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Call for Family Bibles for Our Website

I am the coordinator of the Wells County INGenWeb Project site and would like to encourage anyone who is in possession of a family Bible with connections to Wells County to contact me about scanning or photocopying the birth, death, and marriage data for inclusion on our website.

Over the years a number of people have submitted copies (scanned and/or transcribed) of their Bibles and in doing so they are ensuring that the information from the Bibles will be available in perpetuity. They are also a wonderful way to make contact with others researching your lines!

Below are the Bibles that are currently available on the Wells County INGenWeb Project website (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~inwells/items.html#bibles>). I

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REMINDERS TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues must be paid to continue receiving the news letter. \$15.00 for single and \$20.00 for families.

Anyone with information, stories, or pictures about Poneto should contact

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The deadline is near for any additional information.

We are still needing readers, as well as data entry persons, for the deed project. If you can help, contact

Connie — cbrubaker@onlyinternet.net or

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I have just learned that the LDS will be or are in the process of putting all of the information for all of the books, records etc. that they have gathered over the years, on line for research at no cost to the researcher. This will take about 2 years to accomplish, but won't that be great?

President's Corner

I hope everyone has had a fruitful winter in their research. I find I can do a lot more research in January and February than I can any other time of the year. Could that be because the weatherman keeps me at home more????? I have really had success this year. It seems that some of my ancestors have decided to come out of hiding and I have been able to take 3 of my surnames back to the 1300-1400's. Families I didn't have a clue about before have appeared. Research is so much more fun when you get past that "brick wall," even if it leads to another "brick wall." It's the search that keeps us going.

I have been working on the Haiflich Family Tree for Leota Haiflich Dormire Kline and I am in the process of publishing it now. Leota will be 106 on her birthday March 9, bless her heart she has been waiting for me to get this done for almost 2 years now. I think she will be well pleased at the vast amount of information I have gathered for her to share with her family. Many families in the RockCreek and Union Townships are connected to each other through this family. A copy will be available in our Society library and I plan to send copies to the Fort Wayne and the Wells County libraries.

If you remember I made a request last month via email for contributions toward a new computer for the Society. We didn't receive enough money to purchase one yet, but I have applied to Wal-mart for a grant of \$600 to help purchase one. I also took the old computer to the repair shop and had a new hard drive and 3½" floppy put in it (the cost was \$115.) So I still have a computer to work on the data entry, but it's like putting new tires on an old car, you never know when the engine (mother board) will go out and you're still stuck with a junker. Hopefully, Wal-Mart will come through and we can have a nice dependable computer to use. Also when and if we get a new one we will have two computers available for anyone to come to the Society library to use to help do entry or to do research.

Cami and I also applied to the Wells County Foundation for grant money to help pay for printing of the first volume of the Wells County Deed Index. The Foundation has accepted our application and will vote on it March 21st. Keep your fingers crossed that we will get the full amount. Then, as soon as the data is entered, we can publish our first volume of the book. We expect the sales of each volume will provide the money needed for the publishing of the rest of the volumes in succession as we have them ready for publication. Each volume will be approximately 600 pages (that's a lot of names!).

Plan to be at the March meeting, if you don't you might miss something spectacular....see you then.

Connie



The Iron Bridge School District *(continued from the January 2007 newsletter)*

Excerpt from the Rockcreek Township School Book

Story told by D. Nelson Decker

There were no wells of water in those early school days in the school yards. The township trustee usually furnished one water bucket and one tin-cup for all to use. Generally the large boys that didn't like school were the ones that asked the teacher if they might go and get a bucket of water. Frank Fishbaugh was elected trustee in 1904. He had driven water wells put at all the schools, that should have been done many years ago.

