

SOME PUBLICATIONS

William Salter Western Torchbearer. By Philip Dillon Jordan. Oxford, Ohio: The Mississippi Valley Press. 1939. Pp. 273. Plate. This volume is one of a new biographical series designated as *Men of America*, published by the Mississippi Valley Press. The biography is divided into eleven chapters—Generations of Mariners; The Promised Land; The Saddle Years; The Call of Destiny; Building the Burlington Parish; Years of Growth; The Decade Ends; Slavery and Civil War; The Parish Built; The End of the Frontier; and Retrospect. There are comprehensive notes at the end of the volume, numbered separately by chapter, and an index. In addition there is an "Essay on Authorities", including a "partial bibliography" of Salter's published works.

This biography of William Salter is unusually valuable because the author had access to both published materials and family manuscripts. Since both personal materials and the Burlington papers were evidently consulted, it is somewhat surprising that no mention is made of Salter's connection with the Iowa Geological and Historical Institute (established at Burlington in 1843) in which Salter was interested in the fifties. A few typographical errors escaped the proof reader, such as "Newall" for "Newhall", page 45, "Mathais Loras" for "Mathias Loras", page 70, and "innumerable" for "innumerable", page 123. Apparently "resulting" on page 51 is a mistake in writing or in copying "resorting". An error of fact appears on pages 103 and 104 in the sentence "The faithful of Brigham Young were leaving hostile Nauvoo during 1847-48 for the future State of Deseret in far-off Utah." Nauvoo was almost entirely occupied by Mormons; it was the people outside who were hostile. The majority of the Mormons from Nauvoo crossed Iowa in 1846, although the exodus extended over several years. There is some inconsistency in capitalization. "Burlington protestants" on page 105 apparently refers to the religious group generally known as Protestant in distinction from Roman Catholic. On page 112

democratic is used for the more specific term Democratic, referring to the party.

The style of the biography is, on the whole, clear and easy to read, although some sentences cause the reader mental jolts. One example of this is the statement on page 145: "Up at two o'clock in the morning, Salter was busy until about half-past five, when twins — George Benjamin and Charles Frederick — were born."

A casual reference to the index reveals some inconsistencies. A number of religious denominations mentioned several times in the text do not appear at all in the index. Among these are the Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians, although the Presbyterians helped to send out the Iowa Band. The name London appears in the index in connection with one of Salter's remote ancestors, but no reference is made to Salter's visit to London in 1860.

The volume is attractively printed and bound and is a valuable contribution to the social and religious history of Iowa.

The American Law School Review for December, 1939, contains *Selected List of Books for the Small Law School Library*, by Helen S. Moylan, Law Librarian at the State University of Iowa.

Documents on the *Origin of the Phi Beta Kappa Society*, contributed by Ray W. Irwin, is one of the contributions in the October, 1939, issue of the *William and Mary College Quarterly*.

The Illinois guide book, entitled *Illinois: A Descriptive and Historical Guide*, has recently been published by A. C. McClurg and Company. It was compiled by the Federal Writers' Project in Illinois under the supervision of John T. Frederick.

Internal Commerce and the Development of National Economy Before 1860, by Louis Bernard Schmidt, has been issued in pamphlet form following its publication in the December, 1939, number of *The Journal of Political Economy*.

From Dogs to Horses Among the Western Indian Tribes, by F. G. Roe, is one of the articles of special interest to historians of the United States which appears in the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*, Vol. XXXIII, Section II.

La Salle's Expedition of 1682, by Jean Delanglez, is the article which appears in *Mid-America* for January. There is also *The Texas Missions in 1785*, a document translated by J. Autrey Dabbs, and a short account entitled *La Salle's Fiancee: A Post-script*.

The Origin and Meaning of Place Names in Canada, by G. H. Armstrong, is a recent publication of the Macmillan Company of Canada. Like American place names, the geographic nomenclature of Canada is derived from Indian words, names of places and persons in Europe, French words, and local names.

Peter Akers: Methodist Circuit Rider and Educator (1790-1886), by T. Walter Johnson; *The Black Hawk War: A Military Analysis*, by Joseph I. Lambert; *Infant Industries in Illinois — As Illustrated in Quincy, 1836-1856*, by Harry L. Wilkey; *The Welsh People in Chicago*, by Jay Monaghan; and *Frank Everett Stevens, January 5, 1856-October 16, 1939*, by Paul M. Angle, are articles and papers in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for December, 1939.

