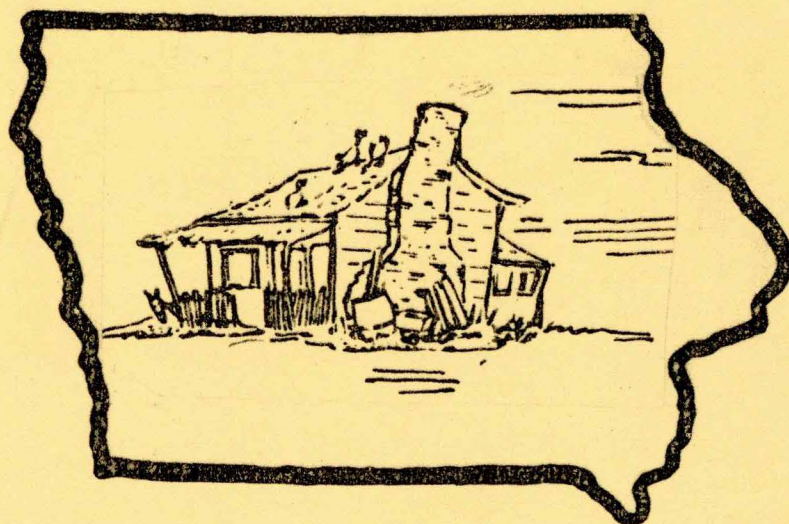


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FOREWORD

Chapter 280 of the Code of Iowa requires that the history of Iowa be included in the courses of study and taught in Iowa schools.

Senate File 553, passed by the 61st General Assembly, amends Chapter 257 of the Code of Iowa and requires that Iowa history be taught at the elementary level (grades 1 through 6). This is an indication of the importance of Iowa's heritage 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 may be related to national history.

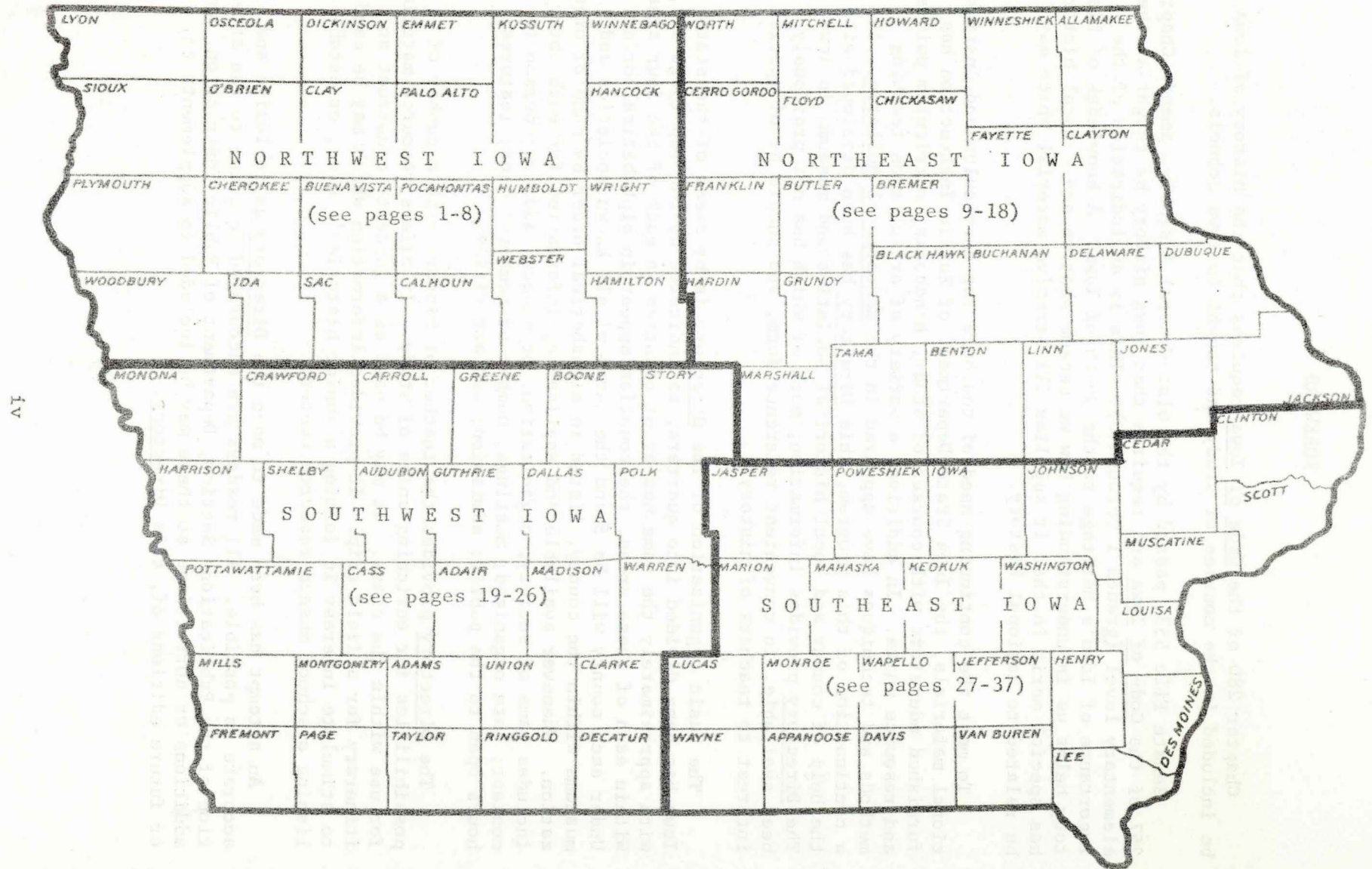
To meet the continuing need of teachers for curriculum and instructional materials, the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction has furnished educators with courses of study, handbooks, curriculum guides, and resource units. In addition, a variety of articles on teaching methods and techniques have appeared in the Educational Bulletin. As a continuation of this program, this Directory has been developed with the help of county and local historical societies and museums in Iowa. The Directory provides information, much of which has not previously been available, in convenient reference form, and should be of special interest to teachers of history.

The basic organization of the Directory is by areas of the state. Iowa has been divided into quarters, as indicated by the map (page iv), with approximately the same number of counties in each of the four areas. Within each of these areas, the counties appear in alphabetical order. Under each county will be found the names of all known societies and museums within the county, listed in alphabetical order by name of organization. Whenever available and applicable, information for each entry includes name of society, organization, or museum; address; person to contact; date organized; meetings; number of members; dues; features; hours open to the public; admission; and activities.

