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# Blackford Wells Tracer

## EARLY SETTLERS OF BLACKFORD AND WELLS COUNTIES

It's finished and if I must say so myself it looks great...as of this moment (November 1) 30 have been sold.

I would like to personally thank Linda Thomas and Mickey Jones for all the work they put into the completion of this book, without Linda I could never have completed all the editing and indexing and typing and blood sweat and tears used on this project. The cost of \$40.00 will help cover the loss on the Will books (we haven't sold them all) and perhaps give us the incentive to tackle another project of the same magnitude. The cost is \$40.00 for members \$45.00 for non-member plus \$5.00 for shipping.

Order now for Christmas, don't be disappointed. If you didn't get a copy of the Wells County Will Index it would make a great companion

for the Early Settlers book.

### **Next Meeting**

will be at the Wells County Library on

### **November 15**

**at 10 AM.** Tom Stogdill will be the speaker. Tom is an educator for the Church of the Latter Day Saints and will be giving many helpful ideas on research.

The election of officers will be held at the November meeting as per our constitution and by-laws. The offices of President and Vice President will not be vote on this year since

the change in our Constitution and By-Laws to serving two year terms is in effect. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer will be elected this year. Estelline Suman is the current Treasurer and has ask to be replaced. Blanch Bennett has held the office of Secretary for several years and due to her health was relinquished earlier this year and Kathy Davis has been filling in. If you have a desire to be nominated for election to one of these offices please contact Nelly Sleppy, 260-694-6290.

### **Workshops at Wells County Library**

BLACKFORD WELLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY has presented two workshops for the Wells county library. The first on Sept 25 and the second on Oct 9. Both workshops were well attended (limit of 20) and we have been ask to do two more this fall and perhaps 2-4 in the spring. The following members were involved in presenting the Workshop: Linda Thomas, Kathy Davis, Cami Mount, Connie Brubaker, Nelly Sleppy, and Tom Stogdill. Many thanks to all of these people. Many

membership application were picked up by those who attended. The Workshop was very well presented and I want to thank those who helped. If you would like to help next spring please contact Connie Brubaker (260-543-2423 or cbrubaker@onlyinternet.net) The workshop is about 1 hour and 45 minutes and each session is 7-10 minutes long. So you don't have to talk very long at all. We will use the same material in the spring as we have in the sessions this fall. Unless we are ask for more advanced workshop. It is very hard to give all the information in the short time allotted.

## MURDER IN MONTPELIER

(SOURCE UNKNOWN) submitted by June A Shrock

Date: ca January 1878  
Typed as written.

J.I. MCGREW KILLS KITTEN KREUTZER

Three shots Fired by Each Party.

Coroner's Inquest and Full Particulars

To get into the true inwardness of the shooting affray which occurred in Montpelier last Friday, it is necessary to go back to the 14th of September, 1876. A man by the name of Jas. Stroup, living a few miles from Montpelier, had left a watch at H.C. Wallace's for repairs and that day got the watch, and also had purchased three pieces of dress goods of J. I. McGrew. He had become drunk and exhibited his money which amounted to about \$15, and in the evening started home but only got to Baker & Nail's Sawmill where he laid down and slept for some time. When he awoke he found he had been robbed of his money, goods and watch. The next day he sent word to McGrew and Wallace to watch for goods. Since that time two dresses have been seen worn and other evidences which attracted suspicion to Mart Timmons and H.S. Spaulding, but the watch was not seen until New Years, when Wm Leonard took it to H.C. Wallace for repairs and he at once recognized it as the one taken from Stroup. They traced the watch back and found that Mart Timmons claimed to have owned it at one time. Deputy Prospector Williams and E. Pierce were sent for and three search warrants issued on Thursday last. One for H.S. Spaulding's house, one for Mart Timmons, and one for Kitten Kreutzer. At the first a dress, recognized as the goods taken from Stroup was found, and at Mart Timmons' a piece of Flannel containing about 15 yards, claimed to have been taken from J.T. Arnold's store last February and at Kreutzer's