The Creation of the National Domain, 1781-1784, by Merrill Jensen; *Daniel Howell Hise: Abolitionist and Reformer*, by Lewis E. Atherton; *The Loyal Publication Society: A Pro-Union Propaganda Agency*, by Frank Freidel; *An Historical Definition of Northwestern Radicalism*, by Benton H. Wilcox; and *Some London Times' Comments on Secretary Chase's Financial Administration, 1861-1864*, by A. Curtis Wilgus, are articles in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for December, 1939.

The December, 1939, number of *The Wisconsin Magazine of History* contains the following articles and documents: *Guy Miles Burnham*, by John M. Dodd; *Colonel Marshall Cousins*, by Percy C. Atkinson; *Milwaukee, 1870-1900: The Emergence of a Metropolis*, by Bayrd Still; *Rafting on the Mississippi*, by Captain J. M. Turner; *In Early Wisconsin — Nature Was Seldom Mild*, by Clarence A. Schoenfeld; *Haraszthy's Wisconsin Experience*; and *Chancellor John Hiram Lathrop*, an editorial comment by Joseph Schafer.

Agricultural History for October, 1939, includes the following

articles and papers: *Erosion: A Heritage from the Past*, by Lois Olson; *Subsidized Hemp Production in Spanish California*, by Sanford A. Mosk; *Land Inheritance under the Swastika*, by Henry W. Spiegel; *Barbed Wire Fencing — A Prairie Invention; Its Rise and Influence in the Western States*, by Earl W. Hayter; *The Management of a Rice Plantation in Georgia, 1834-1861, as Revealed in the Journal of Hugh Fraser Grant*, by Albert V. House, Jr.; and *The Agricultural History of Iowa as a Field of Research*, by Louis Bernard Schmidt.

The 1940 Winter Number of the *Michigan History Magazine* contains the following articles and papers: *The Michigan Press Association*, by Fred D. Keister; *Frank D. Fitzgerald: A Tribute*, by Queena M. Fitzgerald; *My Experiences in the Civil War*, by Charles Robinson; *Governor George B. Porter*, by E. P. Richardson; *Governor Luren D. Dickinson; An Autobiography; Telegraphic Communication in Michigan*, by W. L. Stackhouse; *The Quincy Mine*, by David S. Coon; *Rotary International in Michigan*, by Philip C. Lovejoy; *An Early Michigan Educator*, by Mary Padelt; and *Finnish Newspapers and Periodicals in Michigan*, by John Ilmari Kolehmainen.

The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography for July, 1939, contains the following articles: *The Pennsylvania Germans in American History*, by Richard H. Shryock; *Benjamin Franklin and the Dr. Bray Associates*, by Richard I. Shelling; *The Marbois-Longchamps Affair*, by Alfred Rosenthal; and *Thomas Paine and the Attitude of the Quakers to the American Revolution*, by Robert P. Falk. *Ideas that Did Not Migrate from America to Europe*, by Robert R. Palmer; *Ideas that Did Not Migrate from England to America*, by Frank J. Klingberg; and *The Status of Historical Bibliography in the United States*, by Solon J. Buck, are three articles in the issue for October, 1939. The January, 1940, number includes *To the West on Business in 1804*, an article by Bayrd Still.

The third in *Narratives and Documents*, an attractive series published by the Minnesota Historical Society and edited by Theodore C. Blegen, is *Minnesota Farmers' Diaries: William R. Brown, 1845-46; Mitchell Y. Jackson, 1852-63*. Rodney C. Loehr prepared

the introduction and notes. William R. Brown came to Minnesota from Ohio in 1841, living most of his life in the vicinity of St. Paul, where he farmed, did carpenter work, speculated in land, served in the Civil War, and was justice of the peace for many years. Mitchell Y. Jackson was also from Ohio and came to Minnesota in 1854. In 1871 Jackson moved to Otisville, Iowa, and that same year purchased a hotel at Mason City, Iowa, but he returned to Shakopee the next year where he went into the lumber business. Two years later he returned to Mason City, where he sold insurance until his death in 1900.

