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President's Corner - by Lynn Elliott

January, 1999, will certainly be remembered for the unusual weather. I'm sure none of us will miss the 2-3 inches of ice, covered by the 3-5 foot snow drifts, the thunder storms and the 0-50 degree temperatures. Our plans for inclement weather were right on target. Radio stations WNUY (100.1fm) Bluffton and WPGW Portland started announcing on Wednesday, January 13, that our January 16th meeting would be postponed until February 20th.

Your new BWGS officers are looking forward to serving you during 1999. If you have not paid your dues for this year, single memberships remain at \$10.00 and family memberships at \$15.00. If you have suggestions on programs or subjects to be discussed, please let one of the officers know.

Meetings start at 10:00 a.m.	February 20	Brass Latch, Montpelier
	March 20	Library, Bluffton
	May 15	Brass Latch, Montpelier
	July 17	Library, Bluffton
	September 18	Brass Latch, Montpelier
	November 20	Library, Bluffton

Law requires cemetery operators to keep records

Even in death, Indiana citizens are protected - by a comprehensive cemetery law (Indiana Code, Title 23, Chapter 14). One of the most important features is the record-keeping requirement that all cemeteries, whether they're privately or publicly operated, have to maintain. The cemetery operator must keep a record of who was buried and where they were buried. They also have to keep a record of who has purchased the cemetery plots, noted Bob Kraft, of the Indiana F.B. Legislative Dept.

If you are looking for an ancestor and have a general idea of the burial site, you can ask for burial records and the exact location of the grave.

"Our Apology"

The last paragraph on page 108 of the October newsletter was incomplete. The last line stating "William and..." should read: William and Jane are both buried in the Snow Cemetery, Wells County, IN.

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Minutes of the Blackford-Wells County Genealogy Society

November 21, 1998

President Lynn Elliott called the meeting to order at 10 A.M.

The minutes of the September 19th, 1998 meeting were corrected by adding Virginia Whitwer to the committee to consider scheduling for 1999.

Treasurer Jack Wilson reported a balance of \$1,390.73.

There were no officer or committee reports.

Unfinished Business:

Blanch Bennett reported the she and Lucille Reidy had discussed scheduling and recommended meeting alternative months and to take trips for research every other meeting. BARBARA ELLIOTT MOVED AND SARA GARTIN SECONDED THE MOTION TO MEET SIX TIMES PER YEAR, AND THE SCHEDULE A MEETING THE FOLLOWING MONTH ON THE THIRD SATURDAY IF FOR SOME REASON A MEETING MUST BE CANCELED. Motion carried.

A suggestion was made to use a telephone committee and the radio stations to inform members of cancellations.

Connie Brubaker had available "Known Cemeteries of Wells County," a directory of cemeteries listing location, history and caretakers, which sells for \$3. She was advised to contact Rita Morgan and the Blackford Historical Society for assistance in Blackford County.

New Business:

Nona Voltz presented the nominating report:

President - Lynn Elliott

Vice-President - Connie Brubaker (replacing Lucille Reidy who passed away)

Secretary - Blanche Bennett

Treasurer - Jack Wilson.

There were no nominations from the floor. LYNN ELLIOTT MOVED AND NONA VOLZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. Motion carried electing slate by acclamation.

President Elliott announced the following committees: Program; Publicity; Education; Membership; Historian; Editorial; by-laws; Cemetery; Nominating; Auditing; Special Projects; and Query.

Lillie Harris was complemented on her excellent newsletter. A correction was made on page 108: which should continue:

"William and Jane are both buried in Snow Cemetery in Chester Township." The newsletter will be limited to 10 double-sided pages and printed commercially in the future.

Ken Manning presented the program on odd circumstances you run across while searching. He presented the illustration of a family whose lines diverged and then reconverged again after many generations.

Molly Quinn and Connie Brubaker will handle queries.- Roberta Chapman searching Colbert-Ewart families; Terry Roberts searching Kelly family; Armer Southers searching Leibbrant family; Betty Rohm searching Moyer and Newhouse families.

The nominating committee was released from its duties.

Attending were: Lynn Elliott, Jack Wilson, Barbara Elliott, Marylou Bumgarner, Emma Fay DeArmond, Nona O. Volz, Beverly Furniss, Mildred Garrison, Ruth Potts, Molly Quinn, Connie Brubaker, Bud Struver, Sara Gartin, Dorothy Hunt Manning, Kenneth Manning, and Balanche Bennett.

