



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Note: Different meeting place!
- Membership Dues Due!
- "Life in the 1500s"
- Family Group Sheets
- Ye Olden Times

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# Wells County Tracer

## Reminder To All Members

2006 Membership Dues are Due

\$10.00 for single membership  
\$15.00 for a family membership

If you were at the November business meeting then you know we discussed many possible changes on the horizon for our society. You will want to be a part of this exciting year and help us make the Wells County Genealogy Society all it can be as we help promote genealogy in Wells County.

"A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots."

Mickey Jones, Treasurer



## MEETING PLACE MOVED

The January 2006 meeting of the Wells County Genealogy Society will take place in

the Wells County Historical Society Museum at 420 West Market Street in Bluffton, Indiana. It seems that our normal meeting spot at the library was not available this month. We'll be meeting at our normal time of 10 am on Saturday, January 21st. Remember to bring your Ancestral Charts and Family Group Sheets with you to hand in for the library! Thanks to the few who have done so so far!

## Newsletter by Link

Our next newsletter will be circulated in a new way, via the internet. I will send you an email with the link included where you can go to download the newsletter at your convenience. Instructions on how to download will be included with the email. The link will be emailed to everyone in the society who has email. If you cannot get it to work, you can then let me know and I will mail you one the regular way. If you do not have email, you will simply receive one by regular mail. I had planned to do it this month, but I have one article that I am not allowed to circulate electronically, so I opted to wait a month. This also gave me time to warn you it is coming.

## President's Corner

### Happy New Year!!! (Meow! Meeeyowwww!)

I am looking forward to a fabulous 2006 for the Genealogy Society.

The committee will continue to work diligently on the Deeds Index and hopefully can get it completed this year. Anyone who can help please contact Cami.

Another huge undertaking this year will be our merger with the Wells County Historical Society. I believe this will be a great step in the right direction for the Society. When I have more details we will send a letter to each of our members for approval of the merger. We have the option of having our meetings there if we choose at no cost. And no problem of availability, time limit, heat or noise. The board has been working very hard to give the museum a new smell instead of a stagnate old stuff smell. I don't believe it should be a problem for those with allergies anymore.

We begin the new year with our new name "Wells County Genealogy Society" and with the new name I am hoping we can have new faces at our meetings. Through January, February and March, we will be having a membership drive and with everyone's co-operation we can increase our numbers to 100 members. I have fliers ready for you to pass out or put in any business or office or anywhere they will allow us to put them. If we all get excited about Genealogy and what we are doing the excitement will spread and make others want to be a part of the Society. The Society made and or is making history with the projects and books we have are working or completed. Lets keep the ball rolling for 2006 by completing some projects and starting new.



Connie

## November's Special Program

*Don Remenschneider, Superintendent of the Concordia Cemetery Gardens was the speaker. He is currently finishing a project of moving 90+ graves at the Parker Cemetery, located at St. Joe and St. Joe Center Road, in Ft. Wayne. He explained the process of grave moving and presented a sample of his meticulous records for each body. With the research and records gathered by Don, the Parker Cemetery will have various types of information available to researchers. Don started the project with only a few dollars available to the Association and ended with having 70 new lots available for sale. Don included some interesting stories and allowed time for questions and discussion.*

### Minutes of the November Meeting

The Blackford Wells Genealogy Society meeting was opened with Connie Brubaker, President, presiding. There were 14 members present. Minutes of the September 17, 2005, meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was given with a beginning balance on July 13 reported as \$2,042.01. Receipts for the 4 month period was \$660.00 and expenses were listed as \$941.11, leaving a balance November 19 as \$1,760.90. Tom Stogdill made a motion the Treasurer's report be accepted with second from Barbara Elliott.

Linda Thomas reported that the next Newsletter would be e-mailed to all members with current addresses on file. Snail mail will be used for everyone without e-mail addresses and any members requesting the regular mail.

A request for sponsorship was received from Megan Stoffer, a fifth grade student at Southern Wells Elementary School. Megan is planning to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Great Britain this summer. After much consideration it was decided to invite Megan to present a program to the Genealogy Society after she has completed the trip. A monetary donation will be made at that time.