The September, 1939, number of *Minnesota History* contains the following articles and papers: *Health and Medicine in Rochester*, by Helen Clapesattle; *The Lindbergh Colony*, by Grace Lee Nute; *Louis Provencalle, Fur Trader*, by Willoughby M. Babcock; and *President Lincoln and the Faribault Fire-eater*, by W. A. Harbison. There is also an account of the State Historical Convention of 1939, by Bertha L. Heilbron; and under *Notes and Documents*, *A Minnesota Missionary Journey of 1893*, by Frances Densmore, and *Family Papers* [Humphrey family correspondence] and *the Westward Movement*, by Gertrude W. Ackermann. *The Historical Society and the Community*, by Ralph Budd; *The "Fashionable Tour" on the Upper Mississippi*, by Theodore C. Blegen; and *Knut Hamsun's Early Years in the Northwest*, by John T. Flanagan, are articles in the December, 1939, number. Under *Notes and Documents* there is *The Statue of Captain John Tapper, Pioneer Ferryman*, by Ruth Thompson.

The Commemoration of Antietam and Gettysburg, a paper by James W. Fesler; *City Directories Tell the Story of South Bend*, by Grace Osterhus; *Joseph G. Cannon and John Sharp Williams*, by George C. Osborn; *The Bethel Church of Daviess County*, by Russell Colbert; *A Hoosier General Store in 1847*, by I. M. McFadden; and *Newspaper Work at the Turn of the Century*, by H. S. K. Bartholomew, are articles and papers in the *Indiana Magazine of History* for September, 1939. Under the head of *Documents* there is a series of letters entitled *Seeking a Federal Judgeship under Jackson*. The applicant was Jesse Lynch Holman of Kentucky.

The Brown County Art Colony, by Josephine A. Graf; *Judges of the Federal District Court of Indiana*, by Louis B. Ewbank; *Orland, Indiana*, by H. H. Evans; *The First Official Air Mail*, by Richard B. Wetherill; *The Society of Indiana Pioneers*, by Martha Tucker Morris; *Indiana Historical Society*, by Christopher B. Coleman; and *Dunihue Correspondence of 1832* are articles and documents in the December, 1939, issue. The Dunihue letters refer to the removal of the Indians from Ohio in 1832.

The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Quarterly for July, 1939, contains a series of articles on *The Pioneer Physicians of Ohio: Their Lives and Their Contributions to the Development of the State, 1788-1835*. These include the following: *The Legal Requirements for Medical Practice — An Attempt to Regulate by Law and the Purpose behind the Movement*, by Donald D. Shira; *The Professional Education of Pioneer Ohio Physicians*, by Frederick C. Waite; *The Equipment, Instruments and Drugs of Pioneer Physicians of Ohio*, by Howard Dittrick; *Methods of Treatment of Some of the More Common Diseases by the Pioneer Physicians of Ohio*, by David A. Tucker; *Medical Journals of Pioneer Days*, by Jonathan Forman; *Pioneer Physicians and Their Participation in the Establishment of Social Institutions in Ohio*, by Robert G. Paterson; *The Part that the Pioneer Physicians of Ohio Played in the Community as Exemplified in the Church and Lodge*, by James J. Tyler; and *The Beginning of Formal Dental Education at Bainbridge, Ohio*, by Edward C. Mills. The issue for October, 1939, contains the following contributions: *Gallipolis as Travelers Saw It, 1792-1811*, by John Francis McDermott; *Reminiscences of an Ohio Volunteer*, by Philip D. Jordan and Charles M. Thomas; *An Illustrated Field Key for the Identification of Mammal Bones*, by George W. Brainerd; *Speculative Interest in Ohio Lands in 1829 as Revealed in a Letter from Henry Farmer to Samuel J. Browne*, edited by William D. Overman; and *Research Projects in Ohio History*, compiled by William D. Overman.

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The Law of Arrest, by Rollin M. Perkins, is one of the articles in the January issue of the *Iowa Law Review*.

Hoover Birthplace Visit Makes History Real, by Maud Stratton, is one of the articles in *Midland Schools* for January.

Democracy and the Schools, an address by Charles E. Friley, is printed in *The Alumnus of Iowa State College* for January, 1940.

