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# Wells County Tracer

## Old Rock Creek/Old/Crum Cemetery WCGS Cemetery Workshop

June 24, 2006

WCGS presented a cemetery workshop with Mark Davis and Helen Wildermuth pioneer cemetery restoration specialists.

The program opened with introductions and explanations of what the group would be doing during the workshop. Mr. Davis explained the differences in types of stone used for gravestones and a little about the carvings of the inscriptions. Helen presented a slide show of work she and Mark have done the past two years. Also do's and don'ts of restoring a cemetery and the gravestones.

"Time has taken a great toll on the pioneer cemeteries over the last 150 years" Helen explained. The lack of



Group photo... See also pgs. 3 & 7 (Continued on page 11)

## All I know about the "Old Rock Creek/Old/Crum" Cemetery

The records at the courthouse show that in 1833 Jacob Farling transferred (I don't know if this means he sold or gave the land) one acre of land to John Crum for a school building. (I later learned that Farling's daughter was married to John Crum, I don't know if that was before the land transfer or after.) Since this was before the organization of the schools in Wells County there are no records of this school. The up side is that the school was moved sometime in the 50's to the farm east of its original location. The building was altered and used to dry seed corn for Bayless Seeds. The farm was sold and with some remodeling the building was restored and turned into a small quilt shop. The business is called appropriately "The One Room School".

In about 1852 a group of citizens decided to start a church in that area and they first met in the old school house. I can find no evidence in regards to what happened to the school, if it was in use at the time of the church's need to use it. No records show the teacher or students names. Apparently at some point they began to do burials on the acre next to the school. The first record found of a burial was in 1846. The acre of land in later re-

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## President's Corner

Summer is here at last...though not as hot as we have had but it's still summer..enjoy!!!

Our Cemetery Workshop was a smashing success, well maybe smashing is not quite the right word. But a success it sure was.

Good people good work and good feelings when we left the cemetery.

Plans to return and finish the job will be made at our July meeting. We could spend hours, days and weeks clearing brush and re-setting stones. We discovered several additions to the cemetery index which made the whole day worth while. The rest of the story is located later in this newsletter.

Have a great summer and plan on being at the next meeting to see pictures and hear the stories of the day in the cemetery.

Connie



**10 THINGS MY DESCENDANTS WILL HAVE WANTED ME TO KNOW:**

10. That future generations would count so heavily on census reporting to be factual
9. That handwritten diaries handed down to stable generation descendants are a godsend to historians, even as 'mundane' things as their daily life activities
8. That when pictures were taken, making sure that they were labeled on the back more than 'Sue's baby dau'
7. That there was the importance of saving letters that contained info about the family they received from others.
6. Giving family history including those letters and diaries and pictures to the real caretakers of the family who cared about the family history and family history preservation.
5. The importance of continuing the yearly family reunions, even if a few attended
4. The godsend of writing down the migrations of the history that I knew it to be. From where to where, who and why...
3. The importance of writing down copies of the Bible Records notations and passing it along to many members of the family including connecting ones in whatever way, in case of fire, flood, or stupid direct descendants who would pitch the valuable info.
2. The godsend of writing down their own family history and diagrams the way they knew it to be including who fought in what war, and whether or not the family was cousins with whatever famous person [and perhaps how, if they were!] And while we're at it, making the notations of how the name was spelled.
1. To NEVER NEVER NEVER name a son or dau, the same as in the past if more than 2 times it already appears in the same generation, found in the same county, and state.

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cords (and current) was called the "St. Paul's Cemetery". The St. Paul's Lutheran church was built in 1855 and has a very nice cemetery surrounding the north and west side of the church. Current members say that the "Old Cemetery" does not belong to the church nor is it under its care. The "Old Cemetery" as it is simply called by area residents, has not been used as a burial ground since the mid 1940's.

There are 86 recorded burials, in the Old Cemetery, Samuel Zimmerman, a Civil War veteran can be found there with his wife Mary. I'm sure there are stones that have been buried under ground, that have not been found.

This old cemetery has a lovely iron fence surrounding the Miller family plot.

I hope this helps you understand more about the "Old/Rock Creek/Crum Cemetery".

*Submitted by Connie Brubaker*

A long time ago I was telling my 10-year-old son about genealogy and showing him some of the obituaries of folks from our family. One entry said John King died of consumption.

My son gasped and said, "You mean somebody ate him?"

Thanks to: Chuck King in Albers, Illinois — Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 4 January 2006, Vol. 9, No. 1.

## Minutes of the May Meeting

The May meeting opened with Connie Brubaker, President, presiding. The following nine members were present: Cami Mount, Connie Brubaker, Mickey Jones, Lynn Elliott, Avon Crismore, Patricia Dyson, Nellie Sleppy, Joan Gavilanez, Chris Williams, and two guests, Jerry Oswalt and Craig Leonard.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as corrected. Treasurer Mickey Jones submitted her report giving an ending balance of \$1,014.90. Correspondence was read and a request for research was returned due to lack of information.

Cami ask if anyone has access to a Microfilm/Microfish Reader-Copier.

The copier is needed to complete the current Deed Project.

Our Library needs volunteers to help with data entry for the family histories. A request to the Indiana Genealogical Society for a grant was turned down.

It was reported that our library is in need of sleeves for preserving obituaries.

A letter will be sent to the membership requesting support and participation in the upcoming Cemetery Workshop. A list of Cemetery information will be included with the announcement..

