

Special points of interest:

- March 20th —Ben Jones—old pictures
- Workshop at library April 17 9:30 —12
- Cemetery Restoration workshop May 15
- · Last will and testament

MARCH IN LIKE A LAMB OUT LIKE A LION

Old sayings are really fun to use. It's our own language that the younger generation simply doesn't understand. Here are a few I remember from my parents and grandparents: "He kicked the bucket" no he didn't hurt his toe or dent the bucket, he died. Or "Down yonder" now where is that??? Or "over yonder." "Down the road a piece", how far is a piece? "Down on his luck" I think you can remember that one. "Thing-a-ma-jig." "Houch-a-ma-ki" " whatcha-ma-call it," what are they, does anyone know? " Pie in the sky" I haven't seen any of those lately have you? "He missed the boat" here in Indiana how can you miss a boat when we don't have much water to float a boat on? " Wild blue yonder" there we go again where is yonder? "Quick as a wink" " In the blink of an eye"

"Quicker than greased lightening" hmmm. "A penny for your thoughts." "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" If you can add to this list which is very short please send your "old saying" or family saying in for the next publication.

Well, enough from this "old hen."

Early Settlers of
Blackford and Wells
Counties book has been
a fast seller. We have about
30 left so get you order in
fast before they are all
gone. The price of the
book is \$40.00 plus \$5.00
shipping (\$45.00 + shipping for non members) We

still have Will books to sell at \$15.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping if you order both the cost of shipping is only \$6.00. Support your Society by purchasing this valuable book.

Next Meeting Wells County Library on Mar. 20 at 10AM.

Ben Jones, of Sonshine Studios will be the speaker. Ben has been in the photography business for several years. He will be speaking on the care and restoration of old photos. Bring any photo you may have a question about.

Workshops at Wells County Library

BLACKFORD WELLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY has been ask to again present a workshop for the Wells County Library in the month of April. Unless attendance demands more, there will be only one workshop this time. Vi has requested a more <u>advanced</u> workshop. Perhaps a whole session on the Census or a hands on session actually helping those attending with research.

The date for this workshop is Saturday **April 17th, 9:30-12**. (Those attending can

stay longer and do any research they desire, but our obligation is over at noon.) We will run two sessions at the same time with about 10 people in each. One session will be on the census. The other will be on land records, and other non traditional resources to research. Call the library (824-1612) for reservations if you wish to attend. Limit is 20, so call early.

If you would like to help please contact Connie Brubaker 260-543-2423 or cbrubaker@onlyinternet.net.

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Poneto Journal

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Friday August 9, 1901

Contributed by: Cami Mount

Typed as written.

A Free-for-all Fight

Last Monday evening a difficulty arose between Ola Pace and Miss Conrad which became somewhat warm, when Mert Grove, who is playing "sweet" on the Conrad girl, stepped in to defend his sweetheart. This interference on the part of Grove caused Hattie Willis to interfere, which resulted in Mert attacking her, when a general fight took place in which it is said Grove choked Hattie shamefully. Early Wednesday

Early Wednesday morning Constable Anderson arrested Mr. Grove and took him before 'Squire Anderson at Domestic where he had to answer to the charge of assault and battery.

Jeff

Arthur Dean is able to work again.

Charles Hoover is at home again.

Everybody is wishing for rain in this vicinity.

Arthur Fisher is suffering with a boil on his arm.

Mr. Clay Burgess is pumping on the Jno. Mock farm.

Mrs. C.A. Bales is visiting with Mrs. Jane Bevington.

Frank Jarrett was the guest of L.J. Jones Saturday and Sunday.

J.T. Jones and wife visited Mr. Coeas near Van Buren last Sunday.

David Wilkins commenced working for the Ohio Oil Co Thursday.

Frank Grady, Pearl Jones, Harley Farr, and Mattie Jarrett were at Eaton last Sunday.

Frank Leslie and wife and son Gus Gaynor and wife and J.D. Barnes and wife were picnicking below Warren Sunday.

Chas. Bevington still goes to Warren over Saturday and Sunday . We guess Warren is nearer than the twin lakes though.

LATEST NEW OF INTEREST

Comers and goers town gossip-items of local nature.

Bargains in shoes at Singer's.

A new line of Prints just received at Neely and Cook's.