A pamphlet entitled *100 Years of Public Schools in Washington, Iowa*, compiled by Melvin Gingerich, has been issued by the Washington Board of Education.

The Name and Family of Fairchild includes genealogical material from several sources and family histories compiled by Ellen Fairchild Filter of Dubuque and Timothy Marsh Fairchild of Iowa City.

Series 16, Number 14 of *Inventory of Federal Archives in the States* contains material on the Farm Credit Administration in Iowa. This is one of the publications of the Historical Records Survey.

Corporate Land, Foreclosures, Mortgage Debt and Land Values in Iowa, 1939, by William G. Murray, is published as Research Bulletin No. 266, by the Agricultural Experiment Station of Iowa State College.

The Department of Public Instruction of the State of Iowa has recently issued a pamphlet entitled *Iowa School Facts A Summary of Information about Iowa's Public Schools*, compiled by W. A. Winterstein.

Stagecoach Travel in Iowa, by Kenneth E. Colton; a continuation of *A Duffle Bag Diary of an American Red Cross Worker in France*, by Ellis E. Wilson; and *A Trip into the Indian Country, 1838*, are three articles in the January *Annals of Iowa*.

The address delivered by T. G. McDermott at the memorial service for James E. E. Markley held by the Cerro Gordo County Bar Association has been printed in pamphlet form. Mr. Markley was a resident of Mason City from 1881 until his death on October 19, 1939.

The Iowa Farm Economist for January includes the following

articles: *Sizing Up The Trade Agreements*, by T. W. Schultz, C. J. Shohan, and Arval Erikson; *Is Iowa's New Lease Law Effective?*, by Walter W. Wilcox; *Farm Cooperatives in Iowa — Farmers' Elevators*, by Frank Robotka and R. C. Bentley.

Forty Years of Co-operation, by Reuben A. Holman, is the story of the Incorporated Co-operative Farmers' Society of Rockwell, Iowa. *A History of the First Successful Cooperative Grain Elevator in the United States* is the subtitle. In addition to a history of the society, the booklet includes a number of biographical sketches.

A memorial volume, *Select Poetry and Prose by Jay G. Sigmund*, has recently been published. Edited by Paul Engle of Iowa City, the volume contains more than fifty of Mr. Sigmund's poems and some half-dozen short stories, dealing mostly with country scenes and farm folk, with which readers of Jay G. Sigmund's poetry are familiar. It contains a preface entitled "The Poet and the Man" written by Mr. Engle. The book is distinctively printed and bound, and is published by the Prairie Press of Muscatine, Iowa.

Interesting Incidents in the Life of R. M. Long, Sr., by Robert McKee Long, Sr., has been published recently in book form by Charles A. Hacke of the Sac City Sun Company. Mr. Long was born at Tipton, Iowa, in 1853. The book includes reminiscences of his life in Cedar County, his student days at Cornell College, railroad employment, and years on farms near Tiffin, Blairstown, and Sac City. He was also interested in politics and was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In addition he and his wife raised a family of six sons and five daughters, all living when the book was published.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

Presbyterian Church of Clarinda celebrates seventy-fifth anniversary, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, October 1, 1939.

Beaver served to pioneers by Poweshiek, in the *Fairfield Ledger*, October 2, 1939.

Buffalo in Jefferson County, in the *Fairfield Ledger*, October 2, 1939.

The Agassiz House in Fairfield, in the *Fairfield Ledger*, October 2, 1939.

Centennial history of Fairfield and Jefferson County, in the *Fairfield Ledger*, October 2, 1939.

Death of Raymond C. Langan, one-time State Representative, in the *Clinton Herald*, October 3, 1939.

Mount Nebo caves explored in 1875, in the *Greene Recorder*, October 4, 1939.

Elkader history, in the *Elkader Register*, October 4, 1939.

Public service of B. F. Felt, in the *Spencer Times*, October 5, 1939.

When Mahaska was Iowa's big coal county, in the *Oskaloosa Tribune*, October 6, 1939.

Grenville M. Dodge in railroad history, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, October 8, 1939.

Iowa in wars, by Allan Carpenter, in the *Des Moines Register*, October 8, 15, 22, 29, 1939.

Death of Frederick C. Tilden, Civil War veteran of Ames, in the *Ames Tribune-Times*, October 10, 1939.

