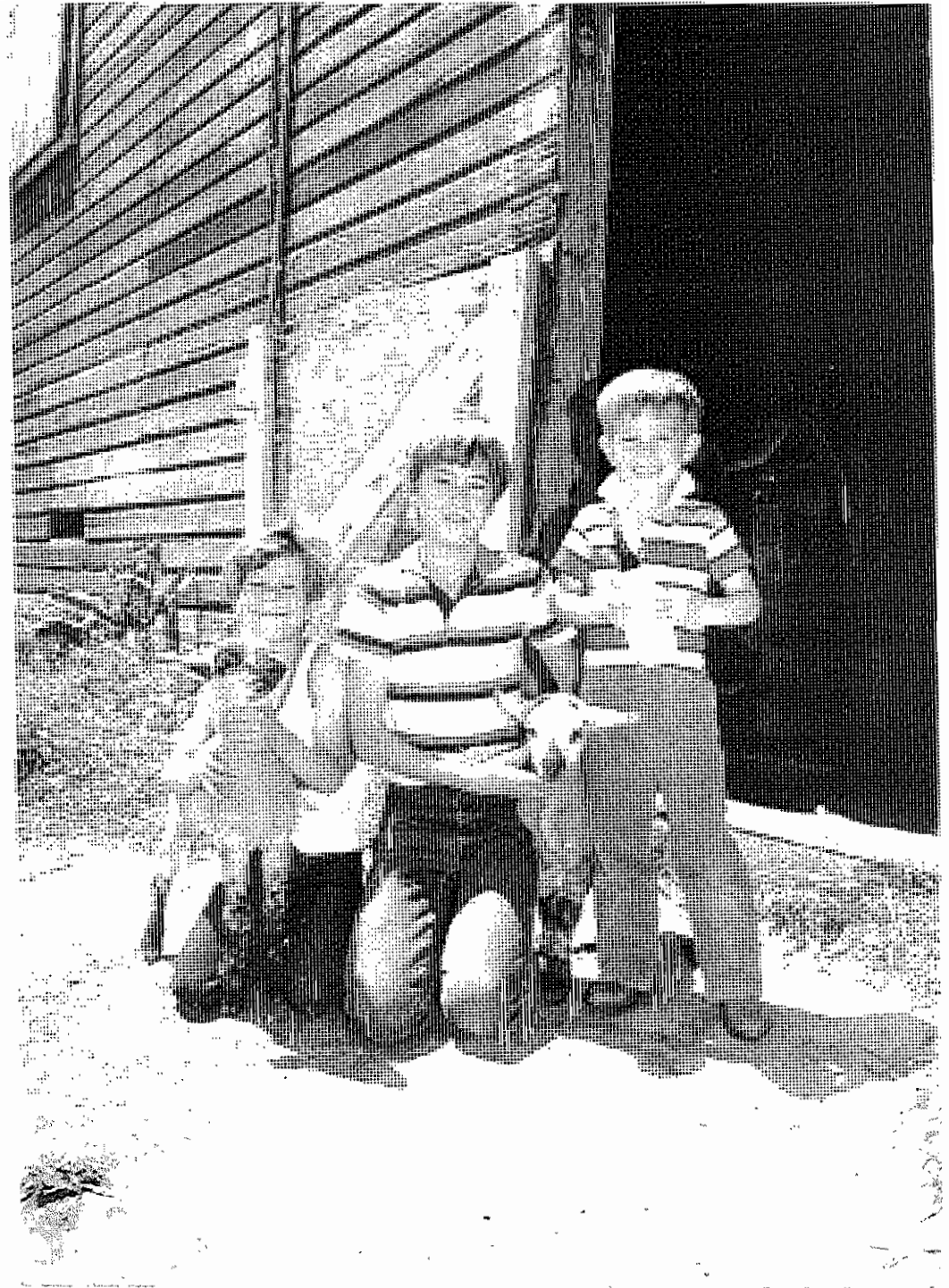
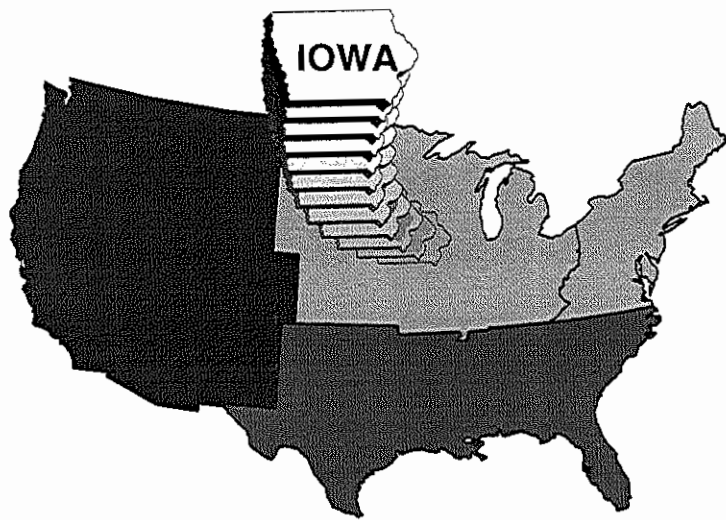


