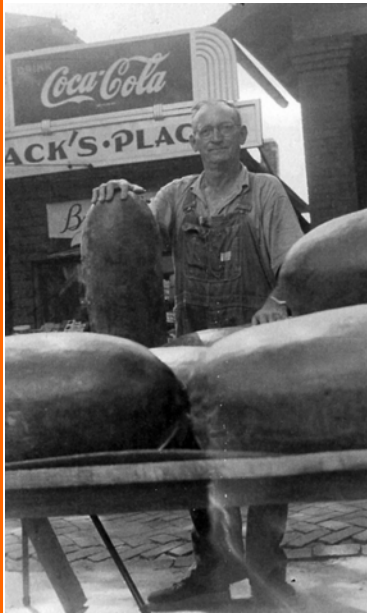


SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Picture IDs anyone?
- Ancestry Charts
- Ye Olden Times

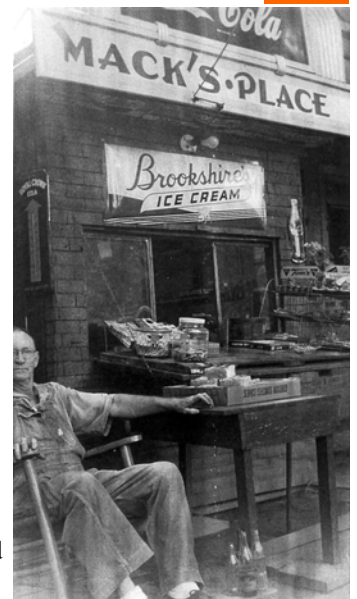
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PICTURE IDENTIFICATION

These two pictures, at the right and the left, were sent in by Thomas Stair from Oklahoma. He would appreciate any help in identifying the man in the pictures. A date would be nice, too. Connie and I were looking at them and we found ourselves curious as to where the photograph was taken. Tom believes they were taken in Wells County. So if anyone out there has any ideas, any hints or clue, any thoughts at all as to where this store called "Mack's Place" was located or who the man in the picture is, please contact Tom, Connie or Linda. You can reach Tom at tstair@sbcglobal.net or 2906 W. Longview Dr., Enid, OK 73703. Connie & I? well... You know how to find us. (Our emails are posted on the next page, along with the emails of all the officers of our society.)



Using RootsWeb: Smell the ROSEs

When Rhonda ROSE received an e-mail reply from her new-found cousin Ken KEYS, she thought all her prayers had been answered. Rhonda had just begun researching her family history when she stumbled upon Ken's GEDCOM on RootsWeb's WorldConnect and discovered to her amazement that she and Ken were close cousins (although they had never "met" until this recent cyberspace encounter).

Ken was willing to share his data with Rhonda but let her know that he had no additional information beyond that included in his records. That was plenty good enough to suit Rhonda because she was starting from scratch -- knowing nothing beyond the names of her maternal grandparents, the side of her family that she shared with Ken. Rhonda was sure that Ken's database held the key (so to speak) that would unlock all of her maternal family mysteries.

Rhonda began pouring over the data Ken sent her and felt confident that it fit nicely into the little bit of

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President's Corner

I'm sitting here at 2:15 am trying to think of something to write about that you will all think is worth reading. Sometimes I wonder if anyone actually reads what I have to say. Nevertheless, I will offer great insight into the wilds of the world for you to consider. Will we ever get all the answers to our genealogy questions? Just something to ponder.

Don't forget that our next meeting is a carry-in dinner at the Historical Society followed by a beginning genealogy class at the library. The officers will provide the meat. Bring a full covered dish, your table service and drink. I hope everyone will come for the meeting and dinner. This will be our first official Wells County Genealogy Society dinner. If it goes well we might try it again later this summer. If you want to attend the class, please contact Vi at the library, so she can prepare the room for the group.

Please remember to visit our research library. We haven't had a great response to this research tool. Your family trees will add to the value of the library and your money went into this project so take advantage of its availability. Connie



Reminder To All Members

2006 Membership Dues are Due
They must be received by May 1st or we will
no longer be able to send you a newsletter.

\$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 gene-
alogy in Wells County.

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

Mickey Jones, Treasurer

Taking Photography 101 By Rick Van Dusen

Arnold Chamove is right about using your digital camera. However, on my long-awaited visit to the New York State Archives (3,000 miles from home), I learned the hard way some lessons about this:

1. Definitely use the macro setting.
2. Make sure you have camera set to take high-resolution photos.
3. Don't count on the tiny viewer to verify your pix are good; if possible, upload to a computer to see the images in large format.

Not learned the hard way, but it would be a good idea to use a tripod. Before I try again to use the camera in this way, I'm going to do the following:

1. Make sure I know how to use the camera, change the settings, etc.
2. Practice with the camera, try different settings, distances, etc.
3. Be prepared to set the camera on a tripod and measure the distance to the object so it's the same as what worked in practice.
4. Have my laptop, camera software and cable with me to verify the pictures are good.

BTW, I got one fairly good image.

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Message Board Post:

While still not complete, I have put together a web site for the Lewis N. Feazel Family of Blackford County. If you are part of this line, please check it out and let me know if you have anything to add or correct. Note: The information contained is accurate only to the best of my knowledge.

<http://home.insightbb.com/~doctorbbq/>

Tom Feazel

Minutes of the January Meeting

President, Connie Brubaker, opened the January meeting with a little known fact. A prospective groom went to the Clerk's Office and took out a Bond. This was to eliminate the possibility of having 2 marriages and signified his intent. This is still a good way to find names, dates, Bondsman's name, and witnesses' names. A short discussion followed regarding other research sources.

