

WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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7:00 pm

September 8
WCHS Executive Board
9:00 am

September 8
Log Cabin Festival Meeting
10:00

September 29 & 30
Log Cabin Festival

Don't Forget to Purchase
your LCF Raffle Tickets
One Ticket \$1
Six Tickets \$5

WCHS Needs Garage Sale
Items for Our LCF
Garage Sale
Price Items and bring to 4H
Building
Friday Sept. 28th

WCHS Meeting
Denise Gripp, Genealogy
October 23 . 7:00 pm



Indianola has been repaving auxiliary streets of the Square. In late 1800s creosote coated

wooden bricks were laid for streets.

In 1903 the city paved over the wooden bricks. The photos are from Buxton south of the Square. Kristy & Dan Porter and Jerry & Linda Beatty retrieved some of these bricks to be used at WCHS. If you watch as road work is being done, you can dig up some of these antique bricks.

SUMMERSET COAL COMPANY EMPLOYEE TIME BOOK, December 1884-March 1887

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| Alley, Lon | Grandes, E.A. | Morris, W |
| Alton, Joe | Granger, Ed | Myers, G. |
| Armstrong, G. | Grater, C. | Nepher, M. |
| Armstrong, Lon | Hames, T. | O'Donnell, J. |
| Aubert, J. | Hanson, O. | Pound, C. |
| Baxendale, John | Hayworth, E. | Reilly, J. |
| Bennett, James | Hawkins, W. | Reynolds, J. |
| Bertrand, J. | Hectos | Roper, W |
| Bishop, G. | Hensen, P. | Rowelt, James |
| Bishop, John | Hensen, R. | Scotdale, W. |
| Black, G. | Johnson, John | Snider, J. |
| Brewer, A. | Kimball, John | Southall, W. |
| Butler, S. | King, John | Stevens, John |
| Cassady, C. | King, W.Lair, P. | Strong, Frank |
| Clark, E. | Lair, Walt | Studdard, R. |
| Coff, Dick | Land, A. | Sukey, Charles |
| Collins, Omer | Leggins, S. L. | Swager, Polis |
| Conant, Ed | Little, A. W. | Taylor, Robert |
| Cuff, J. T. | Lundanghor, John | Thompson, M. |
| Dabb, J. | Maddison, J. | Thompson, P. |
| Davenport, J. | Marshall, E. | Tragnor, A. |
| Driscoll, John | Martin, J. | Tricker, J. |
| Druck, J. | Martins, W. | Turnipseed, W. |
| Duff, J. | McCanis | Walsh, A. |
| Dukey, C. | Miller, J. | Welch, Kerry |
| Dye, R. | Monerief, S. | Wilson, W. |
| Earle, R. | Morris, John | Wright, J |
| Glanter, E. | | |

Thanks to Marie Mof-fitt the 4H Booth has been updated, refreshed and the scrapbooks repaired.



LISTEN TO SIMON STANFIELD, WARREN COUNTY MUSIC LEGEND

Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 pm Simon Stanfield, local Indianola musician will present our WCHS program on folk music.

At Bluegrass Tuesdays with no formal nomination process, no jury or selection panel, and no heated deliberations Simon Stanfield, 68, was honored as a Warren County Music Legend by Jim Johnson.

Simon has been playing traditional folk music - what he calls "porch music" - in Warren County for 39 years. He sings and plays his guitar at open jams, Indianola Bluegrass Tuesdays, and on and off with groups around town.

Prior to his quieter life in Iowa, Stanfield was in the Chicago music scene in the 1960s. Despite all the wild times in Chicago, Stanfield said he found his niche in Warren County. He invites to his home in Indianola many musicians to an annual hootenanny the weekend before Thanksgiving. "I had thought my music days were pretty much over when I got to Warren County," Stanfield said. "Suddenly I discovered there was a great wealth of what I call traditional music or Old-Time Country."



