

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

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- Recent deaths of WCGS members
- Misadventures with Microfilm
- 50 Years Ago in Rockcreek Township
- Ancestral & Family Group Sheets
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# Wells County Tracer

## November WCGS Meeting

We will have a special guest speaker this month who also happens to be one of our members and the secretary of our group, Lynn Elliott. Lynn will be explaining to us what it takes for women to join the organizations listed below. Bring your family tree to get started.

**The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century**

**National Society Daughters of the American Colonists**

**National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**

**National Society United States Daughters of 1812**

**Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc.**

**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865**

## Mt Horeb Lutheran Church History

Mt Horeb Lutheran Church is situated on the banks of the historic Wabash River, 10 miles northwest of Bluffton in Rockcreek township, near the covered bridge.

Rev. H. Wells, traveling missionary of the Synod of Northern Indiana, began a series of meetings in the Haflich schoolhouse [a log structure about 1 mile northeast of the church] on June 9, 1859.

The following Sunday, 14 persons gave their names and requested to be organized into a Lutheran Church. On July 23, a meeting was held in Jacob Haflich's barn [now the Kick Greenwalt barn] at which time the organization was completed, with 19 charter members, William Wert, Samuel Haflich, Jacob Haflich, and Samuel Fate were elected as the first council.

Following the organization, they began to plan for the building of a house of worship. They decided to build on the banks of the river, between the residences of Jacob Haflich, now the Dick Greenwalt farm, and Samuel Haflich, now the Cover home, near the cemetery, a plot having been set aside for burial purposes as early as 1847.

Early in 1860 subscriptions were received for the building of the church. Samuel Haflich deeded a plot of ground to the church council for church and cemetery purposes. A contract was awarded to George Bailey and Isaac Taylor for the building of the house, which was to be "a good frame, finished in good style, 45 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 14 feet be-

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## President's Corner

Looking back over the past year in genealogy it seems we have moved mountains and yet we have only moved only tiny hills.

- We have had our name change made official
- We have taken steps to become a partner with the Wells County Historical Society and we are under their umbrella as a non-profit organization.
- Moved permanently to the Historical Museum for meetings
- We have our name on a list for a Film reader
- Conducted a very successful cemetery workshop
- We have over 1500 names entered in the deed data base and several books nearly completely indexed.
- New materials for the library are coming in monthly
- Connie and Cami attended a workshop for preservation of paper materials
- We lost two members to death

The problem with all of the activities we have had is the fact that the Society is running out of money. The cost of the deed project was being under-written partly by the Allen County Public Library (they made hundreds of copies of the records for us), but now they have stopped and we have had to pay for any copies made. The cemetery workshop was not totally paid for by the number of attendees. (\$200 for Mark and about \$45.00 for the dinner.) We donated \$25 to the Historical Society for use of the museum for one year. And last of all yet our biggest expense is the newsletter. The average cost of the posted newsletters is \$1.39 each times 6 = \$8.34 per year. This only pays for the paper, ink and postage. The editor is not reimbursed for any of her time for typing or for researching the "olden times" information which she gathers from the library. (Please note she is not complaining nor does she want reimbursed for that, I'm just stating facts.)

"Handbooks" are another expense that we could cut cost if we print only members names and addresses, and the Constitution and By-laws be printed only for new members and when changes are made.

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## 50 Years Ago

(in Rockcreek Township)

The township was divided into nine districts two miles each way with a school building in the center of each. Those districts were numbered from one to nine but the school was usually referred to by the name of the land owner from whom the small plot of ground was purchased for school site.

These were practically all one room buildings with a stove in center of room. A little more than 50 years ago this was a box stove for burning wood. In many cases there were twenty some feet of horizontal smoke pipe not far below the high ceiling well up out of the danger zone, a fine arrangement except when it fell down or had to be taken down for cleaning. This task usually fell to the teacher and older pupils. Not a pleasant task but practical educational experience. The teachers in Rockcreek then were nearly all men. Another task for the teacher was carrying load after load of wood sometimes after digging away the snow.

Then came progress. Coal stoves were installed and fewer trips were needed to carry fuel in but more to carry ashes out; a more nearly balanced system.

There is still one of these single room buildings standing, the Haiflich, two miles north of the center of township. Most of the bricks are good and the mortar between the bricks is very good after 82 years with probably little or no repairing so far as the brick walls are concerned.

There were from twenty to forty pupils in most cases although the number varied from school to school and year to year. They often helped with the fuel, sometimes over doing it.

