, films, study clubs, formally organized educational programs for children and adults, and circulating exhibitions at the museum. Schools, youth organizations, and civic groups participate in program presentations. An activity center is available for meetings.

Smithland Historical Society
Smithland, Iowa 51056

The Society features a reconstructed log cabin and museum containing historical records, old guns, and pioneer relics.

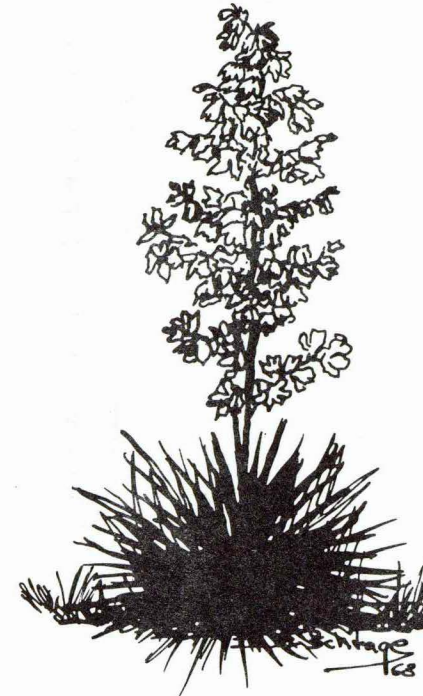
Free

By appointment

Mrs. Dorothy Aldrich, President

Stone State Park
Route #3
Sioux City, Iowa 51103

Named for Thomas Jefferson Stone, whose family donated this 365-acre tract to Sioux City for a park. The land was originally purchased by Hector Talbot from the earliest settlers. On the huge farmstead he experimented in the hybridization of animals and collected and mounted bird specimens. This area, at the junction of the Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers, was a feeding ground for many kinds of wild animals in the old days. The last wild buffalo (bison) is said to have been killed within the park boundaries. Many of the old, worn trails through the park are believed to have been originally formed by buffalo. The rugged wooded ridges and loess hills abound in wild flowers. More than 70 species have been identified and recorded here. Most unusual of these is the yucca and prickly pear cactus. Tall grama oats, one of the principal foods of the buffalo, thrive on the tops of the hills. Fine views may be had from Dakota Point, Stony Point, Mt. Lucia (1,410 feet above sea level), and other ridges. The miles of bridle trails within the park make it a popular place for horseback riding, while winter sports enthusiasts like its facilities for skiing and tobogganing.



State Conservation Commission
Valley Bank Building
Fourth and Walnut Streets
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

War Eagle Park
End of War Eagle Drive,
Sioux City, Iowa

Chief War Eagle's grave is here on a high bluff above the Missouri River, and is marked by a cast concrete block with bronze tablets, erected in 1922. War Eagle, who died in 1851, was always a friend of the white man. He is said to have spent much time in the hills and valleys within the park. From this lookout he could watch the approach of friends or enemies and take part in religious ceremonies. This was sacred land to the Indians, and evidence of their many camps is found in "kitchen mounds" a few miles north of the park.

Woodbury County Historical Society
Sioux City, Iowa

1961

Howard T. Lambert
1903 Ross Street
Sioux City, Iowa 51103

WORTH
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Fertile Mill Park
S edge of Fertile, Iowa

In 1879, Iowa had 712 flour and grist mills. They were the center of commerce and industry. Wheat was an important crop. But the wheat frontier moved westward and, due to changes and improvements in marketing and transportation, new farming methods, the appearance of manufactured wheat products, and the arrival of steam power and electricity, the old mills disappeared into history. Many of the mills were damaged by high water, ice jams, fire, and vandals. Today, Iowa probably has no more than 18 of these vanishing landmarks, and none of those still operating are powered with water alone. William Rhodes built this mill more than a century ago. In those days it was basically a flour mill; today it is used for grinding feeds. The dam spanning the Winnebago River is part of the 10-acre park. The huge gears which once turned the mill are still intact.

