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**2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**A reminder to everyone that your 2007 membership dues are "due".** Cost has also been increased, so take note of the following amounts:

- \$15 for an individual
- \$20 for a family



If you don't want to miss any issues of the newsletter and want your name in the annual directory, you will need to have your dues paid no later than February 15, 2007. If you have any changes, additions or corrections to last years directory please submit them along with your dues. Otherwise the same information will be used in the 2007 Directory.

*Submitted by Michelle Jones*



**January Wells County Genealogy Meeting**

Come one, come all! We're having foood! This month's meeting will feature a carry-in meal at the Historical Society. The meal has

been such a great success in the past that we are going to do it again. Our fabulous president, Connie, will provide Chili and you just need to bring salad or dessert (or both if you're real ambitious) to round it out. The society will buy the drinks. You will also need to bring your table service, plate, bowl, silverware, and cup. So come prepared for a fun and tasty time on the 20th!

**The Iron Bridge School District**

Story told by D. Nelson Decker

**Excerpt from the Rockcreek Township School Book**

The iron bridge school was located two miles west of Rockcreek Center, the creek flows just at the west side of the school yard, the bridge across Rockcreek on the highway which bounds the school yard on the north gave the school its name. It was quite near the school property. The first school, of course, was a log building and was located about 120 rods back off the road south of where later buildings were located. The log structure was followed by a frame or wooden building painted white. I never attended school in this building, but my sister, Ella, did, so it must have been replaced by a brick structure between 1870 and 1878 when I started to school. In fact, the records show the Brick building was erected in 1878 and was built by Alfred Hunt. That was the year according to a new law that school buildings were to be place where they belonged. Several changes had to be made. They had the right man for township trustee for the job; he was Jonas Johnson. He could be very stubborn, but he was an honest man. I started to school as a pupil in 1878 in April of that year. My parents had not intended to send me to school till I got older. I was only five then. Nora Johnson was the teacher, a daughter of the trustee. It was a three month term. Friday evening of the first week, she stopped at our home and told my mother to send me to school for the rest of the term, which she did. Many years later, my first teacher, Miss Johnson, boasted of having taught me my

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**President's Corner**

Ready, set, go!!!! 2007 is here and I'm still wondering where 2006 went. It has been an eventful year for the Society and I hope 2007 can be as productive. I am applying for two grants to help us pay for the deed project. One of them we may need to have a money making project and they will match what we make so be thinking of a way we can make a million easy and quick.

I have been entering the deed data into the computer at a rapid pace (now that I have figured out how to do it). But the big problem is our computer is thinking about going to the great computer heaven in the sky (as all computers do eventually). If that should happen, we will need to replace it so I can continue entering the data and the surnames of our membership. Just something to think about.

I will announce the committees for 2007 at our meeting Jan. 20. I hope every one will take a part in the activities of the new year. We need more members, I challenge you to bring all of your genealogy friends to the meetings and encourage them to join the society.

Have a Happy New Year, see you at the exciting meetings of 2007. Connie



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A.B.C.s, really not very much to boast about. She taught me to say them both forward and backward. If I were commanded to-day to say them backward or be shot, they would have to shoot me, I couldn't say them. Imagine how interesting it must have been for me to learn those black characters made up of straight lines, curves and a few dots.

Of the twenty-one teachers I went to in the county schools, Lydia Brown was the most cruel. She seemed to think there was much virtue in a whip vigorously applied. The last day of that spring term we had a big dinner and a program in the afternoon. One large boy had promised to take part in the program, but he quit school several days before the term ended, but came back for the last day's dinner and program, but not to do his part. When the teacher learned he would not take his or any part in the program, she asked him to come up in front of the school. This he refused to do, then she took her whip and struck him time and time again across his back. He was in his shirt sleeves. Then she tried to force him to leave his seat and come up front, but he held onto his desk. She then hit his hands with the whip. They finally quit without getting him up front. The boy's mother was there (his father had died some years before). She thought of having the teacher prosecuted for extreme cruelty, but didn't. That same teacher taught another term there later and whipped another boy severely for not studying geography. I thought her method was a very poor one to get the boy interested in geography. She never whipped me. Why, I don't know, for the former Hettie McAfee told me after I began teaching that she thought I was too mean to ever be a school teacher. I told her that gave me some advantages because I knew most of the things they tried to play on teachers. One year we had a teacher that chewed tobacco. One day one of the larger boys asked him if he did and he admitted it. This boy then said give me a chew of your shorts. He was the type of boy who was often late to school, slovenly, careless habits. In those days attendance was not compulsory and attendance was very irregular. Reading, some writing and arithmetic were taught. The students could take geography, but not too much stress put on it. When asked to take physiology would say I'm not going to be a doctor, or if approached about grammar would reply, "I do not intend to be a school teachers." Classes in English was almost unknown, but I think every lesson in every subject should be a lesson in the correct use of English. I recall a story told about O. E. Lesh the year he taught the Sugar Grove School, two miles south of Uniondale. In telling some students during one noon recess the value of good English, he said in his conversation, "Haint, haint right." He was serious, but did not see his own mistake. I think the teacher should be careful about the English he or she uses.

In later years I taught a term in my home school at the iron bridge. A cousin of mine, Charlie Fishbaugh, told me the children would never learn to read because I didn't teach them their A.B.C.s first, and his sister criticised me because I used more than one book or text in the first grade. These examples go to show how loth the early settlers were to accept new methods of teaching. I continued to use the training I had received at the Valparaiso Normal with very good results.

When I began school, they had what was known as a winter term which was four months long and a spring term of three months. Quite often the teacher who taught the winter term did not teach in the spring. If I remember correctly, they went from a winter term and a spring term to a one term school of six months long, then to a seven and later an eight month term.

*To be continued in the March 2007 newsletter... (Editor's note: Editing has been done to make it easier to read.)*

## Minutes of the November '06 Meeting

The November meeting opened with Connie Brubaker, President, presiding. She welcomed everyone with an amusing history of chocolate is a vegetable. The following members were present:

Connie Brubaker	Barbara Elliott	Lynn Elliott	Pat Dyson
Mickey Jones	Dorothy Manning	Cami Mount	Susan Price
Nellie Sleppy	Jone Oman, new member		

Barbara Elliott moved the minutes of the September meeting be accepted as published in the Newsletter. Second from Mickey Jones. Mickey Jones gave a treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$616.50. Motion to accept by Cami Mount, second by Susan Price.

