



Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg and DCA unveil plaque at George Stout's boyhood home



Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg joined the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs in **Winterset** on Friday to unveil a historical plaque marking the boyhood home of George Stout and to declare **October as Arts & Humanities Month in Iowa!**

Stout, who was **born 125 years ago** on Oct. 5, was a world-class expert in art preservation and

October is Arts & Humanities Month

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs invites you to celebrate Arts & Humanities Month here in Iowa and across the country. Here are just a few exciting programs in Iowa:

– A partnership between The Annals of Iowa and the Iowa Arts Council calls on Iowa artists to **submit artwork** for the cover of each new issue.

– The new **Iowa Culture Leadership Cohort** helps arts, culture, history and humanities

restoration who joined the U.S. Army and led the so-called "**Monuments Men**" in rescuing thousands of precious artworks and antiquities during World War II.

Stout's granddaughters, **Lauren Parker and Leslie Marks** (pictured above, with Gregg and a Stout cut-out), helped dedicate the historical marker in Winterset.

The group also included **Corine Wegener**, director of the Smithsonian Institution's Cultural Rescue Initiative, and **U.S. Army Capt. Kevin Morrow**. The Smithsonian and the U.S. Army created the Cultural Rescue Initiative, a **modern-day "Monuments Men"** program that trains the U.S. Army Civil Affairs Corps to help protect cultural heritage and stop the destruction or trafficking of artifacts.

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nonprofits build skills through workshops, peer learning and mentorships.

– The **Iowa History**

Dissertation

Fellowship supports research in any period of Iowa history, from pre-statehood up through the recent past.

– A **Greenlight Grant** from Produce Iowa, plus photos and information from the State Historical Society of Iowa, helped Iowa filmmaker Scott Siepker document the life and legacy of Adel native Nile Kinnick in "**Kinnick: The Documentary.**"

Oct. 6: Visit the Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin

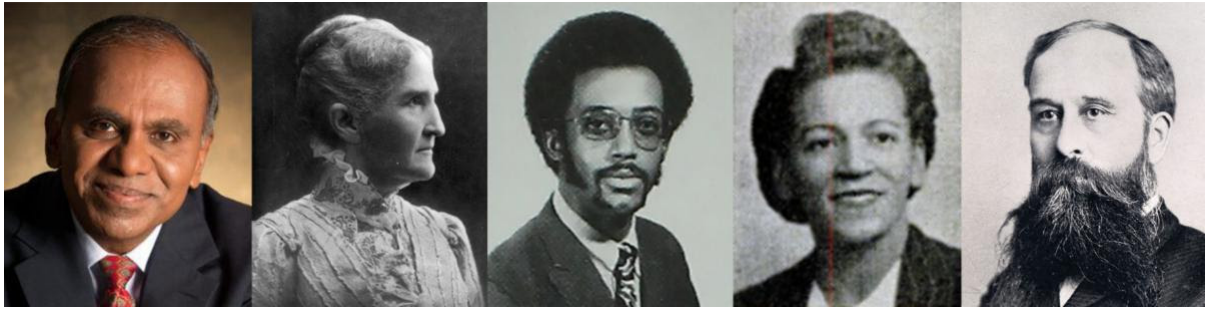
You're invited to an open house from noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin Historic Site in Arnolds Park. A docent-guided tour is set for 2 p.m., followed by a 4 p.m. historical talk by the team from the **Dickinson County Historical Museum**.

During the open house, be sure to offer your input about a new plan designed to improve the visitor experience, or share your thoughts by filling out a brief **online survey**.



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ISU's Biographical Dictionary is now available

We're proud to share the news that the Iowa State University Biographical Dictionary has been released. Co-edited by **State Curator Leo Landis** and **University Museums Curator Allison Sheridan**, the online resource provides information about people connected to Iowa State and their contributions to Iowa, the nation and the world. Each entry includes biographical details, a brief essay and, in most cases, a photo or portrait.

Pictured from left: Subra Suresh, Mary Beaumont Welch, Vern E. Hawkins, Marion Antoinette Richards Myles and Charles Edwin Bessey, all featured in the new biographical dictionary.

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Chronicling America database expanding



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Chronicling America, the **searchable online database** of historical American newspapers, will soon include digitized newspapers from **all 50 U.S. states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands**. Iowa participates in the program with support from the **National Endowment for the Humanities**. A Chronicling America **User's Guide** and **Search Tips** are available online.

Mobile Museum continues 99-county journey

Housed in a custom-built Winnebago, the State Historical Society of Iowa's museum on wheels presents "**Iowa History 101: Iowa's People & Places**," a 3,000-square-foot exhibit packed with artifacts and

videos that explore **13,000 years of Iowa history**. Check out the mobile museum at its next two stops:

Dunkerton Public Library

[203 E. Tower Street](#)

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 8

Knoxville Public Library

[213 E. Montgomery Street](#)

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 21-25

We appreciate support from **EMC Insurance Companies**, the traveling exhibition's presenting sponsor, as well as partnership support from **Casey's General Stores, Winnebago Industries, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach** and **Mike Wolfe**.



Request a visit from the mobile museum for schools, libraries, local museums, community festivals, county fairs and other places where people gather. Visits and self-guided tours are complimentary. More details are available at iowaculture.gov.