nothing was found. Spaulding and Timmons were arrested and their trial set for Friday. ON Friday the trials were continued until Tuesday. The fact that McGrew had sworn out the warrant for Kreutzer made him more angry, and he expressed his determination to kill him on Thursday night. Since McGrew was robbed in October last he has been the object of their hatred and several times his life has been threatened, mostly by Kreutzer. He had often accused Kreutzer of being implicated in taking of his goods and Kreutzer denied it all the time. Twice during the fall a wagon was stopped between Hartford City and Montpelier by a number of men in hopes of catching McGrew. Thus he had been harassed in his business and in his social life until late it has been considered unsafe for him to be out after dark. On New Years' night McGrew's watch dog was killed in front of the store, and on Wednesday night Kreutzer and John Hartley attempted to place the body of the dog on the porch in front of the store. McGrew fired several shots at them and captured Hartley. ON Thursday night Kreutzer told J. E. Williamson he would sooner kill McGrew than to kill his dog, and the law was all that had saved him. The same evening he wanted to sell McGrew's body to Dr. John Ranson saying it would be good subject to operate upon, and the next morning while on his way to town he told a neighbor that there would be a man killed in town that day. McGrew was made acquainted with the situation and prepared himself for defense. About 11 o'clock McGrew was called to the Squire's office as a witness in the case of H. S. Spaulding, when he got near the Commercial House and Kreutzer was talking insultingly about the dog McGrew asked him " why he wanted to steal him? He would not make good sausage meat." Kreutzer said he would make

McGrew told him he would hunt him down. With an oath Kreutzer drew his revolver, McGrew realizing it was life or death for him, drew his revolver and fired. The two shots were almost simultaneous, McGrew's ball struck Kreutzer in the abdomen and passed through to his spine cutting off the main artery. Kreutzer clasped his hands to his abdomen and exclaimed, " McGrew you have shot me, I am a dead man," and then he started towards Crossan's store door and McGrew started towards Squires office. Kreutzer turned and started toward McGrew, fired two shots and fell in the street. They fired three shots each, McGrew was not touched more than to have the dust raised off his coat by the first shot of Kreutzer. Kreutzer was carried to the Commercial House and laid on the lounge where he died in about one half hour afterward. A coroner's inquest was held and the following evidence given: Frank Maddoc, being of duty sworn, on his oath says: The he is acquainted with the deceased Kitten Kreutzer. I was standing on the corner by Crossan's store, saw McGrew and Kreutzer shooting at each other, Heard Kreutzer say—putting his hand upon his stomach—"McGrew you have shot me, I am a dead man." I saw one other shot fired from McGrew and heard the report of one, supposed to be from him, from the north side of the street. F.C. Maddox

Chas. A. Raines, being duly sworn, upon oath says: I was standing on the corner by Crossan's store and saw Jas. I. McGrew and Kitten Kreutzer shooting at each other, was Kreutzer turn around and say " McGrew you have shot me, I am a dead Man." He walked to the store door, turned and shot at McGrew. I saw McGrew shoot at Kreutzer twice and heard two other reports supposed by me to be from Kreutzer.

Chas. A. Rainer

Jas. W. Kingsbury, being duly sworn, upon his oath says: I am acquainted with the deceased Kitten Kreutzer, I was McGrew and Kreutzer shooting at each other, Kreutzer was standing in front of El. Crossan's store, McGrew was standing on the side walk about two-thirds of the way

across the side walk on the north side of the street leading east and west when he fired at Kreutzer, who put his hands on his bowls and said" McGrew you have shot me, I am a dead man." He then turned and walked to Crossan's store door turned around and shot two other shots at McGrew and fell in the street. Mr. McGrew shot three shots that I know of, all of which occurred in the town of Montpelier, Blackford county and State of Indiana on the 4th day of January 1878.