Worth County Conservation Board
C. H. Mortenson, Secretary
619 Central Avenue
Northwood, Iowa 50459

Northwood

A-7

WRIGHT
99

4-H Historical Building
Central Avenue West
Clarion, Iowa 50525

The one-room rural schoolhouse from Lake Township, District No. 6, credited as the birthplace of the 4-H emblem, has been moved to Clarion City Park. The building is now used as a museum of the early days of the 4-H Clubs and is dedicated to the memory of O.H. Benson (1875-1951), Wright County Superintendent of Schools, who originated the emblem in this school. It is furnished as of the 1907-1908 period. Many pictures pertaining to the school and the early rural social life of the community are included in the historic exhibits.

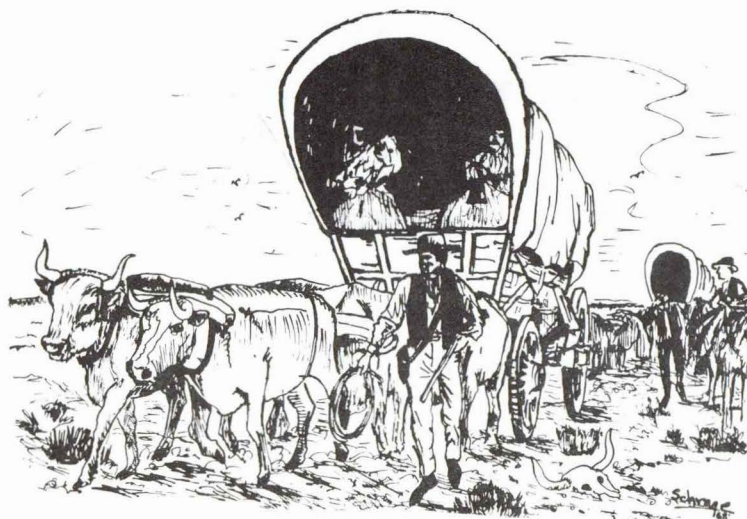
Restored
in 1955
and opened
June 1,
1956

Donations accepted 1-5 p.m. June,
July, and August;
or by appoint-
ment

Mrs. S.L. (Fern) Perry, Hostess
217 Second Street
Clarion, Iowa 50525

Clarion

C-6



Calendar of Celebrations, Festivals, and Historic Events Observed in Iowa

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Antique Airplane Fly-In	Late August-Early September	Ottumwa
Autumn Leaf Tours	October	Fayette, Guttenberg, McGregor, and NE Iowa
Cobblestone Theatre (summer stock acting)	June, July, August	Clear Lake
Craft Day	Late September	Nelson Pioneer Farm, Oskaloosa
Dairy Cattle Congress	Late September	Waterloo
Dansk Fest	June	Kimballton
Drake Relays	Last Friday & Sat. in April	Des Moines
Governor's Day Celebration	July	Clear Lake
Harvest Festival and Outdoor Art Show	September	Charles City
Indian PowWow	Mid-August	Tama
Iowa State Fair	August	Des Moines
Izaak Walton Annual Field Day	2nd Sunday in September	1 mile N of Kensett
Little Britches Rodeo	July	Massena
Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Reunion	5 days starting Thursday before Labor Day	Mt. Pleasant
Miss Iowa Pageant	3rd week in June	Davenport
National Hobo Day	Mid-August	Britt
Nordic Fest	July	Decorah
North Iowa Band Festival	June	Mason City
Okoboji Summer Theatre (summer stock acting)	July and August	Okoboji

Oktoberfest (German)	October	Amana
Old Settlers Reunion	August	Monroe
Paint 'N Palette Club Art Show	July	Antioch School--Grant Wood Memorial Park and Log Cabin Art Gallery, 4 miles SE of Anamosa
Pancake Day	End of September	Centerville
Popcorn Day	Early in Fall	Ida Grove
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Riverboat Days	1st week in July	Clinton
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Rodeo Championship	August	Sidney
Rose Festival	June	State Center
Saint Patrick's Celebration (Irish)	3 days in March	Emmetsburg
Sauerkraut Day (German)	Early in Fall	Ackley
Sidewalk Antique Fair	September	Fort Dodge
Steamboat Days and Dixieland Jazz Festival	3rd week in June	Burlington
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Tri-State Rodeo	September	Fort Madison
Tulip Festival (Dutch)	3rd week in May	Orange City
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