The meeting closed with recitation of the Mizpah benediction.

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara Elliott, Secretary

FROM LILLIE'S DESK

We are proud to announce that we are starting out the new year of 1999 with 80 members. If you know of someone that would like to join our organization, please have them attend one of our meetings so that they might better understand more about our organization and our purpose. They just might like it.

It has been suggested that on the months that we don't meet would be an opportunity to have workshops or trips to visit other Genealogical Societies. An invitation has been extended to visit Huntington Genealogical Society meeting at the Huntington Library.

In our last newsletter we ran an article " And the Class of '57 had it's dreams" with the intention of having it a regular article in the paper, with a different class, and different school each time. Due to the fact that we had no response to the article we will not continue this feature.

This is the same old story, told over again. We need to have more feature articles on "Your" family.

We are sorry to report that we lost one of our very dedicated charter members by the untimely death of Lucille Reidy. Lucille worked many hours helping get our Genealogy Society started. Her help and generosity with her time and materials, will be sadly missed.

Wells County Library Names Co-Directors

Stephanie Davis and Sara Gartin have been selected as co-directors of the Wells County Public Library. As co-directors, they will share many responsibilities with Sara being head of technical services and Stephanie assuming administrative duties. Congratulations to both Sara and Stephanie on their new positions. Sara is one of our members.

**Philip Brown
and
His Descendants**

My research has not been extensive on my great-great-grandfather, Philip Brown. However, I have written down the few things that I have collected over the years, things that I have read about him, and also what my ancestors, aunts and uncles have told me about him. It is not known when or where Philip was born. Family tradition says he was born and reared "in the South".

The first accurate record I found was his marriage 25 March 1818 in Chillicote, Ross County, Ohio, to Julie A. Taylor. In 1821 he and his wife were living in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN, where their daughter Mary Ann (my great grandmother) was born. It seems that in the next few years they moved back and forth between Randolph and Jay Counties in IN.

Philip died 26 Feb 1863 near Deerfield, IN, and is buried near there. I have searched many cemeteries around Deerfield, but have not been able to locate his grave in any of them. Perhaps he and his wife lie in unmarked graves.

The thirteen children of Philip Brown & Julie Taylor were:

1. Mary Ann Brown, married Charles Alberson
2. An un-named daughter died in infancy and was buried near the road along the bank of The Little Salamonia River in Wayne twp., Jay Co., IN.
3. Oren Brown, burned to death quite young as a result of tipping hot soap over on him while his mother was making soap with lye.
4. A son (name unknown), died with "blacktounge"
5. Effa Brown (twin), married Henry H. Cossirt.
6. Zeffie Brown (twin), died young.
7. Eva Brown
8. Sarah Ann Brown, married William Emery
9. Philip Brown, shot himself one Sunday morning while the rest of the family was at Church. He was between 14 & 16 yrs. old.
10. Hester Brown, beleive she died at Richmond, IN. Unmcd.
11. Jacob Brown, 1/m Elizabeth Doty, 2/m Sarah Jane Holloway, 3/m Melvina Davis White. He was a Civil War Vet.
12. Fannie Brown, died when she was 13 or 14 yrs. old from scarlet fever. She is buried in the Alberson Cem. Adams Co., IN.
13. George Brown.

On page 75 of the Jay County History was recorded the 1st death in Jay County.

" Mr. Winters made the coffins in those days. Therebeing no lumber for the purpose, punheons were split out of logs hewed and planed until they looked as well as sawed lumber. In such a coffin a child of Philip Brown was buried on the north bank of the Little Salimonie, near the road. That was the first death in Wayne twp., Jay Co., IN".

After reading the many stories about my ancestor Philip Brown, I wondered did he really enter his land according to law or was it just "another story" that had been told about him. I wrote to the National Archives in Washington, D. C. to find out. In a few weeks I received a copy of the following:

No. 1975 Land Office, Fort Wayne, Indiana 28 Mar 1833

It is hereby Certified, that, in pursuance of law, Philip Brown of Randolph County, Ind. on the day purchased of the Register of this Office, the lot or South West quarter of South West quarter of section number 28 in township number 23 (Northh) of range number 14 (East) containing 40 acres, at the rate of one dollar and twenty five cents peracre, amounting to fifty dollars, for which the said Philip Brown has made payment in full as required by law.