Wm Walker moved into his new home Thursday.

The infant child of Hugh Rowes died Wednesday about 2 p.m.

Use the best International Stock Food sold at Fryer's. A lot of second hand buggies and carriages, cheap at Allyn's, Poneto, Ind.

Jones' Red Powder cures cholera and gapes. 2 lb. Package only 25c. At Ruth's.

Last Friday was the 88th anniversary of Aunt Polly Hyre. She was quite well at the time, but this week is not so well.

Rev, W.L. Singer and wife, of Uniondale, are guests of W.H. Singer and family this week.

The wedding of Wm. Swartz to Miss Annie Brown is reported for Saturday evening. Sam Twigg and wife moved their household goods from Pennville to Poneto last Friday and are settled in the Hardwidge Property.

Blackford County Gazette, successor to the Hartford City Republican, is before us and certainly presents a very good appearance. It shows a liberal advertising patronage and presents a very neatly made up paper. Success to you, gentlemen.

During the closing out sale call on Noah French for bargains in shoes, dress goods, boys clothing, underwear and hats. Petroleum, Ind.

Amos Davis is on the sick list the first of the week.

Jacob Popejoy's baby, 18 months old is sick with Summer complaint.

W.B. Gavin is among those attending the Pan-American exposition this week.

For fine picture or frame you should see Ashbaucher, the picture man, Bluffton, Ind.

Remember Ruth sells Washing Gas. Get free sample. Try it and you will be pleased.

The commissioners this week cut the taxes \$41,000, making a reduction of about 50c on the \$100.

50 cents hats at 25 cents, 35 cent bonnets at 14 cents, and boy's 25 cent caps now 17 cents at Singer's.

Farmers I am serving a good meal for 20c and a hot lunch for 15c. Call and see me at the Star Bakery. A.N. Plessinger, Prop., Bluffton.

Barens & Barens of Bluffton, have bought a new gas engine and are now prepared to furnish ice cream to parties, picnics, and socials. Give them a call when wanting anything in their line.

RUTH

Sanford Mosurey, clerk at Ruth, will leave this week for Buffalo.

Friends of Miss Vera Williams had a surprise Saturday evening. Everybody had a good time.

Does anyone know where "Ruth" was located????

Articles for the news letters

Thanks to all who have sent articles for the news letter. Keep um' comin'. 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.



CAN YOU HELP FIND THIS INFORMATION??????? MY OLD HOUSE

I have gotten some info from Gene Kyle, who is a member of the Wells County Historical Society. The house was actually built in 1900. My old house and the house that houses the Washington Street Inn, owned by Gene Kyle, were built by the same architect.[a strange story how that came about] I know several years ago that the historical society did a program on these 2 houses. Would love to have the notes on that meeting. Anyone that has any more info on my old house, at 308 W. Central St. can e-mail me at esullivan@jtdmh.org. Any info will be welcome.

Ed Sullivan

Contact Connie if you can help.

"Name Quilt" made by Ladies Aid Society, Montpelier Church of Christ

The quilt was pieced probably before 1932 to raise funds for the church. "Names" were sold at 10 cents per name, which people paid to have their name on the quilt. The names were then embroidered onto pieshaped pieces of cloth which were eventually quilted together to form a large circle inside a square. There are 20 squares in the handmade quilt and the quilt measures 93 1/2 inches by 98 inches. It must have been a tremendous undertaking for the Ladies Aid Society.

This note was attached to the quilt:

"This name quilt was made 2 years ago by Mrs. Ott Pugh's committee. It has 600 names on it rec'd 10 cts. Per name and rec'd \$20.00 for the quilt making \$80.00 the Aid received for the Quilt." The quilt was auctioned off and the purchaser was Otto Pugh.

The following is a partial list, and will be continued until complete, of the names on the quilt. Location on the quilt will not be included. Location of the quilt is not know by this editor.

M&M L. E. Kelley, Clarke M. Friar, Miss Doris Keith, Mrs. Flossie Friar, Miss Mary Chrismer, Mrs. Estella Zimmerman, Dr. R.W. Cook, Miss Gladys Bruchard, Harry Hurst, Miss Ella Hurst, Mrs. Clara Sarber, Mrs. Ella Braden, Mrs. Louie Ault, Mrs. Florance Blount, Miss Betty M. Kelly, Blinn H. Marsh, Mrs. Helen Strait Marsh, Miriam Lee Marsh, Guy Strait, Paul Strait, Dwight Garrett, Wm. Arnold, Mrs. Wm Arnold, Mrs. Lilly Smith, , John A. Park, Mrs. Mary A. Park, Mrs.

