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Civil War Trivia:

- * Political: Federal laws trump state rights.
- * Medical: Safer surgical techniques.
- * Cultural: Some 65,000 books have been written on the conflict.
- * Technology: 15,000 miles of telegraph lines reach the West Coast.
- * Everyday: Left and right shoes are shaped differently.
- * Military: Soldiers wear ID tags
- * Veterans: First National Cemeteries

COMING EVENTS

WHAT AM I?

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Iowa's Culinary Heritage

Hanson Humanities Gallery Old Capitol Museum

Through August 2, 2015

Highlights Samuel Yule and his wife, Sarahpeta, with artifacts on loan from the Cedar County Historical Museum.

Tipton 175th Anniversary Celebration

July 2-5, 2015

Events to be announced.



An Eyelet Press

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

All membership renewal dues are due 1/1 of each year. If you have not yet renewed your membership please do so by paying at the Historical Museum, 1094 Highway 38 N., Tipton. Or mail payment to: Attn: Charline Thumm, CCHS Membership P.O. Box 254, Tipton, IA 52772. Dues are \$22.00, plus \$3.00 if you want the Annual Review mailed to your address.

It is valued members, like you, who help support and make the historical society what it is today.

Tom Hilton's Army Exploits – His Bravery There and Also Here – Being Vaccinated.

Here is a little tidbit from *The Cedar Post*, Tipton, IA April 10, 1872, Page 3 Col. 1&2. I have tried to copy this as it was written and printed including grammar and spelling discrepancies. Enjoy the read and know that some of the quandaries we have today were had over a hundred years ago as well.

It was not my fault that I am not now a martyr for my country. No Sir! I enlisted, fought, bled, and skedadled from many a hard earned battle field. For my country I was willing to lose *all* – except my life, and as I used to strike for the rear when it looked like an engagement, I would exclaim, “Give me Liberty, or give me death” – but Liberty preferred. I know “ ’Tis sweet to die for *your* country,” but I believe it is a great deal *sweeter* to live for it. But this isn't what I had at first intended to write about, and for the sake of propriety, we will call this the *Moral*, as it don't make any difference which end the *Moral* is at, so its there.

Ten days ago I was alive and well, with fair prospects for always remaining so, 'till our City Council, after a warm discussion, that was cased by each on changing sides – as they said “that it made it look more like business” – passed certain “Whereases, and more Resolves” in which they made what they called “An Ordinance” compelling all person, of whatever age or color, (I come in under the color) hight, weight, or occupation, either “single or unmarried,” boys or women, girls or men, to be vaccinated within 10 days from date of the above *emancipation proclamation*.

I have had the honor to be a victim to the above, and I am now about as good as a “dead man.” Am looking for every moment to be my next, and also looking for some corner in which to dodge, provided I should, just now, happen to be walking down the street, and should stand a pretty fair chance of being met by the same class of “hyenas” that crossed my path yesterday right on top of - your humble servant.

I met – that is we both met – a fellow yesterday. Of course I knew him, but that was my business and I didn't propose to honor him with as much as a *nod* – when I think he must have read what I thought for he brought me a most terrific “jaw breaker” on

that “spot of all spots” – here, on my left arm about four inches to and diagonally from my right elbow and then he yelled “how are you Tom? Why what in the name of the “Russian Possessions” has got into you old fellow – not “Hydrophobia” I guess, though you froth at the mouth!”

“Froth at a fool, you puppy!” I exclaimed; “you to sleep, ‘going around the horn,’ only in the place of a cradle, it will be a box, such as a man never uses as long as he lives; and Moses, you son of a butcher! you make me take up with Darwin's theory that some men decended, some time or other, from the Monkey Tribe; but I go ahead of Darwin, I beat him in your case, as you are the Monkey yourself.” But I very kindly left him, as I saw he had *probably* been drinking, and could'nt take a joke worth a cent that day. Yes, here I am again, got away ahead of my story.