School started (took up) at 9:00 o'clock C.S.T. and a teacher was sometimes judged by the number of hours he was at the school house before 9:00 o'clock. There was sweeping to do and he must try to get the room reasonably warm and at 8:00 o'clock ring the bell. The teacher probably had the only watch on the job so that bell was really important. About this time or a few years earlier he also went to a neighbor's well to get a bucket of water for drinking.

And then came more progress. A well was drilled on each school lot so here was plenty of water less than a hundred feet from the door. What luxury! When the water had to be carried during the day a pair of older pupils considered it a pleasure and an honor to make the trip which might be a quarter of a mile or more.

When sweeping the floor the teacher could sometimes tell who was absent the day before by the lack of mud under his desk.

The gym consisted of the small school yard plus sometimes a portion of a neighbor's field. The floor of course was mother earth and the roof leaked. Each pupil had to at least make several trips across the gym each day so he was not 100% to blame for the muddy floor.

At that time Arithmetic stood at the top of the list in interest and a portion of the noons and recesses were spent by some pupils poring over an especially interesting problem. This interest probably led to the "ciphering" contests which were merely races to see

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## Minutes of the September Meeting

The September meeting opened with President Connie Brubaker presiding. There were 15 members and one guest present:

Connie Brubaker, Avon Crismore, Ed Crismore, Kathy Davis, Pat Dyson, Barbara Elliott, Lynn Elliott, Joan Gavilanez, Mickey Jones, Dorothy Manning, Cami Mount, Susan Price, Nellie Sleppy, Linda Thomas, Chris Williams, & guest, Mandy Mauger.

Minutes of the July meeting was read and with a motion from Joan Gavilanez and second from Pat Dyson were approved. The Treasurer's Report was given with a beginning balance of \$1,002.34. Receipts of \$205.00 was reported and expenses of \$257.84 leaving an ending balance of \$949.50. Barbara Elliott moved the treasurer's report be accepted with a second from Chris Williams. Treasurer's report was approved.

Susan Price had several interesting comments about the Norwell building project. She also explained the petitions, which are currently circulating.

A request for research was read along with several notices of upcoming programs. October is Family History Month and the Allen County Library will be conducting special programs on each day of October.

Lynn Elliott gave an update on the Poneto History project.

The Film Readers are still coming according to Tom Stogdill. It is just taking a little longer than expected.

Cami Mount reported on the Deed Project. Currently there are 1800 names entered but the project has stopped temporarily until some software can be installed to get the project back on line.

New materials on the Wolcale & Wilcoxson families have been donated to the WCGS Library.

A packet was received from Randolph County, which contained Petroleum Panther High School Newspapers dated 1941 and 1942.

June Grove's article about the Bluffton Street Fair was discussed.

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### WELLS COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY

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### SOCIETY RELATED EVENTS

*November 18—Lynn Elliott*

*January 20—Regular meeting*

*March 17—Regular meeting*

*May 19—Regular meeting*

*July 21—Regular meeting*

## Misadventures with the Microfilm Reader

by Mary Penner

Turn this knob; slide this under there; snap this shut. Simple. Any first grader can load film onto a microfilm reader, right? I'm ready to launch; I'll just press this button.

Instead of slithering with the speed of a cobra onto the take-up reel, the film explodes all over the floor like a trick snake in a fake peanut can.

The researchers at the other microfilm readers glance in my direction. Some shake their heads with disdain, thinking "What a maroon." Others have sympathetic half-smiles, thinking "I was an idiot once, too."

"I guess I had the film on upside down or maybe backwards," I stutter, feeling like a total moron.

The delicate art of loading film has been my enduring bugaboo. Interpreting those little diagrams on the machines isn't rocket science. But, for some reason, I still frequently misread them.

Loading film onto the beasts isn't the only challenge. Every microfilm reader has its own quirks. Today I had a machine that required a firm whack on the side panel every few minutes to keep its motor humming. I wasn't happy about the whacking, but it was the only machine available and the librarian gave me explicit whacking instructions.

Not only did this machine require regular whacking, when I accelerated the film into fast-forward it mimicked the sound of a jet engine. I asked the librarian if they supplied ear plugs. She just patted the machine affectionately saying, "It is our oldest machine."

I suppose quirky electronic microfilm readers are still preferable to the old hand-crank readers. Why is it that the data I need is always at the very end of a two-mile-long film that I have to hand crank? Walk around any research library with hand crank readers and you'll see Popeye-like muscles bulging out of the researchers' right arms.