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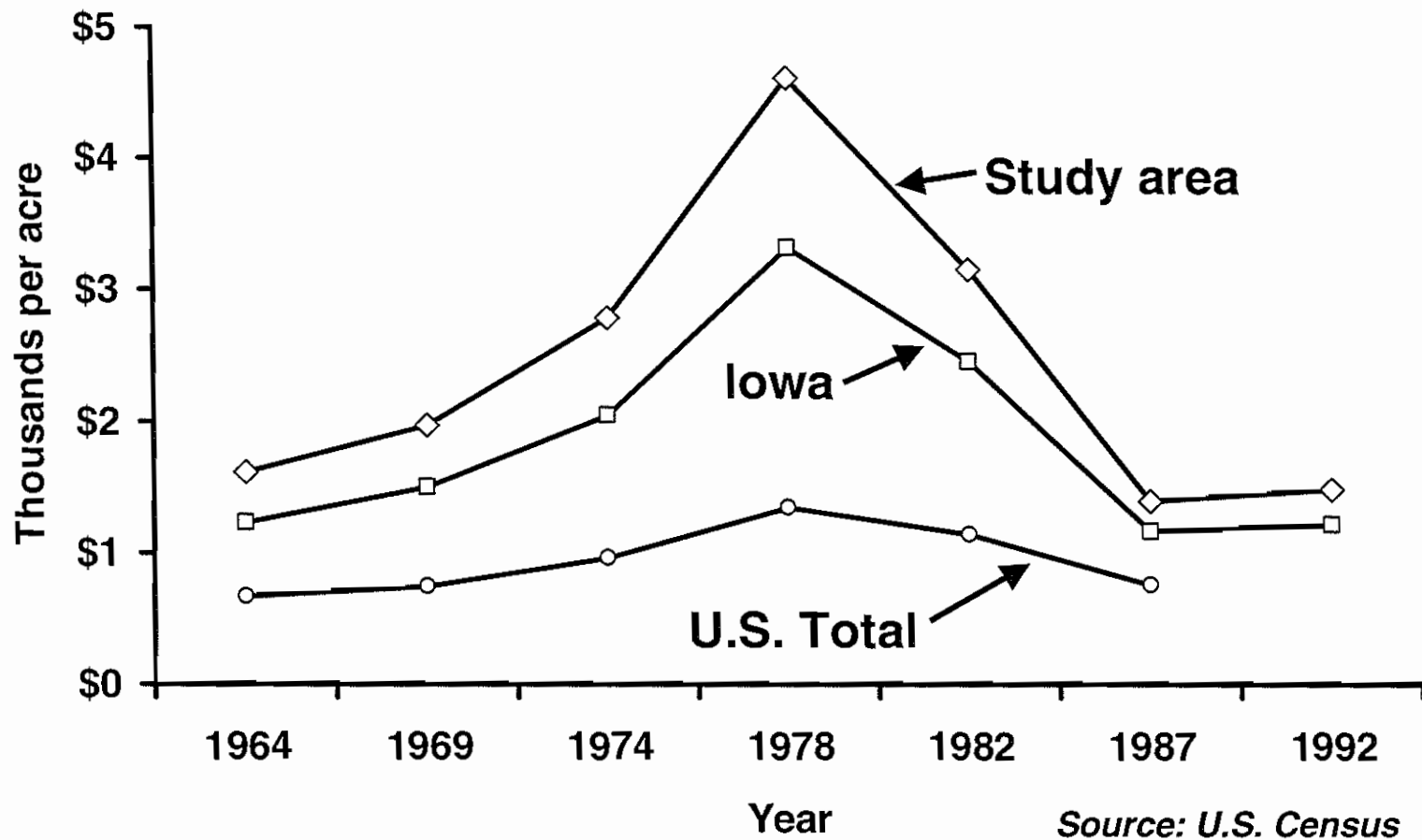