The Wells County Historical Museum is currently open on Wednesdays and Sundays from noon until 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering to be a host should contact Connie Brubaker at 260-543-2423 or

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### Society related events

*July 15—Meeting*

*September 16—Meeting*

*November 18—Meeting*

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## Death & Credit Cards

A lady died this past January, and Citibank billed her for February and March for their annual service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance had been \$0.00, now is somewhere around \$60.00.

*A family member placed a call to Citibank:*

**Family Member:** "I am calling to tell you that she died in January."

**Citibank:** "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply."

**Family Member:** "Maybe, you should turn it over to collections."

**Citibank:** "Since it is two months past due, it already has been."

**Family Member:** So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?"

**Citibank:** "Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!"

**Family Member:** "Do you think God will be mad at her?"

**Citibank:** "Excuse me?"

**Family Member:** "Did you just get what I was telling you . . . the part about her being dead?"

**Citibank:** "Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor."  
*Supervisor gets on the phone:*

**Family Member:** "I'm calling to tell you, she died in January."

**Citibank:** "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply."

**Family Member:** "You mean you want to collect from her estate?"

**Citibank:** (Stammering) "Are you her lawyer?"

**Family Member:** "No, I'm her great nephew." (*Lawyer info given*)

**Citibank:** "Could you fax us a certificate of death?"

**Family Member:** "Sure." (*Fax number is given*)

*After they get the fax:*

**Citibank:** "Our system just isn't setup for death. I don't know what more I can do to help."

**Family Member:** "Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care."

**Citibank:** "Well, the late fees and charges do still apply."

**Family Member:** "Would you like her new billing address?"

**Citibank:** "That might help."

**Family Member:** "Odesa Memorial Cemetery, Highway 129, Plot Number 69."

**Citibank:** "Sir, that's a cemetery!"

**Family Member:** "What do you do with dead people on your planet?"

A pack rat is hard to live with but makes a fine ancestor.



**At right: Helen Wildermuth & Mark Davis demonstrate how to reset a marker.**

## Conquering the Wild LNUS

By Janet Nelson

Your article about using LMU, MNU, NMI, etc. when a name is unknown did not go far enough. A couple years ago you ran an article about replacing such acronyms with [--?--]. [Editor's note: See "In Search of the Wild LNUs" <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/review/20030827.txt/>]

Made sense to me, so I made a week-long project of going through my two FamilyTree Maker data bases and putting in [--?--] wherever a first name, maiden name or last name was unknown. So I have things like Mary Smith married [--?--] Jones abt 1857 or Mary Smith married Roy [--?--]. It is amazing how many relatives can give the first name of someone who married into the family, but not the last. Later, when I find the marriage record or death record, it is easy to correct with the proper name.

Of course, my FamilyTree Maker software had a fit, but I soon got used to its queries about the symbol and continued merrily along. It is great. Instead of Unknowns or \_\_\_\_\_ and various acronyms, anyone can look at a page and see what is unknown easily by the [--?--] and finding them in the index is not a guessing game as to what acronym was used on that one.

It is a wonderful help when working out families off the censuses before 1850 as I can enter each child as [--?--] Smith, M, born Betw 1810-1820 and where or [--?--] Smith, F, born Betw 1810-1820 and where.

When there are two or more of the same sex for the same time period the software will query me, "Is [--?--] Smith, M b. between 1810-1820 the same as [--?--] Smith, M b. between 1810-1820? I simply click "No" and both are placed on the family group sheet. Eventually many are replaced by names, but the others remain in the tree to be found by other genealogists or by queries from other researchers who have the family history of the missing [--?--] Smith.

I can't recommend your suggested system highly enough. It took me a week to go through more than 15,000 entries in my database, making the change, but it was well worth it.

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## Family Group Sheet

**Husband: Theodore Oman Hunt**

Born: September 15, 1884 in: Wells Co., IN, Usa  
 Married: November 08, 1911 in: Wells Co., IN, Usa  
 Died: April 01, 1961 in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN, Usa  
 Father: Alexander Smith Hunt  
 Mother: Rachel Ogle Triplett

**Wife: Eva Myrtle Bowman**

Born: August 07, 1889 in: Tocsin, Wells Co., IN, Usa  
 Died: August 14, 1966 in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN, Usa  
 Father: John Adam Bowman  
 Mother: Eliza Jane Archbold

**CHILDREN**

1 F	Name: Berneice Elizabeth Hunt Born: September 17, 1912 Died: June 05, 1977 Married: March 18, 1944 Spouse: Paul E Frantz	in: Wells Co., IN, Usa in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN, Usa in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN, Usa
2 M	Name: Loren Wilmer Hunt Born: September 17, 1915 Died: July 17, 1995 Married: July 03, 1942 Spouse: Oleta Paddock	in: Tocsin, Wells Co., IN, Usa in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN, Usa in: Bryan, Williams Co., OH, Usa
3 M	Name: Leon Jay Hunt Born: December 01, 1919 Died: April 13, 1980 Married: June 30, 1941 Spouse: Madge Katarina Cole	in: IN, Usa in: St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, OH in: Columbus, Bartholemew Co., IN
4 M	Name: Harold Wayne Hunt Born: July 26, 1922 Died: September 23, 1989 Married: October 12, 1943 Spouse: Dorothy Frances Watrous	in: Decatur, Adams Co., IN, Usa in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN, Usa in: El Paso, TX, Usa
5 M	Name: Gaylord Vernell Hunt Born: February 23, 1925 Married: July 14, 1948 Spouse: Virginia Mae Latshaw	in: Fort Wayne, Allen Co., IN, Usa in: Martinsburg, Blair Co., PA, Usa
6 F	Name: Roberta Olene Hunt Born: September 02, 1927 Married: July 11, 1952 Spouse: Roger Joseph Lockwood	in: Lancaster Twp., Wells Co., IN, Usa in: Waynedale, Allen Co., IN, Usa

**Ancestral & Family Sheets**

This month sheets begin with more of those sent in by Dorothy Manning. They will be found on pages 4-6. Dorothy can be reached at 416 W. Central Ave., Bluffton, IN 46714 or kenrman@adamswells.com.