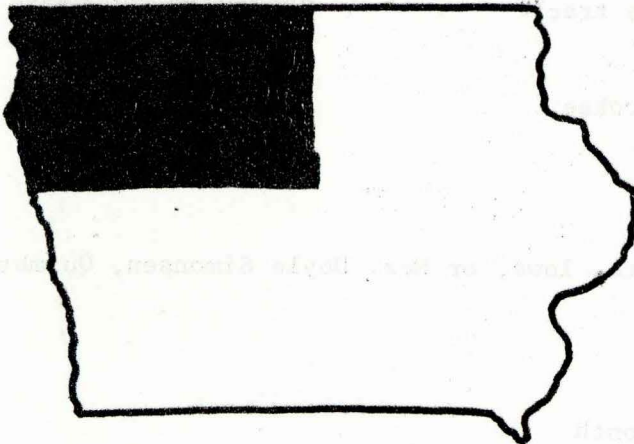
The Directory provides the teacher of history with a number of possibilities for enriching units of study. It offers resource material for use within the class. It may be used as a guide to construct an itinerary for a field trip. It provides information which may be used to stimulate interest in forming a junior historian's club, or establishing a school museum resource center.

An attempt has been made to make the Directory as inclusive and accurate as possible. All readers are encouraged to bring to the attention of the Publications Section, Department of Public Instruction, any additions or corrections so these may be included in supplements to, or future editions of, this Directory.

STATE OF IOWA



COUNTY AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES
AND MUSEUMS IN NORTHWEST IOWA



Counties Included

Buena Vista	O'Brien
Calhoun	Osceola
Cherokee	Palo Alto
Clay	Plymouth
Dickinson	Pocahontas
Emmet	Sac
Hamilton	Sioux
Hancock	Webster
Humboldt	Winnebago
Ida	Woodbury
Kossuth	Wright
Lyon	

BUENA VISTA COUNTY (11) - County Seat: Storm Lake

Buena Vista County Historical Society

Storm Lake Public Library, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

Person to contact: Mrs. Bennett J. Marshall, President, 328 Lake Avenue, Storm Lake, Iowa, or Inez Young, Treasurer, Storm Lake Public Library, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

Date organized: 1960

Number of members: 155

Activities: Restoration of 1870 log cabin

CALHOUN COUNTY (13) - County Seat: Rockwell City

Calhoun County Historical Society

Rockwell City, Iowa 51579

Person to contact: Henry Heideman, President, Rockwell City, Iowa 51579, or Ruth E. Ridge, Secretary

Date organized: 1956 (became county wide, 1958 - incorporated, 1962)

Number of members: 130

Features: Museum

Hours: By appointment

Sherman School

3½ miles west of Manson, Iowa - Calhoun County Conservation Board

Features: Old rural school on six acre tract

CHEROKEE COUNTY (18) - County Seat: Cherokee

Cherokee County Historical Society

Box 399, Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Person to contact: Jewel Pearse, Washta, Iowa, or Mrs. Doyle Simonsen, Quimby, Iowa

Date organized: August 1963

Meetings: The fourth Monday of each month

Number of members: 86

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Features: Stiles Museum at Quimby, Iowa. Old Number 9 one-room rural school-house, furnished; collection of pioneer items, antiques, Indian artifacts, farm machinery and tools.

Hours: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sundays during summer; weekdays, by appointment for groups

Admission: Free (donations accepted)

Activities: Restoration of an old log cabin. Local groups are preparing histories of various towns within the county.

Sanford Museum and Planetarium

117 East Willow, Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Person to contact: John R. Vincent, Director

Date organized: Founded 1941 (Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sanford as a memorial to son, Tiel) Opened 1951

Features: Museum includes exhibits on archaeology, geology, paleontology, African game animals, birds, and art. Planetarium demonstrations, arranged in advance for groups of 15 to 50 persons. Library.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 to 12:00 a.m.; Sunday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; closed for national holidays

Admission: Free

Activities: Guided tours, lectures, films. Loan and circulating exhibitions. Meeting place for Area Artists Group; Cherokee County Historical Society, NW Chapter Iowa Archaeological Society, and Sanford Museum Association.

CLAY COUNTY (21) - County Seat: Spencer

Parker Historical Society of Clay County
121 E. Third Street, Spencer, Iowa 51301

Person to contact: Fred Barrick, President, Barrick Jewelry Store, Spencer, Iowa,
or Ruth Thompson, 1296 Third Street, Spencer, Iowa

Date organized: 1960

Number of members: 260

Features: Museum with exhibits of items from Iowa's past, collection of historical
data, farm machinery, and blacksmith shop. Former 11-room home of
Rev. and Mrs. Parker donated to Society for the museum.

Hours: Sunday, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment. Closed Christmas and
New Year's Day.

Admission: Free

DICKINSON COUNTY (30) - County Seat: Spirit Lake

Dickinson County Historical Society
Spirit Lake, Iowa

Person to contact: Vernon Maytum, 721 Lake, Spirit Lake, Iowa, or Mrs. Dale E.
Peterson, 401 - 3rd Street, N.E., Milford, Iowa

Date organized: 1961

Number of members: 79

Meadow No. 7 (Viola) Rural School
U.S. Highway 71 north of Milford, Iowa

Person to contact: Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Morton

Date organized: 1961

Features: Restored one-room rural schoolhouse (1892, abandoned in 1955),
furnished with desks, blackboard, map racks, organ, and old school
records. Displays of Indian bones and artifacts, lithograph stones.

Admission: Free (donations accepted)

EMMET COUNTY (32) - County Seat: Estherville

Emmet County Historical Society
Estherville, Iowa

Person to contact: William R. Sidles, 914 First Avenue North, Estherville, Iowa,
or Miss Ivadell Ross, Secretary, 1724 North 6th Street,
Estherville, Iowa

Date organized: 1964

Number of members: 243

HAMILTON COUNTY (40) - County Seat: Webster City

Bonebright Museum
Webster City, Iowa

Features: Relics of early Iowa

HANCOCK COUNTY (41) - County Seat: Garner

Concord Park
Hancock County Conservation Board

Features: Old Concord Courthouse Square, 1.7 acre park

HUMBOLDT COUNTY (46) - County Seat: Dakota City

Humboldt County Historical Association
Humboldt, Iowa 50548

Person to contact: Mrs. Paul Parsons, President, R.R.#1, Humboldt, Iowa 50548

Date organized: November 13, 1962

Meetings: Once a month

Number of members: 144

Dues: \$2.00 annual; \$25.00 sustaining; \$50.00 contributing; \$100.00 life

Features: Museum. Old Mill Farm donated in 1966 by Kunert Family will become
the permanent site of the Museum. Located just east of Dakota City.

Hours: First Friday of each month, 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Livermore Old Settlers Association
Livermore, Iowa

Person to contact: Miss Naomi Struthers, President, Ottosen, Iowa

IDA COUNTY (47) - County Seat: Ida Grove

Ida County Historical Society
Ida Grove, Iowa

Person to contact: Arthur L. Johnson, Ida Grove, Iowa

KOSSUTH COUNTY (55) - County Seat: Algona

Kossuth County Historical Society
Algona, Iowa 50511

Person to contact: C. R. Schoby, President, Algona, Iowa 50511

Date organized: Incorporated 1959

Meetings: Annually

Number of members: 300

Features: Museum

Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

LYON COUNTY (60) - County Seat: Rock Rapids

O'BRIEN COUNTY (71) - County Seat: Primghar

O'Brien County Historical Society
Primghar, Iowa

Person to contact: Mrs. Caroline Bohan, Primghar, Iowa 51245

Activities: The first wooden church of O'Brien County, known as Covy Church, has been taken over in 1965 as a historical landmark by the Grant Township Trustees, and is being restored with contributions from interested people.