Simon Stanfield recipient of Jim Johnson's Warren County Music Legends award

WARREN COUNTY TIDBITS

JAMES R. REDDISH, of Warren County, recently sold 300 head of hogs that averaged 364 pounds each. Pretty good bunch of porkers and worth something. 1/13/1875 *Chariton Patriot*

A bit of controversy surrounded what was to be a "friendly" game of baseball between the high school teams from St. Charles and Indianola. One of the Indianola nine, ran into the St. Charles first baseman, breaking the latter's collarbone. Following the incident, the Indianola team won the game. 5/17/1900 *Winterset Madisionian*

Lacona, IA—Henry McKinness & his 3 sons were killed when a boiler in the sawmill exploded. 4/3/1893 *Neosho Times*

Summerset—They are nice people out in Warren county. Last Saturday night some friends of S.W. Alexander, who owns a saw mill near Summerset, visited his mill and cut and slashed all the lead pipes and leather belting to pieces. 6/11/1874

Burlington Hawkeye

At Norwalk, Linn township, Warren county, the storm commencing Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, was the worst in the history of the neighborhood. Mr. Burkhead's splendid residence near Linn Grove was completely demolished. His barn also was utterly torn to pieces. The family all escaped. The house of Mr. John Keller was considerably wrecked but not torn down. Just before the storm came up Mr. Keller's little girl went out in the field after the cows, Mr. Keller seeing the approaching storm ran out after her. Just as he reached her the storm broke upon them and snatched the little girl from her feet and drew her up in the air whirling her round like a spinning top. The father reached for her just in time to catch hold of her feet and pulled her down in his arms. He then laid down on the earth and held fast to a post till the storm had gone by.

The Widow Barkhead a little farther northeast, lost her barn. Mr. Lamb, of the same neighborhood, also had his barn completely destroyed.

The storm in its progress came next upon the barn of Mr. Lockridge, which it unroofed.

When the funnel fury crossed North river, it was seen to draw water from the stream over a hundred feet into the air, and also tore up the planks in the bridge at that point. When it got as far as Salyver's coal shaft it tore the company's scales out of the ground.

The storm of Sunday began about 2 o'clock at Norwalk, both hail and rain coming down at a fearful rate, tearing up fences, orchards and out-houses. The fruit trees and crops are all ruined in that locality. There is not a hill of corn to be seen for miles. The fruit trees that are not torn down and out of the ground are so beaten by the hail that the bark comes off at a touch. Mr. Adam Stiffler had 30 acres of fine corn, knee high, which he had plowed three times, and the storm removed so successfully that there is not a hill to be seen in the whole field. 6/23/1881 *Appanoose Times*



Indianola's 1st Emergency Vehicle 1956



2012 LOG CABIN FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

ACTIVITIES SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Only

BISCUITS & GRAVY 7:00-10:00AM, WCHS Museum Dining Room: \$5

FARMER'S MARKET 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, South of Morton Bldg. Contact Dennis Schrader [961-7031](tel:961-7031)

PARADE 10:00AM, Begins at County Admin. Bldg., 301 N. Buxton Ave. & proceeds west on Salem to the fairgrounds.

ROYALTY & AWARD CEREMONY 11:30AM, Campground Shelter

PRAIRIE ROSE DUTCH OVEN COOKERS, Campgrounds Shelter

INDIANOLA GARDEN CLUB'S GIANT PUMPKIN & SUNFLOWER CONTEST 12:00PM, The Show Pavilion

ACTIVITIES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th Only

CHURCH 10:00AM Campground Shelter, Jesse Spencer, Pastor Summerset Baptist Church

ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Charlie Stills [641-297-2418](tel:641-297-2418)

CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER 11:30AM - 1:30PM, Adults: \$8 Kids 4-12: \$4, Kids 3 and under: FREE, WCHS Dining Room, Contact Alice Brito [961-3058](tel:961-3058)

PIE & CAKE AUCTION 2:00 PM, WCHS Museum Dining Room Kristi Porter 961-6149

RAFFLE DRAWING for Garden & Galley B & B
seum Dining Room Tickets \$1 for one or \$5 for



gardenandgalley.com 3:00PM WCHS Mu-
six

KARAOKE CONTEST 3:00PM - 5:00PM Campground Shelter

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

PIONEER DEMONSTRATIONS 4H Building—Rope Making - Dwight McCormick, Wood Carving - Chauncey Coxbill, Butter Making, Rug Hooking

HISTORICAL MUSEUM & VILLAGE 9:00AM - 5:00PM

MODULAR RAILROADERS on museum's lower level.