Next we start with a Family Group Sheet from Keith Hudson. We have several sheets from Keith and they will be run over the next few newsletters. If you would like to contact Keith, you may reach him at 6647 Coon Hill Rd., Munith, MI 49259.

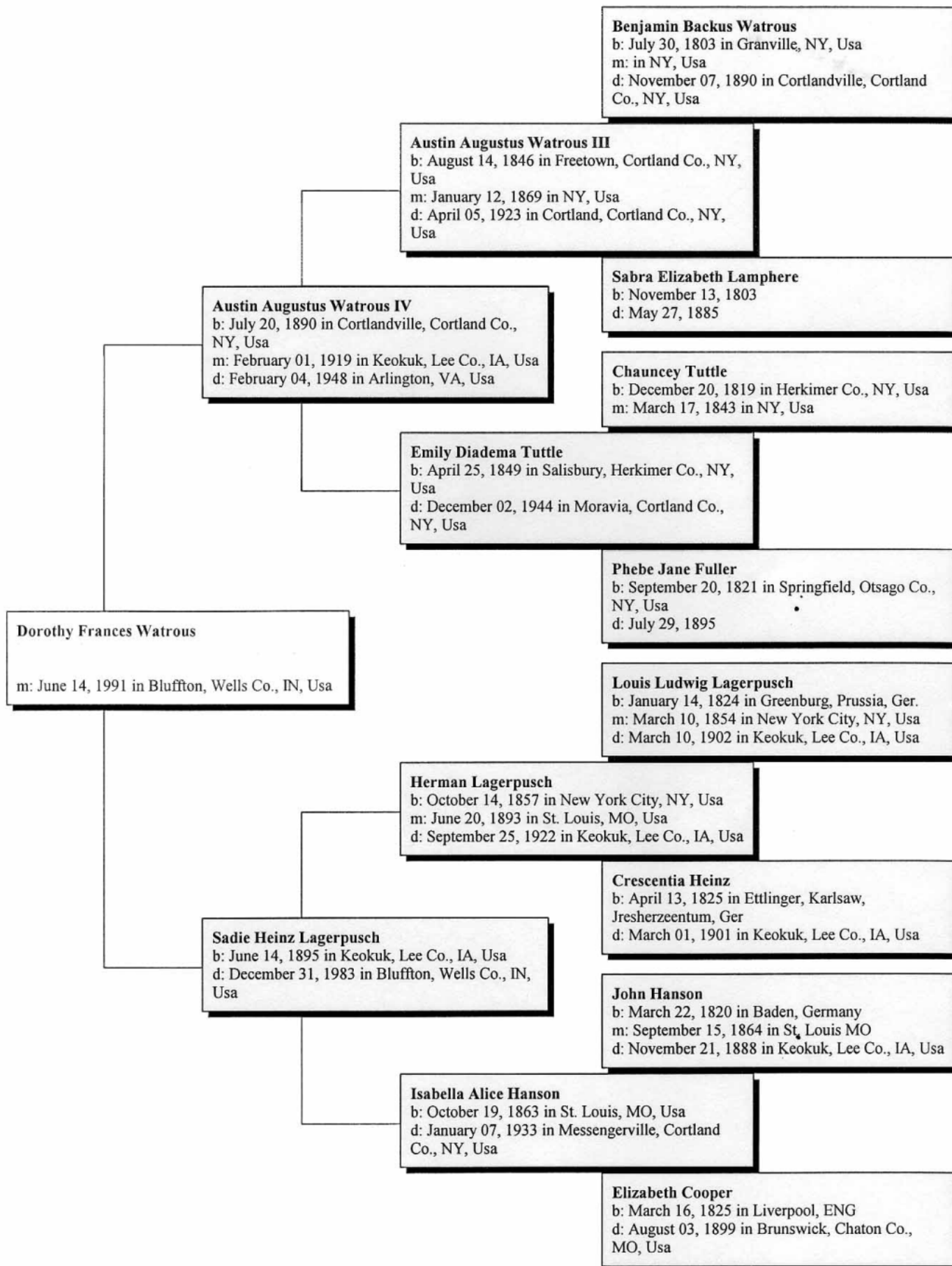
Send your family group sheets and ancestral charts to Connie Brubaker (7077N 100W, Uniondale, IN 46791) or Linda Thomas (5391N 400W, Markle, IN 46770).. Please let us know if you do not wish them published in the newsletter.

**HOW MUCH IS THAT?** What was the value of a U.S. dollar in 1895? Worth of the UK pound from 1830 to 2004? Genealogists will have fun playing with the "Relative Value" options available here. For example, if great-great-grandpa's U.S. estate was worth \$300 in 1832, what is it worth in 2003 dollars (the most recent year available)?