Muscle toning in the right arm is probably the only health benefit you'll get from a microfilm reader. I have, in fact, discovered many negative health effects from using microfilm readers. Have you ever sliced your fingers on the edge of the film? That's a paper cut on steroids.

And those hand crank readers have that big knob hanging off the front for moving the image up and down. How many times have I banged my head on that? And what about our nearly ruined eyesight? No matter how much we adjust the focus, some words just refuse to sharpen into legible script. And those films with the black background and the white letters--now that's a real strain on the old rods and cones. To me, the most disturbing side effect of microfilm reading is a bout of "scanitis nauseatosis." Yes, baffling all known tenets of medicine, genealogists can get a roaring case of motion sickness while barely moving a muscle. Sit at a microfilm reader, manual or electric, and slowly scan page after page of film. Before long the eyes and brain have decided this repetitious exercise must translate into a case of microfilm-reading motion sickness.

So, we family history researchers have a love-hate relationship with microfilm readers. At least I do anyway; although, most of my problems come from operator error. Regardless of the hazards, I'll keep using microfilm and microfilm readers. After all, those little frames of analog text have offered me countless answers to my genealogical questions.

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**Newsletter Editor needs...** Articles! Stories! No one has jumped at the chance to become the newsletter editor for our society. Therefore, my next step is to ask that everyone consider typing up something pertaining to Wells County or your families in the past and sending it to me. You can email it to me in an email or even just type it and send it to me via regular mail. It does not take me long to simply copy something that is already put together, but it does take some time when I have to write it up from scratch or edit it a bunch. Pictures are also accepted via email (no larger than 2MB please) or on CD or floppy (or DVD). Include a story, article or explanation to go with the picture. Do not send me paper copies of pictures OR your originals. The copies do not copy well and I don't want your originals to get lost. Please email to [lvtforp@parlorcity.com](mailto:lvtforp@parlorcity.com) or mail to me at Linda Thomas, 5391 N 400 W, Markle, IN 46770.

## Family Group Sheet

**Husband: William Rea**

Born: June 11, 1836  
 Married: October 03, 1857  
 Died: March 20, 1902  
 Father: William Rea

in: Lawrence Co., Pennsylvania  
 in: Wells Co., Indiana  
 in: Warren, Huntington Co., Indiana

**Wife: Elizabeth Arnold**

Born: November 19, 1835  
 Died: Abt. 1922  
 Father: Samuel B. Arnold  
 Mother: Mary Phillips

in: Medina Co., Ohio

**CHILDREN**

1 F	Name: Laura Rea Born: July 18, 1858 Died: Bet. 1921 - 1958 Married: February 15, 1874 Spouse: Erastus Demmug Palmer	in: Indiana  in: Huntington, Indiana
2 M	Name: Eli A. Rea Born: May 23, 1860 Died: May 20, 1917	in: Indiana in: Patricksburg, Owen Co., Indiana
3 M	Name: Newton Rea Born 1: May 27, 1870 Born 2: August 13, 1865 Died: December 17, 1915 Married: February 25, 1885 Spouse: Emma J. Cumption	in: Indiana in: Indiana in: prairieton, Indiana in: Wells Co., Indiana
4 M	Name: William F. Rea Born: May 27, 1870 Died: August 16, 1907	in: Indiana in: Huntington, Indiana
5 M	Name: Albert Rea Born: November 24, 1874 Died: Bet. 1900 - 1974 Married: March 11, 1894 Spouse: Laura Bell	in: Indiana  in: Grant Co., Indiana

## Family Group Sheet

**Wife: Emily Arnold**

Born 1: August 31, 1849  
 Born 2: 1846  
 Died 1: October 09, 1861  
 Died 2: October 09, 1864  
 Father: Samuel B. Arnold  
 Mother: Mary Phillips

in: Wells Co., Indiana

**Ancestral & Family Sheets**

This month's sheets are more of those sent in by Keith Hudson. These are the last of Keith's that will appear in the newsletter. If you would like to contact Keith, you may reach him at 6647 Coon Hill Rd., Munith, MI 49259 or email him at keithah@hotmail.com.

Next month we will run sheets of Connie Cherry, one of our members in Mississippi.

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.





