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PROGRAM Dick Amick of the Iowa State Historical Society's Speaker's Bureau will tell us about the State's Meeting June, 9-10

The State Historical Society of Iowa "hereinafter, forever" (SHSI) has the "Iowa Heritage Expo '95 that is geared to help local Historical Societies as well as other historians and groups. SHSI will appeal to amateur and professional historians, heritage tourism groups, members of local historical societies, rural development and local government organizations, county Sesquicentennial commissioners, historic farmstead and century farm owners, community betterment groups, librarians, archivists, genealogists, museum professionals, writers, educators, archaeologists, members of arts councils, and anyone interested in preserving and celebrating Iowa's history and culture.

OUR LAST MEETING

Bob Otto confirmed that "old Johnston" consisted of a church, school and a grocery store. The meeting was held at the Olmstead-Urban house on 70th and Airline in Urbandale. We saw the beautiful house and learned of the sources and problems Urbandale confronted in undertaking the project.

With this newsletter you will find a family group sheet, pedigree chart (on the back of which are forms for prospective members) and the President's Questioner (historical interest). Please return each sheet filled out to the best of your ability. This information will become part of important preserved facts that can be used by future generations. Forms should be returned by our July meeting at the Iowa Genealogy Society's Headquarters.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S HOME (CAMP DODGE)

The Brick House at Camp Dodge was built in 1873 by John and Florida White. They raised a family of 7. Florida White's family included the Boones of Daniel Boone origin. John and Florida's first child, William Uriah, was born in Booneville, IA. The Whites bought the Ridgedale farm which was a 3-room house located at about the location of the present Camp Dodge Pool. In the 3-room house were born girls, one for each day of the week, except Mamie who was born in the new Brick House. The other girls were named Georgia, Jessie, Ejoeta, Cora and Susie

Bricks were made from clay on the property, timbers cut close by and sawed to dimension. An orchard was planted south of the brick house, three pines in the front yard

and a row of soft maples which went all the way up the hill to the Big Road(Beaver). May be the tree at the "squirrel crossing" is one of those trees?

There were porches on the North and South sides. Doors were 8' high, topped with recessed windows, each 6' in width. The house walls were originally 14" thick.

Partial List Censuses

1925- A special state census. The most descriptive of all censuses=name, age, sex, relationship to head of household, marital status, if home or farm owned or rented and it's value, No.of yrs. in IA and U.S., birthplaces of parents, where parents were married, military service, occupation, church affiliation.

1915- A special state census. Listed alphabetically on cards for each person adult and children, in each county. Name. age sex, occupation, birthplace, church affiliation, parent's birthplaces, marital status, yrs. in U.S. and IA, if naturalized, military service, if property is owned, earnings in 1914.

1910- Name, age, sex, color, occupation, relationship to head of household, yr. of immigration, whether naturalized, birthplace, birthplaces of parents, literacy, ownership of farm or home, whether a survivor of Civil War, No. of yrs. of present marriage, No. of children born to wife and No. living.

1905- A special state census. Name, age, sex, occupation, birthplace, if owner of farm or home, value of property, schooling, marital status, yrs. in IA, and yrs. in U.S. Census is on cards one for @ person adults & children, but not alphabetized or chronological by card No. which is used to make up family group--there is a Register of names as the census taker enumerated them in each town and township.

1900- Name age, month and yr. born, marital status, yrs. married, No. of children born to wife & No. living, birthplace and birthplaces of parents, yr. of immigration to U.S., if naturalized, occupation, literacy, if they rent or own property,--Soundex available--Coded index of all households in the state.

1895- A special state census. Name. age. sex. occupation, birthplace, religion, if service in Military, what Company & Regiment, if entitled to vote, if subject to serve in militia, if born in IA, what county specifically.

1885- A special state census. name, age, sex. occupation, address in towns or rural section, township and range, state born, if in IA, the County is given, whether parents are foreign or native born.

1880-Name, age, sex, color, occupation, marital status, relationship of hd. of household to each person enumerated, birthplace and birthplaces of parents of each--soundex available--code index of families with children 10 yrs. and under in the home.

1870- Name, age, sex, color, occupation, father and mother foreign or native born, literacy, male citizen over 21, value of real and personal property.

1860- Name, age, sex, occupation, color, birthplace, value of real property & personal property, literacy of persons age 20+

1856- A special state census. Name, age, sex, marital status, birthplace, occupation, whether entitled to vote, if an owner of land, yrs in IA.

1850- Names of each member of the household, age, sex, color, occupation, value of real property, literacy of people over age of 20.