### Old Business:

A report was given by Cami on the Deed Project. Because of the volume of the reports, it was suggested the reports be done in 2 or more volumes. Each volume would contain about 25 years. People are still needed to help transcribe but volunteers need to have the Access program on their computer.

The Poneto History book was discussed. It was suggested that the cover be consistent with the other books published by the Society. Expenses and publishing costs were discussed.

### New Business:

A motion was made by Barbara Elliott with second from Pat Dyson to increase the 2007 dues to \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Elliott with second from Pat Dyson to increase the price of research, motion carried. The price for any research will be \$25. payable in advance. Any additional research, such as another line not requested, will be done for an additional fee. All monies will go to Wells County Genealogy Society.

Our Editor, Linda Thomas, would like for members to contribute items of interest to the Newsletter.

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### BLACKFORD-WELLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

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### SOCIETY RELATED EVENTS

*January 20—Meeting*

*March 18—Meeting*

*May 20—Meeting*

*July 15—Meeting*

## WELLS COUNTY HOME GUARD, THE CIVIL WAR IN INDIANA,

*submitted by Nancy R. Scott (Mrs. Walter C. Scott)*

The family story told by Daniel Kuhns granddaughter, Lucile (Perry) Bradley, in her old age says, "Grandpa (Daniel Kuhns) was a home guard because he was too old to go as a soldier and he was supposed to look after things at home and the rebels come through there and they were about to hang him, and then before they got through with what they were going to do the union men came along and chased them out, and he didn't get hung."

Daniel Kuhns was born 1 February 1816, died 4 July 1904 in Maries County, MO, and buried in Dixon Cemetery, Pulaski County, MO.

His wife, Nancy Stover, was born 27 February 1824, died 4 May 1902 in South Dixon, MO, and she is buried with her husband in Dixon Cemetery.

From 1861-1865, Daniel Kuhns served in the Civil War for the Union. His record is found in the "Index of Civil War Pension" Application #1154 411: Kuhns, Daniel, Harrison Guards, Wells County Company, Indiana Legion. Date of filing 1893 Nov 14, Invalid 1154 411, state in which filed MO, attorney W. B. Greene and Co. Pension was denied, no military record was found. Home guard were not eligible for pension, but that was not the reason given, only that no military record was found. We have been unable to find any record either.

Wells County, Indiana, had two home guard companies, one in Harrison Township and one in Jefferson Township. The Wells County, Harrison [township] Home Guard was led by Captain Herod True.

1860 census shows Capt. Herod True and family, not distant neighbors of Daniel Kuhns' family. Home guards were fairly independent. Records for this company show only one muster, and the 1965 report says that drills had not been conducted because most of the unit were away serving in the union army.

The muster roll of Harrison Guards, a Company in the Indiana Legion, organized at Harrison Township, in Wells County, follows:

**Captain:** H. T. True;

**First Lieutenant:** J. P. Connet;

**Second Lieutenant:** John H. Delavan.

**Privates:** J. J. Reaser, John Sawyer, Aaron W. Connet, John W. Connet, M. J. Tue, J. N. Donalson, John Phipps, Henry Connet, John Thompson, Jerry Shin, James Edington, Wm. Hammon, Thomas Cooper, Robert Thompson, Alex Strain, John Biugbee, J (*this first name is illegible*) Connet, Nick Van Horn, Samuel Cooper, Hez Hmmon, Adam Borttemy (*spelling?*), Wm. G. Phipps, Jno P. Connet, J. S. Vallentine, J. V. Yeary, John Servis, Thomas Counely, Nickolas Thompson, T. W. Van Horn, John D. Hale, A. S. Miller, Joshua Bennet, H. S. Van Emmon, Daniel Connet, R. V. Rist, D. Williamson, L. R. Van Emmon, J. W. Koontz, N. Ensmisgen (*spelling?*), Wm. Laufferty (*spelling?*), Isaac Russ, Edward Borttemy, Robt Songevill, Henry Oman, Charles Roysden, J. W. Roberts, Wm. Smith, Daniel Smith.

The Indiana Home Guard, sometimes called the militia, and later called National Guard, was put on alert by Gov. Morton when Gen. John Hunt Morgan invaded Indiana, crossing the Ohio River with 2,000 cavalrymen. Morgan's raid went north into Indiana within 80 miles of Indianapolis. The southern county home guards fought at Corydon and in other skirmishes, chasing Morgan's cavalry east into Ohio. From thence they headed for the Ohio River, but were unable to cross, and followed the river north in Ohio. They finally surrendered in Ohio, across from Wheeling, West Virginia.

If there is any truth in our story of Daniel Kuhns escaping being hanged by the rebels, it would have been during Morgan's Raid. One serious battle occurred at Corydon, which at that time was the state capital. Morgan's Raid followed this path in Indiana: 18 July 1862, raid on Newburg, citizens only, no troops; 17 June 1863—Orleans, home guard; 19 June 1863—Blue Island near Leavenworth, Major Clendenin's home guard; 9 July 1863—Corydon, home guard; 10 July 1863—Salem, home guard; 11 July 1863—Pekin, home guard; 12 July 1863—Vernon, home guard; 16-22 July 1864—Expedition from Mt. Vernon into Kentucky [Hovey's], which involved Indiana 32nd & 46th Infantries [non-veterans], Indiana Legion detachments from Vanderberg, Warrick and Posey Counties.

We have not been able to document that any of the Wells County Home Guard actually left the county. Did a few of them slip down there to lend a hand? Probably not.

If this incident happened to anyone, it may have been Daniel's son, George W. Kuhns during his service in the south.

On the 1860 U.S. Census, Indiana, Wells Co. Harrison Twp. George Kuhns is shown living with his parents, 18 years old, laborer.