## Family Group Sheet

**Husband: Daniel Arnold**

Born: September 05, 1846	in: Chester twp. Wells Co., Indiana
Married: June 27, 1868	in: Blackford Co., Indiana
Died: August 03, 1930	in: Montpelier, Blackford Co., Indiana
Father: Samuel B. Arnold	
Mother: Mary Phillips	
Other Spouses: Hattie DeVore	

**Wife: Henrietta Shull**

Born: 1849	in: Montpelier, Blackford Co., Indiana
Died: Abt. 1878	
Father: William Tetlow Shull	
Mother: Sarah Putnam	

**CHILDREN**

1 M	Name: William Tetlow Arnold	
	Born: September 03, 1869	in: Montpelier, Blackford Co., Indiana
	Died: May 22, 1955	in: Montpelier, Blackford Co., Indiana
	Married:	
	Spouse: Elva Elnora Sweany	
2 M	Name: Herbert T. Arnold	
	Born: June 03, 1878	in: Indiana
	Died: February 20, 1932	in: Montpelier, Indiana
	Married: October 02, 1897	in: Wells Co., Indiana
	Spouse: Minnie Ann Tucker	

## Family Group Sheet

**Husband: Daniel Arnold**

Born: September 05, 1846	in: Chester twp. Wells Co., Indiana
Married 1: August 12, 1880	in: Blackford Co., Indiana
Married 2: 1880	in: By Rev. D.B. Rogers
Died: August 03, 1930	in: Montpelier, Blackford Co., Indiana
Father: Samuel B. Arnold	
Mother: Mary Phillips	
Other Spouses: Henrietta Shull	

**Wife: Hattie DeVore**

Born: November 18, 1857	in: Marion, Ohio
Died: April 18, 1939	in: Montpelier, Blackford Co., Indiana
Father: Stephen H. DeVoe	
Mother: Adeline Mantar	

**CHILDREN**

1 F	Name: Minnie Arnold	
	Born: Bet. 1880 - 1930	
	Married:	
	Spouse: ? Boyde	
2 F	Name: Mary Arnold	
	Born: Bet. 1880 - 1930	
	Married:	
	Spouse: -?- Sullivan	

## Family Group Sheet

Husband: William Shire	
Born: May 1838	in: Pennsylvania
Married: Abt. 1864	
Died: April 18, 1905	in: Bluffton, Wells Co., Indiana
Wife: Mary Ann Hudson	
Born: August 27, 1845	in: Piqua, Miami Co., Ohio
Died: January 20, 1934	in: Bluffton, Wells Co., Indiana
Father: Joseph Hudson	
Mother: Barbara Feasel	
CHILDREN	
1 F	Name: Barbara D. Shire Born: May 1865 Married: June 20, 1886 Spouse: Isaiah Gilpin in: Indiana in: Wells Co., Indiana
2 M	Name: John R. Shire Born: 1867 in: Indiana
3 M	Name: Lewis Shire Born: 1873 in: Indiana
4 F	Name: Lelia G. Shire Born: 1879 in: Indiana
5 M	Name: Charles Shire Born: April 1882 in: Indiana
6 M	Name: Harry Shire Born: May 1885 in: Indiana
7 M	Name: Za Shire Born: June 1886 in: Indiana

Recent Deaths in the  
WCGS

Two of our members died within the past 2 months, Ken Manning & Chasity McKnight.

Kenneth R. Manning was born in Peru, Miami County, on Jan. 10, 1922 and died Oct. 3, 2006 at the age of 84. His parents were Joseph O. and Nina Hazel Edgerton Manning. His wife, Dorothy Manning, and several children and step children survive. Ken was a charter member of the Blackford Wells Genealogy Society and remained an active member for many years. Ken's wife, Dorothy, is an active member at the present time.

Chasity D. McKnight was born in Muncie on Dec. 20, 1974 and died October 19, 2006 at the age of 31. She was the daughter of Albert S. and Terrie Rutledge Overbey. Her husband and 2 children survive. Chasity was a recent membership addition to our society and was just beginning to get involved in some of our society projects.

Our condolences go out to Ken & Chasity's families and friends. They will be greatly missed.



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who could get the right answer first. As an inside sport quite a bit of noon and recess time was spent at this ciphering and it is just possible some during school time in those double seats.

This interest in ciphering then led to the "Spelling" which was an evening affair, the first part of which was spent "spelling down" around the wall. The second part of the "spelling" consisted of ciphering. Both the spelling down and the ciphering were participated in by a good per cent of the people present who were scholars, excholars and some patrons and teachers from surrounding schools. Everybody from everywhere was welcome to attend and to take part. All free - no money paid out and none taken in on any of those games. It would have been no use for any one to take any money to any of these affairs, even if he had it. No commercializing, not even a bag of pop corn! These games were all played for fun and entertainment; not profit. There was quite a bit of interest and participation but not as much noise and publicity as present day games.