Now therefore be it known, that, on presentation of this certificate to the General Land Office, the said Philip Brown shall be entitled to receive a patent for the lot above described. Signed---R. Brackenridge, Register.

The land patent was recorded 5 Aug 1834 Vol. 4 pp 439

At the same time Philip also swore to the following statement:
"I do solemnly swear that the tract of land within described is inter. ! for my own personal benefit and not in trust for another and that the land is intended for the pupose of cultivation".

Philip was a great pioneer and it seems that he was also a man of much spirit as was found in the book "REMINISCENCES OF ADAMS, JAY AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES". This book was published and sold to raise money to put a fence around what is now known as the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Jay County, east of Bryant, IN. The land had been donated by Samuel Alberson, brother of Charles Alberson, who later became the husband of Mary Ann Brown. The book consisted of stories that many people had sent to the author to be included in the book. Many stories were also found in the history books of Jay County IN. The stories were very interesting and sometimes even amusing. So, in order for you to learn more about the pioneer life and your ancestor Philip Brown, I am including some of the stories as they appeared in the above mentioned books.

On page 70 - "Mr. John James, of Randolph County, was one of the commissioners to lay out the State Road from Richmond to Fort Wayne, and Jer. Smith was his Surveyor. In September 1832 while making a survey, they camped on the north side of the Little Salimonie, where the road now crosses it, probably attracted by the beautiful grove, which is now owned by Mr. JonasVotaw. Here they were visited by Philip Brown, of whom they obtained "roasting ear" and squashes. They called him "Govenor of the State of Salimonie", which cognomen he wore while he lived".

Lillie L. Harris

Definition of Civil War Unit Designations

by Harold Wells

(Editor's Note - Harold "Sonny" Wells of Liberty, Miss. is considered by many to be an expert in finding the graves of confederate soldiers who earned the Medal of Honor for service. Wells admits to being a "Civil War Nut" who likes to share his information about the war. Whenever he makes a speech he also has handouts explaining military markings you might find on tombstones while doing research.)

Civil War Unit Designations

Federals - Also known as Yankees

Inf - Infantry, can also be mounted

Cav - Cavalry, can be mounted or dismounted

Art - Artillery, can be light or heavy

Eng - Engineers, road builders, telegraph lines or trains

Reg't - Regiment, part of division comprising several companies

Troop - Same as company, only mounted

EMM - Enrolled Missouri militia, organized unit

Prov EMM - Provisional EMM, Reserves of EMM, on call

Vol - Volunteers, not drafted

VV - Veteran volunteer, serving 2nd or 3rd hitch

Galv - Galvanized-Confederate POWs who served in Federal blue on Western Plains fighting Indians

MHGRC - Missouri Home Guard Reserve Corp

USCT - U.S. Colored troops, all black in the ranks led by white officers

AC or AD - African corps or African descent. Black units from Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama

SC - Signal Corps

Med Co or MC - Medical Corps

VRC - Veteran Reserve Corp

Confederates - Also called Rebels, Secessionists, Secesh's

MSG - Missouri State Guard, organized state troops

IN - Indian Nation, Oklahoma

Partisan - Sympathizer or guerrilla, not in regular service

Terms

Enlisted - Signed up for service ... 3 mos, 6 mos, 1 yr, 3 yrs or term

Mustered in - Sworn into service at Assembly point

Mustered out - Officially released from duty

Bounty - Fee paid to enlistee, can be federal, state and/or county

Disenfranchised - Right to vote taken away for not signing loyalty oath

Post War Veterans Units

GAR - Grand Army of the Republic - Union Army Veterans

Ladies of the GAR - Women's support group

MOLL - Military Order of the Loyal Legion

WRC - Women's Relief Corps

Ex-Confederate Assoc. - Confederate Veterans

UCV - United Confederate Veterans

DOC - Daughters of the Confederacy

CLO - Confederate Ladies Organization

UDC - Formed in 1890s from DOC and CLO

SUV - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SCV - Sons of Confederate Veterans

MOSB - Military Order of the Stars and Bars (descendants of Confederate soldiers)

DUV - Daughters of Union veterans

Faded Writing

If writing is too faded to read, use a 75 watt black light bulb in any lamp that casts light directly on the written page. The writing will miraculously appear. (From *Palatines to America*, IL chapter Nov. 1997)

Use Styrofoam

Did you know that a block of Styrofoam will clean off moss and soil debris from old tombstones and will not damage the stone?

