

Minutes of the Blackford-Wells County  
Genealogy Society - Feb. 20, 1999

President Lynn Elliott called the meeting to order at 10 AM.  
All present repeated the Allegiance to the Flag.

The Secretary's report was read and corrected.

Connie Brubaker reported on the cemetery committee. The state Historical Society is trying for a law to protect pioneer cemeteries. She has petitions to sign to stop desecration and removal of pioneer cemeteries and to change the law to a fine and jail time if someone is caught destroying or in possession of grave stones. A pioneer cemetery is one containing graves of people buried before 1900.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Program Committee - no report.

Education Committee - Molly Quinn would like to have a genealogical club meeting for high school students once a month on a Saturday sponsored by the Blackford-Wells Genealogy Society as a means of getting new members for the society.

Lillie Harris - no report.

President Lynn Elliott announced the society needs members for committees. We now have the following committee members:

Publicity - Nona Volz  
Historian  
Newsletter - Lillie Harris  
Auditing - Barbara Elliott  
Query - Connie Brubaker and Molly Quinn

Barbara Elliott is to arrange for July and November meetings.

New Business:

In the Executive Committee meeting it was decided dues dates should be January 1st with a deadline of January 31st. Dues would be accepted as early as November for the following year. Input was asked from the members. Jack Wilson made the motion and Ken Manning seconded that renewal dues should be made from November until January 1st. New members may pay anytime during the year. The motion carried.

If corrections need to be made in spelling, of name, address, phone number, etc. Notify Lynn.

Barbara announced she needs pictures of 1900 or before for the Wells County Historical book. She also needs stories concerning businesses, etc. for the book. Let Barbara know if you have any of these. The book is to be published in time for Christmas and is underwritten by the Ossian State Bank.

April 1999

MINUTES OF THE BLACKFORD-WELLS COUNTY  
GENEALOGY SOCIETY (March 20, 1999)

The meeting was called to order by president, Lynn Elliott. All present repeated the Allegiance to the Flag.

The Secretary' minutes of the Feb. 20 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by Lynn Elliott in the absence of Jack Wilson, Treasurer. March 1 balance was \$1328.51.

Connie Brubaker expressed the opinion that \$5.00 is not enough to charge for queries of non-members.

Education Committee - had no report

Historian " " "

Newsletter " " "

By-Laws Committee " " "

Cemeteries Committee - Connie Brubaker reported on cemeteries in Blackford County. She had contacted the funeral homes and the Blackford County Historical Society for updates on cemeteries. She also had a report on the bill on cemeteries now in the Indiana legislature.

Barbara Elliott announced that she needs pictures of Tocsin, Reiffsburg and Liberty Center for the Wells County Historical Book.

President Elliott expressed the need to publish queries from non-members. Postcards will be printed stating, "Your query has been received. Someone will be in touch with you soon." Persons responding to the queries should send a membership form to the person making the query and should encourage them to join since the dues are only \$10.00 and a query is \$5.00. The research on the queries will not be published. The query will be published first, then go to Connie Brubaker.

Elliott

Barbara/made a motion to the effect that any expenses (copies, etc) should be billed to the person (non-member) making the query. The Blackford-Wells Genealogy Society would then reimburse the person answering the query for expenses incurred upon receipt of an expense report.

Connie Brubaker asked for permission to get links on the web site for the Blackford Wells County Genealogy Society. Wells county would be first. There were no objections from members present.

Sarah Garton presented the program. She stated there is an Obituary Index with information from the Indiana Historical Society in the Wells County Library covering the years 1866-1910. In the continuing index most obituaries are in the final draft form at present. These will be put in the final bound form as the ones from 1866-1910 are and will be titled: Finding Obituaries in Bluffton Newspapers. The subject index for newspapers is a work in progress. The completed title will be Unlocking Doors to Wells County History. The Ossian Journal is on microfilm and is to be indexed.

