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Tipton Trivia on Anniversary Years

- * 1865: The Soldiers Monument Association of Cedar County formed
- * 1915: An early frost broke records and made the news 9/3/15
- * 1940: A 6.2 cu.ft. GE refrigerator cost \$114.75
- * 1965: Voters in the Tipton School District approved a \$495,000 bond for additions to the main and elementary buildings by 68%
- * 1990: A pound of ground beef was \$1.38/lb as Family Foods

COMING EVENTS

WHAT AM I?

A Day on the Prairie

Cedar County Historical Society
and Prairie Village
1094 Hyw 38 N.
Sept 12, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Fun for the whole family.

WWI Reenactment

Cedar County Historical Society
and Prairie Village
1094 Hyw 38 N.
October

More Details to Come



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NEWSLETTER

Scholarship Winners

The 2015 Frymoyer Scholarship Recipients

Bailey Kepford Tipton High School

Kayla Phelps Tipton High School

Jaclyn Ralfs Durant High School

Jennifer St. John North Cedar High School

Rita Urmie Tipton High School

General John Tipton

How did Tipton get its name 175 years ago? It starts with a man named John Tipton. John Tipton, born August 14, 1786, was the son of Joshua and Janet Shields Tipton. Joshua was killed on April 18, 1793, on the Little Pigeon River in Sevier County, Tennessee, by Cherokee Indians creating for young John a dislike for Indians. Many believed the Cherokee Indians were contracted by the Sevier family, who had been engaged in a terrible feud with the Tipton's, to kill Joshua.

At 17 years of age John Tipton moved to what is now Harrison County, Indiana near the Ohio River. He made his living as an expert gun repairman, farmer, and served in the local militia. In 1807, Tipton purchased a fifty acre farm.

In 1809 he was commissioned an ensign in the renowned mounted riflemen known as the Yellow Jackets, formed by the Sherriff of Harrison County. The Yellow Jackets protected the settlers from the Indians. In 1811, he commanded a unit at the Battle of Tippecanoe serving under future US president William Henry Harrison and was promoted to Captain. By the War of 1812 he was promoted to the rank of Major and commanded two companies of Indiana Rangers at Fort Vallonia, Indiana. He fought in the battle of Tipton's Island in April 1813 and was promoted to Brigadier General at the end of the War of 1812.

John Tipton had one son,



Oil Painting of General John Tipton

Spear, with his wife Martha Shields of Kentucky. John and Martha were married in 1806. Spear was named for Tipton's good friend Captain Spier Spencer who was killed in the Battle of Tippecanoe. John divorced Martha in 1817 and married Matilda Spencer (daughter of his friend Captain Spier Spencer) on September 11, 1825. John and Matilda had three children: George, Harriet, and John.

In 1816, Tipton was elected to the office of Sherriff of Harrison County. From 1819 to 1823 Tipton served in the Indiana House of Representatives. During this time he was appointed to a commission to select the new state capitol, was selected to assist in the job of defining the Indiana/Illinois border, and helped to plan the survey routes for the Indiana canal system. In 1823 he became the Indian Agent for the Potawatomie and Miami tribes. Tipton was also a member of the Master Masons and actively involved in elected positions as well as organizing a lodge in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Logansport, Indiana. In 1831,

Tipton was elected to a seat in the United States Senate by the Indiana State Legislature where he served until his death April 5, 1839. He was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport, Indiana.

John Tipton is often confused with his great uncle famous Tennessean Colonel John Tipton who lived from 1730 to 1813. General John Tipton founded several Indiana towns including Indianapolis, Logansport, Fort Wayne and Columbus (originally Tiptonia). In 1843 the Indiana Legislature organized Tipton County and named it in his honor. In 1847 the county seat was also named Tipton.

Cedar County's first residents arrived in 1836 settling in Rochester along the Cedar River. Rochester served as the first county government. By 1839 the growth of the county led its residents to argue that the county seat should be more centrally located in the county. In December 1839, the Iowa Territorial Legislature, named three commissioners to find a new location for the county seat. Henry W. Higgins of Scott County was one of the three commissioners and is thought to have served under Tipton. The site where Tipton, Iowa, is now located was chosen after a tour of the area and deliberation of the three commissioners. Henry W. Higgins had one condition; that the site be named to honor his friend, General John Tipton of Indiana. On March 16, 1840 the three commissioners accepted and approved the report of moving the county's functions to the central site. That is how Tipton got its name.

What's New at the Museum

World War I Training Gear

Currently on loan at the museum are a vest, face shield, gloves, wooden rifle, and wooden saber used to train troops in hand-to-hand combat during WWI.