Courthouse records listed

In doing genealogy research, there is often the need to write to courthouses for copies of original documents. One of the best sources we have found for doing this is *The Handy Book for Genealogists* by Everton Publishers of Logan, UT. It has gone through eight editions with the ninth to be released soon.

The book is arranged alphabetically by state. Each section starts off with a brief history of the settlement of the state and the availability of vital records at the state level. This is followed by a list of archives, libraries and societies in the state and a list of many of the printed sources on the state.

QUERIES

Seeking maiden name of **Sarah Perkins**, may have lived near Ossian, IN, in 1800. Married to **William Miller**. Buried in Elhanen Cemetery near Ossian, IN. Reply to Elaine Noe, 720 E. Dustman Rd. # 111 , Bluffton, IN. 46714-1234

Rosetta Jane Johnson b. 12-1-1869, father was **Elihu Johnson**, mother was **Mary McCracken**. Rosetta, m. April 18, 1904 to **Ward Jarrett**, Randolph Co., IN.

Jacob Franklin Ditzler m. April 18, 1908 **Elizabeth Riddle** probably in Montpelier or Bluffton. Would like to know maiden name and married name of **Elizabeth** before marriage to J. F. Ditzler.

Mary Light m. **Harvey Creviston** 13-5-1848 in Randolph Co., IN. 1850 or later they were in Huntington or Grant Co., IN. Would like to know of any children born to this couple. Have information on **Light** family.

Reply to the three above queries to: Virginia Ditzler Neel, 105 Lake Sebring Dr., Sebring, FL. 33870-1572 Phone: 941-385-0830 e-mail vneel @ digital.net

Looking for more information on **Lorenzo Dow Harvey** married **Mary I. Grove**. Also any of his siblings and children. **Lorenzo Dow Harvey** b. about 1834, Wells County IN. Also information needed on **Mary I. Grove**. Will share info Website. Reply to Mary Ellen Wexler, 5798 Merlau Rd., South Wales, NY. 14139, <http://www.buffnet.net/~mewexler/>

Announcements

We have a few back issues of The Blackford-Wells Tracer newsletters at \$2.00. Send order to Blackford-Wells Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 54, Bluffton, IN. 46714

The Eaton County Genealogical Society will have a Workshop Saturday May 1, 1999 at Holiday Inn South, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI. Cost of Workshop is \$30.00 includes lunch. If you are interested in a flyer, please contact the society at: P.O. Box 337 Charlotte, MI. 488133-0337. Phone 517-543-8792 - Fax 517-543-6999, e-mail ecgsoc@juno.co

Dues

Article V Dues

The Dues of the Society has been established and shall be payable on January 1 and no later than April 1 of each year. The membership year and the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Incorporation Of Keystone, Indiana

The entries below were copied from a ledger book of meetings for the Incorporation of the Town of Keystone, Indiana. It also contains the yearly Treasurer's reports from the year 1898 to 1908. Grafton Luther Kean (my great grandfather) was born 1848 in Randolph County, Indiana and came to Wells County, Indiana in the fall of 1872 with his father, Dr. Raford Wesley Kean (my great-great grandfather, and also great-great grandfather to Virginia Wittwer). They settled one mile north of Keystone. Grafton moved to Keystone, and was elected to serve as Treasure, beginning in 1902.

June A. McIntire Shrock

Keystone, Ind.

Dec. 6, 1895

Minutes of Incorporation meeting held Friday evening Dec. 6, 1895. The house was called to order and the announcements made. Mr. Jno. Bell moved that Wm Twibell should act as chairman for the election which was held the next following day and was elected by all votes present. J. S. Neff was appointed clerk which was carried and Henry Cottril was elected judge and Henry DeWitt Sheriff on Saturday Dec. 7, 1895. The election board met and held their appointed places at the Keystone School house there was on that day Twenty nine (29) votes cast and they were all cast in favor of incorporation. The chairman Wm Twibell took the returns to Bluffton town Monday Dec. 9, 1895 and laid the same before the commissioners of this county to be enacted upon and they decided the town of Keystone Wells County State of Indiana was Incorporated.