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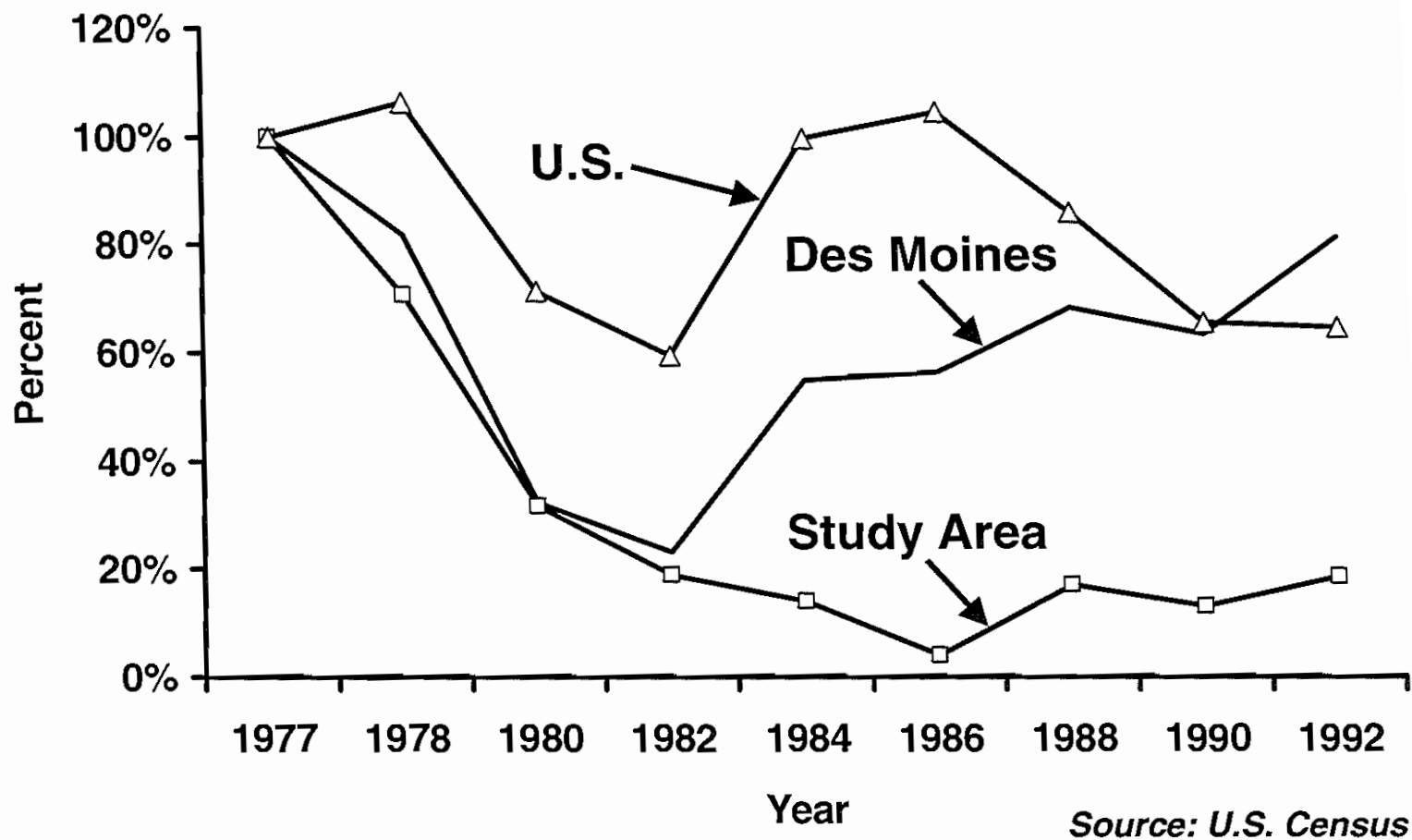
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