ENTERTAINMENT Music, Song, and Dance Campground Shelter, Rex Young 961-9327

SCARECROW MAKING 4H Bldg., Pat Sternquist 961-3008

WCHS QUILT SHOW Horticulture Building, Charlotte Gardner 989-0096

CRAFTS & MARKET PLACE: Morton & Lester Bldgs. Dan Porter 961-6149

WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GARAGE SALE 4H Building, Linda Beatty 961-3088

**Vendor applications can be found at www.warrencountyhisotory.org
Want to volunteer call WCHS 961-8085 or Dan Porter 961-6149**

SPROUTING TAGS

Have you noticed tags with strange numbers appearing on some of our items in the museum and library? We are in the process of cataloging our collections in the PastPerfect database on the computer. This involves giving each item a catalog number using the three part numbering systems used by most museums. The first number is the year the donation was received, the second part is chronological order it was received during that year, and the third part is used to identify each particular item within the donation. For example: 2012.51.3 would mean it was donated in 2012, it was the 51st donation in 2012, and it was the 3rd item of that particular donation. Donation information is available on the computer and the original paper copy is in notebooks.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

1938-1960 Surber Family Reunion Book and Family Photos
Cable Box, Darlene Weybright
Coles' Family Bible and Memorabilia, Kenneth Cole
Patrick Mullane Family History
The First Quarter, Harlan Hirsch's Biography
A.H. Vaughn's U.S. Navy Uniform, Carol Harbour
Lawrenceburg School Photos, Lynn & Marianne Lester
Class of 1931, 45 Years of Milo High School,
Betty Labertew

FAMILY RESEARCHERS

Mosher Family—Larry Kubli
Wilkerson, Blake, Butterfield, Fletcher—
Tom Dolezal
Coles and Whitcomb—Kenneth Coles
Keller and Nicholson—Jane Buttrey
Bundy and Barns—Claudia Cole Meek



Visit new Doll Houses and
Toy's Displays during Log
Cabin Festival
Courtesy of Judy McClymond



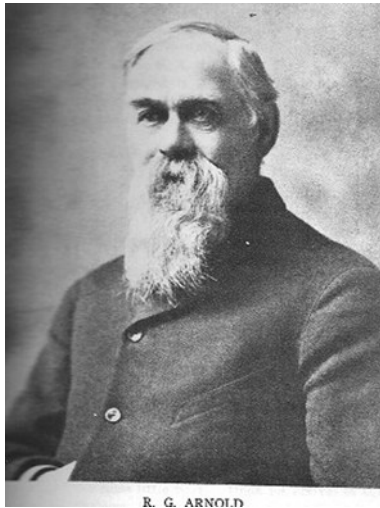
WCHS GARAGE SALE Sept. 29 & 30

HELP US! WCHS Members will be having a "Garage Sale" in the Warren County Fair 4H Building during Log Cabin Festival September 29th and 30th. We need **YOU** to search your closets, garages and cupboards for items that you would like to donate.

Please bring priced items to the 4H Building between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm Friday, Sept. 28th



**WCHS GARAGE
SALE**
Bring priced items
to 4H Bldg.
9 am to 7 pm
Friday, Sept. 28th



R. G. ARNOLD



R. G. ARNOLD, LINN TOWNSHIP



R. G. Arnold, a prosperous farmer and extensive landowner of Norwalk, was born in Summit County Ohio, September 21, 1840, the son of Wesley and Anna (Towsley) Arnold, his father's second wife who died while R.G. was yet a baby. His father had been married before to Anna Gibbs, by whom he had three children, and after R.G.'s mother's death he married a third time, two children being born to this union. During the war Wesley Arnold moved from Ohio, where he had followed the occupation of farming, and settled in Linn Township, Warren County, IA, where he passed away at the age of 81, being buried from the Methodist Church of which he had been an active member and ardent supporter.