Hand-to-hand combat is a lethal or nonlethal physical confrontation between two or more persons at very short range that does not involve the use of firearms or other distance weapons. While the phrase “hand-to-hand” appears to refer to unarmed combat, the term is generic and may include use of striking weapons used at grappling distance such as knives, sticks, batons, or improvised weapons such as entrenching tools. (USARMYCOMBATIVES.COM (C) 2012-2015)



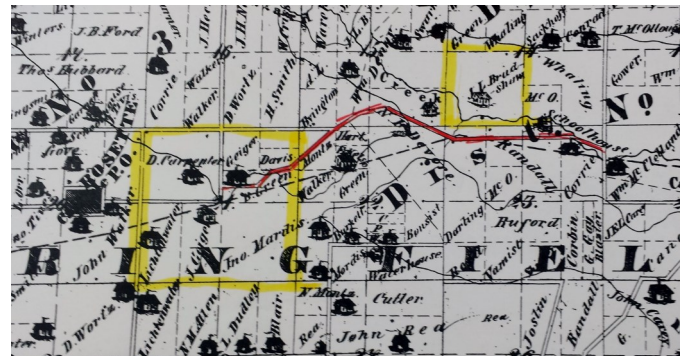
The Road to Nowhere, Part 3

The following excerpt was written by one of Jesse Lee and Phoebe Condit Bradshaw's children. She highlights her memories of neighbors along what is now known as the Townsend Road located in the Townsend Preserve. One of the family's she talks about are the Denny's who make up the third family of this series.

As I look back now, life on the farm seems very attractive. There were our settler neighbors, some of them several miles distant, but neighbors none the less. It was no unusual thing for a sled load to drive in at nine or ten o'clock at night, for they could not come until after the chores were done, and unannounced they would come since there were no telephones in those days.

There was a family (the Denny's) living near and they were the only family living within miles. They were an ill-favored bunch, much as if they had a questionable past, but they were friendly, kind and obliging. I never saw their like in looks, language or general demeanor. Mr. Denny wore a coonskin cap the year round (I had come to years of observation by now); when he would discuss the probability of rain he would say, "Well, it mount and then again it mount not."

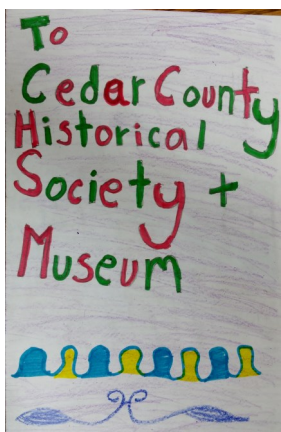
Strange, I never found out what state they hailed from. Mr. Denny was a very profane man, but he never swore before father unless he forgot. I have heard father tell this story: When at the Denny's one day one of the youngsters swore. The father seized a switch, chased the boy round and round the house, swearing at every lick what he would do if he ever swore again.



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 highlighted in red.

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

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West Branch 2nd Graders Visit CCHS

The 2nd Graders from West Branch recently visited the museum before the start of their summer vacation. The visit was a huge success and the young scholars had much to say about the time spent at The Cedar County Historical Society Museum and Prairie Village. Included are a few photos of and comments from the numerous thank you notes we received after their visit. (Comments are quoted as they were written.)

"Thank you for volunteering for the Cedar county Historical site. We had fun and a Great time" *Grant*

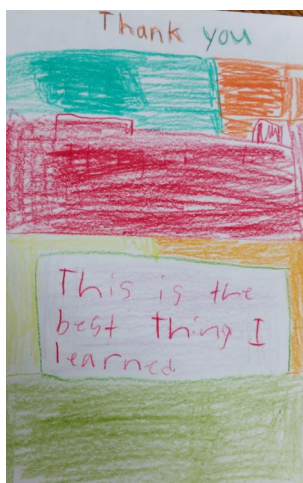
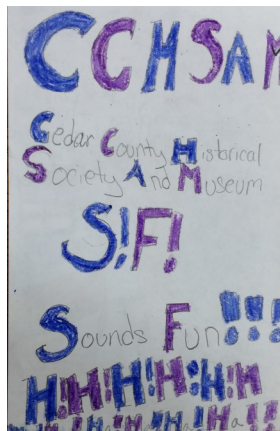
"In the cabin there is no electricity" *Unknown*

"I learned a lot of things at the museum like one soldier died last year. I also learned the places the soldiers have been to" *Dylan*