A motion by Mary Lou Bumgarner was made to accept the November 19, 2005, minutes with a second from Barb Grubb.

The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1,757.58.

Chasity McKnight, a new member and local Girl Scout Leader, Susan Price, a new member, and Keith Hudson were both welcomed. A letter from Jane Chew was read regarding her thoughts about our change of name to not include Blackford County.

It was announced that the Indiana Genealogy Society would be meeting Saturday, April 1, at Austin, Indiana.

Also announced was the Wells County Historical Society's Annual Dinner Meeting on Monday, February 6. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment from the Music America Program to follow the dinner.

The Wells County Genealogy Society (WCGS) has 3,000 surnames in their data base from 10 members. Members who have not turned in their surnames, are urged to do so as soon as possible.

Cami Mount reported on the Deed Records. She said the project is progressing but they still need volunteers to help with indexing the deeds. A motion by Avon Crismore was made to go on to 1901 with the Deed Report. Jeri Brown seconded motion.

Dues for the year of 2006 are now payable. Single memberships are \$10.00 and family membership rates are \$15.00.

By-Law changes were discussed. When the revisions to the by-laws have been made, members in good standing can vote by proxy, thereby allowing everyone a chance to participate.

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**BLACKFORD-WELLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

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**SOCIETY RELATED EVENTS**

March 18—Meeting & Carry-In Lunch

May 20—Meeting

July 15—Meeting

September 16—Meeting

November 18—Meeting

A Genealogy Poem

The sink is filled with dishes
 The silverware's turned green
 The sloppy bed turns a roach's head
 He runs away and screams

And underneath the newspapers
 If you will give a tug
 You'll shockingly discover
 Our floor does have a rug.

If you go into the living room
 Be careful!!! all around
 It's safe enough to stand right sill
 But, heavens, don't sit down.

The place has gotten out of hand
 I couldn't keep it neat
 But there's rejoicing in a far off place
**GREAT GRANDFATHER'S
 RECORDS ARE
 NOW COMPLETE!!!!**

W. VA. Hillbilly News,
 Column Of Dorothea Sutton Morris

 **A hearty welcome** to our newest members. From Illinois joining us we have Janet Smith in Fox River Grove; Ruth Williams hails from Montpelier and from our own home town, Bluffton, we have Chasity McKnight & Susan Price. Good to have all of you as a part of our society!

I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them.
 —George Bernard Shaw



Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!

Licking Those Spelling Gremlins
 By Pat Asher

Anyone who has done more than superficial genealogical research has discovered that, unlike a rose, a name is not always a name. Spellings vary not only according to the census taker or the county clerk who recorded it, but from region to region.

A simple name like AMBROSE was AMBROSSI or AMBROSIER to early Pennsylvania

German immigrants. Moving south, it was spelled AMBERS, exactly as it was pronounced in a Southern drawl. Then there are transcription errors by the fallible human beings who index original records so we can search them. The "se" at the end of AMBROSE can resemble an "n" -- resulting in the name being indexed as AMBRON.

Fortunately for our sanity and research, many Internet search engines support wildcard searches. A search at RootsWeb or Ancestry for "Amb*" will find all of the above variants, as well as several others.

However, not all names lend themselves to wildcard searches. My "nightmare" name is a French one, spelled D'YARMETT or DeYARMETT. It appears in various official records as DEYARMIT, DEARMAN, DERMOTT, and D'ARMIT, and is

sometimes indexed under "Y" for Yarmett. But the discovery that made me rethink how to do Internet searches was an accidental one.

While browsing an index of marriages for the relevant location, I found Mary D. GARMETT. The indexer had misread a sprawling "Y" as a "G" and assumed that "D" was a middle initial. That discovery enabled me to find Mary's sister and three of her brothers, who I had previously assumed must have been spirited away by aliens.

Since that serendipitous discovery, I never accept "no results found" as final. I use all the tools available, including wildcards, Soundex and metaphone searches. I search for unique given names instead of a surname. When all else fails, I try to think outside the box. What possible variations could have occurred in spelling or transcription? Could an "L" have been misread as a "S"? The "J" as an "I" or an "F" as a "T"?

My successful search rate has improved dramatically and my frustration level has decreased accordingly.

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Wells County Servicemen Buried or Honored on Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery Philippines

Name	Branch	Rank	Military Unit	S/N	Town	County	St	DOD	Status
Boltin William M	USAAF	2 LT	23rd Bomber Sq, 5th Bomber Gp Hy	0-750934		Wells - Wabash	IN	23-Jun-44	Missing
Garcia Samuel A	USA	PVT	32nd Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div	35896085		Wells	IN	30-Dec-44	Missing
Lesh Gerald Eugene	USNR	Electrician's Mate 2C		6264911	Bluffton	Wells	IN	27-Dec-44	Missing

These Indiana Servicemen were killed in the South Pacific during World War II. Our goal is to find the families of these Indiana heroes buried at the Manila American Cemetery and send them free photographs of their final resting place thus offering a more fitting closure to years of agony and grief. If you are family of the men, friend of the family, a librarian, journalist, historian or genealogist wishing to help, please contact me for further information or photographs. Also please contact us if you have new information or changes. We especially enjoy receiving photographs of the men in uniform to honor them at our website. Contact Dave Dwiggins, zenas5@yahoo.com or 55 Balagtas Blvd., San Pablo City 4000 Philippines — Website: <http://fizkid.tripod.com/>