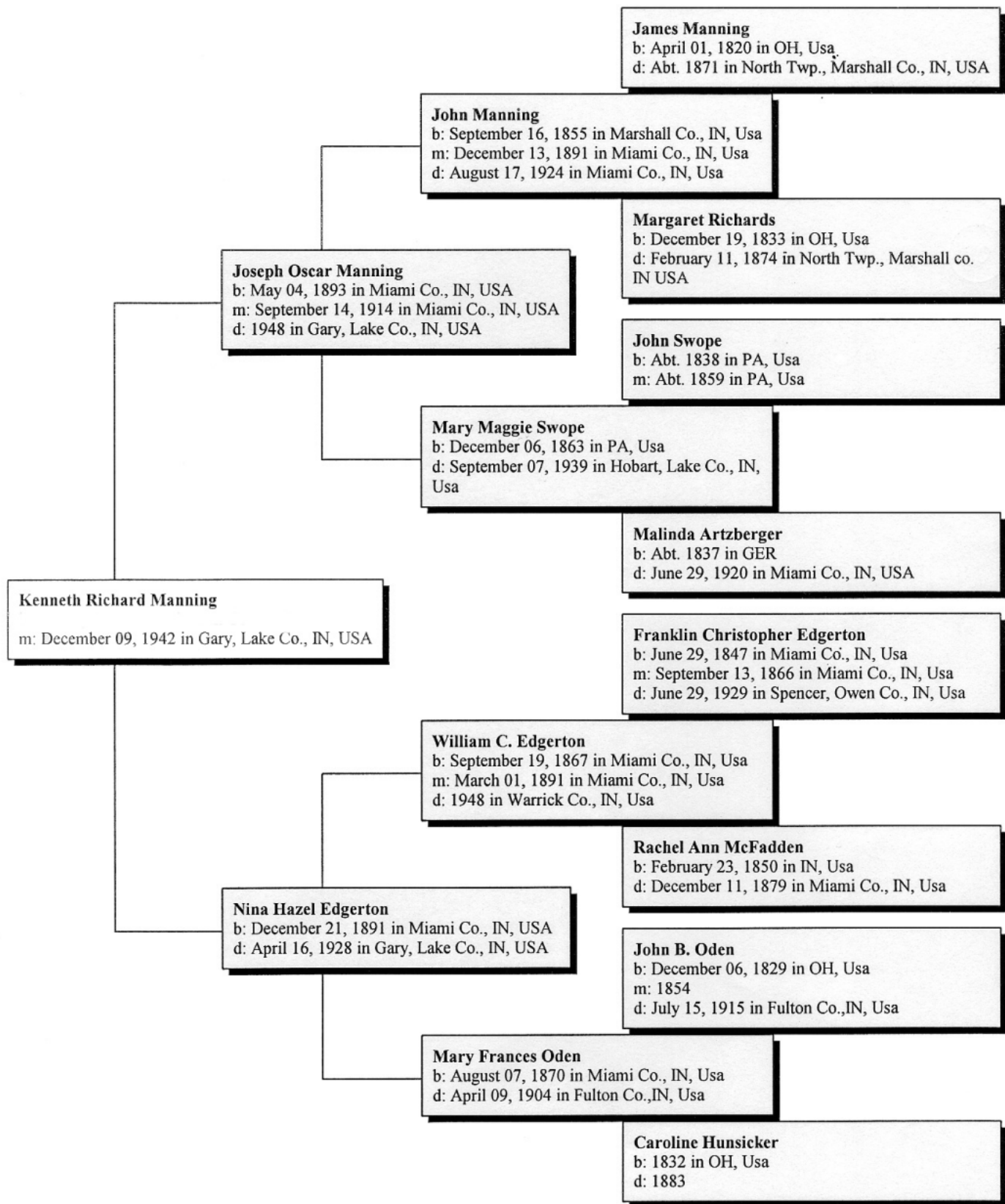
Answer: In 2003, \$300 from 1832 is worth:  
 \$6,409.63 using the Consumer Price Index  
 \$6,672.88 using the GDP deflator  
 \$67,354.24 using the unskilled wage  
 \$124,932.02 using the GDP per capita  
 \$3,316,130.48 using the relative share of GDP  
<http://www.eh.net/hmit/>

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*Ancestors of Dorothy Frances Watrous*

*Ancestors of Kenneth Richard Manning*



From the Montpelier News we learn of the death of Dr. William T. Shull, which sad event occurred on the 17th inst. The deceased was an old and well-known citizen of Montpelier where he was highly esteemed. He practiced medicine nearly thirty years and served three terms in the legislature. Since 1872 he engaged in the drug business. *The Warren News*, Friday, January 31, 1890