"Thank you for making us have a fun day!" *Alyssa*

"I learned at least five things and three of them are blacksmiths can make their own tools. Their school has a naughty chair. In their school they have children from K to 8th grade." *Love Camden*

"I learned that in the Bedbug School they don't have electricity" *Caden*



"What I learned at the cabin is that at the cabin the people who lived there cooked corn and mixed the corn with other foods. I also learned that there's a loft and a ladder where kids go up and sleep and the parent sleep on the bed." *Talan*

"I liked all the facts you told me about wars and the uniforms. Where people fought in wars, old books and typewriter." *Layla*

"Thank you for volunteering so we could learn about the one-room school house, blacksmith, cabin, and the civil war. The marbuls in the museum were really cool!" *Lanie*

"Dear Friends, Even though I haven't been to the Cedar County Historical Society I am planning on going this summer. I am most interested in seeing the one room school because where I used to live, I went to school in a one room school." *Your 2nd grade friend, Nina*

"I learned what Herbert Hoover looks Like :)." *Reese*

"They have to go outside to get water for the day and that who ever gets there first has to get the wood to get the room warm for the day" *Hunter*

"Thank you for letting us ring the school bell and thank you for letting us feel the leaf I loved the places" *Connor*

"I learned that a one room school always has the door unlocked at night so hobo's can come and sleep in the one room school. It's called Bedbug School because hobo's might have bedbugs on them" *Riana*

"I learned that you need iron to be very hot if you want to make hooks, tools, and sculptures. And you have to work on an anvil." *Keaton*



Thresher's Meal

During a Day on the Prairie
September 12, 2015

Those who are not members of the threshing team are invited to join with the purchase of a \$10 ticket; available tickets are limited. Contact Sandy Harmel at the Cedar County Historical Society Museum at 563.886.2899.

WHAT AM I?

A metal hub from a wagon wheel.



Extra Extra Extra

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

Tanya@cedarcountyhistoricalsociety.com

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.

A graphic titled "Sports Wall of Fame Inductees" featuring silhouettes of various athletes in action, including a runner, a cyclist, a basketball player, and a baseball player, set against a background of a sun and clouds.

Sports Wall of Fame Inductees

Larry Stolte
Stacy Schlapkohl
Carroll Rugland
Norman "Doc" Paul

Chocolate Mint Sauce for Ice-Cream 1470 Calories

2 cupfuls light-brown sugar
1 tablespoonful powdered cocoa
Mint-sirup
1 cupful milk

A Tasty Treat from
WWI

Put sugar and milk into a saucepan and add cocoa when mixture comes to a boil. Cook until it forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water (238° F). Add enough of the mint-sirup to flavor to taste and beat until thick as a mush. Serve on ice-cream. If the sauce hardens before serving, add a little melted butter and heat.

Mary Esther Adamson, 1012 S. Sixth St., Terre Haute, Ind.

Source: "Tested and Approved Recipes," *Good Housekeeping*, August 1917, 84.

From the Tipton Advertiser, Tipton, IA January 13, 1876, Page 3 Col. 4

-E. Hacksteen is the lad who proved himself equal to an emergency. When he found, the other evening, the room containing his newly made bride securely locked and the key lost, he scaled the house, swung himself from the roof to the window ledge and as usual, "Love laughed at locksmiths,"

The Tipton Advertiser, Tipton, IA September 19, 1878, Page 3 Col. 5

REV. CHAUNCEY HOBART, who we believe organized the first M. E. church in Cedar county—the one formed at Col. Henry Hardman's—and who was certainly the *avant courier* here of the ubiquitous circuit riders, has been heard from. A friend of Rev. S. A. Lee's met Mr. Hobart recently at Red Wing Minn., and writes that the latter, now about 66 years of age, is hale and vigorous, appearing much younger. Mr. Hobart tells Mr. Lee's correspondent that in the winter of 1836-7 he preached at a Mr. Hubbard's, below LeClaire, on the Miss., at Mr. Warren's, one mile above the head of Rock Island, at Davenport, at Clark's Ferry, at Rockingham and at Hickory Grove. In the spring of '37 he preached in Red Oak Grove (at Mr. Rigby's, he thinks), at Col. Hardman's, at the head of Indian Creek, and at Bloomington, now Muscatine—establishing appointments at all these places and leaving them as a circuit for his successor. He refers to those times, despite privation and exposure, as the happiest in his experience, and desires to be particularly remembered to Col. Hardman, W. A. Rigby, H. D. Brown and others of the "old timers."

A Little House for the Prairie Village

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

*Pioneer Period looking cloth-
ing. Our volunteers wear these
costumes for special events
including school visits and
Prairie Day.*

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