Husband: Larry Arment Bennett

Born: October 27, 1887 in: Keystone, Wells County, Indiana
 Married: November 04, 1911 in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana
 Died: September 22, 1966 in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana
 Burial: September 25, 1966 in: I. O. O. F. Montpelier cemetery.
 Father: John Arthur Bennett
 Mother: Francis Rosetta Miller
 Other Spouses: Nora Ann Holmes

Wife: Ruth Mable Thomas

Born: May 23, 1893 in: Wells County, Indiana
 Died: May 17, 1952 in: Wells County, Indiana
 Burial: in: Miller Cemetery, Wells Co., IN

Father: John E Shadle B 10 Sept 1865
 Mother: *ma* *majorie* (margerly) Thomas B 1872 in Keystone, Archer Twp. Wells Co IN
 Other Spouses: Charles Lloyd Murry

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: Thelma Irene Bennett Born: December 27, 1912 Died: May 19, 1960 Burial: Married: April 01, 1945 Spouse: Victor Irvin Stair	in: Wells Co., IN in: in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN
2 F	Name: Garnet Viola Bennett Born: August 30, 1914 Died: December 22, 1994 Burial: Married: May 09, 1936 Spouse: Harry Benjamin Conner	in: in: in: Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, Wells Co., IN. in:
3 F	Name: Florence Loene Bennett Born: Spouse: George Washington Penrod	in: Wells Co., IN.
4 F	Name: Verla May Bennett Born: Spouse:	in:
5 M	Name: John Edward Bennett Born: July 25, 1919 Died: March 14, 1998 Burial: Married: November 01, 1947 Spouse: Martha Toby	in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana in: in: Wells Co., IN.
6 M	Name: Charles William Bennett Born: May 30, 1921 Died: August 20, 1998 Burial: Married: December 24, 1949 Spouse: Lucy May Bunch Married: July 20, 1987 Spouse: Marjorie Guyer Mays	in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana in: in: Blackford Co., IN in:
7 F	Name: Marjorie Rose Bennett Born: February 08, 1925 Died: November 16, 1972 Burial: Married: July 03, 1947 Spouse: Earl Grant Craig	in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana in: FL in:
8 F	Name: Evelyn Ilene Bennett Born: March 17, 1927 Married: Died: April 07, 1927 Burial: Spouse:	in: Wells Co., IN in: in: Wells Co., IN in: Miller Cemetery, Wells Co., IN
9 F	Name: Crystal Avis Bennett Born: July 03, 1930 Spouse: Paul Warren Bailey (Bud)	in: Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Greene Co., OH

HUSBAND Jesse Thomas
 Birth date 18 Apr 1834 Place Greene Co., OH
 Christening date 3.1.1905 Place Montpelier, Blackford Co., IN
 Death date 7.18.1855 Place Miller Cem., Chester Twp., Wells Co., IN
 Burial date Jacob Thomas Place St. Albans, Bruce Wells Co., IN
 Husband's Father (Husb.) Nancy West Hub. Mother (Maiden Name) James West
 Marriage date (Husb.) 8.20.1887 d. 10.29.1936
 Other Wives of Husband (if any, list in order) Nancy West
 Other Husbands of Wife (if any, list in order) Catherine Turner
 WIFE Catherine Turner
 Birth date 1834 Place OH
 Christening date 12.10.1885 Place Chester Twp., Wells Co., IN
 Death date Jonathan Turner Place Miller Cem., Chester Twp., Wells Co., IN
 Burial date Mary Bruce Place Miller Cem., Chester Twp., Wells Co., IN
 Wife's Father (Maiden Name) Mary Bruce
 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 Day Mo. Yr.	*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *List additional marriages with dates on reverse side of sheet.
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County			
M	1 Jonathan Thomas Junior	11 Jan	1857		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	WOODLAWN CEM 2/21/1913	Date <u>2/21/1886</u> To <u>Sarah E. Rinear</u> Bur: Woodlawn, Montpelier, IN	
M	2 Philip Thomas	7 Sep	1858		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	10 Jan 1928	To <u>Alice Busser</u> Bur: Miller, Chester Twp., Wells, IN	
F	3 Rebecca Thomas	1860			Chester Twp., Wells	IN	1891	To <u>never married</u>	
F	4 Mary Thomas ("Doc")	5/11	1862		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	Keystone, IN 24 Jul 1931	To <u>Benjamin Smith</u> Bur: Miller Cem., Chester Twp., Wells, IN	
M	5 William S. Thomas	13 Feb	1864		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	27 Jun 1931	To <u>never married</u>	
F	6 Martha Thomas						Keystone, IN 17 Apr 1923	To <u>never married</u>	
M	7 George Thomas	9 May	1868		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	17 Apr 1923	To <u>never married</u>	
F	8 Ellen Thomas	1871			Chester Twp., Wells	IN	Washington, Md 17 Mar 1954	To <u>never married</u>	
F	9 Margery Thomas	3/25/	1872		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	4 Jul 1961	To <u>Fred Crosby</u> Bur: Miller Cem., Chester Twp., Wells, IN	
M	10 Vincent Thomas	9 Dec	1884		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	10 Mar 1935	To <u>never married</u>	

Ancestral & Family Sheets

This month sheets begin with more of those sent in by Tom Stair of Oklahoma. They will be found on pages 4-7. He has sent several pictures of his family (including the ones on the front page), so anyone researching along any of his lines are encouraged to contact Tom (email & address on front page) or come to the Wells County Genealogy Library to look over his information and the photos. He has sent several others that he would like to have identified if at all possible. Connie & I have looked through them and did not recognize any. Perhaps you might. Again, thanks to Tom for sending in all his information!