### John Farlow Will 1795

In the name of God Amen, I John Farlow of Duckcreek Hundred and County of Kent on Delaware, yeoman, being very sick and weal in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks given unto God. Calling unto mind the mortal of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and assign this my last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul, unto the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body, I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian burial at that descent of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such Wordly Estate which hath pleased God to clasp me in his life. I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First, I give and bequeath to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife, all my real and moveable property to be hers as long as she continues unmarried. After my just debts are paid. If she should marry, it is my will and desire that all my real and moveable property should be taken from her. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son Elijah Tindall Farlow, the sum of three Dollars, to be paid to him in six months after my decease by my Executors. Thirdly likewise to my son Daniel Farlow I give and bequeath the sum of three Dollars to be paid in six months after my decease, by my Executors. Fourthly, after the decease of my wife, Sarah, I give and bequeath unto the rest of my children viz: Jesse, John, George, Leah, William, and Sarah all my real and moveable property to be divided equally among them. Fifthly, and lastly, I do hereby constitute, make and ordain Sarah as Executrix and Jesse Farlow Executor to this my last Will and Testament, thereby revoking and disannulling all and every other former Wills and Testaments by me made and now ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February one thousand seven hundred ninety five. Signed sealed pronounced and declared by John Farlow as his last Will and testament in presence of us. James Stevenson and John Cahon. The erasement made over leaf in the 22<sup>nd</sup> line, was made before signing, says James Stevenson and John Cahoon. John Farlow.

Be it remembered that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April Anno davine seventeen hundred and ninety five, the Last Will and Testament of John Farlow deceased, was in due form. Saw proved before me John Saw (Registrar for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for the County of Kent in the State of Delaware) by the oaths of James Stevenson and John Cahoon, the two subscribing witnesses to the same and the same being approved. Letters Testamentary were at the same time granted unto Jesse Farlow, the Executor here in named (Sarah the Executrix being deceased) who being sworn give bond with Wm. Cahodney firstly in the sum of One thousand pounds lawful money for his faithful discharge thereof as by the bond filed with the Will.

Submitted by Virginia Farlow Wittwer

BURIALS IN  
WEST GROVE CEMETERY  
PENN TOWNSHIP, JAY COUNTY, INDIANA

SUBMITTED  
BY BARBARA McKURAS  
TO BE CONTINUED IN FUTURE ISSUES

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Revised 1944, 1979, 1982

BURIALS IN WEST GROVE CEMETERY, PENN TOWNSHIP, JAY COUNTY, INDIANA

A tract of land eighteen rods by eleven and one-half rods, located in the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section Thirteen in Township Twenty-four North of Range Twelve East, containing one and thirty hundredths acres; conveyed on December 26, 1863 by Enos Lewis and Margaret Lewis, his wife, of the County of Jay and State of Indiana, to William Mendenhall, of the County and State aforesaid, Trustee, and to his successors in office, "to be for the use of the surrounding neighborhood forever . . . to have and to hold the same for the use and benefit of the neighborhood surrounding West Grove Meeting House." -- Recorded in the Deed Records of Jay County, Book N, page 613.

† Known or believed to have been buried at West Grove. Grave unmarked, unidentified.

*	War veteran	(U)	Unidentified
b	Born	m	Married
d	Died	h	Husband
s	Son	w	Wife
d	Daughter		

Arnett, Goldie A. (121); b. Sept. 10, 1876; d. Aug. 23, 1877; dt. of Henry and Elizabeth (Black) Arnett

Avra, Aura (Regestar) (267); b. July 14, 1875; d. Sept. 10, 1900; wife of William Avra; dt. of Amos M. and Hannah (Lewis) Regestar.

Beard, Lewis A., (316); 1898-1939.

Beard, Mary E. (316.1); 1903-1964.

Beeson, Martha J. (23); b. July 9, 1850; d. Sept. 30, 1851; dt. of Samuel and Martha (Smith) Beeson.