Over the years until the iron bridge along with the other one room schools gave way in about 1922 to the Rockcreek Center consolidated grade and high schools. Old Iron Bridge turned out many students of note, men who have made their mark in this and other communities. I will just name a few. Chester Redding who served several terms as trustee of Liberty, our neighboring township. Clarence Fishbaugh who was auditor of Wells County two terms. Ernest McAfee on the County Council. Frank Brown who also served in that capacity. Frank Fishbaugh who was our Township Trustee, later elected as its trustee who was also auditor of Wells County. And of my own family, my brother, John F. Decker, was a member of the Indiana State Senate and Judge of the Wells Circuit Court for two terms; Charles, another brother, served two terms as Wells County Surveyor and later on the Bluffton City Council; Rufus and Otto, who each served on the Wells county "Advisory committee and last, but not least, my own 37 years as mentor of the youth of Wells county as a teacher in the schools, a public trust that I never intentionally betrayed.

I would like here to digress and tell of some of the history and legends handed down from the early settlers in the Iron Bridge district which occurred before my birth and entrance on the scene of action. My two grandfathers were born in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1820; my grandmothers were born there, too. Isaac Decker bought and lived where Carl Freds lives now. John Houtz owned the farm Ralph Milligan now occupies. Other settlers in the Iron Bridge District came from North Carolina to get away from the curse of slavery.

There are two bank barns in the district, one on what used to be known as the Mary Sparks farm, and the other on what is known as the Isaac Decker Sr. farm. The bank barn idea came from Pennsylvania. The Sparks barn was built in 1867 and the Decker barn in 1868. It took three days to raise the Decker barn size 45 X 96 feet. There were 110 men there one day, but not one of these men is living now.

Isaac Decker and John Houtz were Jefferson and Jackson Democrats. During the Civil War they belonged to a secret organization known as the "Knights of the Golden Circle." The Republican party had an organization called the "Home Guards." It seems its chief purpose was to force unwilling Democrats to help fight in the war. Soon after the war began in 1861, there were some men who passed the Samuel McAfee home in the Iron Bridge District on their way to Wabash, Indiana to enlist in the army. Mr. McAfee went with them and enlisted and fought till the close of the war. His wife and children did the farming. It was told that after he got to where there was real fighting, there was a big battle, but he was not supposed to take part in it, but he helped to handle a cannon.

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Minutes of the January '07 Meeting

The January meeting was opened with President Connie Brubaker discussing the topic, "What price of freedom?" She said there were 700,000 deaths in the Civil War out of 2,750,000 men. Something to think about when we are once again asking the question – what price of freedom?

Members present:

Geri Brown	Connie Brubaker	Kathy Davis
Pat Dyson	Lynn Elliott	Joan Gavilanez
Cami Mount	Jane Oman	Susan Price
Nellie Sleppy	Chris Williams	Tom Williams

The minutes of the November meeting was corrected to read "people are still needed to help transcribe deeds. The Treasurer's Report was given with a beginning balance of \$616.50, receipts of \$145. less error of \$20., ending balance \$741.50.

Deed Project report: The 2 film readers are here. One of the readers is located in the Wells County Genealogy Library and the second reader is at the home of Cami Mount. Ruth Ann Penrod, from the History Center at the Church of LDS in Decatur, has volunteered to help with the readers. Her experience in working with these readers will be greatly appreciated.

Computer project: The computer located in the WCGS Library has crashed. Most all of the information on the hard drive was not retrieved. Donations in the amount of \$175. had been donated by meeting time to help with the purchase of a new and bigger computer. It was suggested that if each member could contribute \$10. toward this fund, there would be enough money in the fund for this purchase. A grant request is being filled out by Cami Mount and Avon Crismore for funds from the Wells County Foundation and WalMart will be contacted the first of February about a contribution.

Report was given on the Poneto Book. Information on the town along with pictures is being gathered at the present time.