Another sheet for this month is found on page 7 for "The Ancestors of Eliza Jane Archbold." This sheet comes to us from Dorothy Manning. More of her sheets will be shared in the next newsletter. Dorothy can be reached at 416 W. Central Ave., Bluffton, IN 46714 or kenrman@adamswells.com.

As for the rest of you, if you have not already done so, please send in your family group sheets and ancestral charts. Please let us know if you do not wish them published in the newsletter. Bring them to the library, to the society meeting or mail them to Connie (7077N 100W, Uniondale, IN 46791) or Linda (5391N 400W, Markle, IN 46770).

German Naming Patterns

www.kerchner.com/germname.htm
 This website explains common customs used by our German ancestors when they named their children. It lists specific naming patterns and explains a bit about baptismal customs. Check it out!

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Greene Co., OH

HUSBAND John E. Shadle ; illegitimate father of Margery's only child
 Birth date 2/10/1865 Place OH
 Christening date 6/30/1927 Place OH
 Death date 6/30/1927 Place OH
 Burial date Philip Shadle Place OH
 Husband's Father (Husb.) Philip Shadle Hub. Mother (Maiden Name) Margaret Donley
 Marriage date (Husb.) Margery married only once: Fred A. Crosby
 Other Wives of Husband (if any, list in order)
 Other Husbands of Wife (if any, list in order)
 WIFE Margery Thomas
 Birth date 28 Mar 1872 Place Chester Twp., Wells, IN
 Christening date 7/4/1961 Place Bluffton, Wells, IN
 Death date 7/4/1961 Place Bluffton, Wells, IN
 Burial date Miller Cem., Chester Twp., Wells, IN
 Wife's Father (Maiden Name) Jesse Thomas
 Other Husbands of Wife (if any, list in order) Catherine Turner

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Greene Co., OH

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *List additional marriages with dates on reverse side of sheet.
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County			
F	1 Ruth Mable Thomas	23 May	1893		Chester Twp., Wells	IN	17 May 1952	Date <u>5 Nov 1911</u> To <u>Larry A. Bennett</u>	

Jesse Thomas' brother

Name James Thomas

Born 1835 Ohio

Married 31 Jan. 1861 Wells Co. Ind.

Died 5 May 1894 Wells Co. In.

Buried at Miller cem. Chester Twp. Wells Co. In.

Other spouses 900S + 500W, W. of chester center school

Father Jacob (Benjamin) Thomas

Mother's maiden name Statia Bruce

SPOUSE Martha Jackson

Born 6 Dec. 1844 Indiana

Died 2 Feb. 1923

Buried at Miller cem. Wells Co. In.

Other spouses _____

Father Mahlon Jackson

Mother's maiden name Elizabeth Turner

AUTHORITIES:
(List volumes & pages)

Probate Box
No death record
1880 Census
Chester Twp.
Wells Co. Ind.
ED 146 P. 26

Obit. (Bluffton Evenin
Banner)
6 Feb. 1923

Walker Funeral Home
records

CHILDREN SEX	FULL NAME	BORN		DIED		MARRIED When	To Whom	W
		When	Where	When	Where			
1 M	Johney	19 Feb. 1865	Ind.	by 1894	Ind.			
2 M	Wesley	8 Jan. 1867	Ind.	by 1923	Living in 1894			
3 F	Statia	22 Sept. 1868	Wells Co. In.	28 Mar. 1931	Stahl cem. Wells Co. In.	1. Mont O'Dell 2. Harry Sark		
4 M	Jesse	24 Mar. 1870	Wells Co. In.	by 1894				
5 M	James	8 Jan. 1872	Wells Co. In.	29 Aug. 1951	Miller cem. In	Louisa Greenwood 12 May 1897		
6 F	Brissie	21 Dec. 1877	Ind.	by 1880				
7 F	May	8 Sept. 1878	Wells Co. In.	29 Oct. 1926	Montpelier, In.	George Wort 8 Sept. 1894		
8 F	Lizzie	8 Sept. 1879	Ind.	by 1880				
9 F	Bell	16 May 1880	or 1881 In.	by 1894				
10 M	Frank	10 Jan. 1883	Wells Co. In.	8 Mar. 1965	Moorestown, Mi.	Ina Bell Murray 7 Aug. 1905	Wells Co. In	
11 M	Fred	15 Apr. 1885	Wells Co. In.	12 Feb. 1951	Miller cem. In.	Catherine A. Moore 11 Feb. 1911	Wells Co. I	
12 F	Lucy	16 Apr. 1887	Wells Co. In.	8 Feb. 1992	Dayton, Ohio	Judson W. Price 18 Sept. 1904	Wells Co. In	
13 F	Linnie	18 Nov. 1888	Wells Co. In.	19 Sept. 1972	Montpelier, In.	Elva Garringer 18 Feb. 1905	Wells Co. In	
14 M	Oscar	23 Apr. 1891		by 1894				