Frederick Knight Logan, composer, was once the "Waltz King of America", in the *Des Moines Tribune*, October 13, 1939.

Webster County's Historical Museum is good, from a speech by Maude Lauderdale, in the *Fort Dodge Messenger & Chronicle*, October 14, 1939.

Old Robert Lucas home in Muscatine to be demolished, in the *Muscatine Journal*, October 14, 18, 1939.

Four former Sioux Cityans represent the United States in European diplomatic posts, in the *Sioux City Journal*, October 15, 1939.

Some Iowa newspaper history, by Chas. G. Rhoads, in the *Jefferson Bee*, October 17, 1939.

Death of State Representative John A. Davenport of Sioux City, in the *Des Moines Register*, October 17, 1939.

Muscatine Trinity Episcopal Church celebrates centennial, in the *Muscatine Journal*, October 18, 1939.

D. N. Richardson started the *Davenport Democrat* eighty-four years ago, in the *Sioux City Journal*, October 18, 1939.

Morgan Parr founded Bethlehem, Iowa, in 1852, in the *Corydon Times-Republican*, October 19, 1939.

Eightieth anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church at Madrid, in the *Madrid Register-News*, October 19, 1939.

Manchester in Civil War days, in the *Manchester Press*, October 19, 1939.

Active career of J. E. E. Markley, Mason City attorney, in the *Mason City Globe-Gazette*, October 20, 1939.

Sioux City is represented in the regular army by fifteen commissioned officers, by Willis F. Forbes, in the *Sioux City Journal*, October 22, 1939.

Monument dedicated to Sioux City's first bride, in the *Sioux City Journal*, October 22, 1939.

Marker for Indian-military trail, 1785-1883, in the *Sheldon Sun*, October 25, 1939.

More than three-fourths of Iowa's landholders own less than a quarter section of land, in the *Newton News*, October 25, 1939.

Monona County's first courthouse, in the *Onawa Democrat*, October 26, 1939.

Letter describes Osage in 1856, in the *Osage Press*, October 26, 1939.

Maquoketa Methodist Church celebrates centennial, in the *Maquoketa Community Press*, October 26, and the *Maquoketa Sentinel*, October 27, 1939.

- Business career of Amos Ball, formerly of Toledo, in the *Toledo Chronicle*, October 26, 1939.
- Career of John T. Adams, former chairman of Republican National Committee, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, October 28, and the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, October 29, 1939.
- Elsa Maxwell, famous hostess, is native of Keokuk, in the *Keokuk Gate City*, November 1, 1939.
- History of Ventura, in the *Clear Lake Reporter*, November 2, 1939.
- How Iowa's range was fenced, by C. L. Lucas, in the *Madrid Register-News*, November 2, 1939.
- Story of Floyd Barlow, aviator, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 5, 1939.
- Old shrine near Rockdale, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, November 5, 1939.
- Henry Clay Dean, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 5, 1939.
- Death of J. W. Doxsee, attorney and publisher of *Monticello Express*, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, November 7, 1939.
- Congregational Church of Marion celebrates centennial, in the *Marion Sentinel*, November 9, 1939.
- Some Columbus City (Columbus Junction) history, in the *Columbus Junction Gazette*, November 9, 1939.
- Peter Jacobs reviews visit of Major Wharton to Pottawattamic Indians in 1844, in the *Glenwood Opinion-Tribune*, November 9, 1939.
- Rich mound region in northeastern Iowa, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, November 12, 1939.
- Hanford MacNider on the first Armistice Day, by C. C. Clifton, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 12, 1939.
- Model of steamboat *Omaha*, in the *Sioux City Journal*, November 12, 1939.

Murals of pioneer Iowa by Dorothea Marquis, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 12, 1939.

Death of former State Representative William C. Scott, in the *Shenandoah Sentinel*, November 13, 1939.

Old log cabin near Lenox, in the *Lenox Time Table*, November 16, 1939.

The work of Stephen H. Taft, by H. E. Blough and George Bicknell, in the *Humboldt Republican*, November 17, 1939.

Romance of William B. Allison, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, November 18, 1939.

"Cannon Ball House" near Croton recalls Civil War in Iowa, by Donald R. Murphy, in *Wallaces' Farmer and Homestead*, November 18, 1939.