The Library project of having on file the Family Group Sheets for each member is ongoing. Any member not having the Group Sheet on file was urged to get this completed and turned in as soon as possible. We welcome a visitor to our Library as a new member. Jamie Schmidt is researching Martin & George Pence and the surname Renfro.

A motion was made to change name of our society from Blackford-Wells Genealogy Society to Wells County Genealogy Society. All members approved the change. New membership cards will be available at the January with the new name on them.

Also discussed was the revision of the By-Laws. A committee of Cami Mount, Gerri Brown and Lynn Elliott were appointed to make these changes and present the revised version to the membership at the January meeting.

Election of officers was held with the current officers remaining in office. President: Connie Brubaker, Vice President Cami Mount, Secretary Lynn Elliott, and Treasurer Michelle Jones.

A sympathy card will be sent to family of Ruth Potts, a member of BWGS.

A proposal was made to look into the possibility of joining the Wells County Historical Society and the Wells County Genealogy Society. The Genealogy Society would have access to the Historical Society's non profit status. We would have a permanent place to meet. There could be a combined newsletter able to reach more people. And with the larger membership, we might have more publicity. Tom Stogdill made a motion with sec-

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### Committee appointments for 2006 (per Connie)

#### Standing Committees:

Program: Cami Mount  
 Editor: Linda Thomas  
 Publicity: Marylou Bumgarner  
 Membership: Mickey Jones  
 Historian: Marylou Bumgarner and Pat Dyson

#### Special Committees:

Cemetery: OPEN Any volunteers???  
 Nominating: Kathy Davis, Any Volunteers? Need two more.  
 Auditing: Barbara Elliott  
 Special Projects: Cami Mount, Linda Thomas, and Joan Gavelanez

**A hearty welcome** to our newest members. From our county seat, Bluffton, comes Jamie Schmidt. We have several from out of state. Nathan Haines, Sr. is from Portland, Oregon, Margaret Bond joins from Bowie, Maryland, Kim Love hails from Great Falls, Virginia and from our neighboring state of Illinois, Nancy Scott comes from Urbana. Glad to have you as a part of our society. Big wave to all of you!! (See hand up in the air waving?)

### SUCCESS

At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 success is . . . having friends.

At age 16 success is . . . having a drivers license.

At age 35 success is . . . having money.

At age 50 success is . . . having money.

At age 70 success is . . . having a drivers license.

At age 75 success is . . . having friends.

At age 80 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.



#### BLACKFORD-WELLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

PRESIDENT: CONNIE BRUBAKER

VICE PRESIDENT: CAMI MOUNT

SECRETARY: LYNN ELLIOTT

TREASURER: MICHELLE JONES

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: LINDA THOMAS



#### SOCIETY RELATED EVENTS

January 21, 2006—Meeting

March 18—Meeting

May 20—Meeting

July 15—Meeting

September 16—Meeting

November 18—Meeting

## Another One of Those Email Hoaxes

How many of you have seen a historical account of the 1500's making its email rounds? When I received it, I decided to do a little investigating. I was surprised, though I shouldn't have been, at how prevalent it has become. I typed in "Life in the 1500's" in a Google search and it returned several hundred hits. One of those links led me to a website which explained the truth about this recycled internet account. I am copying the parts that relate to death and burial, as that seemed to fit well with our newsletter. I do encourage you, though, to check out the rest of the facts concerning the article, as well as the page called "Buried Alive." It is all quite fascinating. Below, the sections which are indented are from the original article that is being circulated, and the rest is the revealing of the facts.

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I do not have permission to duplicate the article online, via email or in any electronic format. If you would like to read it, you may find the article at: <http://www.snopes.com/language/phrases/1500.htm>. The author of the article is Barbara Mikkelson of the Urban Legends Reference Pages. In the print edition of this newsletter, the article was found on page 3 (this one) and page 11.