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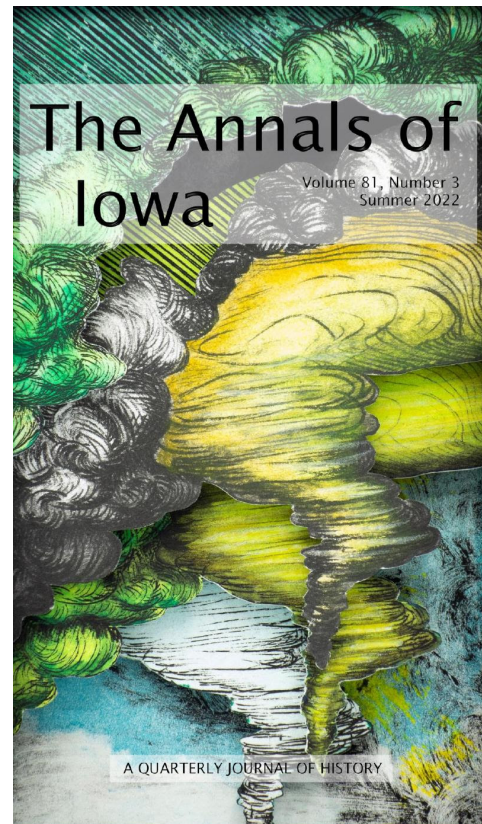
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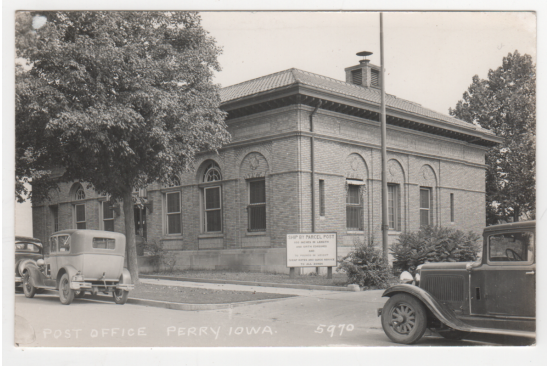
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Iowa History 101 programs



Perry Post Office, circa 1915.

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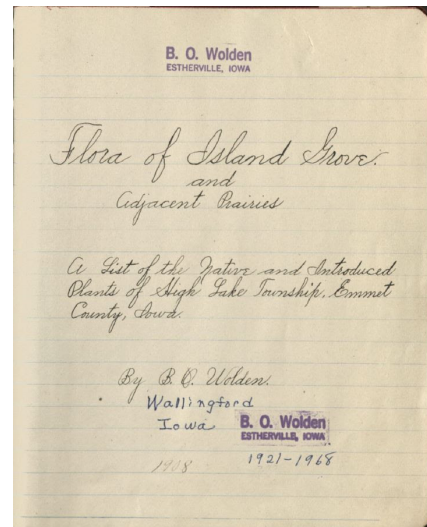
Iowa's Naturalists: B.O. Wolden and Conservation in the Aldo Leopold Era Noon Oct. 27

Join **Amie Adams** to learn about **B.O. Wolden** (1886-1968) and other early Iowa naturalists. Together, we will consider what those who experienced the radical alteration of the prairie bioregion during their lifetimes can teach us about **natural history** and the **beginnings of the conservation movement**.

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Rural Free Delivery, Parcel Post and Responses to Mail Order Commerce Noon Oct. 13

Join historian **Sarah Johnson** for a spirited debate on how the **U.S. Post Office** Department's extension of **Rural Free Delivery** in 1897 and **Parcel Post** in 1913 changed retail commerce in Iowa. We will examine advocates for "progress" and **resistance from local merchants and Commercial Clubs** across Iowa.



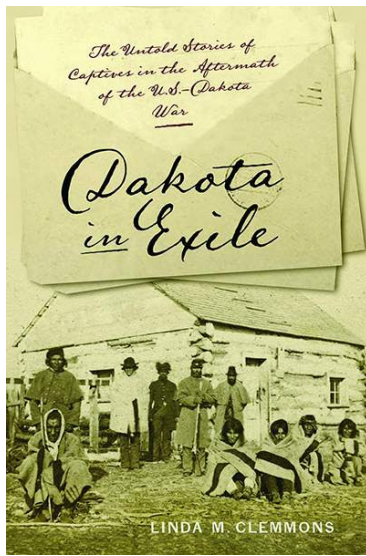
"Flora of Island Grove and Adjacent Prairies," by B.O. Wolden.

Iowa History Book Club

The **Iowa History Book Club** continues on Dec. 1 with Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile.**" The online discussion will be led by **Andrew Klumpp**, editor of **The Annals of Iowa**.

Programs are recorded and posted online at iowaculture.gov.

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Visit the Society's Library & Archives Research Centers

The [Iowa History Collections Catalog](#) makes researching the state's collection of historic documents and artifacts, genealogical records, newspapers and images easier than ever. Available to anyone with an internet connection, the system allows users to search across all cataloged collections or just within the society's museum, libraries, archives and special collections. Staff are adding existing and new collection holdings to the catalog weekly.

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