Jas. W. Kingsbury  
Montpelier, Ind. Jan. 8, 1878

The rest of the store next news letter. Was McGrew guilty of Murder???? Or was it self defense???

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**Membership dues are due January 1, 2004. Be sure to send in your dues on time or early so you can receive the next exciting edition of the Tracer..**

**Single membership is \$10.00.**

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## Articles for the news letters

In the last news letter I ask for each member to send just one article for the news letter and that should be enough to fill the news letter for a whole year.. Well apparently we only have 4 members since that is all the articles I have received. Now come on folks surely you can come up with an obituary or news paper article or even a Family tree for the news letter. You have worked so hard on your family why not share some of the neat stuff about them. Send those articles either by email or snail mail to Connie Brubaker, 7077N-100W Uniondale, IN 46791 or cbrubaker@onlyinternet.net or call me at 260-543-2423.

### Mildred Henley is 106 year old Happy Birthday

My deepest apology to our oldest member Mildred Lucille Henley...I cut out the article to use in the new letter and here I am ready to use it and I cannot find it. I think I have an article snatcher living in my computer room. So here is my happy birthday to Lucille( Mildred)



# Happy Birthday



## In Memory of Lillie Harris

### Lillie Harris, 83

Lillie L. Harris, 83, of Keystone, died at 7:50 a.m. Sunday October 5 at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Born in Bluffton on July 22, 1920 to William M. and Flossie G Carter Alberson, she married Roy M. Harris on May 18, 1940; he died Feb. 10, 1994. A 1938 graduate of Petroleum High School, she was a homemaker and a member of Daughters of the Union Veterans and the Blackford Wells Genealogy Society.

She is survived by a daughter, Ann Wheeler of Keystone, two grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Norma Alberson of Keystone. She was preceded in death by four

brothers, Clyde, Milo, Raleigh and Kenneth Alberson.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services are scheduled for Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Gene Betts officiating. Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery in Bluffton.

Lillie was a long time member and has been active in the Society until the last 3- 4 years. She had great knowledge of the histories of the two counties.

Lillie was a Charter member of the Society also.

We extend our sympathy to her family.

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**Blackford County Research:**

Just a reminder that we will no longer be doing research for Blackford County until someone comes forward and volunteers to do the research. If you are willing to do the research for the Blackford County queries Please contact Connie at the address on page 3. Thanks for your help.

Pleasant Valley ( New Light Christian Church Quilt Cont from Sept news letter

THE HOOSIER G:

**Square 28**  
Lula Wentz  
Cora B. Gorr [?]  
Mary Goer [?]

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Geneva Lyon  
A. E. Flatter  
Jerrrie [Jennie?] Jano  
E.L. Boyer

**Square 30**  
Leena Ford  
Mrs. T. [F?] N. Baker  
Mr. E. Hartley  
Henry Flatter

**Names Recorded on Top Edy**

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Anna Weiler  
Mr. J. Gothrup  
L. Secrest  
Amanda Studebaker  
Archie Furnace  
Gerta Furnace  
Levina [?] Furnace  
Charles W. Furnace  
Mrs. Jacob Cook  
Jacob Cook  
Ella Wenta  
A. Friend  
Model Steam Laundry  
Simmons & Harvey  
G.H. Neubauer  
Emma Deihl  
Seth Deihl  
Lillie Haney

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Orlanda Anderson  
Lula Orth  
Wm. Sipe  
Bertha Creek  
Wm. Creek  
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Sina Clark  
J.A. Clark

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Henry Blake  
And gocery [grocery?]  
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Pearl Wentz  
Grace Linder  
Sam Linder  
Bill Linder  
Sylvester Flatter

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B.F. [T?] Stone

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Rose Emmerly  
J.O. Cronin  
Jennie Vance  
A. Friend  
Martha Orndorff  
Mary Orndorff  
Ruth Orndorff  
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Emma R. Brown  
Samuel Flatter  
Harriet Flatter  
Lucy Powell  
Permelia Borce age 77  
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