The announcement of the spellings to other schools were often made by two boys walking in each direction to the next school just before school was dismissed for the day. Fro quite a few attenders walking was a common mode of travel.

Lighting at the house at night was by a few "coal oil" lanterns furnished by patrons for the evening.

The subjects for these ciphering contests were sometimes but not often, limited to the four fundamental operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Such subjects as simple and compound interest, partial payments, square and cube root, least common multiple, greatest common divisor and finding the contents of cylindrical vessels being very common, 50 years ago.

Parents and expupils often visited the school; also the County Superintendent at least once each term.

Discipline did not seem a very big problem, perhaps because it, like charity, began at home. In questions about discipline and punishment the teacher usually had the support and backing of the parents 50 years ago.

A prominent Englishman visiting this country said "The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children."

If you have read this far ignore the last paragraph. That was not 50 years ago.

Written in 1960 by Homer Bayless who was a teacher in about 1910

Taken from the Rockcreek Township School Book which can be found in the Wells County Genealogy Society Library

## 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 1859, then add just a tad from the *Bluffton Banner* of 1859.

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.

### Estray Notice.

**T**AKEN UP, by Gabriel Markley, of Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana, on the 30th day of November, 1859, two estray mare colts. One of a drab or mouse color, with some gray hairs mixed over the body; a small star in the forehead, and some white on the left hind foot; had on a small bell, with a long brass buckle on the strap. Supposed to be three years old last spring.

The other a bay pony supposed to be one year old last spring; black mane and tail; a small star in the forehead, and some white on the right hind foot. No other marks or brands perceivable.

The three-year-old appraised at forty dollars; and the yearling at twenty dollars, by Lewis Prillaman and (*illegible*) day of December, A. D. 1859.

Before me, Bowen Hale,  
Justice of the Peace

### Notice, Borrowers of School FUND!

**A**LL those in arrears for interest due on mortgages or deferred payments of school land, will please call and settle the same on or before the 15th January, 1860, or I will be compelled to advertise and collect the same according to law. Also, all those that are borrowers of the school fund, and their mortgages have become due, must come and make arrangements for same.

JAMES McFADDEN, Audr.

**Attorneys at Law**—D. T. Smith & J. H.

Coffrote, Bluffton.

**Attorney and Counsellor at Law**—Newton Burwell, Office with Dr. M'Clery, Main st.

**Attorney at Law and Notary Public**—N. VanHorn, Office, with Jno. L. Wilson, entrance through Studabaker's Exchange.

**Attorney at Law**—J. Gerry Smith, Office in the Banner Office, Studabaker's Block.

**Washington Hotel**—W. H. J. Covert, proprietor, Main street.

*The Bluffton Banner*, Dec. 23, 1859, p. 3

**New Grocery & Provision Store**—Leopold Hirsch of Newville, owner, Samuel and Sig. Heilbronner, operators, located in Bluffton.

**Saddle and Harness Shop**—O. C. Mitchell, five doors east of Stair's Corner, on Market street.

**Dealers in American and foreign Hardware, Stoves, Iron, Nails and Glass, Paints and Oils; also manufacturers of tin and Sheet-Iron ware**—E. A. Horton and Henry Cook, Studabaker's Block.

*The Bluffton Banner*, Dec. 23, 1859, p. 4

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS FOR THE FORT WAYNE DISTRICTS.—G. C. Beeks, P. E.

Ft. Wayne, Berry Street. V. M. Beamer.

Allen, C. W. Lynch.

Ossian, S. H. Clark.

Decatur, T. Comestock.

Massilon, W. W. Errick.

Harlan, E. L. McNeal.

Spencerville, J. H. Hutchison.

Hamilton, J. I. Dean.

Kendalville, W. R. Kistler.

Bluffton, E. S. Preston,

Murray, A. Douglass

New Corydon, J. S. Sellers.

Fort Wayne College, R. D. Robinson, President, and member of the Berry Street quarterly meeting Conference, J. R. Davis, Agent.

### MARRIED

On the 5th inst., by Rev. Joe Meredith, MR. LINDLEY D. COLLINS and MISS MALISSA J. SHARP—all of Wells County, Ind.

On the 6th inst., by L. Bachelor, Esq., MR. NATHAN LOUNSBURY to MISS

OCTAVIA A. GRANDSTAFF—all of Wells County, Ind.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—Rev. Mr. McIntyre, will preach at the Presbyterian on next Sabbath morning at 101/2 o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

NEW MILLINERY GOODS.—Miss L. C. Bulger, has just received her Spring and Summer Stock of Millinery Goods, direct from New York. Ladies can get fashionable bonnets at this establishment, as Miss B. has exercised great care in her selections, and is a perfect adept in the art of putting on trimmings tastefully. Call at corner of Main and Wabash streets.