He was enrolled in the Civil War at Bluffton, Indiana on 12 September 1861, as a private in Co. A 34th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. He was 19 years old, six feet tall with fair complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair. After being sick with camp fever twice, he was at Vicksburg at the Yazoo River in spring, 1863. He served as cook in the army 1864-65. He was at Brazos, Santiago and at Brownsville, Texas. He was discharged at New Iberia, Louisiana, 14 Dec 1863 and re-enlisted 14 Dec 1863 in Co. A 34th Regiment, Indiana Veterans Infantry, and discharged at Brownsville, TX 3 Feb 1866. His invalid application #729172 was filed 14 Sept. 1889; certification #790958 filed in Kansas.



George W. & Elizabeth Kuhns and family

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### Descendants of Daniel KUHNS & MINERVA JANE (JENNY) STOVER

1. **Daniel KUHNS** b. 1 Feb 1816, PA both parents born in PA, m. 1840, in <OH>, **Nancy STOVER**, b. 27 Feb 1824, OH both parents born OH, d. 4 May 1902, South Dixon, MO, buried: DixonCem., Dixon, Pulaski, MO. Daniel died 4 Jul 1904, Maries Co. MO, buried: DixonCem., Dixon, Pulaski, MO.

*Children:*

2. i **George William KUHNS** b. 31 Mar 1842.
3. ii **Mary E. KUHNS** b. 1845-46.
4. iii **Benjamin J. KUHNS** b. Nov 1851.
5. iv **Minerva Jane KUHNS** b. 01 Nov 1857.
6. v **Jesse Stover KUHNS** b. 24 Apr 1860.
7. vi **Morton KUHNS** b. Dec 1862.
- vii **Jeff KUHNS** d. bef 1904.
- viii **Mark KUHNS** d. bef 1904.

### Second Generation

2. **George William KUHNS** b. 31 Mar 1842, Licking Co. OH, m. 8 Sep 1869, in Wapello Co. Iowa, **Elizabeth Ann ARNOLD**, b. c1842, Montgomery Co. OH, d. 25 Apr 1929, Lankershim, Los Angeles, CA. George died 1 Feb 1919, Lankershim, Los Angeles Co. CA.

*Children:*

- i **Mary May KUHNS** b. 31 May 1870, m. **Unknown ARTUSEY**.
- ii **Charles Benjamin KUHNS** b. 5 Apr 1872.
- iii **Lillian Augusta KUHNS** b. 21 Mar 1874-75.
- iv **Jenny G. KUHNS** b. 1877c.
- v **Nancy E. KUHNS** b. 1878c.
- vi **William Daniel KUHNS** b. 1 Jan 1880, Fort Scott, KS, m. Nov 1905, in Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA, **Minnie Anna LANTZ**, b. 6 Jun 1880, Wauneta, Nebraska, d. 1943, Anaheim, CA. William died 1954, Houston, TX.
- vii **Ida Alice KUHNS** b. 28 Dec 1882.
- viii **Bertha Elma KUHNS** b. 11 Mar 1885.
- ix **Perry Oliver KUHNS** b. 11 Aug 1888.

3. **Mary E. KUHNS** b. 1845-46, m. (1) 21 Jan 1864, in WellsCo.IN, **William F. CANADAY**, b. France, <OH>, don't know, d. <15 May 1864>, <IN/MO>, m. (2) c1876, in TX or IN or MO?, **James A. W. CLARK**, b. April 1841, England, d. 1925, Corsicana, Navarro, TX, buried: Corsicana, Navarro, TX. Mary died 1916, Corsicana, Navarro, TX.

*Children by William F. CANADAY:*

- i **Roy CANADAY** b. June 1866, MO, m. 1897-1899, in <TX>, **Minnie SCHOMARUS**, b. May 1874, IL, (daughter of **S. SCHOMARUS** and **UNKNOWN**). Roy died Corsicana, Navarro, TX.

### Ancestral & Family Sheets

This month's sheets come from 2 sources. If you remember, I had planned to run Connie Cherry's sheets this month, but since I have the article about The Wells County Home Guard in this issue, it seemed better to run Nancy Scott's alongside it. So we have Nancy Scott's and also one for Connie Cherry. If you would like to contact Nancy, you may reach her at 2008 Silver Ct. W, Urbana, IL 61801, phone: (217) 367-8416 or email her at nrscott@prairienet.org. To contact Connie Cherry, you may reach her at 407 Thom- asville Rd., Florence, MS 39073 or email her at cherryc50@aol.com .

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.

4. **Benjamin J. KUHNS** b. Nov 1851, OH, m. 1881-1882, in <Michigan>, **Bessie LANGFORD**, b. Oct 1859, Canada, moved to Michigan. Benjamin died c1927, <Honolulu, Hawaii>, buried: FairviewCem.MillerTwp.,MariesCo.MO.  
*Children:*
- i **Ben KUHNS** b. Nov 1882, Canada.
  - ii **Daniel Joseph KUHNS** b. c1883-1884, ND.
  - iii **Jay M. KUHNS** b. 13 Sep 1884, Cooperstown, North Dakota, m. 12 Jun 1915, in St. Louis, MO, **Eula Edna URBAN**, b. 25 Jan 1889, Longtown, MO, d. Aug 1977, Kaneohe, Honolulu, Hawaii. Jay died 1 Apr 1964, Queen'sHospital, Honolulu, Hawaii.
  - iv **Gertrude KUHNS** b. Feb 1887, Canada.
  - v **Myrtle KUHNS** b. Mar 1889, OH, m. c1909, in <Hawaii>, **Ditlew THAAMUM**, b. 1867c, Denmark, both parents born Denmark.
  - vi **Mabel KUHNS** b. May 1891, Canada.
  - vii **Verly KUHNS** b. Jul 1892, ND.
  - viii **Bessie KUHNS** b. Feb 1896, OH, baby at move to Hawaii, m. **Unknown BELL**.
  - ix **Eugene KUHNS** b. c1903, Hawaii.
5. **Minerva Jane KUHNS** b. 01 Nov 1857, Delaware Cty, Delaware, Ohio, m. 15 Aug 1880, in Maries Co.MO near Dixon, Pulaski Co., MO, **James PERRY**, b. 20 Oct 1839, Scrubgrass T, Venango, PA, (son of **John PERRY** and **Mary Ann SMITH**) d. 29 Nov 1936, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, buried: 2 Dec 1936, Crown HillCem, Indianapolis, IN. Minerva died 09 Jan 1920, 1323 Montcalm, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, buried: 12 Jan 1920, Crown HillCem, Indianapolis, IN.  
*Children:*
- i **Fred Elmo PERRY** b. 14 May 1881, Ohio, d. 10 May 1892, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, buried: 17 May 1892, Crown Hill, Indianapolis, IN.
  - ii **Lucile Williams PERRY** b. 21 Jul 1883, Washington Courthouse, Ohio, m. 22 Sep 1909, **Albert Davis BRADLEY**, (son of **George Thomas BRADLEY** and **Viola DAVIS**) buried: 8 Feb 1946, Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis, IN. Lucile died 2 Aug 1979, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, buried: Crown Hill Cem. sec 40 w Albert BRADLEY.
  - iii **Walter Milton PERRY** b. 6 Oct 1885, Kansas, m. 17 Nov 1908, **Alice DEXNER**, b. 16 Oct 1890, IN, d. 14 Apr 1976, San Diego Co., CA. Walter died 8 Apr 1955, San Diego Co., CA.
  - iv **Ralph Kuhns PERRY** b. 27 Feb 1891, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, m. 11 Nov 1915, no issue, **Angela Barbara STURM**, b. 1 Feb 1893, Siberia, Perry, IN, d. 22 Jul 1979, Indianapolis, Marion, IN Little Flower Cem. Ralph died 3 Jul 1979, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, buried: Indianapolis, IN St. Joseph Cem.
  - v **Lawrence Dale PERRY** b. 31 Oct 1893, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, m. (1) 11 Sep 1915, **Grace UTTER**, buried: Crown Hill Maus., Indianapolis, IN, m. (2) 4 Jul 1954, **Josephine DOWDEN**, b. 18 Dec 1901, d. Jul 1971, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, m. (3) 17 Mar 1976, in New Augusta, Marion, IN,