The Doctor came to vaccinate me, as I was sitting down town, telling to a crowd of delightful and horror stricken admirers, my army adventures; telling how I saved the day at Pittsburgh Landing, and again on our campaign with Sherman, how I rolled in blood at Shiloh; and here the crowd became so excited, and gave three cheers for the man that saved the *Epluribus Unum*; and of course I was now feeling good, and had just started to tell them “how I stormed the wild hills of Resaca,” when our family M. D. remarked, “That he could'nt have taken better time to vaccinate me, as a man who had fought for his country as I *had*, would have *pluck* to *stand* and be vaccinated.” “Hold up your arm!” said he, and grabbed mine so quick and with such a *tremendous pull*, that I threw my other hand to the shoulder to see how much of that was jerked out with the arm. “Come, come, I'm in a hurry and I must be going!” said the Dr. “Well go, and the sooner the better for me!” I yelled, “You wasn't asked to stay, were you?” but I remarked in a lower tone “Come around to-night and finish the thing up at one time.”

He went off, and so did the horror stricken crowd; and they dispersed saying I was the first man they ever saw that was afraid to be vaccinated.

Of course, that night the Dr. came, and for manners sake, I stepped back and willingly let my wife have a No. 1 chance to be vaccinated first; and then I summoned up the eight young Hiltons – the fruits of ten years of peaceful married life – and had them seared from oldest down to the *merest lump* of

humanity – that means of course the youngest – and then the Dr. told me to roll up my wearing apparel, and then fix my corporeal frame down on the bench and he would soon find out how much soldier there was *left* in me, the hero of so *many* hard fought battles.

I – sat – he came – I went – went over backward – went toward the barn – went, grabbed the ax and tried to knock out my – dog's brains. I was quickly stopped by the old woman coming to the door, and telling me, that she liked a fool, but I suited too well; told me to come in and act like a man, and said it would soon be over, if I only had sense enough to hold still.

Well, I came back and he soon finished it, but not till I was well nigh finished myself.

“I am no coward” I remarked to the Dr., “but these *little* things do quite unnerve me.” “Don't doubt it in the least” he remarked, “and if I did'nt know you to be the biggest – biggest – brave this side of the Mississippi, I should certainly say you were the biggest *calf* I ever saw.” And I told him to “call around soon and we will settle up – any day after to-day – good bye, Sir,” and he taking me at my word, got up and left.

Yes, Sir! I have studied over this matter. I have spent many valuable, many precious moments in the contemplation – whether it is “better to get vaccinated and die, or not being vaccinated, have the small pox and live;” and have come to this conclusion, that the more I think about it the less I know. But there's one I do know, and that is, that it's well worth the suffering of being vaccinated – the enjoyment you take in scratching, and then its such a comfort to one, and he enjoys it *hugely* to have men congregate and discuss the probabilities, by the way your arm looks, of your being poisoned by the *virus* having been taken from some person that had had the *tremors*; and the great probabilities are, that you will always be subject after this to the heart disease, or yellow fever, of – to not paying your debts – in fact, they have all known cases where men, after having been vaccinated, have been hung.

But I can't go back on mine now, no matter what the consequences are; and I ask, is for friends to not be too familiar when their friends have just been vaccinated.

Respectfully,
Tom Hilton,
Clarence, Iowa.

WWI Trench Art



Trench art is a term used to reference souvenirs made from military debris and equipment, usually on the Western front, of WWI. These pieces despite their name were often fabricated by soldiers, prisoners of war, and those convalescing from injuries away from the front lines and trenches. Soldiers and commissioned skilled civilians crafted these pieces as souvenirs to send home to family or remember an event. Trench art was usually created through decorative etching, embossing, or melding pieces together.

At the Historical Society museum we are fortunate to have two pieces of WWI trench art. One piece (pictured on the left) on display in the Sgt. Elmer Dodd Hinkhouse collection is a shell casing with a decorative edge and faint etchings. "Souvenir", "1918", and "Co. C 544" can be easily seen in the etchings, other etchings are not quite as clear on this piece.

The second piece of trench art that is proudly on display in our Military room is the embossed flower patterned shell casing pictured on the right which was likely designed to be a vase.