Lilly Chrismer, John Chrismer, M&M Earl Tharp, Muriel Bryer, Margaret Walker, Donald R. Thompson, John Earl Charters, Mrs. Harry Sark, Mrs. Lennie Garinger, Mrs. Howard H. Markley, Mrs. May Werner, Aunt Lena Miller, Mrs. Gladys Cook, Raymond Cook, Miss Dorothy Hardacre, Miss Emma Schneider, Miss Frances Buckland, Miss Martha Cochran, Jack Lineberry, Mrs. Alice Spaulding, Wesley Sills, Miss Marie Sills, Mrs. Ezra Farr, Ezra Farr, Mrs. Audley Smith, Mrs. Virginia Cox, Mrs. Van B. Yount, Charlie Barner, Mrs. Charles Barner, Floyd Morrical, M&M C.D. Neff, Mrs. Mary Ward, Mrs. Marie Linn, Jesse Linn, Nathan Ward, Sylcia Berrier, to be continued.

Membership dues are due
January 1, 2004
Single membership \$10.00
Family (must live in the same household) \$15.00
Send \$ to Blackford Wells Genealogy
Society
P.O. Box 54, Bluffton, IN 46714

Saturday January

17th, 2004 BWGS

Minutes:

17 people Attending

- 1. Connie Brubaker
- 2. Kathy Davis
- 3. Linda Thomas
- 4. Nellie Sleppy
- 5. Mary Jane Park
- 6. Ken Manning
- 7. Dorothy Manning
- 8. Charles DeArmond
- 9. Faye DeArmond
- 10. Marylou Bumgarner
- 11. Richard Bumgarner
- 12. Mickey Jones
- 13. Joan Gavilanez
- 14. Tom Stogdill
- 15. Martha Hall
- 16. Esther Frye
- 17. Pat Wade

Opening:

The meeting opened at 10 am in the Indiana Room of the Bluffton Public Library. Connie mentioned books available that Tom had spoke of at our Workshops on Genealogy. She had picked them up at \$10 each, "Legacy" and "The Right to Write". Reading of the November minutes was by Mickey Jones. A correction on the November minutes was made by Vi Tester on distribution of the monies received from the silent auction of the wreath made for the BWGS.

Old Business:

A workshop was mentioned as a possibility with Mark Davis the cemetery restorer. We now have a firm date of May 15th, 2004. We will going to the "Old Bluffton Cemetery". Bring a sack lunch and drinks, restroom arrangements will be made by Tom Stogdill. Cost is \$10 per person with deadline to pay March 20th, 2004.

Meet at the Bluffton Library by 9 a.m. on May 15th, then carpool to the cemetery.

Treasurer's Report:

No treasurer's report available for this meeting.

New Business:

Linda Thomas has digitally photographed the Poneto Papers that Cami Mount had found in the attic of her mother's house. About 1 quarter of these are digitally ready, the rest are still being worked on. When these are finished they will be put onto a CD and then they will decide how to distribute.

We have had two people volunteer to do our Wells and Blackford County research for the \$5 fee we charge our seekers. Esther Frye and Rosalie Adkins.

Other Business:

Our speaker today was Vi Tester of the Bluffton Library, Indiana room.

She gave us a detailed explanation of the Indiana Room and what its contents are. Allen County to the north of Bluffton has the largest Public Library collection of Genealogy only second to Salt Lake City, Utah collection. Huntington to the west of Bluffton has Joan Keefer, a wealth of knowledge. The Wells County Library is concentrating on the history of Wells County. Vi has been with the Library almost 10 years. The letters after the Dewey decimal system numbers on a library book are called "cutters". The largest section of books that are in the Indiana Room, are their "How To" books.

Many of the collections are incomplete and they do accept donations to the collection.