OSCEOLA COUNTY (72) - County Seat: Sibley

Osceola County Historical Society
Sibley, Iowa 51249

Person to contact: Fern Teuchenmiller, President, 716½ 9th Avenue, Sibley, Iowa 51249

Date organized: 1932

Number of members: 30

Features: Albert W. McCallum Museum in H. K. Rogers House in Sibley Park, one of the first wooden homes in the county (1871). Civil war guns, swords, uniforms, china and glassware, farm and household equipment, manuscripts.

Hours: May-August, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

Admission: Free

PALO ALTO COUNTY (74) - County Seat: Emmetsburg

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (75) - County Seat: LeMars

POCAHONTAS COUNTY (76) - County Seat: Pocahontas

Pocahontas County Historical Society
Pocahontas, Iowa

Person to contact: Mrs. F. J. Eichler, Pocahontas, Iowa; Jessie Fae Schon, Rolfe, Iowa 50581; or Faith Schlensig, Secretary, Pocahontas, Iowa

Date organized: 1941

Dues: \$1.00 annually or \$10.00 life membership

Activities: Restoration and furnishing of last remaining log cabin in the county, built in 1865 by Edward Tilly near "Old Rolfe." Preparation of map of early county history; uniform roadside marker system; annual reunion during the 4-H Fair.

SAC COUNTY (81) - County Seat: Sac City

SIOUX COUNTY (84) - County Seat: Orange City

WEBSTER COUNTY (94) - County Seat: Fort Dodge

Webster County Historical Society
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Person to contact: Ed Breen, KVFD, Fort Dodge, Iowa, or Mrs. John Amond, Curator

Date organized: 1931

Meetings: Annually

Number of members: 300

Dues: \$2.00 to \$5.00 annually

Features: Fort Dodge Historical Museum, Fort, and Stockade (founded in 1963).
Replica of 1850 fort occupied by U.S. Dragoons to protect early settlers against hostile Sioux Indians. Museum includes local Indian artifacts, items of Fort Dodge history, reproduction of Ft. Schuyler, 1861. Curio shop.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily during summer months. Closed during winter.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY (95) - County Seat: Forest City

WOODBURY COUNTY (97) - County Seat: Sioux City

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

Person to contact: Charles R. DeBusk, Director

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

Number of members: 200

Features: Pierce Mansion, built in 1889-1890 by John Pierce, early day realtor and developer. Displays on natural history, science, and history. Plains and Eastern Woodland Indian dugouts, ceremonial trappings, and artifacts; pioneer objects and clothing; birds and animals; minerals and fossils; Civil War collection of weapons, uniforms, and mementos; model of the steamboat OMAHA of the 1850's.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.; closed Mondays and national holidays

Admission: Free

Activities: Guided tours, lectures, films, study clubs, formally organized education programs for children and adults, circulating exhibitions. Participation with schools, youth organizations, and civic groups in program presentations. Activity center for meetings.

Smithland Historical Society
Smithland, Iowa

Person to contact: Mrs. Dorothy Aldrich, President

Features: Reconstructed log cabin, historical records, old guns, pioneer relics

Hours: By appointment

Admission: Free

Woodbury County Historical Society

Person to contact: Howard T. Lambert, 1903 Ross Street, Sioux City, Iowa

Date organized: 1961

WRIGHT COUNTY (99) - County Seat: Clarion

4-H Historical Building

Central Avenue, West, Clarion, Iowa 50525

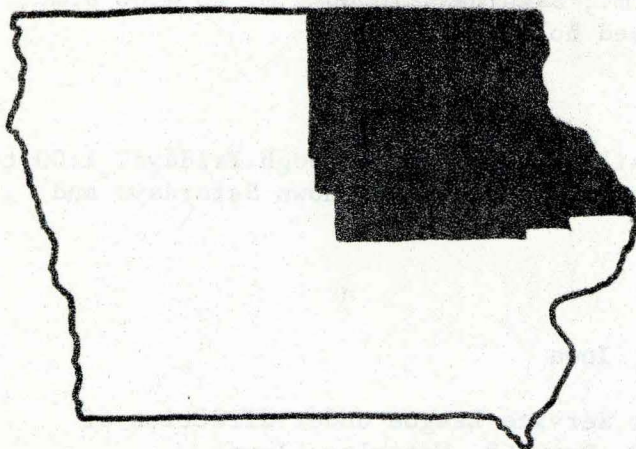
Person to contact: Fern Perry, Hostess

Features: One-room rural schoolhouse dedicated to O.H. Benson who originated the 4-H emblem in this school. Furnished as of 1907-1908. Talks and tours.

Hours: June through August, daily

Admission: Free

COUNTY AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES
AND MUSEUMS IN NORTHEAST IOWA



Counties Included

Allamakee	Franklin
Benton	Grundy
Black Hawk	Hardin
Bremer	Howard
Buchanan	Jackson
Butler	Jones
Cerro Gordo	Linn
Chickasaw	Marshall
Clayton	Mitchell
Delaware	Tama
Dubuque	Winneshiek
Fayette	Worth
Floyd	

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY (3) - County Seat: Waukon

Allamakee County Historical Society
Waukon, Iowa

Person to contact: Marvin Suckow, Postville, Iowa

BENTON COUNTY (6) - County Seat: Vinton

BLACK HAWK COUNTY (7) - County Seat: Waterloo

Cedar Falls Historical Society
224½ Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Person to contact: R. F. Merner, Cedar Falls Bank Building, Cedar Falls, Iowa,
or Iver Christofferson

Date organized: 1964

Number of members: 155

Museum of History and Science (Grout Historical Museum)
Park Avenue at South Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50701

Person to contact: Mrs. Howard J. Woodbridge, Director

Date organized: August 30, 1956 (opened) (Founded in 1933 by Henry W. Grout)

Features: Museum includes exhibits on Iowa history, pioneer life, early American arts and crafts, Indian lore, and earth science; reference library; planetarium.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; closed holidays

Admission: Free

Activities: Local history programs available Tuesdays through Fridays, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., by advanced appointment. Films shown Saturdays and Sundays at 3:15 p.m.

Russell-Lamson Home

West Third and South Streets, Waterloo, Iowa

Person to contact: Sponsored by Junior Service League under direction of Advisory Board, P.O. Box 568, Waterloo, Iowa

Date organized: Restored 1963 (restoration continues as additional funds and furnishings are available)

Features: Fine example of early Victorian architecture. Completed in 1861. The home is one of the three oldest still standing in Black Hawk County and is furnished with furniture of the period.

Hours: Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Activities: Tours by appointment for groups of five or more persons. Historical programs.