**Husband: John Arment Bennett**

Born: November 04, 1856	in: Huntington, Huntington County, Indiana
Married: October 28, 1883	in: Wells County, Indiana
Died: January 05, 1925	in: Hartford, Blackford County, Indiana
Burial: January 07, 1926	in: Miller Cemetery, Wells Co., IN
Father: Isaac Bennett	
Mother: Mary A. Fullhart	
Other Spouses:	

**Wife: Francis Rosetta Miller**

Born: August 06, 1861	in: Wells Co., Indiana
Died: July 10, 1944	in: Hartford, Blackford County, Indiana
Burial: July 13, 1944	in: Miller Cemetery, Wells Co., IN
Father: Henry G. Miller	
Mother: Francis Morris	
Other Spouses:	

**CHILDREN**

1 F	Name: Elsie Maude Bennett Born: September 17, 1874 Married: Died: October 12, 1884 Burial: Spouse:	in: Indiana in: in: Wells Co., IN. in: Miller, Cemetery Wells Co., IN.
2 F	Name: Iva Mae Bennett Born: May 22, 1886 Married: Died: April 13, 1904 Burial: Spouse:	in: Wells Co., Indiana in: in: Wells Co., Indiana in: Miller, Cemetery Wells Co., IN.
3 M	Name: Larry Arment Bennett Born: October 27, 1887 Died: September 22, 1966 Burial: September 25, 1966 Married: November 04, 1911 Spouse: Ruth Mable Thomas Married: May 13, 1935 Spouse: Nora Ann Holmes	in: Keystone, Wells County, Indiana in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana in: I. O. O. F. Montpelier cemetery. in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana  in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana
4 M	Name: Pearl Gilbert Bennett Born: September 05, 1889 Died: July 20, 1965 Burial: July 23, 1965 Married: December 25, 1909 Spouse: Flossie May Carnes	in: Keystone, Wells County, Indiana in: Hoisington, Barton County, Kansas in: Hillcrest Memoria Cemetery, Great Bend, Ks. in: Wells County, Indiana
5 M	Name: Charles Otis Bennett Born: April 06, 1891 Died: November 26, 1954 Burial: Married: January 16, 1911 Spouse: Jenny May West	in: Keystone, Wells County, Indiana in: Hartford City, Blackford County, Indiana in: Miller Cemetery, Wells Co., IN in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana
6 M	Name: Clarence O. Bennett Born: September 05, 1894 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:

F	Name: Goldie Ethel Bennett Born: December 27, 1896 Died: September 1979 Burial: September 1979 Married: March 20, 1915 Spouse: Gus Levi Carnes	in: Keystone, Wells Co., IN in: in: Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, Wells Co., IN in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN
M	Name: Tillman Delmont Bennett Born: October 21, 1900 Died: March 29, 1961 Burial: April 01, 1961 Married: September 08, 1923 Spouse: Anna May Meier	in: Keystone, Indiana in: Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas in: Sunset Lawn Cemetery, Eldorado, Butler County, Kansas in: Eldorado, Butler County, Kansas
M	Name: Elmer Lewis Bennett Born: November 27, 1906 Died: September 23, 1935 Burial: September 1935 Married: April 09, 1927 Spouse: Violet Emma Dolby	in: Wells Co., IN in: Hartford City, Blackford Co., IN in: Montpelier, IN Woodlawn Cemetery in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN

**HUSBAND** Henry Guggenheimer Miller Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

Birth date 14 Nov 1874 Place Leeranary, Bavaria, Ger.

Christening date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Death date 2 May 1889 Place Chester Twp, Wells, IN

Burial date \_\_\_\_\_ Place Woodlawn, Montpelier, IN

Husband's Father Christopher Guggenheimer Husb. Mother (Maiden Name) Margaret

Marriage date (Husb.) 7 Jan 1897 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Other Wives of Husband (if any, list in order) \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE** Francina (Frausenah) Rosetta Morris Name and address of person submitting this sheet.

Birth date 13 Dec 1825 Place OH

Christening date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Death date 17 Oct 1893 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Burial date \_\_\_\_\_ Place Montpelier, Blackford, IN