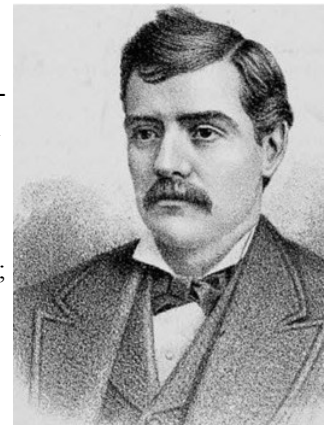
The boyhood and youth of R.G. was passed on his father's farm in Ohio and he is indebted to the district schools of his native county for his education. His father was of English descent and according to the custom of this nationality his son was supposed to give to him all his earnings and energies until he was twenty-one years of age, but at the age of eighteen years he bought his time from his father and was engaged in farming in his own behalf. Quick to respond to the call for volunteers for the preservation of the Union at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, young Arnold enlisted in 1862 as private in Company F, 34th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, from which he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. He served three years participating in the first battle and siege of Vicksburg, in the battles of Arkansas Post, Blakely, Spanish Forts and several others. He was mustered out at Davenport, IA at the close of the war. He was never wounded or taken prisoner, nor did the hardships and exposure effect his health, as he had always been a very healthy man.

At the close of the war he settled in Linn Township where his father lived, and bought 160 acres of wild land which he improved and made his home until 1893, when he sold this place and bought the farm upon which he now resides, and which adjoins the village of Norwalk, in which his residence is located. This farm consists of one hundred and forty acres of highly improved land and the residence built thereon is one of the finest in town. Mr. Arnold owns another farm of one hundred sixty acres in Linn Township and one of ninety-five acres in Greenfield Township. His first wife was Clara Black, a native of Ohio, who died May 7, 1881. To this union were born two children, one of whom is dead and the other, Arthur, is married to Laura Ulster and lives on one of his father's farms. On March 19, 1884 Mr. Arnold was married for the second time to Emma Comstock, a native of Michigan. They have two children, Edith, the wife of Fred Connard of Cass County and Homer who lives at home. Mr. Arnold has always taken an active interest in the social and political affairs of his home community and has been a member of the Methodist Church for over 30 years in which he serves as an officer. He is a Republican and has served as Warren County Supervisor for two terms. He was a member of the M.W. A. and the G.A. R.

SUMMERSET'S MILLS

Summerset, a ford across Middle River, was sometimes referred to as Westford, after the earlier more famous town of Ford where John Parmelee, Warren County's 1st white settler, and Captain James Allen built a grist mill. In 1848 Parmelee and Demas Beach, Summerset's first merchants, built a water-powered saw mill and a year later a grist mill. In 1865 Michael Gilman built a three and a half story flour mill on the same site. Milling was very successful; people came from other counties and as far away as Missouri to grind their corn and wheat and get their blacksmithing done.

J. H. HENDERSON - Commerce Counsel, born in 1848 in Warren County, Iowa, on the present site of the town of Ackworth, and has ever since resided in Warren County. Received his education in the public schools and in college at Indianola. Admitted to practice law, 1870. Secretary of the board of trustees of Simpson College from 1869 until 1919, during which time was and is now a member of the board of trustees of that institution. Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1904. Elected as circuit judge to fill vacancy in 1885. Elected district judge of the fifth judicial district in 1886. Re-elected in 1890, and again in 1894. Resigned January 1, 1896. In 1901 formed a partnership with his son and continued the practice of law under the firm name of Henderson and Henderson until his appointment as commerce counsel July 1, 1911. Re-appointed 1915, 1919 and 1923. Term ended July 1, 1927. Re-appointed April 1, 1928, to fill vacancy, term ending July 1, 1931. Re-appointed and confirmed for term beginning July 1, 1931. Member of the Methodist church; the Odd Fellows; Masons; Knight Templars; the Consistory; Des Moines club; and Professional Men's Club. A Republican.



From Iowa Official Register 1933/34

922 BURLESQUE CIRCUS (*The Indianola Tribune* August 21, 1922)

The Warren County Fair's evening performance was the burlesque circus. In its second night, this is, in the words of Director William Justice, "The biggest show of its kind in the world." The circus opened by a big street parade with riders, band, clowns, and animal cages. Wednesday evening the circus made its first bow to an audience of over 3,500 people. The program held them and their interest for a full 3 hours from 8:00 to 11:00.

Ralph McIntire, garbed as a Bedouin, sang "The Sheik of Araby." After the elephants came a musical revue with 75 of Indianola and vicinity's most talented young people. Miss Dorothy (stage name Lola Lane) Mullican's "Dancing Fool," Miss Marguerite Luke's "Don't Buy Me Posies", a solo song and dance, "Stars and Stripes," staged by Misses Alice Swartslander, Edythe Peck, Wilma Himstreet, and Hester Beery deserve special mention.