The Road to Nowhere, Part 2

It has gone by many names this road that seems to be no more. Some knew it as the Geiger Road, others the Bradshaw Road and still others will know it as The Townsend Road. This road was once an important connection for some of the settling farmers of Cedar County including, the Geiger Family, the Bradshaw Family and the Denney Family to name a few. This is the second installment of three segments that will look at some of the early families of Cedar County, all of whom were connected by the Townsend Road.

The Bradshaws

Jesse Lee Bradshaw, born to Elizabeth (Vanvickle) and Peter Randall Bradshaw, married Phebe Condit in Greene County, Pennsylvania October 14, 1837. Together they had nine children; Eunice, Zenas Condit, Peter Randall, Henry T., (all born in Indiana) Elizabeth, Jane Simpson, Sarah M., Phebe Ellen, (born on the Bradshaw Farm Home) and Elma born in Tipton.

In 1846 the Bradshaw family moved from Grandville, Indiana to Iowa. They crossed the Mississippi at Davenport on April 1st of that year and finally settled in Cedar County. Here they built a log cabin to begin their pioneer living with all of its joys and trials. The Bradshaw Farm Home was purchased from the Government for \$1.25 and acre.

In 1858, Jesse Lee, won the election for Sheriff of Cedar County and moved the family to Tipton. It is in Tipton that the Bradshaw children attended Tipton Union School, the first free grade school west of the Mississippi river. After his first term Sheriff Bradshaw lost his re-election to his opponent. Bradshaw was able to make a "comeback" the following term to the office of Sheriff, where he remained until his death February 25, 1865.

All of the Bradshaw children grew and married to start families of their own, except for Henry T. who died the same year he was born. Phebe spent her final years with her daughter Elma Buckley and her family until her death May 26, 1895.



Above: Image from Springfield Township, Cedar County Plat Map. The Geiger Farm located in section 21 outlined in yellow on the left side. The Bradshaw farm outlined in yellow on the right side. The road is high-lighted in red.

Left: The road as seen today on the Townsend Preserve. Photo compliments of Bill Muhs.

"Red Oak Grove Remembers Its Heroes"

9:30 AM July 5th at Red Oak Grove

A commemorative patriotic program, "Red Oak Grove Remembers Its Heroes," is planned July 5th in conjunction with the 175th Anniversary of Tipton's founding. This public event, beginning at 9:30 a.m., will be held on the grounds of Red Oak Grove Church amid the Cedar County countryside.

The day is dedicated to Cedar County veterans who are buried in the historic Red Oak Cemetery located about five miles northwest of Tipton. Every veteran will be honored. In addition a memorial will be dedicated to a Medal of Honor recipient who volunteered from the Red Oak Grove neighborhood. Also honored will be a noted Congressman and a Red Oak Grove native, instrumental in starting Vicksburg Military Park.

Among those on the program will be Jeff Kaufmann, of Wilton, Cedar County historian and Iowa policymaker, and Company A., The 49th designated "The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles." This Civil War group is recognized at the state and national levels as among the best of Civil War Regiments. Their uniforms and ceremony will all be authentic to the Civil War era. Local, state, and national lawmakers will be invited. Plans also include a bagpiper - appropriate because many early Red Oak Grove settlers were from Scotland. The program will close with "Taps" and echoes.

Bob Rickard of Tipton, chairman of the "Heroes" planning committee, said, "Everyone is invited, with a special welcome extended to descendants of those being honored, and to all who have served in the armed forces." He added that the Tipton NSDAR chapter will provide beverages.

Rickard said, "July can get pretty warm, but by having this event in the morning we hope to avoid the hottest part of the day." There will be chairs for audience seating. More details will be released as the program develops.

New Members

Arthur Ahrens
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Sharon Hodgden
Kathleen Humphrey
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Dave Koch
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Memorials

Marie Cook, Mechanicsville
Vesta Kern, Tipton
Nancy Kress, Clarence

WANTED

Your old telephone books, any year, the older the better. This helps us research the family history of Cedar County families.