Keystone, Ind.

Dec. 21, 1895

Election Report

Mr Wm Speaker and Jos Gustin were sworn and qualified this 21st day of Dec. 1895 to fill the vacancy of Wm Twibell and Henry DeWitt. Wm Twibell disqualified in filling his chair as before on account of being a candidate in first ward. Henry DeWitt being absent we deemed our duty to appoint the said parties to fill the place.

Signed, Henry Cottril/Inspector, Wm Speaker/Judge, Jos S. Neff/Clerk, Jos Gustin/Sheriff

Keystone, Ind.

Jan. 27, 1896

The town council of Keystone met with all the councilman present. On ballot Wm Twibell was chosen president of the council of the incorporated town of Keystone the bond of Treasure and Clerk were presented and accepted by the council. It was agreed that the regular meeting night shall be two weeks apart on Monday night commencing Feb. 3, 1896. Council then adjourned to meet Feb. 3, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

Feb. 3, 1896

Be it remembered that the board of Trustees of the town of Keystone met in regular session and transacted the following business to witt: Meeting called to order by the chairman and the Trustees all present. By laws as per recordered on page one in ordinance Book were read and adopted. That the ordinance for construction of side walks were discussed, read, passed, adopted and ordained. The council then adjourned to meet in regular session Feb. 17, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

**Keystone, Ind.
Feb. 17, 1896**

Be it remembered that the board of Trustees of the town of Keystone met in regular session and transacted the following business to witt: Meeting called to order by the chairman and all the trustees present. The board of Trustees selected an emblem of a "Keystone" as the seal of the town. That the ordinance for prohibiting Nitroglycerene to be taken within the limits of the Incorporated town of Keystone was passed adopted and ordained. Council then adjourned to meet in regular Session Mar. 2, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

**Keystone, Ind.
Mar. 2, 1896**

Be it remembered that the board of Trustees of the town of Keystone met in regular session and the following business was transacted called to order by Chairman and all the trustees present except Bright. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No further business to transact the council then adjourned to meet in regular session Mar. 16, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

**Keystone, Ind.
Mar. 16, 1896**

Be it remembered that the board of Trustees of the town of Keystone met in regular session and the following business was Transacted. The council was called to order by the chairman and all the councilman present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The town seal was received Mar. 16, 1896. No. 5 in the order of business in regard to the disposal of a dead hog in the stock pens agreed to pass an ordinance to abate all nuisances a proposition to consider the election of a marshal also the by laws be amended to state what the town seal shall be. The sidewalks on Clay street was considered in regard to their construction agreed to consult parties directly interested in the matter in the above construction. A discussion followed on the construction of side walks for streets and alleys. It was ordered by the town board that the town clerk to correspond with D. S. Hill, Gen. Supt. in regard to the construction of sidewalks. No further business to transact the council adjourned to meet in regular Session Mar. 30/96.

Wm Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

**Keystone, Ind.
Mar. 30, 1896**

The Town board of Trustees met in regular session with all the councilman present with the exception of J. B. Bright, and transacted the following business. The minutes of the previous meeting were made and adopted proposition for abatement of obstruction of an alley 150 feet north of Market street the above matter was considered the council agreed to notify parties interested. An ordinance declaring what shall constitute a nuisance and a penalty for the violation of the mode of abating the same and declaring an emergency was considered passed. Adopted and ordained by councilman Twibell and Teagle. J. B. Bright was absent this 30th Day of March 1896. No further business to transact the council adjourned to meet in regular session Apr. 13, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

**Keystone, Ind.
Apr. 13, 1896**

The town council of Keystone met in regular session with all councilman present except J. B.

Bright and transacted the following business. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. The time was set to nominate the town officers on Apr. 25, 1896, 7 o'clock P. M. The proposition in regard to moving an obstruction on an alley 150 ft north of Market Street decided to wait until another meeting. The council had a discussion in regard to purchasing lumber for sidewalk purposes crossing Streets and Alleys. Council adjourned to meet Apr. 27, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

Apr. 27, 1896

Be it remembered that the town council of Keystone met in regular session with all councilman present except J. B. Bright and the following business was transacted. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. The proposition to consider the number of days to work privilage tax it was decided that each able bodied male person between the age of 21 years and 50 years shall work three days on the streets and that teams will be allowed at the rate of (\$2.50) two and 50/100 dollars per day and hands (\$1.25) one and 25/100 per day. Council then adjourned to meet in regular session May 11, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