Wife's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Mother (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Husbands of Wife (if any, list in order) \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *List additional marriages with dates on reverse side of sheet.
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
F 1	Nancy J. Miller			1848		Wells	IN			1888	Date <u>24 Oct 1867</u> To <u>John Jellison</u>
F 2	Sarah M. Miller			1849		Wells	IN				Date _____ To <u>William Walker</u>
F 3	Hannah E. Miller	16	Mar	1851		Wells	IN	26	Nov	1895	Date _____ To <u>P. Commodore Shadle</u>
F 4	Amanda Malissa Miller	4	May	1853		Wells	IN	3	Nov	1927	Date _____ To <u>William Henry Miller</u>
F 5	Mary Ann Miller			1856		Wells	IN				Date _____ To <u>Jesse Miller</u>
M 6	George W. G. Miller	18	Jun	1857		Wells	IN			1927	Date _____ To <u>Mary Florence</u>
F 7	Charlotte J. Miller			1859		Wells	IN				Date _____ To <u>Eli Carney</u>
M 8	Jonathan J. G. Miller					Wells	IN				Date <u>1st Margaret Julian</u> To <u>2nd Elvira Stroop</u>
F 9	Barbara Ellen Miller	10	Nov	1863		Wells	IN	7	Dec	1900	Date _____ To <u>Levi Markley</u>
F 10	Frances Rose Miller	6	Aug	1864		Wells	IN	10	Jul	1944	Date _____ To <u>John Arment Bennett</u>

\* Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

**Ancestral & Family Sheets**

This month I am going to begin sharing the Family Group Sheets of our members. I have decided to only publish the information of ancestors who have already died. This seems to be what most of us focus on the most when we are researching and is the most likely point of discovering a cousin that we did not realize we had in the society. Each month I will share more of the family group sheets or the ancestral charts that have been sent to our library. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so soon.

This month's are from Tom Stair, a member who resides in Oklahoma, and will be found on pages 4 and 5. I really like how he has his organized. He places the Family group sheets for each family in a transparent sleeve, somewhat like a sheet protector. Along with the group sheets he includes a printed paper copy of any pictures that he may have of the people who are on that particular sheet. I have enjoyed looking through them Tom, along with the other stuff you sent. I think I would like to copy your way of organizing them, but if I wait till I have it done that way, our library may never get them! That is something that will just have to be added later... for now it is the information that is important.

**Husband: Thomas Woodward Bennett**

Born: November 13, 1795 in: Chester County, Pennsylvania  
 Married: April 12, 1822 in: Westchester County, Pennsylvania  
 Died: in:  
 Burial:  
 Father: Silas Bennett  
 Mother: Abigail Woodward  
 Other Spouses:

**Wife: Elizabeth Arment**

Born: July 05, 1801 in: Concord, Chester County, Pennsylvania  
 Died: September 17, 1845 in: Wayne County, IN  
 Burial:  
 Father: Isaac Arment  
 Mother: Rachel Newlin  
 Other Spouses:

**CHILDREN**

1 M	Name: Isaac Bennett Born: January 21, 1823 Died: September 14, 1862 Burial: 1862 Married: September 14, 1843 Spouse: Mary A. Fullhart	in: Chester County, Pennsylvania in: Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas in: Huntington, Huntington Co., IN in: Huntington, Huntington County, Indiana
2 M	Name: Silas Bennett Born: 1828 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
3 F	Name: Martha P. Bennett Born: 1829 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
4 M	Name: Thomas W. Bennett Born: 1831 Died: 1904 Burial: Married: 1857 Spouse: Sarah A. Ellis	in: PA in: IN in:
5 M	Name: Elizabeth Bennett Born: 1832 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
6 F	Name: Rachael A. Bennett Born: 1839 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:

**Husband: Isaac Bennett**

Born: January 21, 1823 in: Chester County, Pennsylv  
 Married: September 14, 1843 in: Huntington, Huntington County, Indiana  
 Died: September 14, 1862 in: Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas  
 Burial: 1862 in: Huntington, Huntington Co., IN  
 Father: Thomas Woodward Bennett  
 Mother: Elizabeth Arment  
 Other Spouses:

**Wife: Mary A. Fullhart**

Born: March 21, 1823 in:  
 Died: March 18, 1872 in: Huntington, Huntington County, Indiana  
 Burial:  
 Father:  
 Mother:  
 Other Spouses:

**CHILDREN**

1	Name: Simon Peter Bennett Born: August 04, 1844 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
2	Name: Sarah Ann Bennett Born: January 02, 1848 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
3	Name: Mahaley Jane Bennett Born: August 22, 1850 Died: Burial: Married: Spouse: William Freel	in: in: in:
4	Name: Diana Bennett Born: November 08, 1851 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
5	Name: Silas Way Bennett Born: March 02, 1854 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
6	Name: John Arthur Bennett Born: November 04, 1856 Died: January 05, 1925 Burial: January 07, 1926 Married: October 28, 1883 Spouse: Francis Rosetta Miller	in: Huntington, Huntington County, Indiana in: Hartford, Blackford County, Indiana in: Miller Cemetery, Wells Co., IN in: Wells County, Indiana
7	Name: Williams Bennett Born: May 08, 1859 Died: 1940 Burial: 1940 Married: October 06, 1881 Spouse: Mary E. Penrod	in: Huntington Co., IN in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN in: Lincoln Cem., Keystone Wells Co., IN in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN
8	Name: Joseph Edward Bennett Born: August 10, 1862 Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:

## YE OLDEN TIMES

A monthly addition to your genealogy society newsletter. Edited & typed by Linda V. Thomas

We continue on with excerpts from the *Greenback Times*, a political paper of 1878. Our final paper this edition will be from a Bluffton Banner from the year 1859.

### A Statement from the Greenback Nominee for Congress in the Twelfth District.

To the people of the Twelfth Congressional District of the State of Indiana I deem it proper to make the following statement.

I moved to Wells county, Indiana, in 1838, where I have ever since resided, and where I expect to spend the few remaining years I may have to live. I shall always cherish a warm feeling for the people of Wells county for the many favors I have received at their hands in the way of patronage in my store, bank and grain warehouses. What little property I have accumulated in the last 40 years has been made in Wells county, and I say it belongs to Wells county, and shall be used in the county in the regular line of my business so long as I live, and never will I invest one cent of my means in government bonds.

When I emigrated to this county in 1838, I brought with me a small stock of goods, and, although the country was new, they met with ready sale. In a few years thereafter it became necessary for some one to build a warehouse to handle the produce of this section of country. I at once resolved to erect the needed warehouse, and in a few months it was up and ready for use. I immediately advertised that cash would be paid for all kinds of grain and produce, and that advertisement has never been recalled to the present day.

It has been about twenty years since I sold my store to George Arnold & Co. and started the Exchange Bank.

I conducted this bank about four years, or until 1862, when, in company with some other parties, I started a National Bank, and run the same nearly five years. I then closed up the National Bank, and resuscitated the Exchange Bank, in which I am still doing business in the town of Bluffton. My reasons for closing up the First National Bank of Bluffton are as follows: The law regulating National Banks rendered it impossible for any one business man to borrow of so small a bank as ours as much money as was necessary to carry on his business, and he was compelled to negotiate loans elsewhere, and then the bank had more money than it could use at home and had to seek parties outside of Wells county to lend money to. After the National Bank was closed up, the business men of Bluffton could be accommodated in the Bluffton Exchange Bank with all the money they wanted.

I spend about one-third of my time on my farms. There has never been a year since I have lived in Wells county that I have not made a full hand in the harvest field. I have done it this harvest, in the 62nd year of my age. It will take about two weeks from date to finish up my harvest, then I shall commence my canvass for Congress. I shall visit every township in every county in the 12th District, devoting all my time from the 25th of July to the October election, in order that the good people throughout the 12th Congressional District of the State of Indiana may thoroughly understand the doctrine of the National Greenback Labor party before casting their votes. The cream of the two old parties are coming over to the National party. The people are determined to make a change, and have a little legislation for themselves, so that these old political rings of both the old parties may be broken up. Pay off the bonded debt with the greenback dollar, to be made a full legal tender for all debts, both public and private, and stop the interest. Then will prosperity and plenty again return to the homes of the people of the United States.

Further, I will say that there is not one foot of real estate that I have ever

purchased at sheriff's sale but what I have always said to the parties that they could have all the time they wanted to redeem it, by paying principal, interest and taxes. I can now call to recollection only one piece of land that has not been so redeemed, and that can be redeemed at any hour.

I am in favor of reducing the pay of Congressmen to eight dollar per day for time actually employed, and the reduction of the President's salary to a sum not exceeding \$25,000 per year. I also favor a reduction of the salaries of all other officers in the same proportion, and the prompt dismissal of all superfluous clerks and officeholders from the government service.