April Term of Common Pleas court is holding this week—Judge Loughridge presiding.

Among the attorneys from a distance, we notice L. P. Milligan, from Huntington; D. Studabaker, from Decatur; M. Jenkinson and L. M. Ninde, from Ft. Wayne.

A large amount of business has been disposed of.

State vs. John A. Deam—for obstructing highway. Jury out 24 hours. Disagreed on matter of fact, which worked a discharge of the prisoner.

State vs. Henry B. Elston—for assault and battery. Jury out 14 hours. Failed to agree—prisoner discharged.

Judge Loughridge went home yesterday evening. N. Burwell, Esq., will hold court for the rest of the term.

Concert.—The boys were amused on Wednesday evening by the performances of the "Zouave Concert Company," at the Exchange Hotel. We do not know what sized audience was inside; but can testify to seeing quite a crowd outside, as we were going home about 10 o'clock. It is not probable that the "Zouaves" would create a furore in New York City.

Judge Taney is again ill, and will hardly resume his seat on the bench the present term.

We have favorable reports from



crops in all sections.

New Goods.—We see that Geo. Arnold is on hand as usual with a tremendous stock of New Goods. He will make every exertion to render entire satisfaction to all who may favor him with their custom. He will give special inducements to all cash and prompt time buyers which may favor him with their custom. This house is noted for keeping much the largest stock of any store in town, giving customers better opportunities for making desirable selections. Don't fail to give him a call, as his accommodating clerks will always be on hand to show goods and please their friends generally.

### Mortgage Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance to the statute, in such cases made and provided the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door in the town of Bluffton, on Saturday, the 12th day of May, 1860, at 10 o'clock A. M. On said day the following described tract of land to-wit, the south half of the south-east quarter of section twenty five (25) township, Twenty-five (25) north of range twelve (12) east, containing eighty acres, more or less, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount then due and costs.

Said tract of land was mortgaged to the State of Indiana by Peter Swigart and Rebecca his wife, for the use of the school Fund; and default having been made in the payment of Interest and principal, and the whole sum being now due, amounting to three hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty-four cents.

JOHN MCFADDEN, Aud.  
Auditor's Office, Bluffton, Ind.

### Notice.

Is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the last will and testament of Paul Augsburg, late of Wells county, deceased. The estate of said decedent is supposed to be solvent.

ULRICH M. NEUENSCHWANER

### LOST.

By the subscriber, on the evening of the 8th instant, in the south part of Bluffton, a Ring of Keys, containing 4 or 5 Trunk Keys and a small Corkscrew. Any one finding the same and leaving them at I. J. Covalt's will be liberally rewarded.

ALLEN STEPHENSON.

LIST of Letters remaining in the Post Office at Bluffton, Wells county, Ind., on the first day of April, 1860.

Bender Jesse	Ellis Martha
Berry James D	French S D 2
Bender John 2	French Mary A
Bolles Geo	Griswald Dr A J.
Blosren Mary C	Garder Wm
Collins James S.	Groves Sabra
Davis Jesse 4	Hobsson William 5
Detrow Jacob	Hamilton Thomas
Dilly William	

GEORGE MCDOWELL, P. M.

### Surveyor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I have been employed to survey Section 19, Township 7, Range 11 East, on Monday, April 30th, at the request of the resident landholders.

E. A. HORTON  
Surveyor W. C.

### School Notice.

Mrs. M. L. KARNS will commence a three months' term of School, in the old brick School House, on the 3rd Monday in April.

Terms—Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, and Geography, \$1.50.

Arithmetic and English Grammar, \$2.00.

### Medical Notice

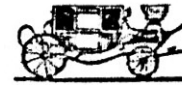
DR. M'CLEERY takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally, that he may still be found at his old stand on Main street, a few doors north of Heilbrenners' store, where he will be pleased to attend upon all those who may favor him with a call. From long experience in the practice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

*The Bluffton Banner*, Apr. 20, 1860, p. 3

COTTON YARN  
at 25cents per pound, at  
DEAM & MILLER'S.



LIVERY & SALE STABLE!



I AM now devoting my whole attention to my Livery and Sale Stable, on Wabash street, in rear of the Washington Hotel where I shall be happy to accommodate old and new customers with good "rigs" at fair rates.