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## NEWS FLASH.

### 1852 NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS SOLVE GENEALOGICAL MYSTERIES.

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and Henry HYDENWELL sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions.

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.

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- Nellie UNKNOWN**, b. 11 JUL 1911, Lawrence died Dec. 1987, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, buried: ForestLawnCem., Thorntown, IN.
- vi **Velma Alberta PERRY** b. 18 Oct 1896, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, m. 24 Dec 1920, **Harry HAWKINS**, b. 3 Apr 1882, Shelby Co., IN, d. 2 Dec 1961, Madison, IN, buried: ForestHillCem., Shelbyville, IN. Velma died 11 Aug 1983, HeritageHouse, Shelbyville, IN, buried: ForestHillsCem. Shelbyville, IN.
- vii **Edythe LaVerne PERRY** b. 20 Jul 1901, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, m. 26 Aug 1922, in Indianapolis, Marion, IN, **Cleon SCOTT**, b. 25 Feb 1901, Spencer, Owen Co., IN, (son of **John Wesley SCOTT** and **Clara Alice DAVIS**) d. 10 Nov 1960, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, buried: 14 Nov 1960, Crown HillCem. 86/62 Indianapolis, IN. Edythe died 14 Dec 1963, Glen Ellyn, DuPage, IL, buried: 18 Dec 1963, Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis, IN 86/62.
6. **Jesse Stover KUHNS** b. 24 Apr 1860, Fort Wayne, Indiana, m. (1) 28 Sep 1882, in Maries Co. MO, **Mary E. ROLLINS**, b. 1865, (daughter of **Davis David ROLLINS** and **Rachel CARTER**) d. c1889, buried: Red Cem., MariesCo. MO, m. (2) 9 Nov 1890, in Maries Co. MO, **Sarrah Melissa KELLEY**, b. 3 Sep 1873, Maries Co. MO, (daughter of **William KELLEY** and **Mary E. UNKNOWN**) d. 7 Jun 1914, Maries Co. MO, buried: Fairview Cem., Miller Twp., Maries Co., MO. Jesse died 20 Jan 1931, Dixon, Pulaski, MO, buried: Fairview Cem., MillerTwp., MariesCo., MO.
- Children by Mary E. ROLLINS:*
- i **Benjamin Franklin KUHNS** b. Dec 1882, MO, m. c1905, in Madison Co. IL, **Roseda Lucinda MARTIN**, b. 24 Mar 1876, d. 20 Jul 1935, buried: RedCem., Rowden, BooneTwp., MariesCo. MO. Benjamin died Jul 1950, buried: DixonCem., Dixon, PulaskiCo. MO.
- ii **David Martin KUHNS** b. 11 Aug 1885, Maries Co. MO, m. 21 Dec 1908, **Rebecca Mary BRANSON**. David died 19 Oct 1967, Springfield, Greene, MO.
- iii **Maud KUHNS** b. 1885, m. c1905, **Alfred DAVIS**.
- Children by Sarrah Melissa KELLEY:*
- iv **Clara B. KUHNS** b. 20 Mar 1892, m. (1) **James Clinton CRAIN**, m. (2) **William BROWN**. Clara died 26 Oct 1967, Dixon Cem., Pulaski Co., MO.
- v **Guy R. KUHNS** b. 9 May 1894, d. 23 Jun 1895.
- vi **James Perry KUHNS** b. 11 Jul 1896, <PulaskiCo>MO, d. 20 Jul 1930, near Dixon, Pulaski, MO, buried: FairviewCem., MillerTwp., MariesCo., MO.
- vii **Daniel Lee KUHNS** b. 9 Apr 1898, d. 13 Dec 1922.
- viii **Virgil Raymond KUHNS** b. 8 Mar 1902, m. 25 Dec 1930, in Hooker, Pulaski, MO, **Susie Lillard ROSS**, b. 9 Apr 1908, buried: Dixon Cem., Pulaski Co., MO. Virgil died 6 Jul 1993, buried: Dixon Cem., Pulaski Co., MO.
- ix **Adrian Jesse KUHNS** b. 8 Mar 1907, Dixon, Pulaski, MO, m. 16 Apr 1931, in Vienna, Maries, MO, **Sylvia Ann ROSS**, b. 19 Apr 1908,

**AmeriSpeak**  
Expressions  
of Our  
American  
Ancestors

**THEY SAID:** Better a good plow mule than a lame horse!  
**WE SAY:** It may be slow but it will get me there!  
**THEY SAID:** Don't count your chickens before they hatch  
**WE SAY:** Don't make assumptions  
**THEY SAID:** Couldn't hit the broad side of a barn with a bass fiddle  
**WE SAY:** Inaccurate

**THEY SAID:** Couldn't carry a tune in a bucket  
**WE SAY:** Can't sing very well  
**THEY SAID:** Between you and me and the fencepost...  
**WE SAY:** Don't tell anyone, but...  
**THEY SAID:** Cuttin' the hay tomorrow!  
**WE SAY:** Going to work tomorrow.  
**THEY SAID:** Dark as the inside of a horse  
**WE SAY:** Very dark.