BREMER COUNTY (9) - County Seat: Waverly

Bremer County Historical Society

402 West Bremer Avenue, Waverly, Iowa 50677

Person to contact: Mrs. Delbert Shepard, President, 211 Second Street, S.W., Waverly, Iowa 50677

Date organized: November 1958

Meetings: Annual meeting in May and board meetings as needed

Number of members: 610

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Features: Museum in old stage coach stop, the last of its kind in Northeast Iowa. Collection of over 800 pioneer items from Bremer County.

Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. from May through October

BUCHANAN COUNTY (10) - County Seat: Independence

Buchanan County Historical Society

201½ East First Street, Independence, Iowa

Person to contact: J.T. Martin, Sr., President, R.2, Independence, Iowa

Date organized: 1961

Number of members: 150

Features: Museum in Buchanan County Courthouse

BUTLER COUNTY (12) - County Seat: Allison

Butler County Historical Society

Allison, Iowa

Person to contact: Paul Schaeffer, President, or Mrs. George Feltus, Curator

Date organized: 1957

Number of members: 185

Features: Little Yellow Schoolhouse Museum, a rural school on courthouse grounds

Hours: Thursdays, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., or by appointment

CERRO GORDO COUNTY (17) - County Seat: Mason City

CHICKASAW COUNTY (19) - County Seat: New Hampton

Adolph Munson Park

3½ miles northwest of Lawler, Iowa - Chickasaw County Conservation Board

Features: Old Ghost Town, Jacksonville, Iowa, preserved in 2½ acre park

Chickasaw County Historical Society

New Hampton, Iowa

Person to contact: Leota Dudley, President, 102 Kruger Apartments, New Hampton, Iowa

Date organized: 1953

Number of members: 400

Features: Restored village at Old Bradford, near the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa. Includes log cabins, blacksmith shop, old rural schoolhouse, office of Dr. William S. Pitts (who wrote the hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood"), old wooden windmill, and museum building.

Hours: Daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., May-September

CLAYTON COUNTY (22) - County Seat: Elkader

Effigy Mounds National Monument
3 miles north of Marquette, Iowa

Person to contact: Stuart H. Maule, Superintendent, McGregor, Iowa 52157

Date organized: Founded 1949 (Visitor Center opened 1960)

Features: Archaeological museum; artifacts, displays, local Woodland and Mississippian Cultures; Herbarium. Trails to Indian burial mounds (effigy, conical, and linear types). Guided tours, self-guiding trails. Audiovisual presentation in auditorium.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or later as appropriate for time of year

Garnavillo Historical Society
Garnavillo, Iowa

Person to contact: Arnold Roggman

McGregor Historical Society
McGregor, Iowa 52157

Person to contact: Floyd Luce, President, or Mrs. W. A. Myers

Features: Museum

Hours: Wednesday and Saturday

DELAWARE COUNTY (28) - County Seat: Manchester

Delaware County Historical Society

Person to contact: Mrs. W. J. Maxfield, 120½ N. Franklin, Manchester, Iowa 52057, or Mrs. Don Malven, 516 E. Howard Street, Manchester, Iowa 52057

Date organized: May 28, 1959

Meetings: Annually, second Friday in June, or when called. Directors meet last Monday of each month

Number of members: 100

Dues: \$1.00; \$5.00 sustaining membership

Features: Repository in Manchester Public Library. Small museum open for special occasions. Relocated and restored Love Log Cabin, first house in Manchester.

Activities: Delaware County history to be published. Issue brochures, "Delaware County Landmarks," from time to time.

DUBUQUE COUNTY (31) - County Seat: Dubuque

Dubuque County Historical Society

Lincoln and Shiras Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa

Person to contact: Elsie Datisman, Historian, 2045 Bennett Street, Dubuque, Iowa, or Mrs. Kenneth Mercer, Secretary, Red Cross, Stampher Building, Dubuque, Iowa

Date organized: 1950

Meetings: General meetings once a month; board meetings once a month; old-fashioned ice cream social on July 4; Christmas Party annually.

Number of members: 375 plus

Dues: \$100.00 patron; \$25.00, sustaining; \$5.00, family, \$3.00, individual; \$1.00, student

Features: Ham House Museum, 2241 Lincoln, Dubuque, Iowa

Hours: Daily except Monday during summer; Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. during winter

Activities: Restoration of first log cabin in Iowa built at Dubuque in 1827. Marking historic sites in Dubuque County. Educational program for school children on Dubuque history.

FAYETTE COUNTY (33) - County Seat: West Union

FLOYD COUNTY (34) - County Seat: Charles City

Floyd County Historical Society

107 N. Main Street, Charles City, Iowa 50616

Person to contact: C. R. Jones, Curator, or B. L. Lambert, 221 South Main Street, Charles City, Iowa 50616

Date organized: 1953

Number of members: 500

Features: Museum, preserving drug and grocery store dating back to 1873. Pharmaceutical equipment of the 1890's, collection of quaint medicines and remedies, prescription counter, pill machine, candy jars, grocery items in boxes and barrels, dry goods. Period rooms furnished as a "home of the past," old schoolroom, tool collection, stone implements, Indian artifacts, art objects, mineral collection, library.

Hours: Daily 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., April-December; by appointment only January-March

Admission: Adults, 50¢; children 10¢

FRANKLIN COUNTY (35) - County Seat: Hampton

Burkley Historical Area
Franklin County Conservation Board

Features: Old stone house on 6.5 acre tract, 1½ miles west of Geneva, Iowa

GRUNDY COUNTY (38) - County Seat: Grundy Center

HARDIN COUNTY (42) - County Seat: Eldora

HOWARD COUNTY (45) - County Seat: Cresco

Howard County Historical Society

Person to contact: Mrs. Roy Webber, Curator, 515 East Second Street, Cresco, Iowa 52136, or Mrs. William Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, Sartoga, Iowa

Date organized: 1925

Meetings: Each month, third Saturday evening

Number of members: 52

Dues: \$.50 per year

Activities: Restoration of log cabin and old rural schoolhouse. Display of antiques in large building, open day and evenings on Saturday at the fairgrounds each year. A few articles are loaned for display during the fair, the rest are owned by the Society.

JACKSON COUNTY (49) - County Seat: Maquoketa

Jackson County Historical Society

Person to contact: Mrs. Grace Hilihan, Route 4, Maquoketa, Iowa 52060, or
Dr. L. Hepker, Chairman, 620 South Main Street, Maquoketa,
Iowa 52060

Date organized: April 25, 1903; discontinued 1912; reorganized, June 11, 1964

Meetings: Monthly

Number of members: 260

Dues: \$1.00 per year; \$10.00 life

Red Schoolhouse

Jackson County Conservation Board

Features: Old rural schoolhouse on one-acre plot

Sagers Museum

Maquoketa, Iowa

Date organized: Founded 1950; Opened 1952

Features: Individually owned Natural History Museum. Specimens of wildlife, artifacts of prehistoric peoples, history of community surrounding Maquoketa Caves State Park.