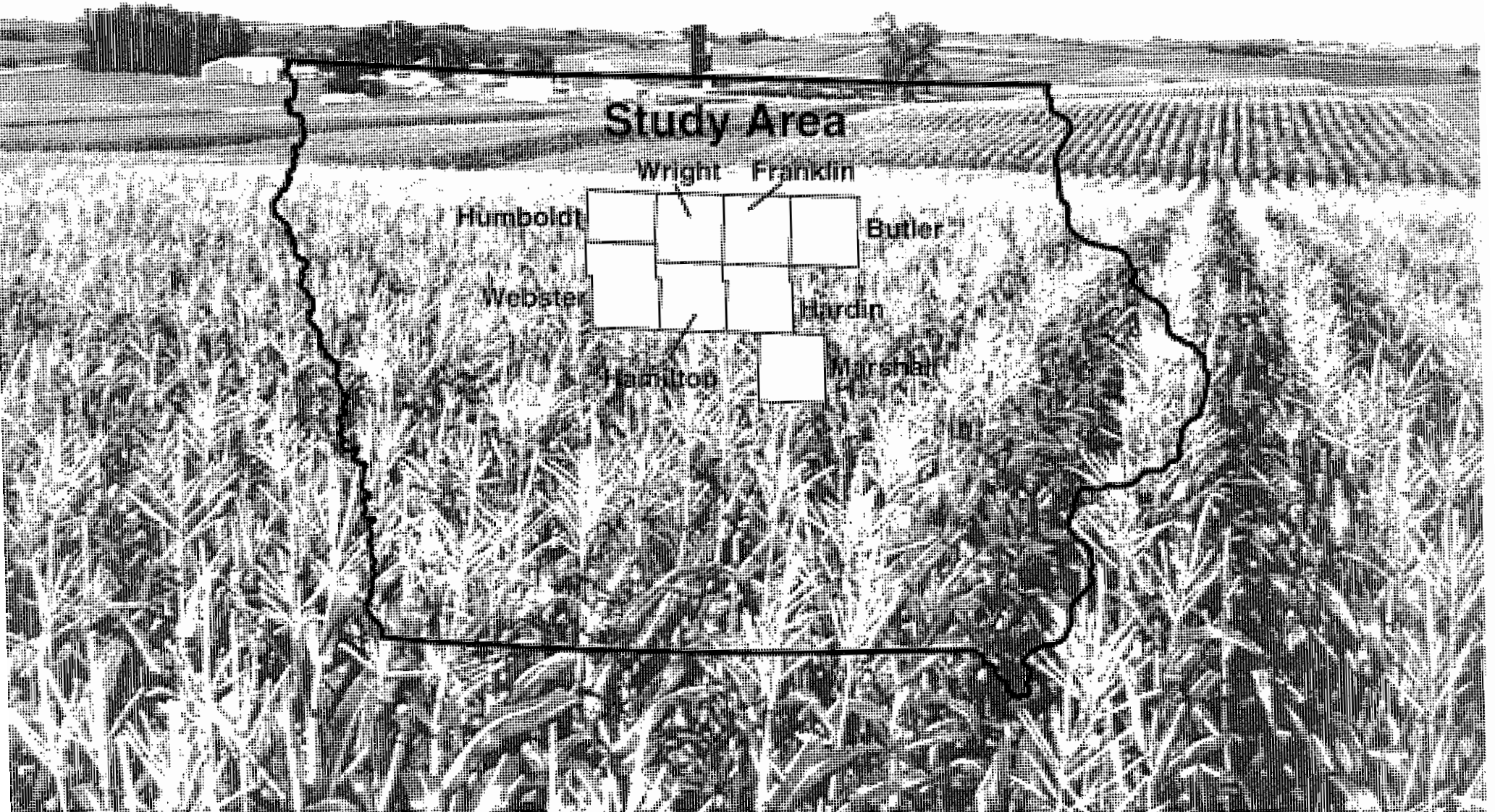
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The Iowa Youth and Families Project