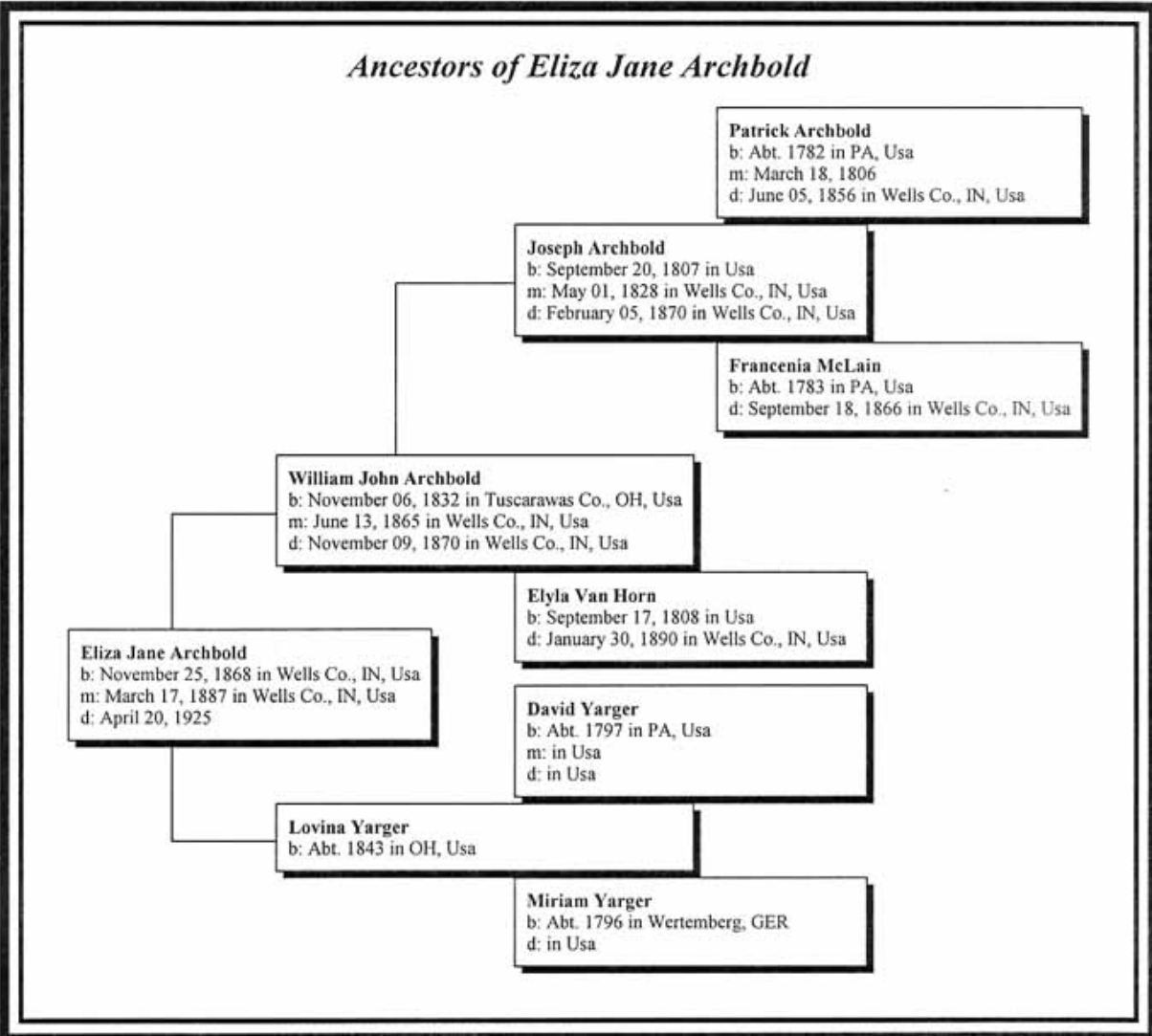
Husbands: Joseph Martin
 Born: 1841 in:
 Married: 10 Dec 1868 in:
 Died: in:
 Burial: in:
 Father: in:
 Mother: in:
 Other Spouses: Sarah Shepherd F: Thomas Shepherd
 m: 8 Nov 1874

*In 1900 living
 3-WD Montpelier*

Wife: Anna Moriah Bentley
 Born: May 1848 in:
 Died: in:
 Burial: in:
 Father: Aseal Bentley
 Mother: Phebe
 Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1	Name: Frank Born: June 1867 Died:	1900 census look in Adams in: in:
2	Name: Frederick Born: Aug 1862 Died:	1900 in: in:
3	Name: Grace Born: July 1864 Died:	1900 census 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

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a venditioni exponas 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 west half of southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 26, north of Range 12 east in Wells county, Indiana; and on failure to realize the full amount of judgment, interest and cost I will at the same time and place expose the fee-simple of said real estate or so much thereof as will satisfy said execution.

Executed as the property of Elijah Hamon, at the suit of Bennet & Deam.

E. H. PHILLIPS, Sheriff W.C.

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Executed as the property of Alexander Murehead, at the suit of Daniel Tucker.

E. H. PHILLIPS, Sheriff W.C.

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Executed as the property of Daniel N. Bash, at the suit of William Allison et al.

E. H. PHILLIPS, Sheriff W.C.

Sheriff's Sale.

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Executed as the property of Adnah Hall as bail for Abraham Heilbronner, as the suit of Benedict Hall et als.

E. H. PHILLIPS, Sheriff W.C.

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

Common Pleas Court convened at this place on Monday last; Judge Loughridge presiding. The docket not being a very full one, the Court adjourned on Wednesday.—Several Attorneys from a distance were in attendance.