Scholarship Applications

Application packets for the Cedar County Historical Society J. Curtis and Frances Forest Frymoyer scholarship have been sent to area high schools including Wilton, West Liberty, and Lisbon. The scholarship, which was created in 2001, is a way for the Society to show our belief in the youth and future of our county.

Multiple scholarships up to \$1000.00 will be awarded, and pictures of our students will be published in our annual *Cedar County historical Review*.

Any Cedar County student applying or enrolled in a university, college, community college, or technical college is encouraged to apply. Non-winners from previous years may reapply as well. Students must complete the scholarship application, including an essay on their Cedar County Heritage and two references.

The scholarship awards will be paid on January 1, 2016, after a successful first semester and enrollment for a second semester. Applications are due May 1, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications can be mailed to or dropped off in person at the Historical Society Museum. Postmark date will not be counted as submission date. Electronic submissions are not accepted at this time.

For more information or to pick up a scholarship packet, please contact the Cedar County Historical Society at 1094 Hwy. 38, Tipton, or call (563) 886-2899.

Extra Extra Extra

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Please send your contributions to:

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Please put "CCHS Newsletter" in the subject line.

All suggestions and feedback are welcome. Because of available space all contributions may not be immediately utilized.

LITTLE HOUSE: BAUGHMAN, SHROPE, KRAMER, ROBINSON HOUSE



History of Little House

Built by Jeremiah Baughman after he moved to Cedar County from Pennsylvania in 1856; Little House has had a rich history as a farm house. Baughman also built what is now known as the "Robinson Barn" which has "Jeremiah Baughman 1880" inscribed on the wall of the oats bin. It was purchased by James Shrope in 1904, and moved back a few feet to make room for the "big house" in 1906. Both the Baughman's and Schrope's were early settlers of Cedar County and have left a legacy that enriches our community to this day. Descendants include those with the names: Rate, Shrope, McNee, Kramer, Johnson, Pickert, Davidson, Tonne, Miller, Coon, Robinson, Albaugh, and Zerbe.

Little House is now owned by one of those descendants Adam and Susan Robinson who have given Little House to The Cedar County Historical Society for our Prairie Village. The addition of Little House and its smokehouse would enrich the Prairie Village by adding another layer of our historical past.

This small two room house is 14 ft by 16 ft and 16 ft tall at its peak. The downstairs served as the families' kitchen and living area while the upper floor was used as sleeping quarters. Though it only has a 224 square foot footprint the Little House and its smokehouse are rich with stories to tell us about the lives of the settlers of Cedar County.

Moving Little House

We have already received a generous donation to cover the cost of moving Little House and its smokehouse from its present location south of Mechanicsville to the Prairie Village at the Cedar County Historical Site located on Highway 38 North of Tipton.

We still have a need for funds to prepare a spot in the Prairie Village for Little House and its smokehouse as well as for the necessary exterior structural repairs to maintain the soundness of the structures.

Our goal of \$15,000 can be reached through the charitable gifts from all those who want to preserve our Cedar County history. At this time we are seeking pledges from kind donors, like you; once we have enough pledges to cover the necessary expenses to settle Little House and its smokehouse at their new home in the Prairie Village we will contact you for the donation of the amount you pledged. Your donation will go towards the cost of:

- ◆ Building a new foundation
- ◆ Exterior and interior repairs
- ◆ Rebuilding the porch (severely damaged in a storm June 2014)
- ◆ Replacing windows
- ◆ Replacing walls

To pledge today, remove the bottom portion of this page, fill out the information, and mail to the Cedar County Historical Society, PO Box254, Tipton, Iowa 52772. You can also email your contact information with your pledge to cchs-mus@iowatelecom.net ; please put "Pledge" in the subject line. Or you can visit our website and complete the online pledge form at: <http://cedarcounthistoricalociety.webs.com/>

Yes! I want to give my support to Cedar County Historical Society's Little House Fund with my pledge in the amount of \$_____

I understand that Cedar County Historical Society will be contacting me to fulfill my pledge once enough pledges are made to support the move of the Little House and its smokehouse to The Prairie Village.

Name: _____ Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

**NEWSLETTER
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