Then came, a multitude of clowns, bareback horse riding by Ellen Belle McClelland, Jenice Anderson, Maxine Currie and Bernice Sacre. Boyd Weeks impersonated "Toodles" Henniford, America's foremost bareback rider. Cain and Abe Bishop did an acrobatic and trapeze act. Don Berry's wild animals entered but a tiger was so ferocious it was hard to hold him. Miss Mary

CIRCUS PERSONNEL

- Louis M. Latta Manager
- Raymond Justice Director
- Felix Maxwell Ringmaster & Trainer
- Frank Piffer Ring Master
- Don Berry Animal Trainer
- Mary Belle Smith Animal Trainer
- Fred Piffer Pad Room Director
- Mrs. Ray McCoy Costumes
- Emmet Wycoff Costumes
- La Mar Barnett Boss Hostler
- Dr Hester Asst. Boss Hostler
- Logan Reddish Boss Property Man
- Will Schrier Boss Property Man
- Peter Ross Boss Canvasman
- C. H. Hoxel Tickets
- J. A. Storey Jr. Treasurer

BAREBACK RIDERS: Boyd Weeks, Park Keeney, Maxine Currie, Bernice Sacre, Ellen Bell McClelland, Jennice Anderson, Paul Cox, Myron Jay

BEARS: Roy Greenwalt, Howard Ferguson, Morris Barker, Ivan Chumbley, Ivyl Chumbley, Harold Creger

CLOWNS: Will Barr, Harry Shannon, L.H. Meyers, Paul Sargent, Robert McCoy, Keith McCoy, Walter Mc Gee, Jim Peterman

ACROBATS: Cain Bishop, Boyd Weeks, Harry McClelland, Ellen Belle McClelland, Boothe

PONIES: Ruth Coffin, Alice Weir, Frederick Piffer, Guy Chumbley, Virginia Coffin, Mary Alice Coffin, Dorothy Demory, Wilkin, Thompson, Martha Berry, Maxine

WILD ANIMALS: John Ripperger, Thomes Berry, Allen Brewer, Walt Bair, Irwin Shepherd

LADIES OF WARREN COUNTY: Frances Schrier, Alta Westfall, Lois Eno, Irma Wallace, Carol Curie, Mae Butler, Alice Swartslander, Corrine Martin, Lenore Hiatt, Maxine Curie, Bernice Sacre, Ethelyn Wells, Ruth McCoy, Cleo Robinson, Olive Blades, Helen Westfall, Mildred Hail, Mildred Blades, Alma Blades, Etha Henry, Opal Simmerman, Ruth Peck, Jean Garst, Briggs, Gladys Ogan, Mary Marshall, Fieda Shipley, Jean Telfer, Lois Fleeda Shipley, Jean Telfer, Lois Matthews, Lela Morrow, Edythe Peck, Wilma Himstreet

GENTS OF ARREN COUNTY: Ralph McIntire, Guy Young, Rex Waechter, Joe Meek, Merle Manning, Earle Briggs, Ferman Mitchell, Duane Judkins, William Buxton Jr.,

SONGSTERS: Alice McIntire, Dorothy Mullican, Ralph McIntire, Guy Young, Joe Meek, Rex Waechter, Raymond Justice



Ellen Belle Foster



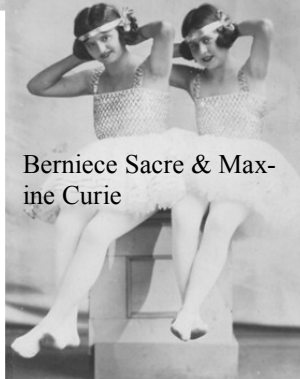
Boyd Weeks



Louis Latta Manager / Producer



Burlesque Circus 1922
1st National Bank



Bernice Sacre & Maxine Currie

Photos are from Louis M. Latta's photo scrapbook, which was found in the trash at a South Pasadena, California house in 1969. Louis was former manager of the Indianola Green Bay Lumber Yard and manager of the Burlesque Circus. The scrapbook finder sold some of the items to Ringling Brothers Circus Museum in Florida, which resulted in an article in a Florida paper.

Jeraldine Shuler Winger, daughter of Jerry and Ruth Igo Shuler saw the article and retrieved the unwanted Indianola photos and they made their way to our Warren County Historical Society.