

# How Well Do You Know Local History?

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## Appanoose County History Quiz

01. The first Appanoose County Sheriff was:

- a. Earl "Red" Gaughenbaugh
- b. Andrew Jackson Perjue
- c. Spencer F. Wadlington

02. The present Appanoose County Courthouse that was dedicated on September 12, 1904 is:

- a. The 1st courthouse
- b. The 2nd courthouse
- c. The 3rd courthouse
- d. The 4th courthouse

03. Chaldea was the original name for:

- a. Exline
- b. Cincinnati
- c. Centerville
- d. Plano
- e. Mystic

04. What pioneer trail passed thru Appanoose County in 1846:

- a. The Oregon Trail
- b. The Mormon Trail
- c. The Iowa Trail

05. In the early 1900's the main industry in Appanoose County was:

- a. Coal Mining
- b. Oil Wells
- c. Gypsum Mining

06. Nellie Verne Walker from Moulton was famous as a:

- a. Sculptor
- b. Actress
- c. Suffragette

07. Spencer F. Wadlington was known as:

- a. Centerville's first Mayor [
- b. Centerville's first Merchant
- c. The first Appanoose County Sheriff
- d. All of the above.
- e. a & b.

08. The Hercules plant in Centerville made:

- a. Washing Machines
- b. Chainsaws
- c. Stump Pullers

09. Francis Marion Drake was famous as:

- a. Being Iowa Governor
- b. Starting Drake University in Des Moines
- c. Donating the Drake Library to Centerville
- d. All of the above.

10. Centerville Pancake Day began in:

- a. 1920
- b. 1939
- c. 1949
- d. 1959

11. James Floyd Stevens, who was born near Moravia was:

- a. The author of Paul Bunyan
- b. Iowa Governor
- c. A Political Cartoonist for the Des Moines Register

12. The Rathbun Dam was dedicated on July 31, 1971 by:

- a. President, Ronald W. Reagan
- b. President, Richard M. Nixon
- c. President, Gerald R. Ford

13. J. H. B. Armstrong from Cincinnati was known as:

- a. A conductor on the Underground Railroad
- b. Iowa Governor
- c. United States Senator
- d. All of the above

14. The Appanoose County Fair Association was organized in:

- a. 1940
- b. 1890
- c. 1930

15. What actress starred in the movie "The Wonderful Thing" that was filmed in Appanoose County in 1921:

- a. Mary Gibbs Spooner
- b. Norma Talmadge
- c. Patricia Arquette

(Turn over for more questions)

16. Jonathan F. Stratton was known for:

- a. Surveying Centerville, Iowa
- b. Surveying Cincinnati, Iowa
- c. Surveying Ann Arbor, Michigan
- d. Being the first Appanoose County Clerk of Court.
- e. All of the above.

17. What tragic event that occurred on May 22, 1962 brought national attention to Appanoose County:

- a. The crash of bomb damaged Continental Airlines Flight 11
- b. The Gayno Smith manhunt
- c. Historic floods on the Chariton River

18. Susannah McKee was known as:

- a. Centerville's first business woman
- b. The owner of the Keystone Hotel in Centerville
- c. The owner of the Continental Hotel in Centerville
- d. a & c.

19. Corse Payton from Centerville was famous for being:

- a. An Actor
- b. A Circus owner
- c. A Band Director

20. Many immigrants came to Appanoose County to work in the coal mines from:

- a. Italy
- b. Sweden
- c. Croatia
- d. Belgium
- e. All of the above.

21. Which of the following from Appanoose County served as Iowa Lieutenant Governor:

- a. John K. Valentine
- b. Madison M. Walden
- c. D. Fulton Rice
- d. a & b.
- e. All of the above.

22. What Centerville attorney was shot and killed on February 28, 1929 by a disgruntled law client on the south side of the Appanoose County Courthouse:

- a. Claude R. Porter
- b. D. Fulton Rice
- c. Thomas M. Fee

23. Mack Garner from Centerville was famous as:

- a. A silent screen actor in Hollywood
- b. A jockey who won the Kentucky Derby
- c. A Civil War veteran who served in the 36th Iowa Infantry

24. Appanoose County was officially organized as a county in:

- a. 1776
- b. 1492
- c. 1846

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