SCHOOLS.—The free schools of Bluffton are now under headway, having commenced on the 4th inst. They are under the management of J. S. M'CLEERY, C. W. BEARDSLEY, Miss JOSIE HALL, and Miss LOU. TOWNSEND. The school rooms are all well filled, and the schools in a flourishing condition.

The "raging Wabash," which took such an extensive raise last week, is down again to its usual level, and the "ferry" business is somewhat *be low par*. We learn from the Press, of last week, that the two rival companies engaged in the aforesaid occupation had a slight difficulty, which, notwithstanding its seeming unimportance, had to be settled according to law. We have not learned the result of the trial.

GEO. ARNOLD & Co.

Are receiving this week, as heretofore, a very large assortment of Spring and Summer Goods, which they are offering on favorable terms to cash or prompt time buyers. Their trade, notwithstanding the hard times, has largely increased, and they are determined in the future to use every exertion to retain the confidence of the public, by honesty and fair dealing, believing that they will be sustained by so doing. For the benefit of their German friends they would state that they now have a clerk who can speak the German language.

Call on them, as they will take pleasure in showing their goods.

L. Hirsh, of Newville, has lately (*illegible word*) a stock of Groceries and Provisions, in the room formerly occupied by Heilbronner & Bro., corner of Main and Market streets,—which he proposes to sell low for cash or produce. Give him a call.

Look Out for Number One!

A PUNCTUAL man is very rarely a poor man, and never a man of doubtful credit. His small accounts are frequently settled, and he never meets with difficulty in raising money to pay large demands. Small debts neglected

ruin credit, and when a man has lost that he will find himself at the bottom of a hill he cannot ascend. So all that are indebted to me would do well to call and settle soon, as I wish to have my books squared up soon.

JAMES H. RIDGELY.

Pay Up and save Costs.

ALL PERSONS knowing themselves indebted to the firm of S. Heilbronner & Brother, by note or book account, are requested to pay up immediately if they would save costs, as the accounts will be sued if not settled soon.

F. NERDLINGER.

Assignee of S. Heilbronner & Brother.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the June session of the Board of County Commissioners, I will make application for a license for the retail of spirituous liquors, in Newville, Harrison township, Wells county, Indiana.

L. HIRSH.

Lard Wanted.

I WILL pay the highest market price in cash of any amount of good clean LARD, at my Bakery in Bluffton.

F. CHRISTMAN.

THE RAILROAD COMING!

Clear the Track
FOR LOW PRICES!
REMOVAL!
DEAM & MILLER

ANNOUNCE to the citizens of Wells and adjoining counties, that we have removed to the Brick Store Room directly opposite the Washington Hotel, on Main st., in Bluffton, formerly occupied by Heilbronners, in which we are now receiving direct from New York a large and well-selected assortment of

DRY GOODS!

Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots,
Shoes, Queensware,
Cutlery, &c.,

Including all kinds of goods usually kept in dry good establishment, all selected with great care to suit the times by W. H. Deam, our general agent in this department. The business

will be conducted by

W.H. AND J.P. DEAM

who spare no pains to wait upon customers and charge nothing for showing goods.

Our terms will be to sell goods at small profits for

Cash or Produce Only,

Believing that small profits, and quick sales for ready pay, are better for both seller and buyer. We don't wish to boast, but think we can sell goods cheaper than are generally sold in (*illegible words*)... give us a call.

DEAM & MILLER

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of an execution 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 23rd 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-lot number seventy-six (76), as known and designated on the recorded plat of the town of Bluffton, 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 Abraham Heilbronner, at the suit of Hanford & Hanford.

E. H. PHILLIPS, SHERIFF W. C.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed, I will expose for sale at public auction, at Court House down in Bluffton, in Harrison township, Wells county, Indiana, on (*illegible words*) between the hours of ten 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 northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section sixteen (16), Township twenty-six (26), north of Range eleven (11), east, 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 Robert Worster, at the suit of Bennett & Deam.

E. H. PHILLIPS, SHERIFF W. C.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the first day of May, 1859, here will be offered at the door of the Court House in Bluffton, Wells county, Indiana, to the lowest bidder, Thomas Sullivan, a pauper of Nottingham township, in said county in Wells.

GABRIEL BURGESS,

Trustee of Nottingham Tp.

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U. M. NEWENSWENDER.

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Medical Notice.

DR. M'CLERY takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally, that he may still be found at his old stand on Main street, a few doors north of Heilbronners' store, where he will be pleased to attend upon all those who may favor him with a call. From long experience in the practice of medicine, he flatters himself that he can render general satisfaction.

Washington Hotel,

Main street, Bluffton, Indiana.

WILSON DEAM ::::: Proprietor.

THIS HOTEL has been newly fitted up and furnished in the best style. Guests will find comfortable rooms and beds, and a table second to none in the State.

Daily Stage Line to Fort Wayne

A coach leaves the Washington Hotel every morning for the above named place.

A LIVERY STABLE

Is connected with the Hotel. Teams at all hours.

MARBLE WORKS.

E. F. WOOD

MANUFACTURE AND DEALER IN

MONUMENTS, TOMBSTONES, HEAD STONES, TABELTOPS, & c.

Prepared to order from common or the
FINEST MATERIAL.

Orders respectfully solicited, and
promptly attended to.

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THE BLUFFTON BANNER

A WEEKLY JOURNAL—Devoted to
the Instruction and Amusement of
its Readers, to the Advocacy of
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terests—By J. Gerry Smith

Attorney and Notary Public—N.
VanHorn, Office, with Jno. L. Wil-
son—entrance through Studabaker's
Exchange.