Hamlin Garland lived eleven years in Osage, in the *Waterloo Courier*, November 19, 1939.

Missouri and Iowa settle old "Honey War" dispute, in the *Chicago Tribune*, November 19, 1939.

Marker at Frankfort marks old county seat, in the *Red Oak Express*, November 20, 1939.

Booklet entitled "New Capital: Laying of Cornerstone, Des Moines, Iowa", dated November 23, 1871, found in Charles City, in the *Charles City Press*, November 22, 1939.

Death of A. C. Kleine, dean of Dubuque's musicians, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, November 28, 1939.

Thanksgiving was dated early in 1869, in the *Centerville Iowegian*, November 29, 1939.

Short history of Randall, in the *Story City Herald*, November 30, 1939.

John T. Gager, Fayette County's last Civil War veteran, in the *Hawkeye Beacon*, November 30, 1939.

Sketch of the life of James F. Hardin, in the *Eldora Index*, November 30, 1939.

Congregational church at Ionia started in 1889, in the *New Hampton Tribune-Gazette*, November 30, 1939.

Sketch of the life of Robert Bruce Loudon, in the *Fairfield Ledger*, December 1, 1939.

Memorial monument dedicated in honor of "Old Frankfort", once county seat of Montgomery County, in the *Red Oak Sun*, December 1, 1939.

Railroading art of early days is hobby of A. R. Swem, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, by Bob Estabrook, December 3, 1939.

Map showing final settlement of Missouri-Iowa boundary "war", in the *Bellevue Herald*, December 5, 1939.

Member of Iowa Band came to village of Ottumwa in 1843, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, December 6, 1939.

Iowa's corn yield of 51.5 bushels per acre in 1939 is all-time record, in the *Boone News-Republican*, December 6, 1939.

Death of John W. Dunlap, former State Representative, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, December 7, 1939.

Belmond history told by pioneer resident, in the *Belmond Independent*, December 7, 1939.

Kossuth County's first courthouse is razed, in the *Humboldt Republican*, December 8, and the *Des Moines Register*, December 11, 1939.

Some early Ottumwa history, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, December 9, 1939.

Missouri Valley as it looked in 1869, in the *Missouri Valley Times-News*, December 9, 1939.

Sixtieth anniversary of the Sioux City Typographical Union, in the *Sioux City Journal*, December 10, 1939.

Council Bluffs pioneer recalls early quick "justice", in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, December 10, 1939.

Cabin of Theophile Bruguier, Sioux City's earliest settler, has been reconstructed, in the *Sioux City Journal*, December 10, 1939.

Southwest Iowa Pioneer Association dedicates bronze tablet on Baptist Church grounds in Shenandoah, in the *Shenandoah Sentinel*, December 11, 1939.

Death of former State Representative J. M. Heald, in the *Nashua Reporter*, December 13, 1939.

The Iowa farmer's predicament in 1932, by Allan Carpenter, in the *Waterloo Courier*, December 17, 1939.

F. L. Van Voorhis has unearthed an Indian village near Alta, by Stella Kindwell, in the *Sioux City Journal*, December 17, 1939.

Greene County in 1856, by A. R. Mills, in the *Jefferson Bee*, December 19, 1939.

Sketch of the life of L. R. Clements, former State Representative from Marion County, in the *Knoxville Express*, December 21, 1939.

Early days in Van Buren County, compiled by Iowa Writers' Project, in the *Farmington News-Republican*, December 21, 28, 1939, January 4, 25, 1940.

Some early Clay County history, in the *Spencer Times*, December 21, 1939.

Frank Owen of North English was a champion prize fighter in 1884, in the *North English Record*, December 21, 1939.

Sketch of the life of Captain Walter A. Blair, veteran Mississippi River pilot, in the *Davenport Democrat*, December 24, 1939.

Samuel G. Clark was pony express rider, in the *Waterloo Courier*, December 26, 1939.

Death of Eli M. Hutchinson, 101, who came to Iowa in 1854, in the *Charles City Press*, December 27, 1939.

Madrid Historical Society has a large collection of poll books, by C. L. Lucas, in the *Madrid Register-News*, December 28, 1939.

Iowa-Missouri boundary lines change in 1940, in the *Keokuk Gate City*, December 30, and the *Des Moines Register*, December 31, 1939.