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BLACKFORD-WELLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

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SOCIETY RELATED EVENTS

March 18—Meeting

May 20—Meeting

July 15—Meeting

September 15—Meeting

November—Meeting

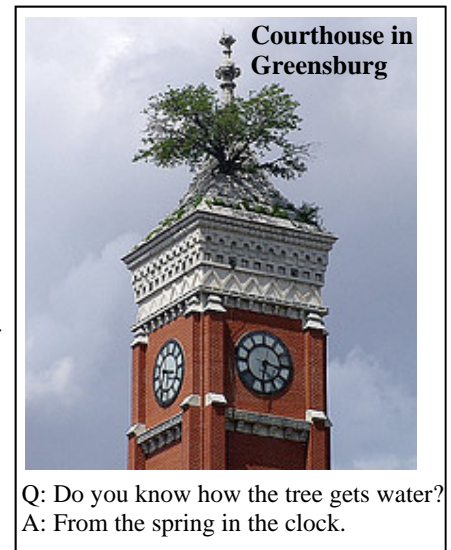
Some interesting trivia about us Hoosiers.....

I'll bet you didn't know.....



- ✿ Tomato juice was first served at a French Lick Hotel in 1925.
- ✿ The first tomato juice factory was also in French Lick, Indiana.
- ✿ The world's largest orchid species collection is found at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.
- ✿ The first regulated speed limit on Indiana roads was initiated in 1921, 20 - 25 mph!
- ✿ An average of 400 funnel clouds is sighted each year in Indiana.
- ✿ The city of Gary, Indiana, was built on fill brought from the bottom of Lake Michigan through suction pipes.
- ✿ There are only two Adams fireplaces in the United States. One is in the White House and the other in the Diner Home in Indiana.

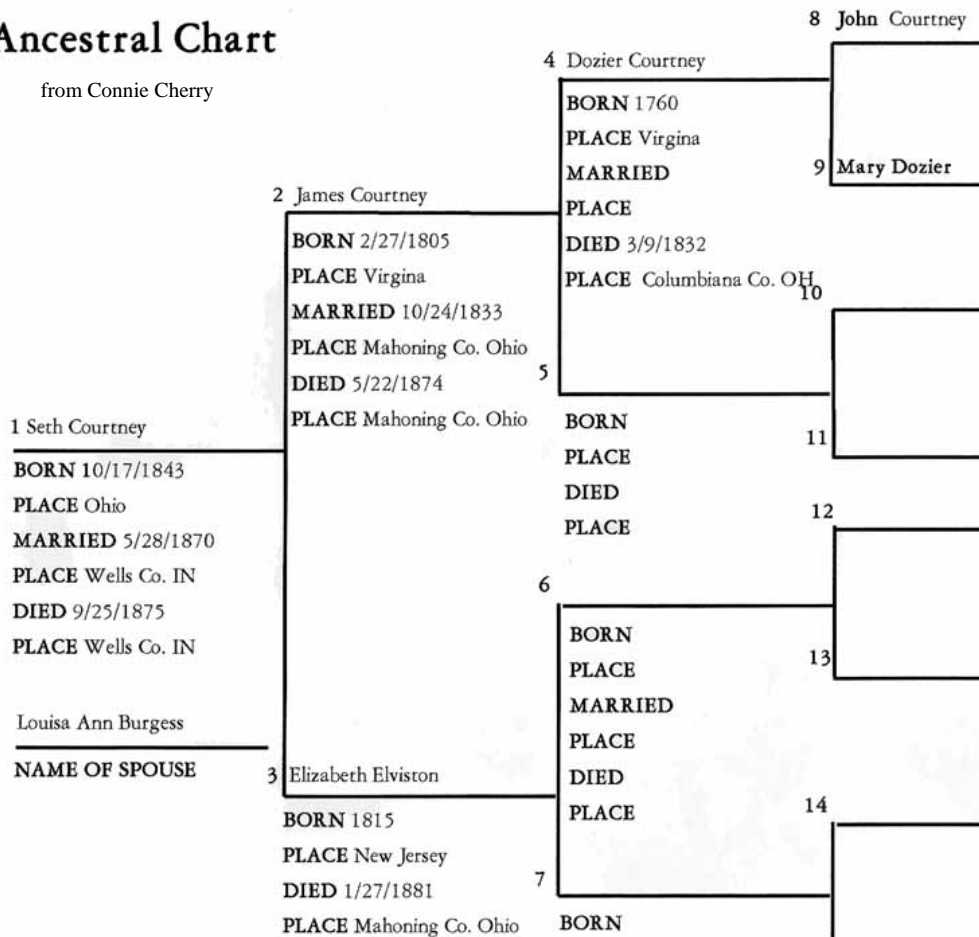
- ✿ Josie Orr, wife of former Indiana Governor Robert Orr, flew bombers and cargo planes during World War II.
- ✿ The Indianapolis Methodist Hospital is the largest Hospital in the Midwest.
- ✿ One of the first complete bathrooms in Indianapolis was in the home of Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley.
- ✿ The career of Dorothy Lamour (famous for the Crosby-Hope Road Movies) was launched in Indianapolis.
- ✿ Aviatrix Amelia Earhart was once a Professor at Purdue University.
- ✿ Crown Hill Cemetery (Indianapolis) is the largest cemetery in the U.S.
- ✿ The library in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana houses one of the largest genealogy libraries in America.
- ✿ Wabash, Indiana was the first electrified city in the U.S.
- ✿ Pendleton, Indiana was the site of the first hanging of a white man for killing Indians.
- ✿ The Courthouse roof in Greensburg, Indiana has a tree growing from it.
- ✿ The world's first transistor radio was made in Indianapolis.
- ✿ Clark Gable and wife Carole Lombard (a Hoosier) honeymooned at Lake Barbee near Warsaw, Indiana.
- ✿ The American Beauty Rose was developed at Richmond, Indiana.
- ✿ Elkhart, Indiana is the band instrument capitol of the World.
- ✿ Frank Sinatra first sang with the Tommy Dorsey band at the Lyric Theater in Indianapolis.
- ✿ Purdue Alumnus, Earl Butz, served as the Secretary of Agriculture.
- ✿ U.S. 231 is the longest highway in Indiana (231miles).
- ✿ Johnny Appleseed is buried at Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- ✿ The singing McGuire Sisters spent their childhood summers at the Church of God Campground in Anderson, Indiana.
- ✿ The main station of the Underground Railroad was in Fountain County, Indiana.
- ✿ There are 154 acres of sculpture gardens and trails at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.
- ✿ La Porte County is the only county in America having two functioning Courthouses. I think we can add Vanderburgh County in with that also.
- ✿ Nancy Hanks Lincoln is buried in Posey County, Indiana.
- ✿ Crawfordsville, Indiana (Montgomery County) is the only site in the world where crinoids are found. (What is a crinoid, you ask? A form of deep-water marine life that looks something like a starfish.)
- ✿ Pendleton, Indiana was the site of the 'Fall Creek Massacre.' A museum housing 3500 artifacts of pioneer heritage now exists on that site.
- ✿ St. Meinrad Archabbey is located in Spencer County and is one of only two archabbeyes in the U.S. and seven in the world. (Abbey Press is an operation of the archabbey.)