Attorney at Law—J. Gerry Smith, In
the Banner office, Studabaker's Block.

Proprietor, Washington Hotel—W. H.
J. Covert, Main street.

Auctioneer—J. N. Reynolds.

A Pun by Our "Imp."

ALL persons who would have
their dead time-pieces QUICK-
ened into life, must take them to
CHARLEY, at Horton & Cook's.

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Thanksgiving is appointed for the
24th inst. In more than half the States
of the Union. It will truly be a National
Thanksgiving.

REMOVAL—David T. Smith, Esq.
has removed his Law Office two doors
south of where it formerly was. This
notice should have been given some
weeks ago, but has been forgotten un-
til the present.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS—

Attention is also asked to the no-
tice of an estray. Mr. Odjar will be
very thankful, and will pay liberally,
for an information that may lead to the
recovery of his property.

Also, to Administrator's Sale of

Mr. Wandel's estate.

PUBLIC SALE—On next Friday
there will be a large sale of Furniture,
Beds, &C, at the Central Hotel. All in-
terested may take notice.

DIED.

In Reiffsburg, Wells co., Ind., on
Tuesday morning, the 15th inst., JO-
SEPH FERGUSON, in the 80th year of his
age.

In Rockcreek township, on Satur-
day, the 12th inst., very suddenly, of
billious fever, MRS. STOCKTON, consort
of Mr. Albert Stockton.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
undersigned has been appointed
Administrator of the estate of John
Wandel, late of Wells county, de-
ceased. Said estate is supposed to be
solvent.

P. STUDABAKER, Adm'r

Administrator's Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will sell
at public auction, on Saturday, 10th
day of December, 1859, at the resi-
dence of John Wandel, late of Wells
county, deceased, all of his personal
property, not taken by the widow;
Consisting of Cattle, Horses, Hogs,
Corn, two Wagons, Harness, Farming
Utensils, Household and Kitchen Fur-
niture, and numerous articles not here
mentioned.

A credit of twelve months will be
given on all sums over three dollars,
the purchaser giving his note with ap-
proved security and waiving valuation
and appraisement laws—all sums of
three dollars, and under, cash.

PETER STUDABAKER, Adm'r.

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Estray.

STRAYED from my residence in
Rockcreek township, Wells county,
Ind., in May last, a yearling Steer, of
red color, with white stripe in fore-
head. A reasonable remuneration will
be given for his return, or information
of his whereabouts.

JOHN ODIAR.

Administrators' Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that we will
sell at public auction, on Monday the
5th day of December, 1859, at the resi-
dence of Robert C. Bennett, Sen., late
of Wells County, deceased, all of his
personal property not taken by the
widow: Consisting of Cattle, Horses,
Hogs, Corn, Oats, Wheat in the
ground, Two Wagons, one Buggy,
Harness, Farming Utensils, Household
and Kitchen Furniture and numerous
articles not here mentioned.

A credit of twelve months will be
given on all sums over three dollars—
the purchaser giving his note with ap-
proved security, waiving valuation
and appraisement laws. All sums of
three dollars, and under, Cash.

AMZA WHITE

JOSEPH GARDENOUR,
Administrators.

Surveyor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that we
have employed the County Sur-
veyor to survey and establish the hues
and corners of our land situated in the
s. h. of sec. 23, t 25, r. 11, e., on Mon-
day, Nov. 21, 1859.

LUTHER TWIBELL.
LEMUEL TATE.

and others

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
undersigned has been appointed
Administrator *de bonis non* of the estate
of Nicholas Stiffen, late of Wells
county, dec'd. Said estate is supposed
to be solvent.

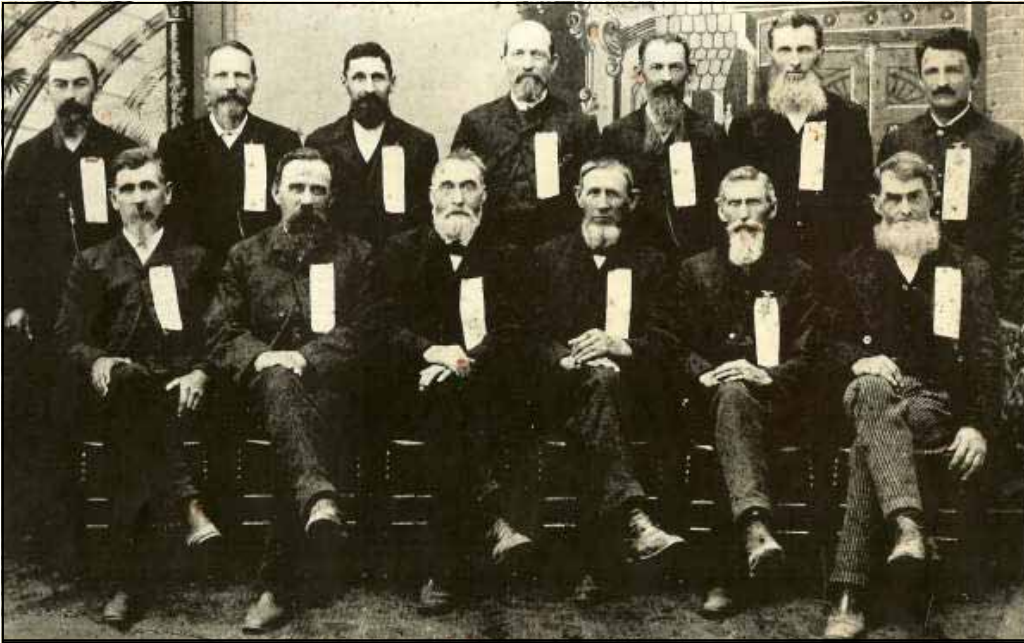
DAVID MOSURE

Adm'r *de bonis non*

One Cent Reward.