Bell, Mary J. (Barnes) (287); b. Oct. 2, 1836; d. Feb. 16, 1902; w. of William A. Bell.

- Bell, William A. (288); b. May 9, 1829; d. Feb. 16, 1897; h. of Mary J.
- + Blackledge, Bertha Lee (U); b. Jan. 6, 1875; d. Jan. 8, 1875; dt. of Benjamin F. and Atlantic Tacy (Gray) Blackledge.
- Blackledge, Charles F. (223); b. March 11, 1862; d. Oct. 28, 1883; s. of Jason R. and Mary (Paxson) Blackledge.
- + Blackledge, Syra (U); b. May 19, 1857; d. Oct. 30, 1858; s. of David and Caroline E. (Lewis) Blackledge.
- Bousa, Bertha (231); b. Feb. 14, 1879; d. March 14, 1879.
- Bouse, Howard (217); b. Aug. 30, 1894; d. 1896.
- Bouse, Joseph M. (219.1); b. May 20, 1823; d. April 21, 1880.
- Bouse, Lydia (232); b. April 23, 1872; d. May 11, 1893.
- Bouse, Phoebe Effie (233); b. Sept. 15, 1860; d. Feb. 20, 1874.
- Bouse, Ralph (218); b. July 29, 1892; d. October 1893.
- Bricker, Sarah R. (317)
- Brooks, Jerome (164); d. 1854 (date appears to be January 17 and age appears to be 3 years, 1 month, 12 days); s. of J & E Brooks.
- Brower, Charles, Jr. (277); b. Oct. 23, 1925; d. Nov. 7, 1925.
- Brower, Charles S. (278.2); 1892-1978.
- Brower, Clarence L. (278); d. April 8, 1938.
- Brower, Earl G. (312); b. Aug. 15, 1890; d. April 26, 1912.
- Brower, Fern (278.1); 1898-1965.
- Brower, James S. (314); 1863-1905.
- Brown, Agness Jane (197); b. Jan. 9, 1854; d. Sept. 3, 1860; dt. of John and Mary Ann (Lewis) Brown. Spelling of first name as it appears on gravestone.
- Brown, Edward H. (201); 1869-1870; s. of Edward and Malinda Brown.
- Brown, Emery Lewis (198); b. Oct. 21, 1851; d. Aug. 13, 1872; s. of John and Mary Ann (Lewis) Brown.
- Brown, Flo (220); 1860-1900; w. of "Lude" Brown.
- Brown, Isaac (222); b. May 8, 1821; d. Aug. 1, 1887; h. of Sarah Jane.
- Brown, Jehu Alonzo (194); b. July 16, 1849; d. Dec. 15, 1876; s. of John and Mary Ann (Lewis) Brown.