Horses bought and sold on the most advantageous terms. Call and see  
WILS. DEAM

N. B. Horses boarded and carefully attended to on good terms. This stable boasts of the best hostlers in the county.

**Insurance Agent**—Geo. Arnold, Agent for Aetna Insurance Company.

What is the difference between truth and eggs? "Truth crushed to earth will rise again," but eggs won't.

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THE WAY TO MANAGE HORSES.—Never attempt to clean or otherwise disturb your horse while eating his meals, unless you want him to bite and kick. But when you clean, take him out of the stall, and make a business of it. Tie your horse in the centre of the stall unless you want your horse to do as most horses do, drive more on one rein than the other. Horses that are liable to cast themselves in their stalls, should be tied with a neck halter, giving them much more freedom of the head than the nose halter. Gentleness, firmness and moderation will subdue the most obdurate.—N. E. Farmer.

HOW TO GET RID OF MOSQUEToes IN THE NIGHT.—Mosquetoes, says somebody, love beef blood better than they do any that flows in the veins of human kind. Just put a couple of generous pieces on plates, near you bed at

night, and you will sleep untroubled by these pests. In the morning you will find them full and stupid with beef blood, and the meat sucked as dry as a cork.

Death is the only master who takes his servant without a character

What most resembles half a cheese? Ans. — The other half.

A new law has recently been passed in relation to the return of uncalled for letters. It provides that when any person shall indorse on any letter his or her name and place of residence, as written thereof, the same after remaining uncalled for at the office to which it is directed thirty days, or the time the writer may direct, may be returned by mail to said writer.

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**Announcements.**

Democratic candidates for the election for sheriff of Wells County.

- DAVID MYERS, of Harrison township
- THOMAS BODEN, of Bluffton
- DAVID LAFFERTY, of Harrison township
- SAMUEL B. CALEY, of Union township
- L. FRIZZELL
- WM. MCBRIDE
- GABRIEL H. KING

Democratic candidate for the election of Commissioner

GEORGE REILEY

Democratic candidates for the election for Treasurer

- P. STUDABAKER
- JACOB BUSHEE
- E. H. PHILLIPS.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last, as Mr. Charles Noblagh was engaged about the machinery of Mr. Filson's Carding Factory, he got his right hand badly lacerated by accidentally passing it into the carder.

**Latest News.**

**Sad Accident.**

A melancholy accident occurred yesterday the 24th, about one o'clock

in the afternoon, in Wells county. About sixteen miles from this city, Mr. Isaac Doubles, a farmer had employed a machine to thresh his wheat crop, and after they had finished and stopped the horses, Mr. Doubles gathered up the stray heads of wheat and put them in the machine, the cylinder of which still continued to revolve, from the momentum it had received, when he put his right hand in it was caught and instantly drawn in. The hand and arm up to the elbow, was literally torn into shreds, and the bones broken, presenting a shockingly mutilated appearance sickening to behold. Dr. Woodworth and Freeman of this city were called and amputated the arm above the elbow, while the patient was under the influence of chloroform. He was as comfortable this morning as could be expected of one in his condition, and will recover.—*Ft. Wayne Times*.

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**A LIST** OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Bluffton, Ind., on the 1st day of July, 1860.

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**LOST!** —One note of hand, dated Nov. 13, 1856, calling for \$50.47, made by Jacob Eicher to Emanuel Heilbronner and assigned to Matthias Strahm. All persons are warned against trading for or purchasing the said note, as it has been lost from the undersigned to whom it is lawfully due and payable.

MATTHIAS STRAHM.

**Estray Notice.**

State of Indiana, } ss  
Wells county, }

Taken up, as an estray, by Isaac Anderson, living in Chester township, in said county, and reported to me on the 9th day of June, 1860, one bright bay Mare, supposed to be four years old this Spring, and described as follows: a star in the forehead, both hind fetts white to the pasture joints, lame in the left hind-leg (supposed to be spavin,) the brush of the tail cut off square, about fifteen hands and three inches high. Appraised at fifty dollars, by Robert Clark and Levi Phillips.

BENJAMIN LOWERY,  
Justice of the Peace.

