

In preparation to celebrate Hawarden, Iowa's Quasquicentennial during 2012, a committee has been formed to organize and publish a Hawarden 125th History Book which will be a companion to the Hawarden Centennial Book published in 1987. The Centennial Book has insured that the stories and events of Hawarden/Calliope's first one-hundred years would not be lost.

The Hawarden 125th History book hopes to cover the important and memorable events of the last 25 years. It will also go back in history and highlight some of the original stories of Hawarden and Calliope for those who do not have a Centennial book. It will be a book that will be handed down from generation to generation so that the families, businesses, churches, organizations, and events of the last 25 years and more will be documented and preserved.

Residents, area residents, alumni of Hawarden and West Sioux, past residents and many others will soon receive a letter from the Hawarden 125th History Book Committee explaining how everyone can be a part of this important piece of history

When the letter arrives, please put it in a safe place, and take time to look it over and plan your story for the book. If you have deceased family members who you want to include, we encourage you to do so. If for some reason your family or extended family were not included in the Centennial Book, now is the time to correct that over-sight and have the family or business history included in this 125th book. The success of the book will only be as good as the families, businesses, and organizations that participate in it. This is an exceptional opportunity to record and preserve the history of the items mentioned above. There will also be a section devoted especially to the Military. In addition to your family histories, we encourage everyone who has served or has family members who served in the defense and peacetime protection of our country to honor them by including their story in this Military section.

Every person and family who has ever had a connection to Hawarden and surrounding area are valuable assets to the success of this book. If someone does not get this letter please contact a person listed below, and give them your address. Along with your histories and stories, everyone is encouraged to include a picture. Pictures will be returned to each person or group submitting one. **There is no cost for submitting these stories (preferably 300 words or less), and one picture.**

The book we are publishing will be of excellent quality, beautiful, permanent, hard-bound with an index by Sur-names. It will truly be a keepsake as well as an informative record of the Hawarden area and its people. The letter you receive will include a detailed list of instructions and explanations as well as the contact information for the Committee Members. Please feel free to contact any of them for more information. Tim Kurth: 712-551-6263, Jamie Strong, 712-550-1213, Mary Johnson: 712-551-6537 or the City Offices at the City of Hawarden 712-551-2565. The letters (brochures) will also be available to pick up at the Hawarden banks, and the Hawarden City Offices. When your histories are complete they can be mailed to the address provided or dropped off at the Hawarden City Office or the Hawarden Public Library.