## Family Group Sheet

<b>Husband: Eli Arnold</b>	
Born: June 12, 1829	in: Stark Co., Ohio
Married: March 22, 1853	in: Wells Co., Indiana
Died: September 29, 1927	in: Huntington, Huntington Co., Indiana
Father: Samuel B. Arnold	
Mother: Mary Phillips	
Other Spouses: Lurinda Hart	
<b>Wife: Hannah Maria Nixon</b>	
Born: November 16, 1829	in: Ohio
Died: December 30, 1874	in: Indiana
<b>CHILDREN</b>	
1 M	Name: Samuel Erastus Arnold Born: January 1854 Died: December 04, 1920 Married: April 12, 1872 Spouse: Melinda Slater in: Indiana in: Blackford Co., Indiana
2 F	Name: Alice L. Arnold Born: July 06, 1855 Died: Bef. 1865
3 M	Name: William Nixon Arnold Born: April 23, 1857 Died: November 28, 1936 Married: March 28, 1884 Spouse: Susan Clarinda Moffett Married: February 01, 1912 Spouse: Martha Blanch Frances in: Wells Co., Indiana in: Jackson, Jackson Co., Michigan in: Wells Co., Indiana in: Huntington, Huntington Co., Indiana
4 F	Name: Melissa E. Arnold Born: August 09, 1858 Died: Bef. 1868
5 M	Name: Thomas E. Arnold Born: January 07, 1860 Died: Bef. 1870
6 M	Name: Eli L. Arnold Born: January 17, 1862 Died: Bet. 1927 - 1962 in: Indiana
7 F	Name: Jennie Jeanette Arnold Born 1: September 08, 1867 Born 2: September 08, 1866 Died: May 07, 1969 Married: November 21, 1890 Spouse: Frank E. Phillips in: Indiana in: Jetmore, Hodgeman Co., Kansas in: Kansas city, Jackson Co., Missouri
8 M	Name: Schuyler C. Arnold Born: September 05, 1869 Died: July 13, 1947 Married: Abt. 1900 Spouse: Grace in: Indiana in: Dodge City, Kansas
9 M	Name: Infant Arnold Born: December 24, 1874 Died: December 24, 1874 in: Indiana in: Indiana

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cbrubaker@onlyinternet.com.

GenFest will be June 17 at Anderson, Indiana.

Motion by Nellie Sleppy to adjourn was made with second from Pat Dyson.

A program on Wells County Cemeteries was presented by President, Connie Brubaker. The current condition of some of the cemeteries was discussed. It was decided to ask the media to participate in the upcoming workshop presented by Mark Davis on June 24, 2006.

*Submitted by Lynn Elliott*

**View of re-erected obelisk-style monument at the end of the Cemetery Workshop which took place on June 24, 2006**

**Question listed on the Wells County Roots Web email list:**

Was Jamestown a settlement in Rock Creek Township? I have it listed as a location in the 1840 census for James Brown.

*(I found this to be an interesting question. I looked through the Wells Co. books I have and couldn't find an answer. Does anybody know the answer? If so, check out the Roots Web Wells Co. Message Board where you can answer or let me know. Ed.)*

## YE OLDEN TIMES

A monthly addition to **your** genealogy society newsletter. Edited & typed by Linda V. Thomas. We continue on with excerpts from *The People's Press* of 1857. One thing that I notice is that there were a LOT of advertisements. I did not plan to include so many, but they sold such different items or services than what is sold today that I included many of them in their entirety because I found them so interesting. If they were repetitive of others from other papers that I have covered, I only listed that they were mentioned.

Another item of note: there were some misspellings, or perhaps just different spellings from what we see today. I am copying them exactly as they are in the newspapers, so if you see a misspelling, it is because it was there in the original paper.

James Green. } Complaint  
vs. } in  
J. M. Mercer. } Attachment

On the 18th day of April, 1857, upon the affidavit of said Green, I issued a writ of effects of said Mercer, which writ has been returned—no property found in the County to Attach. I will on the 30th day of June, 1857, at my office in Notingham Township, Wells Co., Indiana, at one o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to hear and decide upon said Attachment. John Alberson, Theadore Taylor and William Crispan have been summoned as guarnishees, in said case.—Signed this the third of June, 1857.

DAVID V. CANADA. Justice  
[Seal]

## WANTED!!

Wool, Butter, Black Salts, Ginseng, Leather, Green & Dry Hides.

For all of which we are paying Cash or Goods Cheap for Cash.

GEORGE ARNOLD & Co.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Public are hereby notified that on Saturday evening, Dec. 13th, 1856, in Wells Co., State of Indiana

between the Bluffton Bridge and Murray, I lost a Pocket Book containing among other valuables, a Land Warrant, No. 45, 749, for 160 acres—issued under act of March 31, 1853, in the name of Joshua Krewson. That I have entered a caveat in the General Land Office bearing date the 5th day of June, 1857, to prevent the issuing of a patent for said warrant and that I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Pensions for a duplicate of said warrant about the first of August next.

JOSHUA KREWSON

NOTICE Is hereby given that I have this day, taken out letters of Administration on the estate of Joshua Holmes late of Wells county, deceased. The estate is solvent

LEMUEL L. HOLMES.

Rhoda Bryant.

vs.

Margaret Rowe, Nathaniel Rowe, Nancy Compton, Thomas Compton, Mary M'Coy, John M'Coy, Delila A. Auter, Emeline Bryant, *Etal.*

In the Wells Circuit Court, August Term, A D 1857. Petition for Partition and assignment of Dower.

Margaret Rowe, Nathaniel Rowe, Nancy Compton, Thomas Compton, Mary M'Coy, John M'Coy, Delila A. Auter, and Emeline Bryant, heirs at law of George Bryant, late of Fayette County, Ohio deceased; will take notice that on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1857 a Petition was filed against them by Rhoda Bryant, widow of said deceased, in the Wells Circuit Court, of Wells County State of Indiana, where the same is now pending, demanding assignment of Dower estate and partition of the following lands and tenements situate in the County of Wells State of Indiana, and described as follows to wit: Section twenty-six, township twenty-six, Range twelve East; also the south west quarter of section four township twenty-six, range twelve east, containing in all eight hundred acres of land according to government survey. Said land having decended by the death of said George Bryant, late of Fayette County State of Ohio, deceased to the Petitioner, his widow and defendants children of said decedent and unless said defen-

dants appear, plead, answer or demur, the same will be taken or confessed and at the next term of said court to be holden at the Court House in said county of Wells state of Indiana, commencing on the first Monday being the 4th day of August A. D. 1857; an application will be made by the Petitioner for a decree of court assigning and to set off one third part of said lands in Dower estate to Petitioner as heir aforesaid and that partition may be made of said lands according to the respective rights of the parties and for such other and further relief as law and equity may authorize.