Upon coming across an old 1912 Wells County Plat Map a couple of "old" cemeteries not known were found, they are in need of being tracked down and recorded. The Library would like to digitally record all of the old cemeteries and their stones, and then be able to add them to the Wells County Library's web site. The Indiana Room at the Bluffton Library has 2 reader printers and 1 reader. There is a 72 year "rite to privacy" law that keeps information from being released to the public. The Swartz's are working on birth announcements from the old newspapers, they have volunteered many hours for the Library. The Library is currently working on cross referencing cemetery records, obit's and funeral home records.

Mark your calendar:

March 20: Ben Jones

April 17: Workshop

May 15: cemetery workshop – registration deadline Mar. 20.

July: Allen Co. Public Lib.

Sept: Htgn. Family Hist. Cent.

Nov: Writing personal history with Tom Stogdill

Sent in by Gerri Brown the rest to follow next month.



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PARENT-TEACHERS' MEETING

The Rockcreek Parent-Teachers' Club held the February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The program was opened by the group singing patriotic songs.

Mr. Clive Markley's pupils gave a short play, "Washington's Survey Trips."

Jim Swaim, Lester Dalrymple, and James Wells, the Rockford musicians, played several pieces. They were accompanied by Mr. Hurst and his small nephew in giving a clog dance.

A very interesting reading was given by Garth Miller.

A song entitled, "When I Wore My Daddy's Brown Derby and You Wore Your Mother's Blue Gown," was sung by Ruth Creek and Maxine Hough.

Announcements were then made by Mr. Gusman, the president of the club, and the meeting adjourned.

A WASHINGTON PROGRAM

A Washington program will be presented by the schools of the county March 23, at the community building in Blufton. Pupils from Rockcreek, Lancaster, Liberty and Petroleum will play in the orchestra. There will be other numbers on the program. This program will take the place of the music festivals which have been presented in the past few years.

On March 9th, the Bluffton merchants will present a picture in memory of George Washington. They have invited the county orchestra to furnish the music. This program is free, and it is worth anybody's time to see the picture.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

At the convocation for January 20, Rev. Shoemaker spoke to us about the higher ideals of life and about the immortal soul.

Mr. Mills, a Purdue University field representative spoke to us after Mr. Shoemaker had finished. His topic was "Character Building" and he left the question in every one's mind of what he was going to do when he had graduated from high school. He said there were many courses to follow and many different branches leading from the courses. He asked us to study ourselves and to see which course we really liked and were suited to and then get the most that we could from that certain occupation.

The Assembly program for Jan. 27 was in charge of the eighth grade. The group sang several songs and two short plays were given. Marjorie Smith gave a reading.

On Friday, Jan. 29, Mr. J. O. Winger from North Manchester College addressed the assembly. He gave a very interesting talk on "Building Character." His talk was enjoyed by all the students.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, a short scene in the operetta was given before the assembly.

The assembly program for Wednesday, Feb. 10, was given by the boy scouts of Rockereek. Some interesting facts about George Washington were given; the scouts sang several songs; scout signaling was demonstrated; and the group sang "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." The program was very appropriately closed with the singing and playing of "Tans."

OPERETTA GIVEN

The operetta, "Oh! Doctor," was given by several of our high school students on Wednesday evening, Feb. 3. The affair was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Doctor Drinkwater of the famous sanitarium was played by Dean Gilbert. Other leading honors were aken by Ruth Creek, Mary Patterson, Eldon Ray Gordon, and Clarcuce Gross. The audience appreciated the wit of Rainbow, a part taken by Lewis Davis. The singing and the costumes of the other members of the cast and of the chorus added much to the beauty of the operetta.

The singing between acts was rendered by Mary Patterson, Ruth Creek, Maxine Hough and Mabeline Harnish.

ROCKCREEK CLASS STAGES CONTEST

"What will make me more attractive?" is a question asked by all individuals at some time. The Rockcreek high school girls enrolled in the Family Relationship class held a demonstration contest in which practices that improve the appearance were demonstrated. The names of the members of the teams and their subjects were:

Mary Bailey and Mary Daugherty, "Care of Skin."

Martha Edris and Lillian Gemmill, "Care of Hands and Nails."

Margaret Gaskill and Clella Gesler, "Care of Hair."

Kathleen Gilbert and Freda Fishbaugh, "Selection of Accessories."

Helen Gordon and Verda Gordon,

"Care of Clothing."
Gertrude Hogg, "Care of Teeth."