May 7, 1896

Be it remembered that the town council of Keystone met in special session and transacted the following business after which the Bond of R. H. Bright was read and approved with Jno. Bell as security. The Marshal was then sworn, then a lease with the ????? Supply & Hardwarre co.. Granting then the privilege to lay one water line from well north of Supply house to the Livery barn. Said lease was granted. No further business to transact council adjourned to meet in regular session May 11, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

May 11, 1896

Be it remembered that the town council of Keystone met in regular session with all councilman present and transacted the following business the reading of minutes of previous meeting and adopting them. The bond of W. H. Merriman as town clerk with G. W. Ifer assurity were read and approved. The town clerk be paid him in the sum of two & 50/100 Dollars per month this was taken under advisement a proposition considering the tax of the town was discussed and continued until further meeting. A petition for an abatement of a nuisance of oil and mineral water in a certain ditch in south end of town be abated the petition was accepted and council agreed to notify the Centiliver Oil Co. to abate said nuisance. No further business to transact council adjourned to meet in special session May 19, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

May 19, 1896

Be it remembered that the Town council met in special session with all the councilman present and transacted the following business. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The reading of ordinance 4 to license and regulate street auctions traveling peddlers and public exhibitions assessing a fee for license prescribing a penalty for the violation of and the mode of abating the same and declaring an emergency. Ordinance passed adopted and ordained by all councilman Twibell, Marsh and Wilson. The council also agreed to levy a tax \$.25 on one

hundred dollars and \$.50 for each male dog and \$1.00 for the first female dog and \$2.00 for each additional female dog owned by any person or persons within the corporation of Keystone, Ind. Council then adjourned to meet in regular session May 25, 1896.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., W. H. Merriman/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

Jul. 12, 1897

Board of Trustees met in regular session on the 12th day of July, 1897 with all of the trustees present. Meeting called to order by the president after which the following business was transacted. The bond of Joseph H. Gustin as marshal was then presented and examined and was accepted. The matter of jail was discussed and then J. W. Marsh was instructed to get material to finish same. Meeting adjourned to meet on Thursday July 15, 1897.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., Wm M. Baker/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

Aug. 9, 1897

Board of Trustees met in call session on the 9th of Aug. 1897 with Marsh and Willson present Twibell being absent. Meeting called to order by Marsh. The claim of George Spaulding of 40 cents for 4 loads of ????? rock was read audited and allowed. The claim of D. C. Lincoln of \$15.00 for gravel on streets was read audited and allowed. The claim of B. T. K??? of \$7.00 for collecting taxes was read ordered and allowed. The claim of G. W. Studebaker auditor setting up taxes amount is \$5.00 was read ordered and allowed. The quarterly salary of Joseph Gustin of \$6.25 was read and allowed. The claim of W. H. Templeton of \$2.50 for first quarter was read ordered and allowed. The claim of J. W. Marsh of \$2.50 for first quarter salary was read ordered and allowed. The claim of Ben Willson of \$2.50 for first quarter salary was read ordered and allowed. The claim of Wm M Twibell of \$2.50 for first quarter salary was read ordered and allowed.

Wm M. Baker/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

Aug. 23, 1897

Board of Trustees met in regular session on the 23rd of August, 1897, with all Trustees present. Meeting called to order by president the minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read. The claim of J. W. Marsh of \$1.35 for padlocks labor and nails on jail claim allowed. Marsh made partial report for Marshall. Reporting the porches in front of Templeton and Bowers completed according to order. Meeting closed.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., Wm M. Baker/Clerk

Keystone, Ind.

Oct. 18, 1897

Board of Trustees met in regular session with all of the Trustees present the clerk and Marshall being absent. The matter of furnishing tile for ditch at south end off town along pike and taking ditch across Mrs. Marts was considered and Wm. M. Twibell was ordered to deliver 10 inch tile along pike and ordered that the ditch be put in at once. The matter of sidewalks not being repaired according to order made.