RHODA BRYANT.

By M. Jenkinson & John L. Wilson, her Attorneys.

## OH! FOR KANSAS

If you want a new Wagon, call on the subscriber on Market Street, five squares West of the

**COURT HOUSE.**  
M. KARNs.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned as the administrator of the estate of Absolom Brandon, deceased, will in obedience to an order of the Court of Common Pleas at Wells County, made at the April term thereof 1857, sell at Public Auction on the premises on the Salamonie River one mile below the town of Montpelier, on the 12th day of June 1857, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. of said day, the following described real estate to wit:

The undivided one half, of the South East part of Lot No. 3, in Section 33, Township 25, Range 11 East; containing ten acres more or less situate in said Wells County State of Indiana, also the undivided one half of ten acres out of the North West corner of the North East quarter of Section 4, in Township 24, of Range 11 East situate in Blackford County, State aforesaid—on the following terms to-wit—one half of the purchase money in hand, one third in six, and the remaining one third in twelve months from the day of sale; the deferred payments to be se-



cured by notes with security and mortgage on the premises, both waiving valuation and appraisal laws of the State of Indiana.

JAMES WRIGHT, Adm'r.

E. R. WILSON, Att'y for estate.

## WAGONS FOR SALE!

The undersigned has two two horse Wagons for sale: one iron axle-tree and one wood axle made of good material, and iron upon honor.—I will warrant them for twelve months by fair play.

Also if you want a wagon get up to order give me a call.

C. W. BEARDSLY

## NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION!

The co-partnership heretofore existing between John Studabaker and Peter Studabaker, under the firm name of J. & P. Studabaker, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

John Studabaker is authorized to settle all accounts of the late firm, and will pay all demands

JOHN STUDABAKER.

PETER STUDABAKER.

## L. S. MARSH, Fashionable Tailor.

SHOP—Over Arnold & Co's. Dry Goods Store, where he may at all times be found ready to attend to all who may favor him with their

## Patronage

He respectfully solicits his old friends and customers to give him a call. Cutting done on the shortest notice, and in the latest style, and warranted to fit.

L. S. MARSH

## TO THE LADIES.

Dresses made in accordance with the latest fashions. As Luse (?) Fowless Model measurement system and fancy, I can please all who may favor me with a call.

## FAMILY SEWING

of all kinds done. Prices liberal.

SARAH M. ZEHRING.

## Notice to Builders.

At a meeting of the Board of school Trustees for the Corporation of Bluffton, it was ordered that sealed

proposals would be received up to June 12th, 1857, for building a school house on the lot purchased for that purpose, in the south-east part of the town.

For specifications, call at the office of John Studabaker.

S. CHURCH, Clerk

## J L Humphrey's TIN - SHOP.

**I** WOULD respectfully call the attention of the citizens of Wells County to the fact that I have lately commenced the above business by(?) town of Bluffton, and am now prepared to manufacture all kinds of Tin Ware, such as Coffee Pots, Tin Cups, Milk Pans, Wash Basins, Boilers, Dippers and everything imaginable in that line of business, all which I will sell

## CHEAPER

Than can be purchased in any other establishment in the county. All kinds of

## JOB WORK

Done to order and neatly executed. Give me a call and examine my stock.

J. L. HUMPHREY.

SHOP on Main Street, south of the Central Hotel.

## A CARD

**W**e take the opportunity of saying to our customers and the public that we now have in stor one of the largest and best assorted

## DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES,

Ever offered by us in this market. Our facilities for buying in the Eastern Markets are unsurpassed in any other house in the State. On of our firm, JONAS W. TOWNLEY, devotes his time to the purchase of Goods in the New York, Boston and Philadelphia Market which enables us, instead of purchasing and receiving all our Goods at one time, to have New Goods arrive

ALMOST EVERY DAY!

We have this spring, received over seven hundred packages of goods, and more are on the way. Our assortment will be found complete in every department and we invite the attention of *Merchants in town or coun-*

*try, farmers and mechanics and the public in general,* to give us a call, and we assure them our aim will be to give them goods in ourline, at

## Wholesale or retail

As cheap as they can be afforded in this market

ONE PRICE AND NO ABATEMENT.

J. W. TOWNLEY & CO

## NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between Henry Prillaman & R. S. Karns, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All persons indebted to Prillaman & Karns will please call and settle either by Cash or Note, as Mr. Karns is anxious to leave this place for the West, and cannot do so until the business of the firm is settled.

We would respectfully invite the attention of our old customers to the advertisement of H. Prillaman.

PRILLAMAN & KARNs.

## SHINGLES AND LATH.

**W**E CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC TO the fact that we have on hand a splendid stock of **Shingles and Lath**, just such ones as we exhibited at the county Fair and which took a premium. We ask all who are in want of such articles to give us a call as we feel confident that we can suit them both in price and quality.

NATHANEL DeHAVEN.