Rozada Haugh and Pauline Rohrbough, "Posture." Mary Patterson and Mary Louise

Pack, "Darning."
Ruby Graham and Helen Elaine

Hasler, "Care of Shoes."

Magdalene Oldfather and Nellie Johnston, "Selection of Color."

The contest was won by Gertrude Hogg who was assisted by Mary Bail-ry. Second place was won by Martha Edris and Lillian Gemmill and third by Magdalene Oldfather and Nellie Johnston.

STATE BAR CONTEST

Those from Rockereek who wrote essays for the State Bar Contest were ranked as follows: First, Origins of the Constitution, by Vedas Lamm; second, The Citizen; His Duties and Priveleges, by Alice Barick; third, The Veto Powers of the President, by Avis Fate. The essay ranked first will be entered in the county contest at Bluffton.

Paul Clark will represent Rockcreek in the oratorical contest at Bluffton. His subject will be, The Influence of the President Upon Legislature.

CEMETERY RESTORA-TION WORKSHOP WITH MARK DAVIS

May 15th, 2004. We will meet at the Wells County Public library at 10 am. Mark will give a short talk on restoration and then we will be going to the "Old Bluffton Cemetery" as a group (so no one gets lost).

Dress for the weather and plan to get dirty. Bring a sack lunch and plenty of drink of your choice.

Since the cemetery is rather away from the comforts of home, restroom arrangements will be made with the Almco Co. which is near by.

Mark's fee for the workshop is \$180 please attend and help support this program.

Cost is \$10 per person with deadline to pay March 20th, 2004.

This workshop is open to anyone who wishes to come. Cost is the same for members or non-members.

This is what is encountered when your search for your ancestors. You can see you have 256 grandparents after going back just eight generations (and a few great internet cousins along the way.) The average number of relatives to 20 generations of grandparents You

2 parents

4 grandparents

8 ggrandparents

16 gggrandparents

32 ggggrandparents

64 gggggrandparents

128 ggggggrandparents

256 gggggggrandparents

512 ggggggggrandparents

1,024 ggggggggrandparents

2,048 ggggggggggrandparents

4,096 gggggggggggrandparents

8,192 ggggggggggggrandparents

16,384 gggggggggggggrandparents

32,768 gggggggggggggggrandparents

65,536 ggggggggggggggggrandparents

131,072 gggggggggggggggggggrandparents

262,144 gggggggggggggggggggggrandparents

524,288 ggggggggggggggggggggrandparents

1,048,576 ggggggggggggggggggggggggggandparents

2,097,152 ggggggggggggggggggggggggggandparents

4,194,304 ggggggggggggggggggggggggggggandparents

8,388,606 Ancestors to 20 Great Grandparents

The Democrat (Portland), Thursday, July 4, 1872 (as printed) Shooting Affray. – A shooting affray took place at Mount Pelier, Blackford county, this State, one day last week, which resulted in a blacksmith of that town getting shot with a pistol, inflicting an ugly wound in his shoulder. We give the particulars as they were transmitted to us: The man who did the shooting came into the shop to settle his account, and upon learning the amount of his indebtedness he commenced cursing the Smith and questioned the correctness of the bill. He kept on with the abuse until the Smith thought the proper place for this customer was out side his shop, where he succeeded in putting him. A day or so had passed when the same man returned to the shop and repeated his abuse upon the Smith, when the Smith undertook to again eject him from the shop when the fellow drew a pistol from his pocket and shot the blacksmith in the shoulder. The wound is not of a serious nature, although it will be sometime before he is able to use his shoulder. What was done with the offending party we did not learn. Rex Bertram, PO Box 651, Redkey, IN 47373

Dear cousins,

The following was on the Rockcastle Co., KY list that I am on and I thought it was a great idea. I am sure you are all like me and have spent hundreds of hours gathering information. It would be a shame to see it lost in the next generation. Hope it does some good.

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature	Date		
Witness	Date		
Witness	Date		

This was submitted by June Layton, member of Lewis County Genealogical Society, Newsletter May-June 2002 (I do not know what state Lewis County is in. JRA)

Query:

Haiflich/Haflich/Haffly/ and the other 72 different spellings Wells County connections are Isaac b July 11,1811 in PA and d in Wells Co. 1867. Married Sarah Haffer and Catherine Pletcher/Fletcher b 1811 PA. Children of Isaac and Catherine were: Mary, Jacob, Barbara, William, Harrah/Hanah, Eli, Andrew, Joseph, David, Sarah, and John (only one born in Indiana). Any information will help. Thanks, Connie Brubaker

"What was the census taker thinking, and how did they go farm to farm to record info."