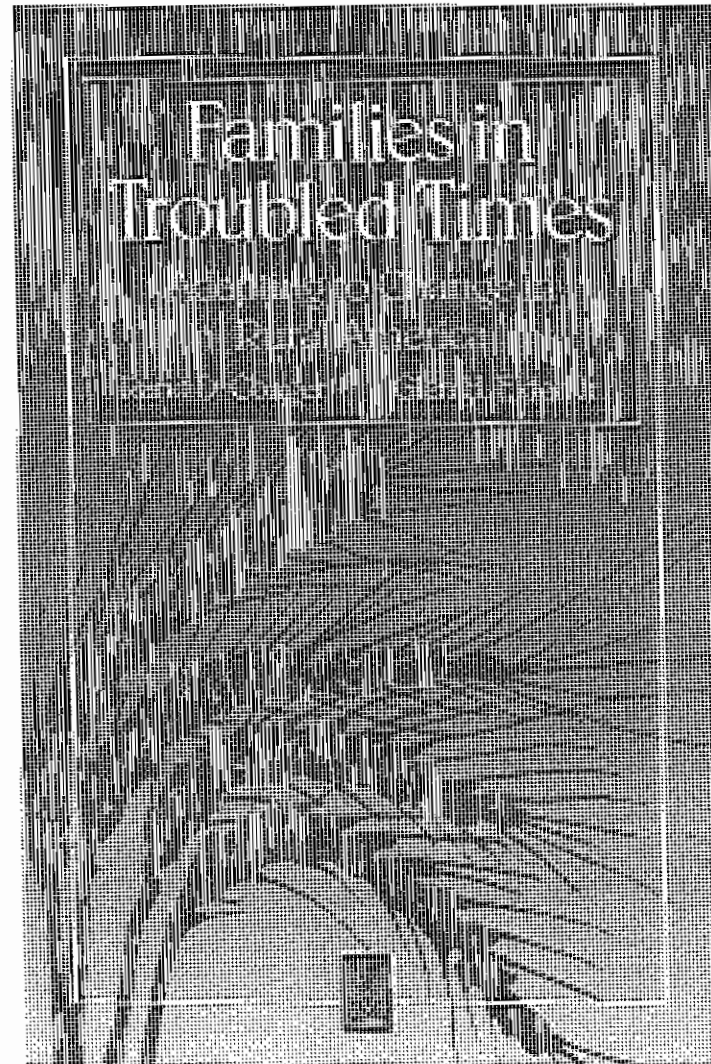


Linking Family Hardship to Children's Maladjustment

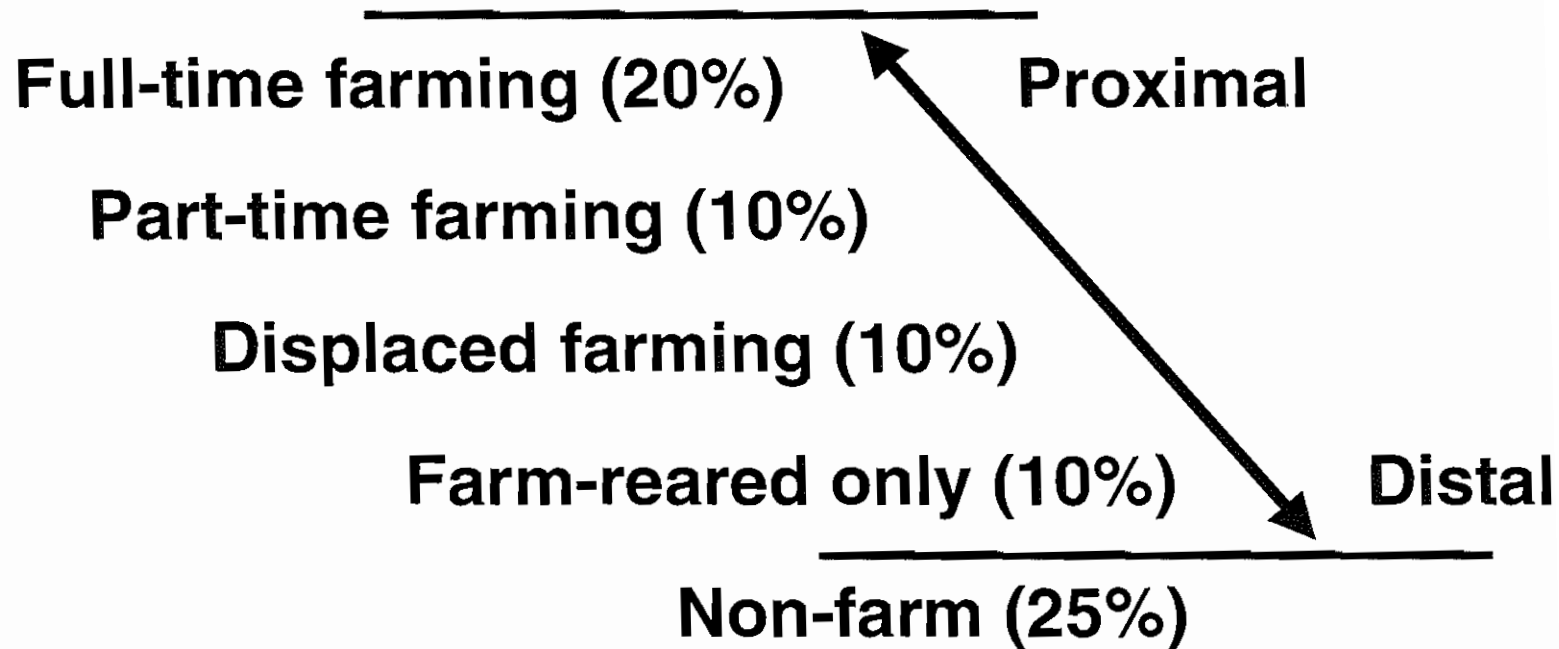
**Economic
Hardship**

**Perceived stress,
distress, and
family discord**

**Non-optimal
parenting**
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**Children's
maladjustment**



Ties to the Land in Rural Iowa



Resourceful Families with Ties to the Land: Developmental Implications