DevilsElbow,Pulaski,MO, d. 20 Apr 1986, Rolla,MO, buried: Dixon Cem., Pulaski Co, MO. Adrian died 11 Jan 1986, Rolla,MO, buried: Dixon Cem.,Pulaski Co., MO.

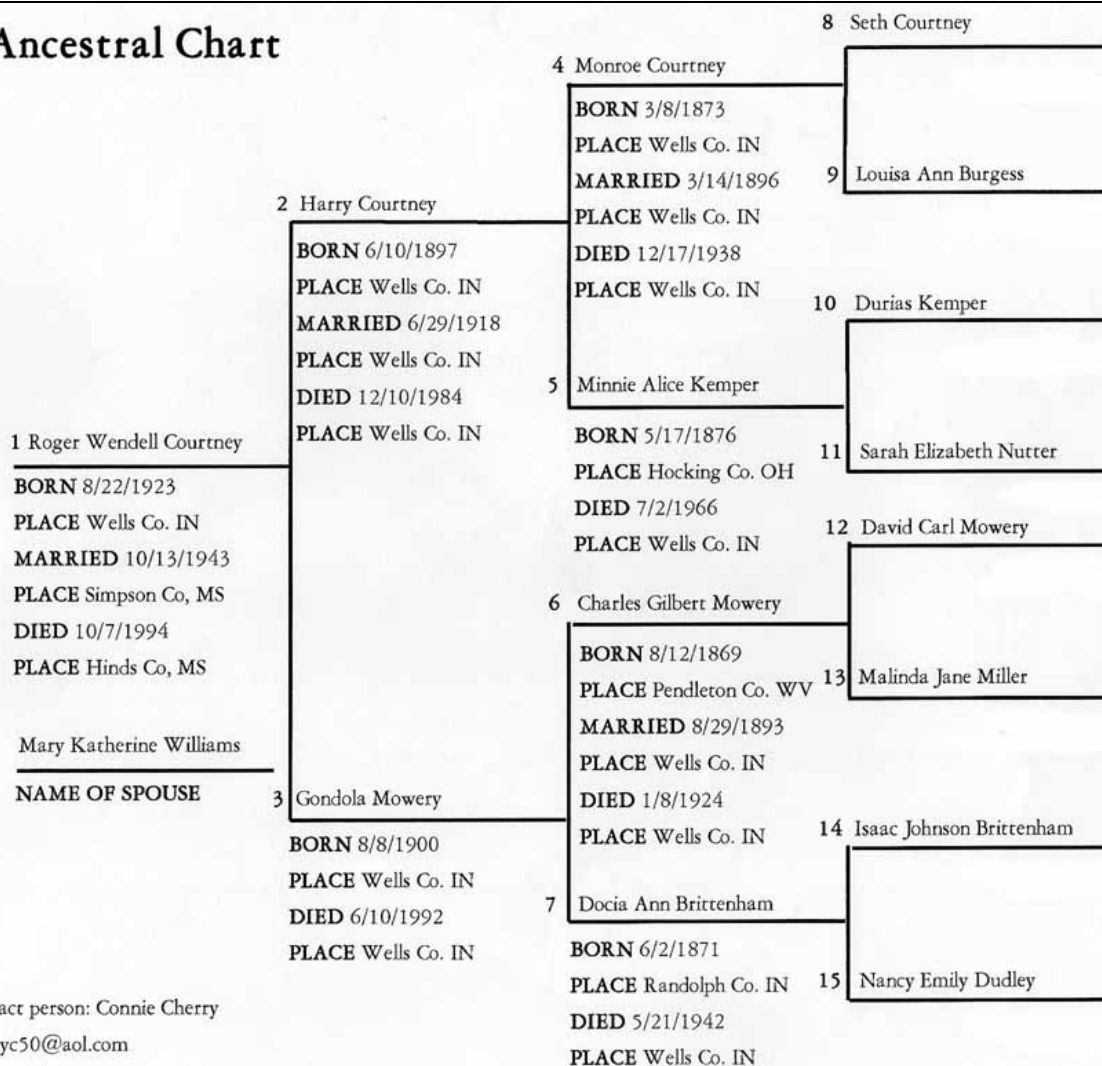
- x **Floyd E. KUHNS** b. 10 Jan 1910, MO, m. 17 Aug, in Dallas, TX, **Mickey BURGESS**. Floyd died 19 May 1983, Corsicana, TX.
- xi **Hazel Reeta KUHNS** b. 7 Dec 1911, m. **George RAULS**. Hazel died 24 Feb 1997.

7. **Morton KUHNS** b. Dec 1862, Indiana, m. c1889, **Millie A. WEST**, b. Mar 1870, MO. Morton died Bef 1904.

*Children:*

- i **Clifford KUHNS** b. Dec 1889, MO.
- ii **Almeda KUHNS** b. Sep 1894, MO.
- iii **Harry KUHNS**.
- iv **Charles KUHNS**.