TERMS.—

When timber is brought in log 1,50 per 1000

Timber sawed and bolted 1,00 " "

Shingles, 2,25 " "

**The People's Press**, June 11, 1857, p. 3

The exhibition of the Young Ladies' Literary Union came off last evening, and as usual, drew a crowded house. The exercises were opened by prayer by Rev. Mr. Payton, and consisted of the "President's Message," by the President, Miss E. Riddile (*illegible words*) many useful suggestions—non-committal in politics, of course.

"The Evils of Intemperance," by Miss J. M. Brown,

"Tobacco," by Miss Kate Keely,

"Public Opinion," by Miss S. Wilson, Reading from the "Chip Basket,"

by Miss L. Townsend, afforded a good deal of amusement. Several capital hits were made. One referring to loafers standing about the corners and public places on Sabbath days sometimes to the annoyance of passers by, was a good one.

We were not aware before that fish of such extraordinary size existed in the Wabash. Perhaps some unlucky land lobster about town could throw a little light on that fish story.

The Young Ladies all seemed to handle their subjects with much ability. Of course Tobacco, Whiskey and gaming houses got particular thunder. The address of Mr. H. D. Riddile, on the "Pleasures and Duties of the Student," was a nice affair. The remark that he had been elected President, however, was a surprise upon the audience, as all conceded that honor to Miss Riddile at the beginning of the exercises. The farce of "Hob and Nob" was performed by Messrs. Freeman, Bulger and Wisner, to the no small delight of the audience. At a late hour the Benediction was pronounced, and the crowd left in good order and in good humor.

**The People's Press**, June 5, 1858, p. 2

### T O R E N T .

THE Subscriber has two excellent farms to rent—one in the South-east part fo Harrison township, known as the Brown farm, and the other is aobut ten miles north of Bluffton, near the town of Ossian.

TERMS—Very advantageous.  
J. N. REYNOLDS.

### CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned have entered into Co-Partnership, in Mercantile business, under the firm of

S. HEILBRONER & BRO.  
SAML HEILBRONER, SEIGMOND HEILBRONER

### NEW FIRM

**SAMUEL HEILBRONNER,**  
HAVING purchased the entire stock of A Heilbronner, is now receiving direct from the eastern cities large additions thereto, of New and beautiful  
**Spring Goods,**

Bought with especial care to the wants of the Farmer, the Mechanic and the laboring men of this county, with a rich assortment of the fine and fancy, that will gratify the taste of the most fastidious. In our stock will be found English, French and American Broad Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings as fine as silk, thick as a board and strong as leather.

Call and examine the great curiosity. We have paid due regard to the wants of

### THE LADIES,

Who are especially solicited to call and examine our Rare Assortment of Magnificent Rich Silk Mantillas city made and fine DRESS GOODS of all the latest styles; with colors so bright and names so long and crooked as to baffle the skill of Printers in trying to set them in type. Our assortment of Spring style, hats, Bonnets, Boots and Slippers for Men Maids and Misses, is most complete, as also our stock of

- Shirting and Sheetings,
- Summer ware and Tickings,
- Delains and Prints,
- Lawns and Chintz,
- Ginghams and Check,
- By the yard or the Peck,

At the lowest cash price, as our motto is a winged sixpence in preference to a promised shilling.

### Our department of READY MADE CLOTHING

Is most complete, with a practical tailor always on hand to serve those who prefer home made work; also on hand a heavy stock of Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Salt Cotton Yarn, & c. Don't forget the place, but call at Heilbronner's old stand, where the highest prices will at all times be paid for all kinds of

COUNTRY PRODUCE,  
And great bargains given in goods and no mistake.

SAMUEL HEILBRONNER.

**Marble Works, Tombstones, Table Tops & c.— E. F. Wood Dealers in Hardware, Iron, Nails, Stoves; manufacturers of tin & sheet-iron ware; Also, their assortment of WAGONS...** (Ed. note: and much more)—Horton & Cook  
PAINTING.

THE Public are hereby informed that the undersigned will devote his attention this season to

### HOUSE PAINTING,

Those having work to be done in this line, will do well to give him a call, as he flatters himself that he can give entires satisfaction, both as regards the work and prices.

T. BODEN.

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**Attorney & Counselor at Law—**Newton Burwell, Office in Clerk's office

**Sole Agent for Dr. H. James' Extract of Cannabis Indica (Alcoholic preparation from the leaves imported from Caluctta) —**Henry Prillaman

**Blacksmith, including shoeing horses & repairing —**J. Shoemaker, on Market street, one square west of Main, in Brown's old stand.

**Dry Goods, ready made clothing, boots & shoes, family groceries, &c.—**

S. & S. Heilbronner, the Store Rooms formerly occupied by Bennett & Deam.

**Attorneys & Counselors at Law—**J. N. Reynolds & L. M. Ninde, Office in room formerly occupied by J. P. Greer

**Grocery & Bakery—**James H. Ridgely, "right opposite John Studabaker, s Exchange Office in Bluffton"

**Chairs of all descriptions, House and Sign Painting—**Samuel Moore

### NOTICE

IS hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Mathew R. Allen, late of Wells Count, deceased. Said estate is supposed to be insolvent.

