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## First Things First

### Passages

The celebratory aspect of our 25th anniversary has been diminished by the passing of one of our founding members. Elaine Smith passed away recently. Founding member, office holder, contributor and volunteer, Elaine exemplified that which was necessary for the establishment of our society and the nurture essential for continued growth and constant improvement. Some of us never had the privilege to know Elaine; those that did are inspired to carry on her legacy.

A heartfelt tribute to Elaine, written by fellow genealogist and member Bill Jannke, is to be found on the following page. Bill has a way with words; yet he was challenged to express all that Elaine meant to D/JCGS.

Other members have also passed on and each has supported and sustained us by their interest and support. The most recent listing is on page 21.

On page 19 we continue our reflection on the 25 years that have transpired since the foundation of our genealogy society in 1981.

This is followed by the first of a series of articles on the townships of Dodge and Jefferson counties. Our librarian, Elizabeth Haban, has contributed the first two articles of the planned series.

Our calendar of events is in need of frequent updates, yet at this time and for this issue of the newsletter, there are no confirmed events for this year (to be sure, they are being planned). In the attempt to keep members and visitors informed a new calendar of "Hours and Events" has been added to the website. At this time the set of monthly calendar pages list our library hours through the end of this year. As events are confirmed or any changes necessitated they can and will be made to the online calendar so to update and keep current.

Special note is made on pages 30-31 of new book printed on the occasion of the centennial of St. Mark's of Richwood. The parish granted society member Rob Seifert permission to transcribe and print the church ledgers. The resulting computer file was edited and published in book format by Ken Riedl and the archived digital file and newly printed book ideally preserve this set of records for today and the future. We think Elaine would approve.

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