### Ancestral Chart



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**THEY SAID:** Don't that just crack yer yaller? (Yaller a reference to egg yolk)  
**WE SAY:** Doesn't that surprise you?!  
**THEY SAID:** Had to tie a pork chop around his neck so the dog would play with him  
**WE SAY:** He was an ugly baby  
**THEY SAID:** If you put her brains in a thimble they'd rattle like road apples in a bushel basket.  
**WE SAY:** She's not very smart

**THEY SAID:** Don't look a gift horse in the mouth  
**WE SAY:** Accept gifts graciously  
**THEY SAID:** Why buy the cow when you can get the milk free?  
**WE SAY:** Why pay for something that's free?  
**THEY SAID:** Wouldn't say suiee if the pigs were eating him  
**WE SAY:** He's lazy

## YE OLDEN TIMES

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

### To Save Money IS TO MAKE IT!

AND the way to save it is to get your feed chopped at Nat. DeHaven's Mill. Experience has demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that Chopped Feed is not only the best for all kinds of animals, but that it is also a saving of nearly one-half. Farmers and tohers having stock to keep or fatten would do well to get their feed at the above establishment, and they will find that the price of the grain thus saved in a single year will be no small item to the column of clear profit.

I also continue, under the same roof, to make good Shingles, which will be sold low and in any quantity desired.

My machinery is driven by steam—no stoppages on account of low water. A call is respectfully solicited.

N.B.—The Feed-Mill will be run on Fridays and Saturdays, until further notice.

N. DEHAVEN,  
Bluffton, Ind

**Washington Hotel**—W. H. J. Covert, proprietor, Main street. "Good stabling, and convenient wagon-yard attached."

**Attorneys and Counsellors at Law**—N. VanHorn and M. Jenkinson, Office, over Studabaker's Exchange, Bluffton. VanHorn is also a Notary Public.

**Venue-Crier**—Lemuel Frizzell, Bluffton.

**Time-Piece repair**—Charley at Horton & Cook's.

**Notary Public**—W.M. Bulger, Office, corner of Main and Wabash streets, Bluffton.

**Livery & Sale Stable**—Wils. Deam, proprietor, in rear of the Washington

Hotel. "Horses boarded and carefully attended to, on good terms. This stable boasts of the best hostlers in the country."

**Dental Surgeon**—Artificial Teeth and Extractions. Dr. S. M. Cummins, Office on Main st., south of Market.

**Attorneys at Law**—D.T. Smith & J.R. Coffroth, Bluffton. Mr. Smith is a notary Public.

**Hardware, Stoves, Nails, Glass Paints, etc.**—E.A. Horton & Henry Cook, Studabaker's Block.

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

**Attorney at Law**—J. Gerry Smith, Office in the Banner office, Gregg & Wiley's Block.

**ASHES!! ASHES!!**  
**15,000** Bushels of Ashes wanted by the undersigned, for which he will pay in goods, at S. Oppenheim's store. He will also pay cash for Black Salt.  
FRANCIS B. SNOW.

**S**UBSCRIBERS to "Dillon's History of Indiana," will be received at the Banner Office.

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**National Democratic Ticket  
FOR PRESIDENT.  
STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS,  
OF ILLINOIS.**

**FOR VICE-PRESIDENT  
Herschel V. Johnson,  
OF GEORGIA.**

**Electoral Ticket for Indiana.  
DISTRICT ELECTORS:**

1st District	James M. Shanklin.
2nd do.	Wm. F. Sharrod.
3rd do.	James S. Hester.
4th do.	Daniel D. Jones.
5th do.	William A. Bickle.
6th do.	A. B. Conduit.
7th do.	William M. Franklin.
8th do.	William C. Kise.
9th do.	R. P. Effinger.
10th do.	William S. Smith.

11th do. A. Steele.

**Democratic State Ticket.  
FOR REPRESENTATIVE,  
THEODORE HORTON, of Wells.**

**For Prosecutor,  
DAVID T. SMITH, of Wells.**

**Proceedings of the Railroad Meeting.**

Pursuant to previous notice, quite a large number of the citizens of Wells county assembled in the room back of VanHorn & Jenkinson's Law Office, in Bluffton, on Saturday last, the 18th inst, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of taking steps towards building a Railroad from Fort Wayne to Bluffton.

On motion of James Fulton, Dr. Jelleff was called to the Chair; and N. Kellogg and J. Gerry Smith appointed Secretaries.

Dr. McCleery and John Studabaker stated the object of the meeting.

On motion, Messrs. Peter Studabaker, Joseph C. Silver, J. R. McCleery and John Studabaker were appointed a Committee to confer with the Wabash Valley R. R. Co., in regard to a branch of their road to Bluffton.

On motion of Newton Burwell, a Committee of 15 was appointed to see the people of Wells county, and ascertain their feeling in regard to the enterprise—consisting as follows: Dr. Metts, N. Burwell, David Truesdale, Dr. Jelleff, D. H. Drummond, Dr. Johnson, Samuel Gehrett, C. Grimes, B.M. Elkins, Jacob First, James Crosby, S. Johnson, Wm. Stobie, sr., S. Snow, and A. Lockwood.

Col. McCleery offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee of 15 be instructed to get up blank subscription papers and ascertain how much stock can be raised in Wells county, payable when the road shall be completed to Bluffton; and that said Committee be ready to report on two weeks from to-day.

On motion of D. Truesdale, Messrs. J.W. Freeman, Col. McCleery and E.A. Horton were appointed a Committee to prepare subscription papers for the Committee of 15.



On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the People's Press and Bluffton Banner.

Adjourned.

P.A. JELLEFF, Chmn.

N. KELLOGG }  
J. GERRY SMITH } Secs.

From the above it will be seen that we have actually had a Railroad Meeting in Bluffton, and if it prove true that "tall oaks from little acorns grow," we may yet have a railroad to this benighted region. The meeting on Saturday was respectable in numbers, and moderately enthusiastic in feeling; but we thought we detected too much of a disposition to divide up and parcel out the work among numerous Committees, thus shifting the responsibility from the meeting then in session.

We are assured by a gentleman conversant with railroad building, that Twelve Thousand Dollars will make the Western road ready for the iron from here to Fort Wayne (or to where it would intersect the Wabash Valley road three miles south-west of Fort Wayne), a distance of 21 miles. We think the estimate rather low, and to provide for contingencies, let us say \$20,000. Now, this amount could be raised in the county in one week—indeed, it would probably not be necessary to go beyond the corporation limits of the town of Bluffton to raise it, if our business men would take into consideration that the completion of the road would secure to them an increased trade of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars annually, as it certainly would. Then, all the people of Wells county want to know, is, whether or not the Wabash Valley Company will take the prepared road-bed, and, for the use of it for a term of years, put the iron and rolling machinery upon it. If that Company will let them have it, and go to no further trouble in raising stock; if not, the people of this county are amply able to build the whole road and put it into operation, and should set about it at once. All that is wanting is to get the requisite amount of stock subscribed, secured payable when the road is com-

pleted, and get contractors to put it right through. If our citizens take this matter in hand earnestly, in less than a twelve-month the iron-horse will be flying to and from our town, bringing golden realities in the shape of a good and ready market for everything our farmers may have for sale, and doubling the value of every acre of land in the county.