It seems that most Census were recorded in the summer months, and it took many months for the Census taker to go to every home across an area.

Picture this, the man might be out in his field when the census taker comes to call. He may have gathered the data from the wife if she was at home. The census taker may be lucky if the wife was pretty good at naming her children in order, and if she could remember their ages, or how many years apart she had her children.

Then you think of the question of "WHERE are you from?". Again, did the Census taker mean where (state or county) they were actually born, or grew up, if the family had left the location when they themselves were little, thus getting recorded for example as being born in Ohio, when in fact that adult might have really been born in VA/PA/MD, but grew up in their earliest memory in Ohio. Example: Mary Snider was really born in PA, but at age 3 her family moved to Perry Co. OH, by the time she married and died, she was written up in the Defiance Co.,Oh -Hist. Bio info, that she was born in Perry Co., OH.

Here's another thought, when the person being interviewed was asked where their parents where from, some may say PA/MD (or wherever in the United States) some might answer their Country of origin like Switzerland/Germany/England or whatever..giving the census taker the info that their own parents had only been in America one generation, when in fact the person being interviewed could really be a 3-4 generation immigrant, and that their family had been here a long time.

Here's another thought, a head of house might be 36 yr when the census was recorded this time, of course they hadn't had their birthday yet, and then the next time the census is taken, they may have been recorded after their birthday, thus you could easily pick up almost 2 yrs for the same man's age, by the time you record 2 different census back to back.

Yet one more thing my own family did to change records. The census info would be right, by the way...The oldest sisters in the family wanted to get married, and the oldest 2 girls weren't old enough, so they got ahold of the family bible, and CHANGED all of the kids ages, so they would appear to be old enough for their father to consent...SO nothing like records really never being right. Tricky!!!!!

The Census might be the most accurate document you will ever have a person, but just remember the data is only as good as what your ancestor gave the recorder, and that's if the recorder really cared enough to get it right as it was given.

I received this thru Email...not my own work. But it is something to think about. Connie

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I typed this as it was in the article. Punctuation, run on sentences and all.

Also, I believe it is Rock Creek township rather than Mock Creek. His property was the NE qtr of the SW qtr of section 13, Township 27, which is Rock Creek.. According to the map of Wells Co, the Wabash River runs nearby.

Jesse Wilcoxson was my 3rd great-grandfather.

It seemed so sad that he was able to hang on for so long with so many people nearby; yet nothing was done. Jesse was born in 1797 in Wilkes Co, NC and moved his family from there to Randolph Co, IN in 1832 and then to Wells Co shortly afterwards. He was about 62 you at the time of his death. Thanks.

Joann

A Man Drowned

It is our painful duty to record one of the most shocking cases of drowning that ever came within our knowledge---On Wednesday of last week, as Mr. Jesse Wilcoxen of Mock Creek township, in this county, with his two sons were descending the Wabash in a canoe, by some mishap or other their frail vessel upset, throwing the three into the river at a place where the current is very rapid, the river also being very high. The young men being expert swimmers succeeded in making the shore, but the old gentleman was not so fortunate, he succeeded, however, in reaching some drift, a fallen tree, or something, by the aid of which he kept himself above water and called on his sons for assistance, but astonishing to say, notwithstanding others came to the assistance of the sons yet no plan was devised to rescue him from his perilous situation, although he maintained his hold on the drift for the space of an hour and a half, and so near the shore that a man could safely wade within ten feet of him, as our informant says. Just before loosing his hold it is said, a man in a canoe was rapidly approaching from above with a fair prospect of rescuing him, but so completely exhausted had the old man become that he yielded to the force of the current, and was swept rapidly downstream followed by the man in the canoe, who with all his exertions was unable to overtake him, and the old man sank to rise no more.

The body was found on Tuesday last about a mile and a half below where the accident occurred, and buried on Wednesday. Mr. W. was a quiet, peaceable, and worthy citizen.

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Seems the Wabash River has been busy taking lives for many years... wonder how many more it has taken.

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