Respectfully,

JOHN STUDABAKER.

BLUFFTON, July 12, 1878.

*Greenback Times*, Sept. 12, 1878, p. 2

EXPRESS OFFICE UP TOWN.—F. N. Kellogg has been appointed American Express Agent at this place, and has removed the office to his Book Store in the Centennial Block. This is a convenience long needed by our citizens. Packages are now delivered from the office without extra charge for bringing them up town, and also taken to the railroad in like manner. Nels, is a fit man for the place, and will no doubt make a first-class agent.

AID FOR YELLOW FEVER SUFFERERS.—A meeting has been called by Mayor Blackstone and other prominent citizens, at the Court House, next Saturday evening, 14th inst., to take steps toward raising aid for the unfortunate yellow fever sufferers of the South. The object is humane and praiseworthy, and the meeting should be largely attended. Ladies invited.

N. M. Scott, administrator, will sell the personal property of L. D. Lewis, deceased, in Penn township, Jay county, on Friday, the 20th inst., consisting of horses, cows, sheep, hogs, farming implements, bees, &c.

Chas. A. Ball has resigned the position of telegraph operator and express agent at this point on the Muncie line. He has been made into a big conductor



on the Narrow Gauge, and will assume his duties as soon as his train is ready, which will be shortly.

### THE CASH GROCERY

Sells more Tea and Syrup than any other two houses in town. We guarantee a saving of 10 to 25 per cent on all goods bought of us. Geo. F. McFarren, N. E. corner Main and Market streets, Bluffton.

The new school house at Lancaster Center is not going up with a rush, and will not likely be ready for the October election. Provisions will probably have to be made for holding the election at a private house in the vicinity—say Shell's or Milholland's.

SCHOOL.—The Fall term of the Bluffton Graded School will commence on the 30th inst. Advices from Prof. Buckley, who is now at Thorn-town, state that he is improving. The threatened softening of the brain has passed away and he expects to be fully restored and able for duty by the date above named.

Two of the new rooms will then be completed and furnished—making a total of eight. There will be ample accommodations for all who may wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the school. Get the books ready.

A telegram from New Orleans, received by Dr. E. W. Hammond, gives the sad intelligence that Amos Morrison, formerly of this county, now Sheriff of Jefferson Parish, La., is at the point of death—all hope having been abandoned by his physicians. His malady is consumption. He is a brother to Elijah Morrison, Greenback candidate for Commissioner, and brother-in-law to Dr. Hammond, of Mt. Zion, this county.

The Grand Jury was convened in extraordinary session, last Tuesday, to inquire into and work up certain cases of cussedness which are demanding immediate attention. A few interested patriots have already skipped, while others are keeping a sharp lookout on all sides to see where the lightning is going to strike next.

NEW WAREHOUSE.—As soon as the depot grounds are staked off on the north side of the river, Curry & Deam will put up a fine grain warehouse and elevator. It will be brick, two stories, and the upper or elevator part of two stories more will be iron. It is expected to have it ready for business before the beginning of winter.

The Wells County Fair will commence one week from next Tuesday, 24th inst., and continue until the 27th. It is time to be getting things in readiness. Everything looks favorable for a full display—weather permitting.

Owing to the continued illness of Dr. Yarnell's wife, who was taken dangerously sick while visiting at Zanesville, O., the Dr. was unable to fill his appointment at Bluffton this month. He will be here on or about the 5th of October.

B. Burns, oldest member of the Bluffton bar, returned last week, after an absence of a year or more, much improved in health. He informs us that he thinks he has at last got all his wild oats sowed. It is his determination henceforward to practice more law and drink less whisky.

J. O. Lupton has our thanks for a lot of the finest Early Rose potatoes that can be produced in the Wabash Valley or anywhere else.

Ground was broken yesterday morning on the great railroad fill through Capt. Studabaker's bottom fields. The job involves the handling of 4,500 cubic yards of earth.

It is proposed to make a gravel road from Bluffton to Rockford. Eli Thomas, William Miller and John S. Goodin, viewers, to proceed to business October 3rd.

Andy Ulmer brought a stalk to town day before yesterday that measures 15 feet and 10 inches. It is a hybrid—a cross between sorghum and broomcorn.