☞ W.S. Smith, Esq, candidate for Circuit Prosecuting Attorney, addressed his Democratic friends, at the Court House, on Tuesday evening. The audience was quite large, considering the short notice, and contained a good sprinkling of the fair sex. Mr. Smith's remarks were well received, and abounded in some of the best hits we have heard during the canvass. Such a "Pop-Gun" is a dangerous weapon to the Republicans, bringing down a "woolly" at every crack.

☞ John P. Jones, Esq, Republican candidate for Clerk of the Supreme Court, and who hails from Lagrange county, delivered a speech at the Court House, on Wednesday evening, to a thin audience. Mr. Jones is slow as a speaker, and poorly posted. Somebody has been hoaxing him with awful yarns about Judge Douglas, and he is going up and down the country endeavoring to find somebody else verdant enough to believe them. No go, Mr. Jones; the "Little Giant" has spoken to the American people in language so plain and unequivocal, and has fought their battles so bravely, that they will know no one else when they come to vote in November.

POST MASTER.—Old Buck has be-headed Mr. George McDowell, Post Master at this place, on account of his Douglas proclivities. Dr. Crosby is appointed to the place; and the fun of it is, that while one Douglas man is removed, another is put in—there being no Breckinridge men in this "neck o' woods!"

☞ W. R. Hogshire, Esq, Steward for the Indiana Institution for Educating the Deaf and Dumb, called upon us

the first of this week, and left with us a copy of the 7th Annual Report of the Institution. From the Report, we learn that there were 147 pupils in attendance, during the last term, and that the Institution is in a flourishing condition. It is a credit to the State and to the gentlemen in her employ, that she has such an admirably conducted Institution for the education of the unfortunate ones who cannot hear and speak.

☞ We hope our patrons that are indebted to us will not forget that we have children to feed, which requires some of the productions of the earth. — *Steuben Republican.*

The editor is respectfully referred to mushrooms, wild onions and Indian turnips!

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**Announcements.**

(Listed next are people who have announced that they will run for various offices in Wells County on the Democratic ticket — Ed.)

Sheriff—DAVID MYERS of Harrison township, THOMAS BODEN of Bluffton, SAMUEL B. CALEY of Union township, L. FRIZZELL, WM. MCBRIDE, GABRIEL H. KING, JACOB BUSHEE, E.H. PHILLIPS, NATHANIEL DEHAVEN, JAMES HUNIFR, Treasurer—P. STUDABAKER.

Commissioner—LEONARD WALKER of Union township.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Our town seems to be fast arousing from the lethargic nap with which it has been for some time afflicted.

Christman & Walmer are pushing their building ahead, and are about ready to commence laying brick. Judging from the foundation already completed, we should say they are going to erect a substantial building, and one that will be a credit to the town.

Wils. Deam has up the frame of a large and commodious stable, which, when completed, is to supply the place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

Lupton & Starbuck are driving ahead a their Steam Flouring Mill, and will no doubt have it in operation within a few weeks.

Gregg & Wiley are fitting up a new Store-room at the north side of their Brick, which will be a great help to the looks of that locality.

And J.O. Silver is busy building that New Bridge—an institution of which the people stand so much in need.

There may be other improvements going on which we have overlooked and of which we can take notice next week if there are any; but the above will do for the present, as they serve to inform our readers that Bluffton has not moved away.

The paper on which we print this week is two inches too small, and consequently the margins are rather contracted.

Our leading merchant, Mr. Geo. Arnold, has gone to New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Hartford, to purchase Goods, and will be on hand in about three weeks with the largest stock of Fall and Winter Goods ever brought to this place.

Godey for September is to hand. Splendid, as usual.

The Circuit Court has been in session this week—Judge Wilson presiding.

The Grand Jury found no indictments—an indication that the morals of our community are in a healthy condition.

We acknowledge the receipt of a large and delicious wedding cake from the couple whose marriage we recorded last week. May they live a long life of unalloyed happiness, and always have plenty of just such superb cake as they sent to the printers, is the earnest wish of the whole Banner establishment.

Among the late arrivals in town, we notice those of our friend G. Summerfield Brown, and old chum Jake Covert.

The drought is becoming oppressive; and unless rain comes soon, farmers will be late in preparing their ground for fall sowing. There is, however, at this writing, a prospect of a shower.

The Republican Grand Rally comes off to-day. Our reporter will be on hand to daguerreotype the "animal" for next week's Banner.

**Bluffton High School.**

S. McCLEERY respectfully announces to the citizens of Bluffton and vicinity, that the Fall Term of his School will commence on the first Monday in September next. He solicits his old friends to continue their patronage; and also desires to state—for the information of those not acquainted with his School—that he teaches all the branches appertaining to a complete English Education, non the most liberal terms.

For all other information concerning the school, inquire of the undersigned.

J. S. McCLEERY.

Merchants selling *Dr. R. A. Wilson's Tonic, Cathartic & Anti-Dyspeptic Pills* are Prillaman, of Bluffton, Stockton, of Murray, and Johnson, of Ossian.

**Spring & Summer goods, Gentlemen's Goods, ready-made clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, & c. Also, stoneware, queensware, groceries, & c.**—S. Oppenheim, at the old stand.

In Wells Court Com. Pleas,  
October Term, 1860:  
State of Indiana, Wells County, set:

Adam Giliam  
vs. Daniel Giliam *et als.* } Petition for Partition

Be it remembered, that on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1860, the plaintiff in the above entitled cause, by his attorney, filed his petition in the clerk's office of said Court of Common Pleas, and it appearing from affidavit on file that Jacob Giliam is a necessary party defendant to said petition; and also that he is a non-resident of the Sate of Indiana.