Activities: Lectures, films

JONES COUNTY (53) - County Seat: Anamosa

Antioch Schoolhouse Memorial

7 miles east of Anamosa, Iowa

Features: Rural school built in 1872, attended by Iowa artist Grant Wood for four years beginning in 1897. Reproductions of Wood's work; art display. Building and grounds furnished and maintained by Paint 'n' Palette Club, Anamosa, Iowa

LINN COUNTY (57) - County Seat: Cedar Rapids

Abbe Creek School Museum

2 miles northwest of Mount Vernon, Iowa, on Highway 150 - Linn County Conservation Board

Features: Brick schoolhouse built in 1853, restored to the 1900 period

Linn County Historical Society

Person to contact: W. Howard Smith, 515 M.M.B. Building, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Number of members: 50

MARSHALL COUNTY (64) - County Seat: Marshalltown

Historical Society of Marshall County

303 West Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Person to contact: James R. Bradbury, President

Date organized: 1908

Meetings: Quarterly

Number of members: 154

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Features: Susie Sower Historical House, built in 1860 and occupied by the George Sower family until 1952; restored and repaired in 1958; dedicated May 10, 1959; original furniture and furnishings of Civil War period; Indian relics, paintings, and Crinoids on display. Open by appointment.

Wetherbee rural schoolhouse furnished with old double desks, pot-bellied stove, recitation bench, organ, ABC reading chart, water bucket, and school bell.

Memorial log cabin built in 1937 in Riverview Park.

Activities: Guided tours, educational programs for children

MITCHELL COUNTY (66) - County Seat: Osage

TAMA COUNTY (86) - County Seat: Toledo

Tama County Historical Society

111 E. 6th Street, Tama, Iowa 52339

Person to contact: Roy L. Shaffer, President and Curator

Date organized: April 9, 1942

Meetings: First Saturday of April each year

Number of members: 11 members in good standing; 140 honorary members

Dues: \$.50 per year

Features: Exhibits in the County Courthouse of items of historic interest donated or loaned to the Society.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays or when the Tama County Courthouse is open for business

Admission: Free

WINNESHIEK COUNTY (96) - County Seat: Decorah

Bily Clock Exhibit
Dvorak House, Spillville, Iowa

Person to contact: C. J. Andera, Manager-Curator

Date organized: Founded 1947

Features: Hand-carved clocks with mechanical figures, created by the two Bily brothers (Frank and Joseph); building was occupied by the composer Antonin Dvorak in 1893.

Hours: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., April-October; By appointment only November-March. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day

Admission: Adults, 40¢; children, 15¢; special rates for students and groups of 15 or more

Activities: Guided tours

Bloomfield Township Historical Society
Castalia, Iowa

Fort Atkinson State Park (Historical Monument)
Fort Atkinson, Iowa

Person to contact: Iowa State Conservation Commission, E. 7th and Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, or Lois Rausch, Curator, Fort Atkinson, Iowa

Features: Restoration of 1840 federal military post established to protect the Winnebago Indians against the hostile Sioux Indians. Fort acquired by State of Iowa in 1921. Reconstruction began in 1958. Historical museum established 1961 in old barracks and hospital. Display of artifacts and information about the fort, rosters, maps, uniforms.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., May 16 through October 30. Closed during winter.

Norwegian-American Historical Museum
Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

Person to contact: O. M. Hovde, Director, or Mrs. Ralph M. Olson, Curator

Date organized: Founded 1877

Features: Norwegian pioneer items, Indian artifacts, rocks, biological specimens, coins, pewter, guns, china and glassware, over 10,000 items.

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., April-October.

Admission: Adults, 50¢; children 25¢; groups of 20, adults, 35¢; children, 15¢

Activities: Guided tours, lectures, study clubs

Winneshiek County Historical Society
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Person to contact: E. J. Weigle, 212 Winnebago Street, Decorah, Iowa; Mrs. Ken Green, Maplewood Farm, Castalia, Iowa; or Carl Nystrom, Secretary, Decorah, Iowa

Date organized: July 8, 1963

Meetings: Annually, third Saturday in September

Number of members: 347

Dues: \$1.00 annual; \$15.00 life

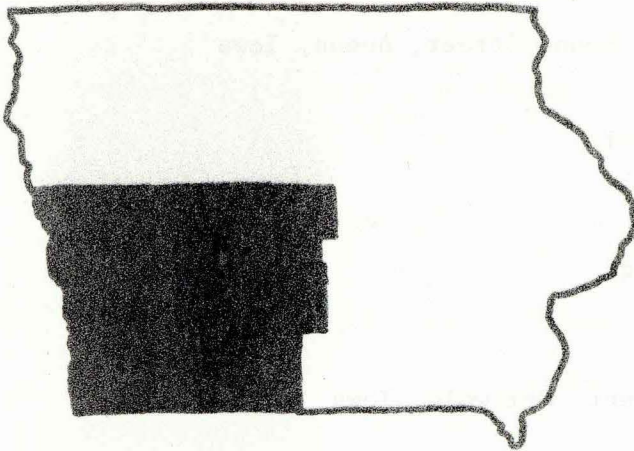
Features: Museum

Hours: 12:00 to 4:30 p.m., Sundays and holidays, May 30 to October 15

Activities: Restoration of log cabin. Locate and encourage restoration of neglected or abandoned graves and cemeteries.

WORTH COUNTY (98) - County Seat: Northwood

COUNTY AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES
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Adair	Madison
Adams	Mills
Audubon	Monona
Boone	Montgomery
Carroll	Page
Cass	Polk
Clarke	Pottawattamie
Crawford	Ringgold
Dallas	Shelby
Decatur	Story
Fremont	Taylor
Greene	Union
Guthrie	Warren
Harrison	

ADAIR COUNTY (1) - County Seat: Greenfield

ADAMS COUNTY (2) - County Seat: Corning

Adams County Historical Society
Corning, Iowa

Person to contact: Mrs. Harry Sickles, 907 Nodaway Street, Corning, Iowa

Number of members: 75

AUDUBON COUNTY (5) - County Seat: Audubon

Audubon County Historical Society
115 W. Washington, Exira, Iowa 50076

Person to contact: Willis Simmons, President, Audubon, Iowa, or Milliman
Insurance Agency, Exira, Iowa 50076

Date organized: Incorporated 1965

Meetings: Irregular dates

Number of members: Over 500

Dues: \$1.00 annual or \$10.00 lifetime

Features: Museum to open in April or May 1966

BOONE COUNTY (8) - County Seat: Boone

Boone County Historical Society
Boone, Iowa

Person to contact: E. C. Wissler, 316 Boone Street, Boone, Iowa

CARROLL COUNTY (14) - County Seat: Carroll

CASS COUNTY (15) - County Seat: Atlantic

Cass County Historical Society

Person to contact: Rex Powers, President, Griswold, Iowa

Date organized: 1963

Number of Members: 280

Features: Griswold Museum

Hours: Saturday or by appointment

CLARKE COUNTY (20) - County Seat: Osceola

CRAWFORD COUNTY (24) - County Seat: Denison

DALLAS COUNTY (25) - County Seat: Adel

Dallas County Historical Society
Adel, Iowa

Person to contact: Mrs. Ethel B. Gregory, President, Adel, Iowa

Date organized: October 26, 1958

Meetings: Last Sunday of each month

Number of members: 150

Dues: \$1.00 per year; \$25.00 life

Features: Museum

Activities: Annual Harvest Home Festival Dinner in November

Forest Park Museum

1 mile south of 16th and Willis, Perry, Iowa

Person to contact: Eugene Hastie, Owner

Features: Over 400 trees of 120 varieties, five museum buildings, films on Chicago's Skid Row.