Q: Do you know how the tree gets water?
A: From the spring in the clock.

Ancestral Chart

from Connie Cherry



Ancestral & Family Sheets

We begin this month with sheets from Connie Cherry. If you would like to contact Connie, you may reach her at 407 Thomasville Rd., Florence, MS 39073 or email her at cher-ryc50@aol.com .

Our next sheets come from Mary Ellen Wexler. On each Family Group Sheet, she circled the number which represents her ancestor. She included information on sources, but in the interest of space, I deleted it. So if you would like to learn of her sources or any other information on her family, you may reach Mary Ellen at 5798 Merlau Road, South Wales, NY 14139 or email her at me@wexonline.net or at MewexlerA@netscape.net . Her phone number from May thru October is (716) 655-2496.

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.

Error, Error, Error

There was a mistake on one of the sheets from last month. Nancy Scott contacted me so that I could let you all know that on her descendancy narrative it should have read "**Descendants of Daniel KUHNS and Nancy Stover**" (rather than Minerva Jane Stover). Please correct this in your newsletters. Thank you!

Humor/Humour: Funny Names

In the 1925 New York City directory on Ancestry.com I found an ad for "Fat Dealers." Six companies are named, but my favorite is the "Reliable Fat Company," located on 421 East 47th Street. I wonder if they are still in business and make house calls? I could use someone in this business.