J. P. Lynch, contractor, wants 25,000 ties for the Delphos, Bluffton &

Frankfort R. R., between here and Decatur. Call at Exchange Hotel, Bluffton.

Benny Grimes says it was on a Tuesday, not Sunday, that his horse pitched him over into an adjoining township.

### The Canvass.

Greenback meetings are appointed in this county as follows—each at 7½ o'clock in the evening:

Worthington, Thursday, Sept. 12.

Shady School House, Friday, Sept. 13.

Noe School House, Saturday, Sept. 14.

Murray, Monday, Sept. 16.

Sowerwine School House, Tuesday, 17th.

Liberty Union School House, 18th.

Entertaining speakers will be present to address the people at all these meetings. At the three latter, Mr. McGaw, of Fort Wayne, will positively be present, unless prevented by some unforeseen occurrence.

Miss Susanna Mast, daughter of John and Rebecca Mast, of Rockcreek township, died on Friday, 6th inst., after a lingering illness, aged 18 yrs. 2 mos. 10 ds. She is remembered as a kind and patient young lady, a favorite with her parents, and highly esteemed by all acquaintances.

Work is progressing finely on the Universalist Church, and it will soon be under roof. It is located on Cherry street, at diagonal corners with the Catholic Church. These churches will be close neighbors. It is to be hoped they may live agreeable.

Two inches of snow fell at Cheyenne City, Wyoming Territory, on last Monday. This may account for the cool spell we are now having over this way.

The Narrow Gauge round-house is square. It is a frame, covered with plank, and affords very good shelter for the pretty little iron horse.

The Fall term of the Zanesville school commenced on Monday of last week, with J. H. Ormsby as Principal.

E. C. Phelps, of Chicago, is now telegraph operator at Bluffton, taking

the place of C. A. Ball, resigned.

The pile driving is completed at Case's Island, and the bridge timbers are being put in place. Looks like business.

Marcellus Alexander has started a new baker, named "Star," in the room formerly known as the Eureka Restaurant and Saloon.

A steam engine is now at work at Freeman's quarry, across the river, pumping out the water.

Wm. Shady, an old citizen of Lancaster township, aged about 80 years, died on Monday last.

Miss Cora Studabaker, of Greenville, O. is visiting Mrs. F. T. Waring and relatives.

The exchange Hotel is doing a fine business at present.

Rumor has it that Charley Covault and a Miss Fritz were married a few days since.

The recent rains have damaged the roads somewhat.

*Greenback Times, Sept. 12, 1878, p. 4*

#### Rules for Housewives.

The following odd scrap was handed us by a young friend, and we publish it for the *benefit* of our numerous readers.

When you rise in the morning, never be so particular about pinning your clothes so very nicely—you can do that at any time. Never comb your hair, or take off your night-cap till after breakfast. When you begin your toilet, combing, washing, &c., you may do it before the window, or the front entry—but the most proper place is the kitchen. Never have any particular place for anything in the house. Never sweep your floor, until you know that some one is coming in—they will then see how neat and tidy you are. When done sweeping leave your broom on the floor—never brush down cobwebs. Keep your parlor and bed-room windows shut close in the dog-days, and your cheeses in your bed-chambers.

Never learn your daughters to mend or make any of their clothes, it might give them sore fingers. Never repress the truth of a joke, for fear of hurting people's feelings. If you don't like your husband as well as you ought, out with it, and convince him that you are not a respecter of persons.—Don't try to keep your temper—*let it off* as soon and fast as possible, you will then be quiet as cider with the cork drawn nine hours.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed, I will expose for sale at public auction, at the Court House door in Bluffton, in Harrison township, Wells county, Indiana, on

*Saturday, the 23d day of April, 1859*  
Between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. of said day, the following property, to-wit: The rents and profits for a term of years not to exceed seven, on In-lots no. one hundred and five and one hundred and six (105 and 106), as known and designated on recorded plat of the town of Bluffton, Well county, Indiana; and on failure to realize the full amount of judgment, interest and costs, I will, at the same time and place, expose the fee-simple of said real estate. Executed as the property of James L. Lefever, at the suit of Moses Jenkinson.