Hours: Sunday, 1:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday, by special request

Admission: Adults, 25¢; high school students, 15¢; grade school children, 10¢

DECATUR COUNTY (27) - County Seat: Leon

FREMONT COUNTY (36) - County Seat: Sidney

Fremont County Historical Society

Person to contact: Ralph H. Greenwood, Box 218, Tabor, Iowa

Date organized: 1964

Number of members: 95

Manti Memorial Park

Fremont County Conservation Board

Features: Old schoolhouse in 12.24 acre memorial park

GREENE COUNTY (37) - County Seat: Jefferson

GUTHRIE COUNTY (39) - County Seat: Guthrie Center

Guthrie County Historical Society

Person to contact: Homer Anderson, President, Panora, Iowa 50216

Date organized: 1941

Meetings: Second Sunday of each month

Number of members: 30

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Features: Furnished rural schoolhouse preserved on Fairgrounds

Activities: Restoration and preservation of a bit of original prairie near
Panora

HARRISON COUNTY (43) - County Seat: Logan

Corn Museum

3 miles east of Missouri Valley on U.S. Highway 30

Features: Collection of relics from Iowa's past

MADISON COUNTY (61) - County Seat: Winterset

Madison County Historical Society

Person to contact: Lloyd H. Smith, Madison County Superintendent of Schools,
Winterset, Iowa 50273

MILLS COUNTY (65) - County Seat: Glenwood

House of A Thousand Bottles

Wearin Homestead 2½ miles northwest of Hastings, Iowa

Person to contact: Otha D. and Lola B. Wearin

Features: Collection of character and figure bottles, glassware, art objects

Mills County Historical Society and Museum

Box 170, Glenwood, Iowa 51534

Person to contact: R. H. Mintle, President, 201 Louise Avenue, Glenwood, Iowa
51534

Date organized: August 1957

Meetings: Twice a year and otherwise as necessary

Number of members: 150

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Features: Mills County Historical Museum (gift of Mintle Family), pioneer items,
Indian artifacts; country school (furnished), in Glenwood Lake Park

Hours: Sunday, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Evenings through the summer (May-September).
Otherwise by appointment.

MONONA COUNTY (67) - County Seat: Onawa

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (69) - County Seat: Red Oak

PAGE COUNTY (73) - County Seat: Clarinda

Glodenrod School Museum

Page County 4-H Fairgrounds, Clarinda, Iowa

Features: Restored and furnished rural school used from 1873 until 1959.
Museum.

POLK COUNTY (77) - County Seat: Des Moines

Iowa Society for the Preservation of Historic Landmarks

Person to contact: LeRoy G. Pratt, President, 317 S.W. 42nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50312, or Lida Lisle Greene, Iowa Department of History and Archives, East 12th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Date organized: Founded 1955; incorporated 1959

Meetings: Spring meeting in April; Fall meeting in October

Number of members: 115

Dues: \$2.50 annually

Activities: Landmarks field studies; publications on preservation activities; advisory staff to assist and advise local groups in identifying and preserving historic sites and buildings in Iowa; cooperate with local, state, and national organizations

Iowa State Department of History and Archives

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

Person to contact: Jack Musgrove, Curator

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day of the year

Admission: Free

Activities: Guided tours, lectures, films, consultative services

Polk County Historical Society
Des Moines, Iowa

Person to contact: Howard C. Amick, President, County Line Road, West Des Moines, Iowa, or LeRoy G. Pratt, 317 S.W. 42nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Date organized: Incorporated 1938; reorganized 1961 after period of inactivity

Meetings: Monthly, except July and August, on second Sunday or second Wednesday of the month

Number of members: 90

Dues: \$2.00 individual; \$3.00 family, \$10.00 sustaining

Features: Des Moines Birthplace - reconstruction of Fort Des Moines (No. 2) of 1843, near junction of Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, S.W. First and Elm. Museum building will eventually house items identified with Polk County history and collection of primitives.

Activities: Monthly Newsletter. Co-sponsor "Highlights of Iowa History" classes in Fall and Spring at State Historical Building, Des Moines.

Salisbury House
4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Features: Reconstruction of King's House in Salisbury, England, by Carl Weeks. Now headquarters of Iowa State Education Association. Works of art, library, 16th century paneling, furnishings, Indian Room contains relics and artifacts.

Hours: Four rooms open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pre-arranged guided tours in groups of 10 or more

Admission: 50¢ for tour

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY (78) - County Seat: Council Bluffs

Hillcrest Farm and Log Cabin Museum
16 miles South of Walnut, Iowa

Features: Collection of relics of early Iowa

Historical Society of Pottawattamie County

Person to contact: Mrs. Abbott Dean, President, 231 Park Avenue, Council Bluffs,
Iowa 51501

Date organized: March 13, 1961

Meetings: September, October, November, January, March, April, May; one of
which is a joint meeting with Greater Omaha Historical Society

Number of members: 106

Dues: \$5.00 per year; \$1.00 per year for students

Features: Restoration and furnishing of General Grenville Dodge House, 605 -
3rd Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501; guide service for tours.
Designated a national historic site by U.S. Department of Interior
on October 20, 1963.

RINGGOLD COUNTY (80) - County Seat: Mount Ayr

Ringgold County Historical Society

Features: Historical Museum in County Courthouse; items of local interest

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

SHELBY COUNTY (83) - County Seat: Harlan

John Baker Museum
Harlan, Iowa 51537

Shelby County Historical Society
Harlan, Iowa 51537

Person to contact: Mrs. Gaillard R. Heflin, President

Date organized: January 24, 1965

Meetings: Fourth Sunday afternoon in each month, except for special events

Number of members: 117

Dues: \$2.00 per year

Activities: Markers for county historic sites, exhibit at Shelby County Fair,
tours

STORY COUNTY (85) - County Seat: Nevada

The Community Historical Society
Maxwell, Iowa 50161

Person to contact: Mrs. J. Harper White, Historian, Rt. #1, Maxwell, Iowa 50161,
or Miss Belva Swalweil, Curator, Maxwell, Iowa 50161

Date organized: Incorporated February 7, 1964

Meetings: Second Monday of each month, 8:00 p.m.

Dues: \$1.00; \$25.00 life membership

Features: Museum containing pioneer items, photographs, clothing, tools, etc.