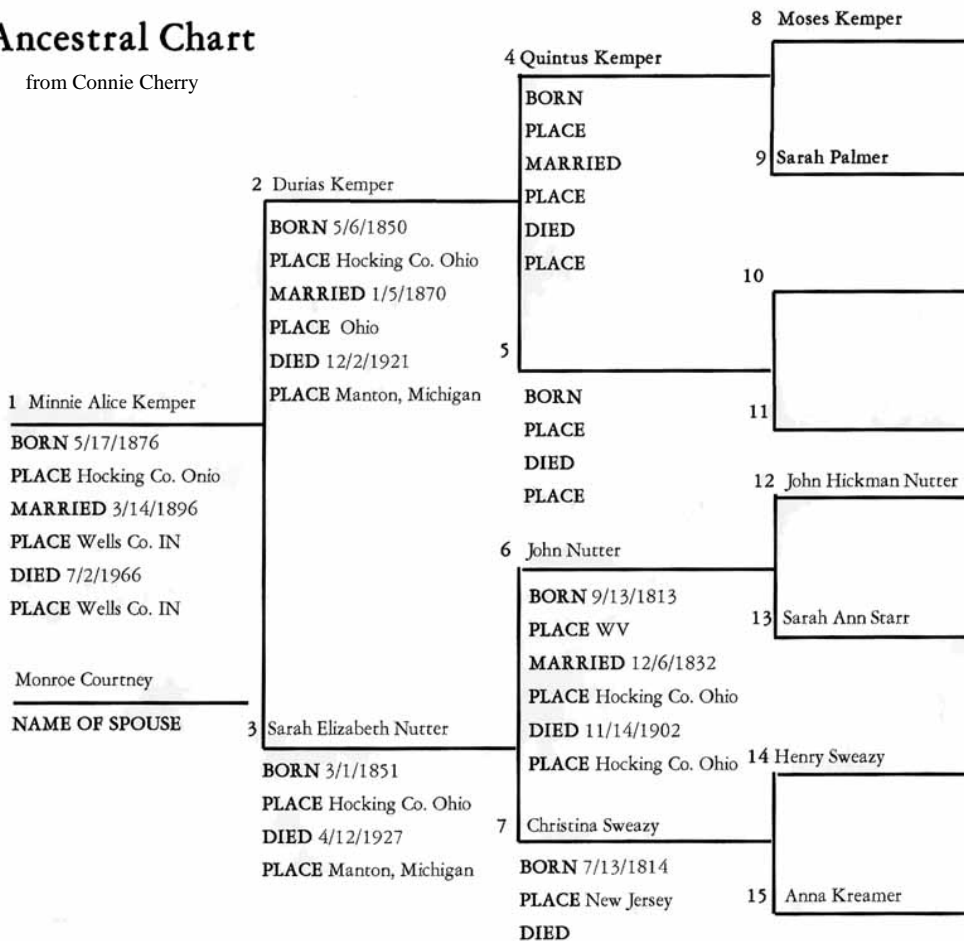
---Thanks to Rose Mary A. (McGrath) Neal

My husband's grandmother was named Fanny May Sweatt. For proof, you can look up the census record on Ancestry.com. It's located in the 1900 Census of Taylor County, Texas.