HEREBY notify all persons not to
trust or harbor Abraham Lewy So-
vine on my account. Said boy is inden-
tured to me, and has left without just
cause ore provocation. The above re-
ward will be given, but no charges
paid nor thanks bestowed, for his re-
turn to my house. Johiel Lanning.

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Civil War Photo

At left is a photo from about 1866 of several men who fought in the Civil War. It was sent to us by Richard F. Meeks of Florida. The only man who has been identified is John A. Logan (1830-1893), "the seated man, last on the right." Mr. Meeks would appreciate any help with identifying the rest of the men, where the photo was taken and what the occasion was. His email is Little_G65@hotmail.com, or you may call or email me, Linda Thomas, editor, and I will get your information passed on to Mr. Meeks.

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knowledge she previously possessed -- the KEYS name was known to her, so learning that her great-grandfather Lionel KEYS had married Mary MNU seemed to fit right in -- but that name MNU sounded strange. To Rhonda's knowledge, her ancestry was largely English and the name MNU certainly didn't sound like any English surname she had heard before. Perhaps it was misspelled?

To top it off Mary MNU's parents were listed in Ken's family tree as Frank LNU and Jane MNU. What did this mean? More strange sounding surnames and Mary having a different name than her father?

Rhonda dashed off another e-mail to Ken to ask about these unusual surnames in his tree and to her surprise, Ken replied as follows: LNU, MNU are not real names, nor is FNU, which I also use in my family tree. They are acronyms. (Acronyms are combinations of the first letters/syllables in a group of words to form a new grouping of letters that can be pronounced as a word.) They are: First Name Unknown (FNU), Maiden Name Unknown (MNU), and Last Name Unknown (LNU).

Rhonda laughed out loud when she read Ken's response about the strange surnames and she thought she should have figured that out for herself -- but it just didn't dawn on her these words/acronyms were anything other than surnames. Rhonda decided they must be first cousins to the mysterious UNK ancestors she had tracked down on her father's side of the family until she realized that UNK was short for "unknown."

Researchers have used these acronyms and other symbols and abbreviations for years, with little or no uniformity from file to file, to indicate the unknown or missing names. The meaning of these acronyms is often unclear to new family history researchers (and occasionally even seasoned genealogists) and can be mistaken for actual names.

This type of name confusion serves to reinforce the notion that while user-compiled genealogies are a valuable tool in research, you need to examine original records to verify or refute what the compiled records indicate. When possible examine the records for yourself.

Also, when drafting your own family tree be careful in the use of acronyms and abbreviations that might have a clear meaning to you, but might confuse others who find your data and accept it as fact.

While a ROSE by any other name might smell as sweet, as Rhonda can tell us, a LNU, FNU, MNU, or UNK in the family tree might only serve to send your cousins off searching in the wrong trees or bushes.

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The merger of the Wells County Genealogy Society and the Wells County Historical Society was discussed. It was emphasized that each Society will be run independently each having their own name, their own by-laws, and their own bank accounts. The advantage to WCGS will be the WCHS's non-profit status which will cover us with any fund raisers or sales. It also gives us the opportunity to meet at the Historical Museum on a permanent basis. The advantage to WCHS is that some of our members may be interested in joining their Society, and the added exposure to the public.

A basic genealogy program will be presented by WCGS for the Bluffton Public Library. The topics covered will be:

- (1) getting started with family tree charts with Kathy Davis & Nellie Sleppy
- (2) documentation with Connie Brubaker
- (3) records (birth, death, marriage, and cemetery) with Cami Mount

The program will be presented Saturday, March 18, 2006, from 1:00 to 3:00.

The next meeting will be March 18 at 10:00 at the Historical Museum with lunch to follow. Members are asked to bring their own table service, drink, and a filled covered dish. The officers will supply the main dish.

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:15. A tour of the museum was enjoyed by the members.

Submitted by Lynn Elliott

Membership Form

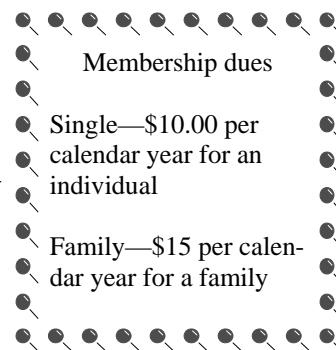
Name: _____

Address _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Surname(s) Researching: _____



WCGS ITEMS FOR SALE

	Members		Non-Members		Quantity	Total Amt.
	Book	Shipping	Book	Shipping		
Early Settlers of Blackford and Wells Counties (Book)	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$45.00	\$5.00		\$
Wells County Will Book (index of wills)	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$5.00		\$
Both books	\$55.00	\$6.00	\$65.00	\$6.00		\$
Poneto Newspapers on CD (16 issues from 1901-02)	\$ 5.00	\$1.00	\$ 6.00	\$1.00		\$
BWGS Membership--\$10.00 individual/\$15.00 family	(Circle one) Individual or family					\$
Total Amt. Enclosed						\$

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