Activities: Annual Old Settlers Picnic

TAYLOR COUNTY (87) - County Seat: Bedford

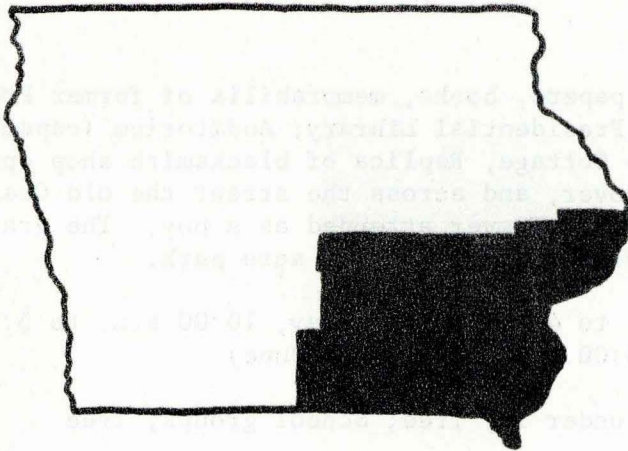
UNION COUNTY (88) - County Seat: Creston

WARREN COUNTY (91) - County Seat: Indianola

Warren County Historical Society

Person to contact: Mrs. Glen Felton, Secretary, 130 Country Club Road,
Indianola, Iowa 50125

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Appanoose	Louisa
Cedar	Lucas
Clinton	Mahaska
Davis	Marion
Des Moines	Monroe
Henry	Muscatine
Iowa	Poweshiek
Japser	Scott
Jefferson	Van Buren
Johnson	Wapello
Keokuk	Washington
Lee	Wayne

APPANOOSE COUNTY (4) - County Seat: Centerville

Moulton Historical Society
Moulton, Iowa

Person to contact: The Doyle N. Andersons, Sandridge Farm, Moulton, Iowa 52572

Date organized: 1965

Number of members: 35

Dues: \$1.50 per year or \$5.00 for 5 years

CEDAR COUNTY (16) - County Seat: Tipton

Cedar County Historical Society
Tipton, Iowa 52772

Person to contact: Ina Barewald, Secretary, Tipton, Iowa 52772

Date organized: October 10, 1957

Meetings: Annual meeting in January, summer picnic in July. Board of Directors meet once a month

Number of members: 601

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Activities: Reproduction of Wells Spicer map, showing farms, schools, mills, churches, etc. Attempting to acquire for restoration an old school building in Tipton, reputed to be the first free, graded school west of the Mississippi. Cedar County Historical Review published annually.

Herbert Hoover Birthplace and Presidential Library-Museum
Hoover Birthplace Park, West Branch, Iowa

Person to contact: Dr. Franz G. Lassner, Director

Date organized: Dedicated 1962

Features: Museum includes public papers, books, memorabilia of former President Herbert Clark Hoover. Presidential Library, Auditorium (capacity 200), Hoover Birthplace Cottage, 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. The graves of President and Mrs. Hoover are in the 33 acre park.

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (June-September); 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. (September-June)

Admission: Adults, 50¢; Children under 12, free; School groups, free

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

Date organized: August 22, 1963

Meetings: About every two months, at call of president

Number of members: 165

Dues: \$1.00 active; \$5.00 sustaining (New schedule being considered)

Features: Museum

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

Activities: Preservation of two blocks of "old town"

CLINTON COUNTY (23) - County Seat: Clinton

DAVIS COUNTY (26) - County Seat: Bloomfield

Davis County Historical Society

Person to contact: Quentin E. Johnson, President, 610 North Washington,
Bloomfield, Iowa

Date organized: March 16, 1961

Meetings: Second Tuesday except August and December

Number of members: 180

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Activities: One of the original brick homes in Bloomfield being purchased for a museum.

DES MOINES COUNTY (29) - County Seat: Burlington

Des Moines County Historical Society
Burlington, Iowa

Person to contact: Will D. Schnirring, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,
Burlington, Iowa, or Clarence W. Moody, 111 Polk,
Burlington, Iowa 52601

Date organized: Incorporated 1940; reorganized February 1963

Meetings: Have held none for more than a year

Number of members: 153

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Features: When old society disbanded, collections and funds were transferred to the Burlington Public Library for custody and display.

Hours: Regular library hours, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily except Sunday

HENRY COUNTY (44) - County Seat: Mount Pleasant

Harlan-Lincoln Museum
Iowa Wesleyan College Campus, Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Features: Historic House (former home of Senator James Harlan and his son-in-law, Robert Todd Lincoln; original furnishings, personal mementos of the Lincolns)

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and by appointment

Admission: Free

Henry County Historical Society

Person to contact: Donald E. Young, Secretary, 305 West Green Street, Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641

Date organized: 1956

Meetings: Three times a year, during winter, spring, and fall

Number of members: 120

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Activities: Guided tours; education programs for adults

Iowa Wesleyan College Museum

Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Features: Art, archaeology, geology, zoology exhibits; herbarium

Activities: Collecting trips, joint insect survey program with the State
University of Iowa

Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association

McMillen Park, Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Date organized: 1950

Dues: \$1.00

Features: Annual Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Reunion in September during five days starting on the first Thursday before Labor Day. Old steam engines; antique cars; narrow gauge steam railroad; restored pioneer village with log cabin, rural schoolhouse, church, country store, saloon, barber shop, depot, blacksmith shop, wagon factory, fire station, and bandstand; demonstrations of threshing machine, sorghum mill, saw mill, Baker fan in operation, powered by steam engines; displays of pioneer items and antiques.

IOWA COUNTY (48) - County Seat: Marengo

Iowa County Historical Society

Person to contact: Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Hobby Hill, Ladora, Iowa

Features: Log cabin in which first Lutheran Services were held in the area.
Moved to Marengo from site 15 miles southeast of town.

JASPER COUNTY (50) - County Seat: Newton

JEFFERSON COUNTY (51) - County Seat: Fairfield

Jefferson County Historical Society

304 South Main Street, Fairfield, Iowa 52556

Person to contact: L. D. Prewitt, 501 West Carpenter, Fairfield, Iowa 52556,
or Ben J. Taylor, 304 South Main Street, Fairfield, Iowa
52556

Date organized: March 1, 1963

Meetings: As called

Number of members: 18

Dues: Nil

JOHNSON COUNTY (52) - County Seat: Iowa City

Museum of Natural History

Macbride Hall, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Person to contact: Walter C. Thietje, Curator

Date organized: Founded 1858

Features: Ethnological Hall, including Maori and Philippine exhibits; arrowheads, spearheads, and axes collected along Iowa River; habitat groups, birds and large mammals; systematic series mounted birds.

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.; closed national holidays

Admission: Free

Activities: Museum training courses for credit

Plum Grove Historic Monument

727 Switzer Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa

Person to contact: Iowa State Conservation Commission, E. 7th and Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

Features: Historic home of Robert Lucas, first governor of Territory of Iowa, 1844; period furnishings.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., April-November

Admission: Free

State Historical Society of Iowa

Centennial Building, Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Person to contact: William J. Petersen, Superintendent

Date organized: Established 1857

Number of members: 9254

Activities: Library, publications. Collect and preserve material on Iowa history. Microfilms of Iowa newspapers.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

KEOKUK COUNTY (54) - County Seat: Sigourney

Keokuk County Historical Society
Sigourney, Iowa 52591

Person to contact: Ralph Goeldner, President, or Grace Sanderson, Secretary,
320 West Jackson, Sigourney, Iowa 52591, or Mrs. Kenneth
Pfannebecker, 420 South Stuart Street, Sigourney, Iowa
52591

Date organized: January 21, 1963

Meetings: Whenever called by president

Number of members: 60

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Activities: Plan to erect a monument of Civil War incident. Gather materials
of historic value.