- Brown, John (199); b. Oct. 1, 1819 in Maryland; d. Sept. 16, 1872; s. of Stephen and Achsah (Warner) Brown; m. Feb. 1847 to Mary Ann Lewis.
- Brown, Lydia Ruanna (196); b. April 4, 1857; d. Sept. 5, 1860; dt. of John and Mary Ann (Lewis) Brown; middle name on gravestone appears to be Riwanna.
- Brown, Malinda (200); d. Sept. 14, 1875; age 42-2-16; w. of Edward Brown.
- Brown, Margaret (202); d. Feb. 2, 1870; age 71-2-20; w. of Horton H. Brown.
- Brown, Mary Ann (Lewis) (192); b. March 9, 1827; d. Sept. 14, 1912; dt. of Emery and Rachel (Thomas) Lewis; m. Feb. 20, 1847 to John Brown.
- + Brown, Mary Jane (U); b. July 27, 1855; d. Oct. 17, 1860; dt. of Jehu and Tacy (Lewis) Brown.
- Brown, Orlando J. (193); b. Oct. 31, 1867; d. Sept. 2, 1907; s. of John and Mary Ann (Lewis) Brown.
- Brown, Oscar Leander (195); b. Nov. 20, 1870; d. Feb. 15, 1872; s. of John and Mary Ann (Lewis) Brown.
- Brown, Sarah Jane (221); b. April 15, 1832; d. Sept. 14, 1903; wife of Isaac.
- + Brown, Tacy (Lewis) (U); b. Oct. 6, 1834; d. Oct. 12, 1860; dt. of Emery and Rachel Lewis; w. of Jehu Brown.
- Brown, Zauron Q. (224); 1854-1936.
- Brunson, David (283); b. June 14, 1859; d. June 9, 1903; s. of Timothy and Sarah (Jones) Brunson; h. of Lydia (Rigby) B.
- Brunson, Effie J. (214); b. July 18, 1876; d. Aug. 11, 1878; dt. of Samuel J. and Rebecca (Rooney) Brunson.
- Brunson, Essie May (213); d. Feb. 2, 1894; age 15-2-1; dt. of Albert and Minerva (Rooney) Brunson.
- Brunson, Jerome (284); b. Sept. 17, 1851; d. - ; s. of Timothy and Sarah (Jones) Brunson; h. of Matilda (Gardner) Brunson.
- Brunson, Rebecca (Rooney) (261); 1848-1919; dt. of James and Rebecca (Murphy) Rooney; w. of Samuel J.
- Brunson, Samuel J. (262); 1848-1921; s. of Timothy and Sarah (Jones) Brunson; h. of Rebecca (Rooney) B.
- + Brunson, Timothy (U); b. Sept. 11, 1814; d. Sept. 23, 1870; h. of Sarah Jones Swallow.

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\* Clark, Benjamin F. (163); d. March 6, 1939; Co. C, 84th Ind. Inf.; mustered in 8-4-1862; out, 6-14-1865; residence when enrolled, Centerville, Indiana.

Clark, Emaaline (161); 1859-1894; w. of Benjamin F. Spelling of name Emaaline is as it appears on gravestone.

Clark, Goy T. (162); 1887-1895; s. of Benjamin F. and Emaaline C. Spelling of first name as it appears on gravestone.

\* Clark, Vansiner (240); Co. C, 84th Ind. Inf.; mustered in, 7-22-1862; out, 6-14-1865; residence when enrolled, Centerville, Indiana.

Coggeshall, Russell Ray (107); b. May 7, 1894; d. July 27, 1895; s. of William and Derusha J. (Williams) Coggeshall.

Crane, Benjamin (309); second husband of Martha (Mendenhall) Regester.

Crane, Martha (Mendenhall) Regester (265); b. March 21, 1836 in Columbiana County, Ohio; d. Aug. 8, 1918 in Jay County, Indiana; dt. of William and Rebecca (Ward) Mendenhall; w. of (1) Thomas Regester (m. April 17, 1864) (2) Benjamin Crane.

Dugdale, Ann (Hilles) (20); b. April 26, 1806 in Washington County, Pa.; d. Nov. 9, 1850 in Jay County, Ind.; dt. of Hugh and Elizabeth (Wilson) Hilles; 1st w. of William R. Dugdale.

Dugdale, Eliza (Dutton) Smith (44); b. Feb. 14, 1814 in Columbiana County, Ohio; d. Feb. 27, 1891 in Jay County, Ind.; dt. of Joseph and Mary (Morris) Dutton; w. of (1) Edmund Smith, (2) William R. Dugdale.

Dugdale, Rachel A. (22); b. Oct. 14, 1850 in Jay County, Indiana; d. March 18, 1855, also in Jay Co.; dt. of William R. and Ann (Hilles) Dugdale.

Dugdale, Rebecca A. (21); b. Oct. 13, 1844 in Jay County, Ind.; d. Nov. 17, 1850, also in Penn Twp., Jay Co.; dt. of William R. and Ann (Hilles) Dugdale.