**Family Ties
to the Land**

Social Resources

- **Joint family activity**
- **Family community ties**
- **Children's social roles**
 - school
 - church
 - civic

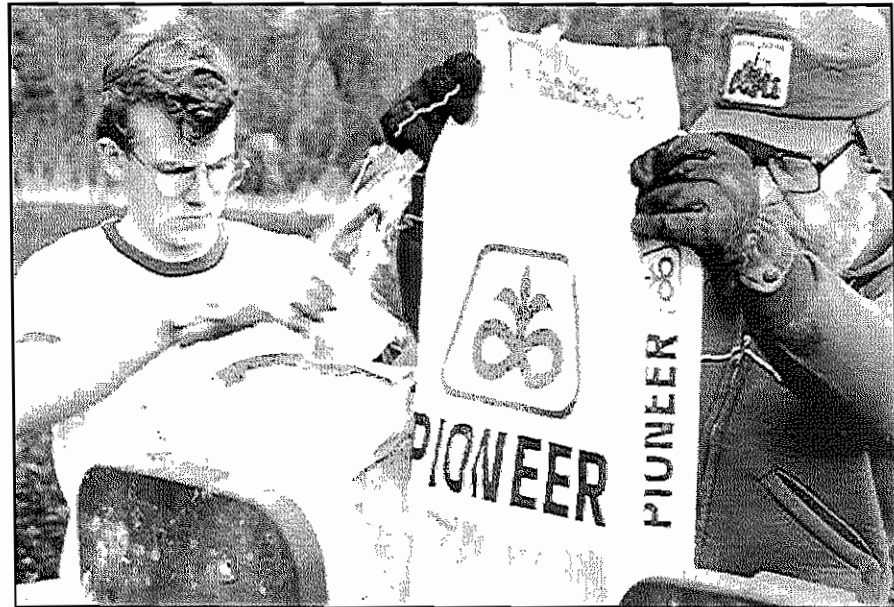
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An Intergenerational Investment

- From Generation to Generation
- Father and the Home Place
- Mother as Bridge to the Outside *Ward*