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When the dues for this organization were set back in 1996, \$10.00 seemed ample to pay the expenses that might come up during the year. Our membership has been down the last 2-3 years and the expenses have only increased. I am planning to propose at the November meeting, an increase in dues to \$15.00 for the year 2007 to help cover this increase. We have a good organization, and I hope you all feel as I do that we cannot give up because of a money crunch. When we finish and publish the everyname index of the Deed and Abstracts for Wells County, we will have a small income again to help. I still have about 15 Wells County Will Index books (\$15.00 per book = \$225.00) we need to sell. Also 18 Early Settlers books (\$40 x 18 = \$720). This would certainly make a huge difference in our present treasury if these were sold. If you are opposed to the increase in dues please contact myself at (543-2423), Mickey Jones (824-8685), Lynn Elliott (824-) or Linda Thomas (758-2332) with your concerns.

Another proposal I plan on making is the increase for research requested. I paid \$20.00 for research to be done in Ohio and got technically no results (they couldn't find anything). Our researchers should be worth at least \$10.00 per search. Agree/disagree???



I apologize that this is so long this time but I felt these issues should be addressed before we start a new year.

Have a great Thanksgiving and may you have peace in your hearts through the Christmas season.  
Connie

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tween floor and ceiling," at a price of \$815. The building was completed and dedicated on Sept. 30, 1860.

Rev. Wells served the congregation until the Fall of 1864, when he resigned. About six months later a call was extended to Rev. A. J. Cromer, three other congregations joining in the call and forming the Horeb pastorate.

The original building served the congregation well until 1890, when it was remodeled and modernized to the extent of having a vestibule and steeple with a bell, a center aisle, Gothic windows with frosted glass, and a slate roof.

This building suffered two stokes of lightning. On March 17, 1934, there was a sort of internal explosion that blew out most of the window glass and scorched the tinsel decorations on the wallpaper. On June 4, of the same year, it was struck again, setting the steeple afire. Considerable damage resulted, but the fire was finally controlled by the Markle Fire Department after the vestibule and steeple were destroyed. However, with the help of well-wishers in the community, the building was repaired, but it lost some of its architectural symmetry.

During the early years of its existence, Mt. Horeb's membership was drawn from a rather wide territory, but with the building of other churches in the community and losses by death and removals, the membership decreased to a point where it seemed it would have to disband.

Then largely through the efforts of Eulalia Lesh McElhaney, who has now been taken from the congregation, a renewed interest was kindled and now younger persons with families have been added to the membership. They are interested and are in earnest in the work of the church.

During the past Summer, electric lights were installed and the church repapered. Owing to the liberal policy of the REMC and the cooperation of dealers, and the fact that there were persons in the congregation who were able and willing to give their time to the wiring and papering, it was not too expensive.

During the 91 years of Mt. Horeb's existence, the church has been served by a number of pastors for varying lengths of time, but it remained for the present pastor, Rev. H. L. Wamsley, to set a record of continuous service. He came as a beginner in 1931. From *The Little Red Book: Household Hints* - probably written in the 1950's.

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The History Train will be going to Columbus, Indiana, and will feature the Civil War of Indiana.

The Blackford County Civil War Reenactment will be October 13, 14, & 15, with a special ceremony dedicating the Civil War monument on Saturday, October 14.

A website with interesting pictures can be seen at [robertpence.com](http://robertpence.com)

Susan Price is holding a workshop at the Old Cemetery on October 21.

Upcoming dates:

The Wells County Museum will be open 1 - 4 pm, September 22 & 23.

The Wells County Historical Society will hold a Garage Sale on September 30 from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm.

The Wells County Historical Society's Fall Meeting will be Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas in the Museum will be December 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17

There will be no election of officers at the November meeting as this is the "off year." The scheduled program for the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be "Using Genealogy Research to Join National Societies." Some of the organizations to be discussed are:

The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century

National Society Daughters of the American Colonists

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

National Society United States Daughters of 1812

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Elliott with second from Chris Williams.

Mickey Jones, Treasurer, suggested everyone think about an increase in dues. Dues have remained at the present level since the Genealogy Society was formed. Mickey suggested raising the dues by \$5.00. This would increase single memberships to \$15.00 and family memberships to \$20.00. This suggestion will be discussed at the November meeting.

A program on Collection Preservation was presented. Several new items for cleaning articles were demonstrated.

### Membership Form

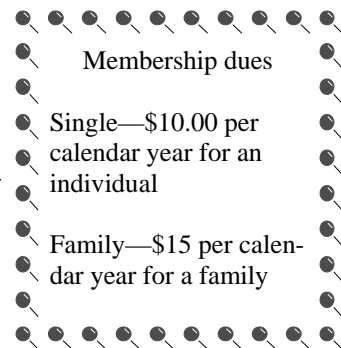
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### WCGS ITEMS FOR SALE

	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					\$
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