- Gaskill, Anna (290); 1881-1911; w. of George W.
- Gaskill, George W. (289); 1879-1912.
- Gaskill, Harry (219); d. March 8, 1901; age 7-10-20; foster son of Thomas J. and Rebecca Gaskill.
- Gaskill, Luevirney (228); d. Aug. 2, 1898; age 9 years, 27 days; dt. of Thomas J. and Rebecca Gaskill. Spelling of first name is as it appears on gravestone.
- Gaskill, Ralph (286.1); 1905-1912.
- Gaskill, Rebecca (292); 1848-1904; w. of Thomas J.
- Gaskill, Samuel Henry (229); d. March 12, 1893; age 14 days; son of Thomas J. and Rebecca.
- \* Gaskill, Thomas Jefferson (293); 1838- ; h. of Rebecca; Co. A, 1st Ohio Cavalry; mustered in 8-6-1861 at Camp Chase, Ohio; out 9-13-1865.
- Gaskill, Thomas J., Jr. (291); 1875-1908; s. of Thomas J. and Rebecca.
- Gove, Hiram (83); d. Jan. 18, 1854; age 2-7-14; s. of W. G. and S. H. Gove; a middle initial on gravestone is not clear, possibly "H"; also date of death almost illegible; may be Jan. 16, 1844.
- Gove, William G. (171); d. Oct. 21, 1855; age 45-2-26.
- Grable, Erma (270.2); b. March 4, 1895; d. Oct. 31, 1909; dt. of Solomon and Hilinda (Lewis) Grable.
- Grable, Hilinda (Lewis) (271); b. Jan. 23, 1862; d. 1948; dt. of Lorenzo D. and Elizabeth Lewis; w. of Solomon Grable.
- Grable, Solomon (272); b. Aug. 24, 1862; d. June 15, 1895; s. of Jason and Hulda (Miller) Grable; h. of Hilinda (Lewis) G.
- Gray, Almer E. (48); d. July 1, 1873; age 1 year, 13 days; dt. of Emery E. and Nancy M. Gray; spelling of name Almer is as it appears on stone.
- Gray, Amanda (Lewis) (158); b. April 18, 1839; d. May 9, 1880; dt. of Hervey and Elma (Grisell) Lewis; w. of Peter Gray. Spelling of name Hervey is correct.
- Gray, Amy (Mendenhall) (154); b. Aug. 11, 1834 in Columbians County, Ohio; d. March 16, 1867 in Jay County, Ind.; dt. of William and Rebecca (Ward) Mendenhall; w. of Thomas D. Gray (m. Nov. 28, 1854).
- Gray, Atlantic Ocean (150); b. March 4, 1831; d. Oct. 21, 1864; dt. of Thomas and Catherine (Lewis) Gray; one of the early teachers at West Grove school; name on gravestone inscription appears to be "Atlanta."
- Gray, Catherine (Lewis) (152); b. Sept. 14, 1801 in Frederick County, Va.; d. April 14, 1889 at Oskaloosa, Iowa; dt. of Thomas and Mary (Morgan) Lewis; w. of Thomas Gray.

Dugdale, William R. (7); b. Nov. 14, 1812 at Mt. Holly, N.J.; d. Dec. 10, 1891 in Jay County, Ind.; s. of John and Sarah B. (Ridgway) Dugdale; h. of (1) Ann (Hilles) D. (2) Eliza (Dutton) Smith D.; one of the early teachers at West Grove school; justice of the peace; clerk of West Grove Meeting of Congregational Friends.

Dugdale, William R., Jr. (16); d. 1842 in Penn Township, Jay County, Ind.; infant s. of William R. and Ann (Hilles) Dugdale.

Elick, Frank (303); 1866-1904.

Elick, Charles C. (302); d. 1902.

F -- (109); initials L.D.F. only.

Farrington, Loren U. (159); b. Nov. 16, 1866; d. Feb. 26, 1880; s. of Elihu and Tacy (Lewis) Farrington.

Farrington, Otto L. (160); b. Sept. 1, 1862; d. March 3, 1880; s. of Elihu and Tacy (Lewis) Farrington.