E. H. PHILLIPS, Sheriff W.C.  
march 28, 1859.

#### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed, I will expose for sale at public auction, at the Court House door in Bluffton, in Harrison township, Wells county, Indiana, on the 7th day of May, 1859, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. of said day, the following property to-wit: The rents and profits for a term of years not to exceed seven on the following real estate, to-wit: Beginning at a stake and stone, on the south bank of the Salamonie river, it being the north east corner of the land belonging to Thomas Blount, in section thirty-two (32), township twenty-five (25), north of range eleven [11], east, thence twenty-one [21], degrees west, thirty-

nine [39], rods to a stake and stone, thence south 4½ degrees east, 8 rods to a stake and stone, thence north 85½ degrees east, 3 and 30—100 rods to a stake and stone, thence south 4½ degrees east, 152 rods to a stake and stone, on section line, thence on mid section line, north 85½ degrees east, 84 60—100 Rods to a half mile tree, it being the south east corner of the southwest quarter of the aforesaid section thirty-two [32], thence north 4½ degrees west to south bank of the aforesaid river, thence northerly on the south bank of said river to the place of beginning, containing 90 acres more or less, in Wells county, Indiana; and on failure to realize the full amount of judgment, interest and costs, I will at the same time and place expose the fee-simple of said real estate.

Executed as the property of Commodore C. Limerick, at the suit of Aquilla Baugh.

E. H. PHILLIPS, Sheriff W.C.  
April 15th, 1859.

*Bluffton Banner, Apr. 22, 1859, p. 2*

While we are on the subject of old newspaper articles, have you ever wondered what some of the abbreviations mean that we have been seeing in them, such as "ult.?" When I was finally able to get my genealogy related email caught up a bit, I ran across the following article from Roots Web that I thought I would share with you concerning that very thing.

#### Brushing up on Latin Dates

By Sue Swiggum  
(<http://www.theshipslist.com/Forms/faq.html>)

Often we encounter abbreviations used in contemporary documents and newspapers in reference to dates. For example, in a report of a shipwreck, an item might say "On Sunday night, the 18th inst." or "the ship left Liverpool on the 8th ult." or "the inquest will be held on the 25th prox."

These are Latin abbreviations which were commonly used. The meanings are: inst. is short for instant, which means "in the current month"; ult. is short for ultimo, which means "in the month preceding" (before the current month); and prox. is short for proximo, which means "in the next month" (following the current month). Previously published in **RootsWeb Review**: 21 December 2005, Vol. 8, No. 51.

I've gotten many chuckles over "Killing Causes" found in some October editions of RootsWeb Reviews. One report I've found relating to our family says the father was "seized in his demense" -- which always made me wonder how he was seized? With seven children born between mid-1779 and late 1791, could he be he was "seized" by his wife and throttled?

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and from Joan Gavilanez that a straw vote be taken to pursue a merger with Wells County Historical Society. All members approved. President Brubaker will be contacting the Historical Society to discuss the possibility and to get an idea of the extent of the merger.

CD's will be auctioned off at the January meeting.

Avon Crismore suggested contacting schools to get students involved in both societies.

Dues are currently being accepted for 2006. A single membership is \$10. and \$15. for a family.

Submitted by Lynn Elliott



### Articles for the news letters

Still in need of articles. Fortunately, I have several Family Group Sheets to run, but I would still like to see some other stuff coming in for future newsletters. Remember, they can be obituaries, family stories (funny or otherwise), or old newspaper articles. I gladly accept old photos (DON'T send originals, the PO could lose them), an idea or a tip that you have found helpful, a bit of the history of your family, (perhaps how they came to be in the county) or just about anything genealogy related. Send those articles either by email or snail mail to Linda Thomas, 5391 N-400 W, Markle, IN 46770 or [lvtforp@parlorcity.com](mailto:lvtforp@parlorcity.com), or call me at (260) 758-2332.

### Membership Form

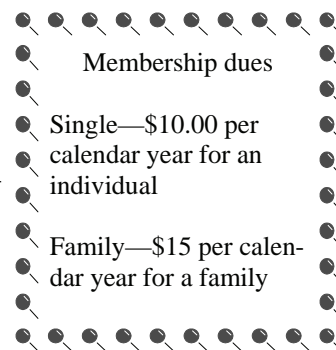
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