Therefore, said defendant will take notice of the filing and pendency of said petition; that the same will stand for hearing at the next term of said Court to be held at Bluffton, on the 15th day of October, 1860; and that unless he appears in said court, on the second day of said October term, and pleads, answers, or demurs, thereto, the same will be heard and determined in his absence.

Attest: T.L. Wisner, Clerk CCPWC  
By Sharpe Wisner, Deputy  
J. N. Reynolds, Att'y for Plff.  
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**A Merited Rebuke**

The character and spirit of John L. Wilson was well exemplified in the recent attack made by him on S. Oppenheim. It appears that there are no impulses or motives actuating this Wilson, the "hebdomadal scribbler" for the People's Press, above those of the most sordid, selfish and mercenary kind. Mr. Oppenheim, one of our most respectable and unoffending citizens, became the object of his hatred and wrath some years since, and Wilson sought to force the patriotic excitement which now pervades our community upon national affairs, to hear against him to gratify a malignant and devilish spirit of personal hatred and revenge. Wilson had just returned from Ft. Wayne, filled with lawless excitement, and being surrounded with an excited crowd, he proclaimed vociferously that "he was now ready to aid in hanging any one in fifteen minutes, who sympathized with the South." This lawless and mobocratic declaration he repeated several times. It was suggested that Mr. Oppenheim was sympathizing with the South, and although it was then night, the proposition to go immediately to Oppenheim's Store, and make him put up a Union flag, and if he refused, his store house should be torn down, not only received the sanction of Wilson, but he urged the excited crowd forward to the lawless act. When about to start Wilson appeared reluctant to go, but was told if he did not go the others would not. He then went, thus showing that he was the leading spirit. He

took a leading part in the colloquy held with Oppenheim, after the arrival at the Store, and failing to get an expression of disunion sentiments from Oppenheim, and being unable to provoke him to quarrel, some of Wilson's confederates, without cause, attacked John Leffler, who was standing near, a quiet spectator, and beat and kicked him most brutally. During the melee Leffler got out his knife and made an effort to use it upon his assailants. As soon as Wilson found there was trouble of a dangerous character on hand, he fled to his horse, mounted, and started with John Gilpin speed for home — thus adding the trait of a mean and contemptible dastard, to his character already blackened by unrefuted charges of the blackest crime. The law-abiding and peaceful citizens of this

community, we are happy to see, do not countenanc (*sic*) this mob spirit, and have appealed to the guardian of our rights — the strong arm of the law.

Again we call upon him to explain to an honest community how he came in possession of that buggy he pretends to own. How it got under the straw-pile, and what time of night it was when he left Ohio with it. And then we will have him inform us whether he really did undertake to cheat and defraud his brother William, and what amount it was Heilbronn's were to pay in order that some unsuspecting clients in the East might be cheated by their attorney out of five or six hundred dollars.

T. HORTON

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3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church -- either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every 10 years -- just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer? Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 28 December 2005, Vol. 8, No. 52.

**The Census**



Census Taker: "Good morning, madam, I'm taking the census."

Old Lady: "The what?"

Census Taker: "The c-e-n-s-u-s!"

Old Lady: "For lans sakes! What with tramps takin' everythin' they kin lay their han's on, young folks takin' fotygrafs of ye without so much as askin', an' impudent fellows comin' roun' as wants ter take yer senses, pretty soon there won't be nothin' left ter take, I'm thinkin'."

--1890 Harper's Weekly

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His widow filed 18 Feb 1919, application #1136269, certification #870585, by Elizabeth Ann Arnold, in California.

George W. Kuhns was born 31 March 1842, probably in Licking Co. Ohio, died 1 Feb. 1919 Lankershim, Los Angeles County, California. On 8 Sept 1869 in Wapello County, Iowa, he married Elizabeth Ann Arnold, who was born c1842, died 25 April 1929, Lankershim, Los Angeles, California.

[This list of Morgan's Raid in Indiana was supplied by "Johnny Reb" on the internet at Discuss Indiana in the Civil War, found on the Civil War - Indiana home page, 19 Jan 2004.] Other detailed information about Morgan's Raid in Indiana has been published: THE LONGEST RAID, by Lester V. Horwitz, 2001, which I found for sale at the gift shop at Clifty Falls State Park. See also, THE CIVIL WAR, A NARRATIVE, FREDERICKSBURG TO MERIDIAN, by Shelby Foote, Random House, NY, 1963. Correspondence with Donna Smink Rick Applegate, and Dick Skidmore has been helpful.

*Submitted by Nancy Scott*

If you would like to contact Nancy, you may reach her at: 2008 Silver Ct. W, Urbana, IL 61801 or email nrscott@prairienet.org . She says, "We will be glad to correspond with any who may be related to Daniel & Nancy Stover Kuhns. Walter Scott descends directly from them."

**ANCESTRY QUICK TIP**

"When writing to a cemetery and asking them to check burials, ask them to check all available lists such as regular burials, cremations, potter's field, military lists. I've had three occasions where cemeteries have told me they had no record of burial when they checked the burial list.

"In one instance my ancestor had been cremated, which was a different list. In another, my ancestor had been buried in potter's field, and in the third, it was a Civil War burial, which was a different list. In all instances I had quit looking at a particular cemetery when they told me "no record" on the first try.

"When I went back years later and asked about "other lists," I found my relatives had been there all the time and I had wasted precious time looking for them elsewhere."

Thanks to Kathie Groll — 28 October 1999

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A book from 1855 about Rockcreek Township has been loaned to Connie and she is preparing to make a copy of the book. The Liberty-Union Church is referred to in the book. Does anyone know where this church was located?

Cami is planning the programs for 2007. Our regular meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the uneven months and will be held at the Historical Museum. The special meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the even months and it was suggested that we might visit other libraries, invite a guest speaker, or visit our own Court House.

Meeting closed at 11:30. Lynn Elliott presented a program on organizations and societies.

*Submitted by Lynn Elliott*

### Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Membership dues
- Single—\$15.00 per calendar year for an individual
- Family—\$20.00 per calendar year for a family

### 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--\$15.00 individual/\$20.00 family	(Circle one) Individual or family					\$
<b>Total Amt. Enclosed</b>						\$

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