Wm M. Twibell/Pres., Wm M. Baker/Clerk

June	1	D. C. Lincoln for Gravel	15.00 ✓
"	14	A. H. Teagle for gas for jail	✓ 75 ✓
July	12	H. A. Starbuck Marshal	✓ 24.00 ✓
"	12	Neal Hullinger Council	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	12	John Marty Council	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	12	A. H. Teagle Council	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	12	R. E. DeKees Board of health	✓ 3.75 ✓
"	12	W. M. Baker atty	✓ 6.25 ✓
"	12	A. C. Poulson Clerk	✓ 7.50 ✓
"	12	G. L. Kean Treasure	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	12	Bluffton Banner	✓ 1.00 ✓
Aug	12	S. Payne Bilding side walk entrance line	38.67 ✓
"	16	S. Payne Bilding side walks for Co. B. Ashire	
"		useful for Co. B. Ashire walks	228.80 ✓
"	26	D. O. North for surveying ditch	✓ 5.40 ✓
"	30	A. H. Teagle advertising in Star	✓ 7.00 ✓
"	6	J. W. Cook for Tile	✓ 1.35 ✓
"	16	A. C. Mahoney for six chairs	✓ 4.00 ✓
"	6	H. A. Starbuck Marshal	✓ 24.00 ✓
"	6	G. L. Kean Treasure	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	6	W. M. Baker atty	✓ 6.25 ✓
"	6	Neal Hullinger Council	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	6	John Marty Council	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	6	A. H. Teagle Council	✓ 2.50 ✓
"	6	R. E. DeKees Health officer	✓ 3.75 ✓
"	6	A. C. Poulson Clerk	✓ 7.50 ✓
"	16	H. A. Starbuck Election Sheriff	✓ 1.50 ✓
"	16	Edgar Cochran " Clerk	✓ 2.00 ✓
"	16	Samuel Brittenham " Judge	✓ 2.00 ✓
"	16	Frank Patry " Judge	✓ 2.00 ✓
"	16	Sum York " Inspector	✓ 2.00 ✓

Keystone and November 12th 1901
 in acct with the Town of Keystone

Year	Order No	Description	Amount
1901		A Showalter Treasurer Cr	
"	14	J. E. Bright for Lumber for Town	30 50
"	25	N. Hullinger E. & Hall Services as town Council	83
"	26	L. L. Hearn for spreading gravel	1 50
"	23	J. E. Bright for St Work.	16 95
"	22	L. S. Colbert for Hand Cuffs	3 85
"	24	C. Brimman Quarter Salary Councilman	2 50
"	24	J. S. Neff for quarter salary as Town Clerk	7 60 +
"	32	Dr R. E. Dewees for 3 qr salary H. Officer	10 25
"	30	W. M. Baker qr salary as City atty	6 25
"	27	A Showalter qr salary as City Treas	2 50
"	28	J. E. Bright for qr salary as Marshal	25 00 ✓
"	31	Hullinger & Earhart qr salary for House rent	1 25
"	25	Geo Barner qr salary as Councilman	1 67
1902	26	Wm M. Twibell qr salary Councilman	2 50
"	33	S. B. Twibell for gravel for Streets	10 94
"	40	Geo Barner for quarter Salary.	2 50
"	41	W. M. Twibell " "	2 50
"	34	Hullinger & Earhart for Rent	1 25
"	39	J. W. Marsh C. Brimman ^{qr salary}	2 50
"	35	J. E. Bright services Marshal	25 00 ✓
"	37	J. S. Neff for services ad Clerk	7 50
"	36	A Showalter for services as Treasurer	2 50
"	38	W. M. Baker for services City atty	6 25
"	43	J. E. Bright yard Services	27 10 ✓
"	42	Maud Towns Board for nurse	8 80
"	44	R E Dewees for Disinfecting South Hall	6 75
"	45	Wm M. Twibell for Hardware	4 33
"	48	J. S. Neff for services clerk	7 50
"	50	C. Brimman for services Council	2 50
"	47	A Showalter services Treasurer	2 50
"	40