---Thanks to Paula Jones
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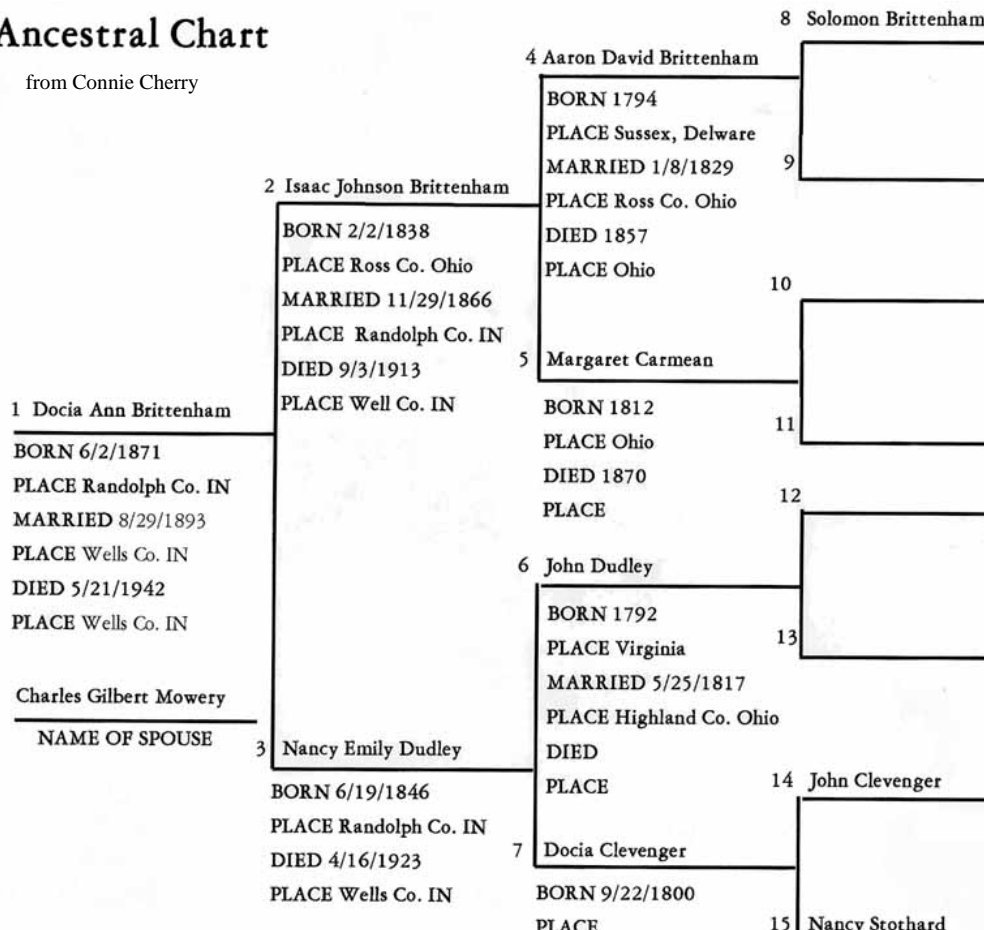
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Diary of Rachel Grisell Irey

A taste of the past. How wonderfully this young mother strove to be a good example to her children and others around her. I found this a refreshing glance at a struggling mom, full of hope rather than despair.

The following was transcribed from a microfilm copy of a book by Morgan Milton Lewis & Mrs. Jessie Gray Emmons, "Genealogical & Biographical Record of Lewis & Grisell Families 1751-1763 to 1903" (1903 Morgan Milton Lewis, Battlecreek, MI, LDS Film #1320690), p.350,

"Rachel Grisell was the youngest daughter of Thomas and Elmira Grisell, whose family moved to Delaware County, Ohio and settled on a farm near Alum Creek. She was quite young when deprived of a mother's care, yet, with the help of her father, brothers and sisters, she received an education in the district school and taught for some time in the public schools. Later on, through the help of her brother William, she was enabled to enter Oberline College as a pupil, where she was under the influence of President Fairchild, who has made Oberline what it is today. Leaving there she took up teaching again in Ohio, and later went to Jay County, Indiana, making her home with her grandfather White's family and teaching until her marriage. . . ."

Some notes from her diary, now in possession of her daughter, Viola F. Beall, may not be amiss:--

March 31, 1857. -- Hilles and I had a happy evening together. How much cheerfulness and smiles smooth the rugged pathway of life.

April 1.--I have been impatient today, was irritated at the children's mischief. O, the patience and calmness a mother needs.