REBECCA R. ALLEN, Admr'x

"WAIT FOR THE WAGON"

18  58

J. E. CUTTER

RESPECTFULLY informs the public, especially of Weels County, that he is prepared to execute all orders with neatness and dispatch, in a good and substantial manner. He is now ready to get up any kind of a Vehicle on short notice, from a splendid Carriage

down to a Wheelborrow,

Repairing of all kinds promptly done on reasonable

### TERMS.

If you don't believe it, call for any article in my line and satisfy yourselves. Shop on Market street, one square west of Main.

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My wife's DAR chapter invited a local official to speak a while back. He opened his remarks by telling them that his little boy was curious about his preparations for the talk. His son asked him what he was doing.

"I'm writing some notes for a speech I am to give to the Daughters of the American Revolution," he replied.

"Gosh," the boy said. "I thought they were all dead!"

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money during the depression years meant many cemeteries were let go into disrepair. A typical pioneer cemetery has many leaning stones. Usually the stone will tip into the grave because of the settling of the soil over the grave site. Mother nature never stops working in a cemetery, with wind, rain, snow, fallen leaves and other growth causing a lot of damage to gravestones that are neglected.

Vandalism appears every year. Mowers do most of the damage with fast equipment and careless drivers. Most mowing companies are paid by the job not by the hour, so speed is the name of the game. Marble is a soft stone and cannot take being hit by a mower.

In the 1960's, rampant use of concrete achieved what Mother Nature could not accomplish alone. Stones should never be set in wet concrete. The concrete is not forgiving and when a gravestone is set in concrete it will, in a few short years, break or be broken off at the area where it enters the concrete. Replacement concrete slotted bases that many used for tablet stones when the original slotted base is broken are now beyond repair.

Other enemies of the gravestone is liquid nail, hardware epoxy, adhesives, vinyl concrete, bleach, weed killers (such as Round-up), metal straps, fence posts, screws or bolts.

Never sandblast a gravestone, the pressure will blow holes in the stone.

Davis recommends the use of water and ammonia and plastic or vinyl brushes to clean the lichens and dirt off the gravestones. Wildermuth recommends the use of soft shearing mortars made of white Portland cement and hydrated lime. Do not use gray masonry mortars and never repair broken stones with concrete.

Why repair gravestones in a pioneer cemetery? For safety issues, a stone weighs hundreds to thousands of pounds and if they should fall it could injure a person severely. Pioneer Cemeteries have valuable historical resources. Information gleaned from a pioneer cemetery includes, the history of epidemics, family illnesses, family members, place of birth, etc. Data lost through neglect can never be regained. Another reason to restore a pioneer cemetery is that it's the right thing to do and all of our ancestors deserve to be treated with dignity and the respect of a clean cemetery.

State code # 23-14-68 states the township Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of cemeteries specified as A) without funds for maintenance, was in existence on Feb. 28, 1934, is operated by a non-profit organization or is not managed by any viable organization. B) This chapter does not apply to a cemetery located on land on which property taxes are assessed and paid under IC6-1,1-4.

Duties of a Township Trustee in regards to care of a cemetery that qualifies above: #1 resetting and straightening all monuments; #2 leveling and seeding ground; #3 Constructing fences where there are none and repairing existing fences; #4 Destroying and cleaning up detrimental plants, notorious weeds and rank vegetation.

Davis says education is the key to preserving pioneer cemeteries. The need for how to restore the pioneer cemeteries in Wells County was the purpose of the workshop.

Wildermuth recommended planting Crape Myrtle around the base of the gravestones to help keep the weeds down. Crape Myrtle can also be maintained easily.

Davis also reminded us that Veterans deserve a straight stone and a flag. Its a very small payback. Some of them gave their life for our country so why can't we find a way to keep their gravesite in a reasonable condition? They gave their today for our tomorrow. The VA will give replacement stones at no cost for veterans whose stone is missing or broken.

In addition to the 5 stones that we were able to re-set we uncovered 6 inscription that had not been read in the earlier inscription reading project, and removed a pile of brush about 15 feet across and 10 feet high, from only a small portion of the back part of the cemetery that is not being mowed because of the brush and neglect of those who have mowed in the last 5-6 years.

One of the many stones that needs repaired is a stone with a base about 4x8 and 3-4 feet thick that has tipped into the grave and the second piece of the base (slightly smaller) has slid to the side and carefully dumped the top part of the stone on the ground. It has a two pillars, each pillar has a cap on it and the top is an arched piece reaching across both pillars. So there are about 7 pieces to this monument. Davis said it would cost \$800-\$1000 and 2-3 days for him to reset this stone. This is only one of the thirty stones that needs reset.

This workshop was attended by 17 WCGS members, friends and families. All attendees remained until late afternoon cleaning and restoring the "Old Rock Creek" Cemetery.

If you are interested in helping complete this project at the "Old Rock Creek" cemetery either physically or financially, contact: Connie Brubaker 260-543-2423 or email at [cbrubaker@onlyinternet.net](mailto:cbrubaker@onlyinternet.net). *Submitted by Connie Brubaker*

### Membership Form

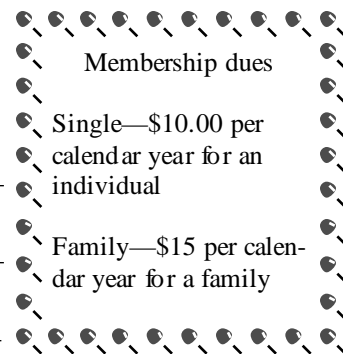
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Surname(s) Researching: \_\_\_\_\_



### WCGS ITEMS FORSALE

	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					\$
<b>Total Amt. Enclosed</b>						\$

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