76		In account with the Town of			
1905		Keystone		1,675.57	ju
June	16	received of A. C. Poulson Street work		3.00	
July	12	received of A. C. Poulson		200.00	ju
Aug	16	received of A. C. Poulson		38.67	"
Aug	18	received of A. C. Poulson Corporation			"
"		Tot of town of Keystone		182.75	"
Sept	5	received of A. C. Poulson		5.00	"
Nov	16	received of A. C. Poulson		6.00	"
Dec	23	received of A. C. Poulson			"
"		Corporation Tot of Town of Keystone		7.45	"
1906					
Feb	3	received of A. C. Poulson		1.00	A
July	9	received of Fred L. Marsh a check corporation Tot of Town of Keystone		168.00	"
Aug	21	received of Fred L. Marsh		2.50	sep
Oct	1	received of Fred L. Marsh for show		1.50	"
1907					
Jan	3	received of Fred L. Marsh a check corporation Tot of Town Keystone 2nd		21.82	"
"	11	received of Fred L. Marsh show for the building of B.S. Abbie side walks on Keystone 2nd		248.26	"
1907					
July	11	amount taken in was settled with the Council the amount paid out was		1294.21	"
				1179.00	"

1907

July +	12	H. a. Starbuck Marshal of Keystone	24 0.0
"	12	John Marty Councilman	2 50
"	12	Lot Mcbullick Councilman	2 50
"	12	D. a. Bennett Councilman	2 50
"	12	G. L. Kean Treasure	2 50
"	12	W. M. Baker Town attorney	6 25
"	12	R. E. Dewees Health Officer	3 75
"	12	F. L. Marsh Clerk 1 months	2 50
"	12	Orval Fisher Clerk 2 months	5 00
Sept	3	H. a. Starbuck Bussing dogs and supplies	1 50
Oct +	8	H. a. Starbuck for Marshal in Keystone	24 0.0
"	8	John Marty for Councilman "	2 50
"	8	Lot Mcbullick " "	2 50
"	8	D. a. Bennett " "	2 50
"	8	G. L. Kean for Treasure "	2 50
"	8	W. M. Baker " Town attorney "	6 25
"	8	Roy. E. Dewees Health officer "	3 75
"	8	Orval Fisher Clerk "	7 50
"	23	Chas Wampler cutting weeds	3 25

1908

Jan	7	Orval Fisher Clerk	3 50
"	7	D. a. Bennett Councilman	2 50
"	7	G. L. Kean Treasure	2 50
"	7	W. M. Baker Town Atty	6 25
"	7	John Marty Councilman	2 50
"	8	R. H. Bright Councilman	2 00
"	8	J. S. Keiff Councilman	2 25
"	8	R. E. Dewees Health officer	3 75
"	11	Lot Mcbullick Councilman	2 50
" +	24	H. a. Starbuck Marshal of Keystone	24 0.0
Feb	12	D. C. Lincoln for gravel	66 50

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

Lester Moore was a Wells, Fargo Co. station agent for Naco, Arizona in the cowboy days of the 1880's. He's buried in the Boot Hill Cemetery in Tombstone, Arizona:

Here lies Lester Moore
Four slugs from a .44
No Les No More.

In a Georgia cemetery:
"I told you I was sick!"

John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England, cemetery:
Reader if cash thou art
In want of any
Dig 4 feet deep
And thou wilt find a Penny.

On Margaret Daniels' grave at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia:
She always said her feet were killing her
but nobody believed her.

In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England:
On the 22nd of June
- Jonathan Fiddle -
Went out of tune.

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont has an epitaph that sounds like something from a Three Stooges movie:

Here lies the body of our Anna
Done to death by a banana
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low
But the skin of the thing that made her go.

More fun with names with Owen Moore in Battersea, London, England:

Gone away
Owin' more
Than he could pay.

On a grave from the 1880's in Nantucket, Massachusetts:
Under the sod and under the trees
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.
He is not here, there's only the pod:
Pease shelled out and went to God.

Someone in Winslow, Maine didn't like Mr. Wood:

In Memory of Beza Wood
Departed this life
Nov. 2, 1837
Aged 45 yrs.
Here lies one Wood
Enclosed in wood
One Wood
Within another.
The outer wood
Is very good:
We cannot praise
The other.

The grave of Ellen Shannon in Girard, Pennsylvania is almost a consumer tip:

Who was fatally burned
March 21, 1870
by the explosion of a lamp
filled with "R.E. Danforth's
Non-Explosive Burning Fluid"

Oops! Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:
Born 1903--Died 1942
Looked up the elevator shaft to see if
the car was on the way down. It was.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:
Here lies an Atheist
All dressed up
And no place to go.

Someone determined to be anonymous in Stowe, Vermont
I was somebody.
Who, is no business
Of yours

The Future Family Tree:

A modern mother is explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album.

"This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, a genealogist."