Farrington, William D. (54); b. March 23, 1811; d. June 1842; s. of Abraham and Deborah (Kirk) Farrington, 1st h. of Mariah (Bowersock) Mendenhall.

Fugitive Slaves -- See Slaves.

Fulton, Rachel (91); d. Feb. 18, 1873; age 56-7-12.

Gardner, Mahala M. (279); d. May 22, 1894; age 10 months, 7 days; dt. of William and Josephine (Brunson) Gardner.

Gardner, Rachel Ann (Williams) (49); d. Aug. 29, 1872; age 21-10-19; w. of Rolandus Gardner; dt. of Jesse and Elizabeth (Maris) Williams.

- Gray, Clarrie L. (156); 1849-1888; foster dt. of Peter Thomas and Amanda (Lewis) Gray.
- Gray, Elizabeth (White) (155); d. March 15, 1876; age 30-11-6; 2nd w. of Thomas D. Gray; dt. of Solomon and Matilda White.
- Gray, Emily (149); b. March 14, 1858; d. March 2, 1864.
- \* Gray, Ensley L. (296); 1846-1932; s. of Elijah and Charlotte (Davis) Gray; h. of Clara S. Sarber; Co. B, 138th Ind. Inf.; mustered in 5-27-1864; out, 9-30-1864.
- Gray, Fanny (251); b. June 4, 1870; d. July 26, 1888; dt. of Thomas L. and Matilda Ann (Rigby) Gray.
- Gray, John T. (148); d. 1856; infant s. of Rees and Prudence (Williams) G.
- Gray, Joseph E. (314.1); 1863-1959; s. of Thomas D. and Amy (Mendenhall) Gray; known as "Dode" Gray.
- + Gray, Lindley W. (U); 1842-1861; s. of Elisha and Atlantic O. (Lewis) G.
- + Gray, Lydia Jane (U); 1844-1861; dt. of Elisha and Atlantic O. (Lewis) G.
- Gray, Matilda Ann (Rigby) (252); b. January 28, 1840; d. - -  
dt. of Seth and Delilah (Gilbert) Rigby; w. of Thomas L. Gray;  
one of the 5 survivors of the Seth Rigby family, all 10 of whom  
are buried at West Grove. See Nos. 111-115, incl.
- Gray, Peter Thomas (157); b. Jan. 7, 1832; d. - -  
s. of Elisha and Ann (Thomas) Gray; h. of Amanda (Lewis) Gray.
- Gray, Prudence (Williams) (294); b. March 23, 1836; d. June 27, 1917;  
dt. of George and Rachel (White) Williams; w. of Rees Gray.
- Gray, Rees (295); b. July 18, 1828; d. April 6, 1897; s. of Elijah and  
Charlotte (Davis) Gray; h. of Prudence (Williams) Gray.
- Gray, Thomas (151); b. May 31, 1806, in Harrison Co., Ohio; d. May 3, 1888  
in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind; s. of Elijah and Mary (Moore) Gray;  
h. of Catherine (Lewis) Gray.
- Gray, Thomas D. (153); b. July 30, 1830 in Harrison Co., Ohio; d. April 19,  
1912 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; s. of Elijah and Charlotte  
(Davis) Gray; husband of (1) Amy Mendenhall, m. Nov. 28, 1854; (2)  
Elizabeth White.
- \* Gray, Thomas L. (250); b. March 14, 1837; d. 1915; s. of Thomas and Catherine  
(Lewis) Gray; h. of Matilda Ann (Rigby) Gray; Co. G, 153rd Ind. Inf.;  
mustered in, 2-9-1865; out, 9-4-1865.
- Grimm, Emily J. (298); 1873-1956; w. of John F. Grimm.
- Grimm, Gracy Opal (298.1); 1900-1901; infant dt. of John F. and Emily J.  
Grimm. Spelling of name Gracy as appears on gravestone.
- Grimm, John F. (297); 1869-1907.