LEE COUNTY (56) - County Seat: Fort Madison

Croton Civil War Memorial Park
Croton, Iowa - Lee County Conservation Board

Features: Sprouse House preserved in 8 acre park as a monument to Iowa's
only Civil War battle scars

Fort Madison Historical Society

Person to contact: Miss Helen Kimbrell, 835 Avenue D, Fort Madison, Iowa

Galland School
Near Montrose, Iowa

Person to contact: Iowa State Conservation Commission, E. 7th and Court Avenue,
Des Moines, Iowa

Date organized: Monument completed 1940

Features: Replica of the first schoolhouse in Iowa (1830) erected by Dr. Isaac
Galland at Ahwipetuk, near present day Montrose, Iowa

George M. Verity Keokuk River Museum

Victory Park, Keokuk, Iowa

Features: Old double helical paddlewheel towboat on river front serving as a museum of upper Mississippi River history.

Hours: Daily except Monday

Lee County Historical Society

Person to contact: Alois J. Neber, Route 2, Keokuk, Iowa

Date organized: 1956

Number of members: 175

North Lee County Historical Society

Person to contact: H. T. Werner, Jr., President, Lee County Bank Building,
Fort Madison, Iowa, or Mrs. Helen B. Kimbrell, 835 Avenue D,
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

Date organized: 1962

Number of members: 200

LOUISA COUNTY (58) - County Seat: Wapello

LUCAS COUNTY (59) - County Seat: Chariton

MAHASKA COUNTY (62) - County Seat: Oskaloosa

Mahaska County Historical Society

Route #1, Oskaloosa, Iowa

Person to contact: Joe Gray, President, or Mrs. Stillman Clark, Curator,
1303 - 9th Avenue, East, Oskaloosa, Iowa

Date organized: January 31, 1942

Meetings: Quarterly, and annual meeting in January for members. Executive Board meetings second Saturday each month.

Number of members: 350

Dues: \$2.00 per year

Features: Nelson Pioneer Farm and Museum (period 1844-1900--built in 1965) on Glendale Road, 3 miles northeast of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Two-story farm house (1852) built of bricks from local kiln by Daniel Nelson on 320 acre farm. Exhibits of antique tools, agricultural implements, war relics, arrowheads, pioneer village of 1860's, books, clocks, furniture, quilts. Museum building patterned after Pennsylvania Dutch barn. Log cabin moved from Bussey, Iowa, and restored.

Hours: Season, May 12 to October 12, open daily except Mondays

Activities: Pioneer Women's Crafts Day in Fall

MARION COUNTY (63) - County Seat: Knoxville

Marion County Historical Society

Person to contact: C. B. Campbell, Curator, Knoxville, Iowa 50138

Date organized: March 1955

Meetings: Third Monday of each month

Number of members: 170

Dues: \$1.00 per year

Features: Museum (13,000 items) in park in former milk house of the Veterans Administration Farm. Red Schoolhouse (Pleasant Ridge School built in 1874), rural church, small C.B. & Q. Railway Depot.

Hours: Daily 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., April to October, or by appointment

Admission: Free

Activities: Planning to add log cabin, covered bridge, and a larger museum building

Pella Historical Society

Pella, Iowa

Person to contact: I. G. Boat, Pella, Iowa

Date organized: 1936

Number of members: 200

Features: Restoration of boyhood home of frontiersman and Western lawman, Wyatt Earp, who lived here until age 11. Adjacent building to be museum. Chamber of Commerce administering plans to remodel east side of Pella's square in Dutch architectural style.

MONROE COUNTY (68) - County Seat: Albia

Monroe County Historical Society

Person to contact: James Foster, President

MUSCATINE COUNTY (70) - County Seat: Muscatine

POWESHIEK COUNTY (79) - County Seat: Montezuma

Grinnell Historical Museum Society

Person to contact: Mrs. J. D. Stoops, President, 1033 Park Street, Grinnell, Iowa

SCOTT COUNTY (82) - County Seat: Davenport

Davenport Public Museum

1717 West 12th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52804

Person to contact: Donald G. Herold, Director

Date organized: Founded 1867

Features: Science Museum on archaeology and ethnology of the Americas, Europe, and Asia; geology; biology; herbarium. History Museum on textiles, costumes, household furnishings, tools, crafts, military items, coins, stamps, and manuscripts. Art Museum on primitive art, paints, water colors, oils, sculptures.

Hours: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. (subject to change)

Admission: Free

Activities: Lectures, films, research library

VAN BUREN COUNTY (89) - County Seat: Keosauqua

Morris Park and Museum

Stockport, Iowa

Features: Log cabin museum and old schoolhouse. Display of early agriculture tools.

Mason House Museum

Bentonsport, Iowa

Person to contact: Herbert K. Redhead

Features: Thriving riverboat terminal of steamboat era, once a ghost town, now restored. Old hotel now a museum, furnished as it was a century ago.

Admission: 50¢

Van Buren County Historical Society
Keosauqua, Iowa

Person to contact: Theo Cook, President

Date organized: Incorporated 1960

Number of members: 250

WAPELLO COUNTY (90) - County Seat: Ottumwa

Wapello County Historical Society

Person to contact: W. Sinclair Venables, President, 165 West Alta Vista,
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

Date organized: October 14, 1959

Meetings: Second Wednesday in October, November, February, March, April
(annual meeting)

Number of members: 151 annual, 28 life

Dues: \$2.00 annually; \$50.00 life (\$1.00 and \$10.00 until January 1, 1966)

Activities: Historical Library and Museum being organized

WASHINGTON COUNTY (92) - County Seat: Washington

Iowa Menonnite Historical Society
Kalona, Iowa

Person to contact: John Gingerich, President

Date organized: 1948

Number of members: 41

Washington County Historical Society
Washington, Iowa 52353

Person to contact: Charles Hotle, President, Box 169, Washington, Iowa 52353,
or Edna Jones, 1623 North Marion Avenue, Washington, Iowa
52353

Date organized: December 2, 1959

Meetings: September, February, June

Number of members: 110

Dues: \$1.00

Features: Room in city library for written material; Walnut country school-house; local chapter of D.A.R. maintains old log cabin in Sunset Park.

Activities: Annual tours within county to points of historic interest

WAYNE COUNTY (93) - County Seat: Corydon

Wayne County Historical Society

Corydon, Iowa

Person to contact: Amy Robertson, President, Promise City, Iowa, or Ortha Green, Curator

Date organized: 1942

Meetings: Quarterly

Number of members: 1280

Dues: \$1.00; \$10.00 life

Features: Museum. Little Red Schoolhouse, built in 1881; restored and furnished. Located 3 miles north of Lineville, Iowa

Hours: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., April-December; closed on national holidays

Activities: Lectures, study clubs, hobby workshops