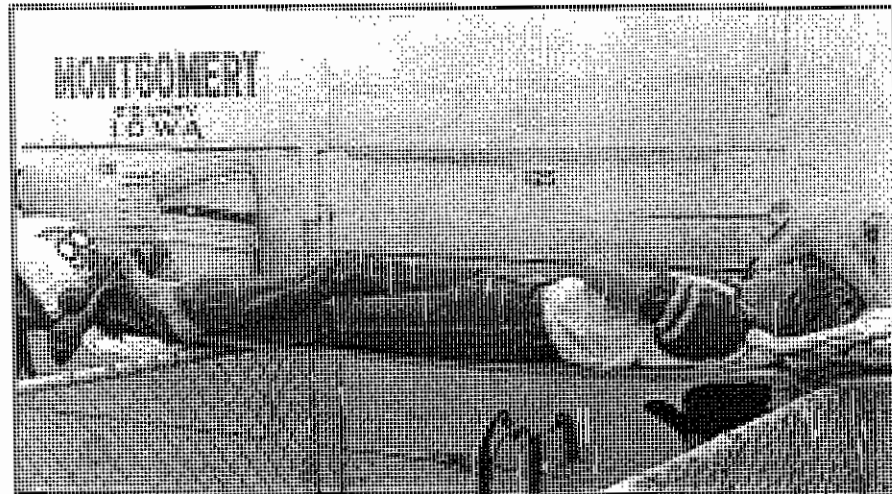
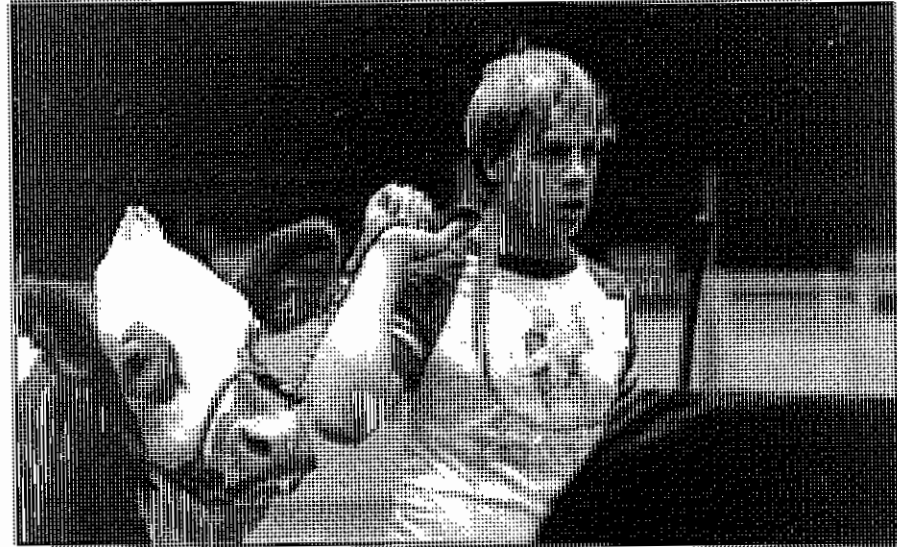
Networks of Social Engagement

- **Ties that Bind - to Land and Social Institutions**
- **Involved Parents and Children**
- **When Children's Friends become Allies**

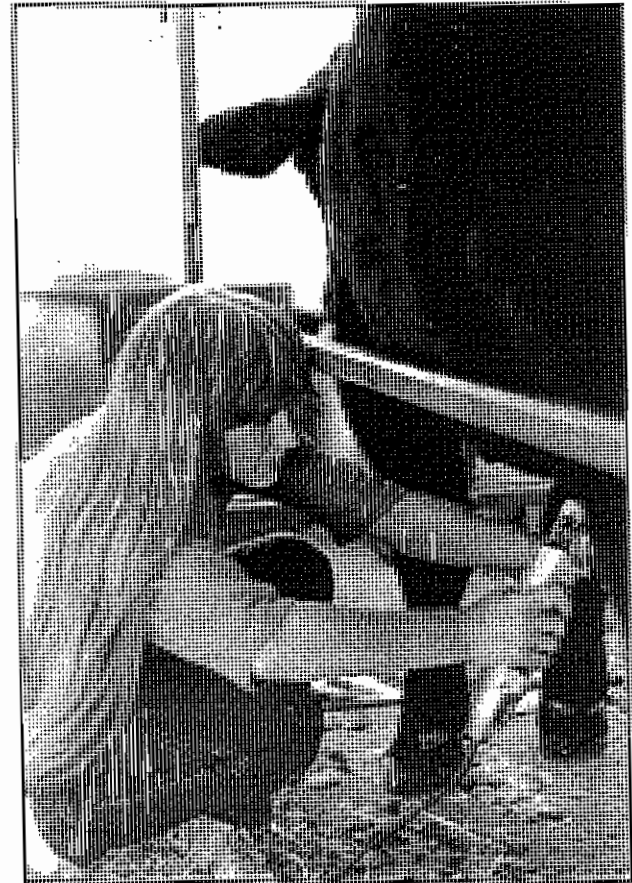


Mastery Experiences

- Productive Labor and Earnings
- Academic Success
- Activities and Leadership



Mastery Experiences



Caring Adults in Young Lives

- **The Power of Small Worlds**
- **Adults Beyond the Family**
- **Adult vs. Peer Sponsored Regimes**



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