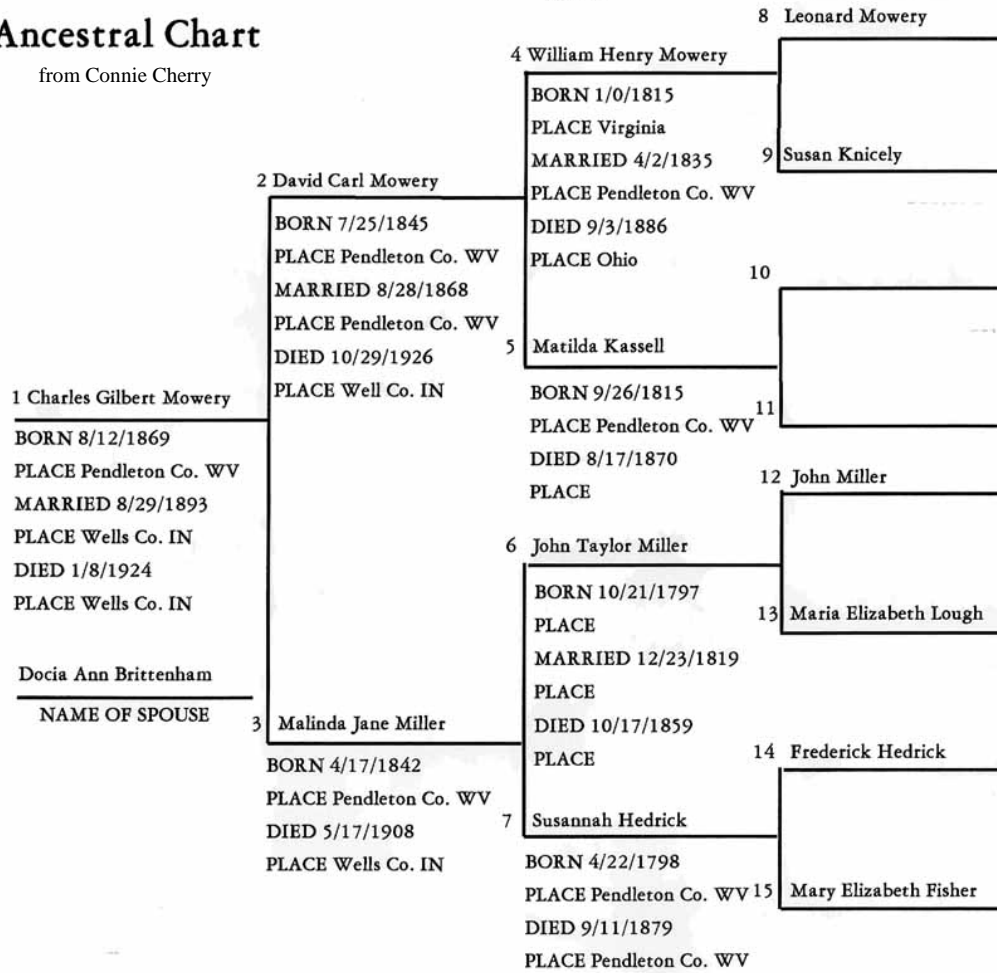
April 4.--How glad I was today to get sister Elmira's letter.

April 5.--This evening I read a good piece about, "How to make home attractive and pleasant to children." Enter into their little plays, giving them privileges so far as right, and get interesting books for them to read when they are large enough.

April 7.--O, how much I want to be a good example to my children. This must now be the warfare of my life. Far from it, I have been.

Ancestral Chart

from Connie Cherry



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October 14. --Hilles and I have been to Father Ireys to gather our winter apples: They have given them to us. O, how kind they are.

November 1. --I would be happy had I not said something this morning for which I am sorry. O, when will I learn to guard my speech?

November 5. --Yes, I am glad to live, though there are thorns there are sweet roses too.

November 15. --We have been on a visit to Father Ireys. They were glad to see us all. O! what nice bread and butter, honey and baked apples. We had a good visit. On the way home we stopped to see cousins Emily and Martha Lewis. How good it seems to be at home. "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."

December 6. --I felt disappointed today; father and mother Ireys did not come. It was too stormy.

December 7. --The children and I are alone. How great is the demand for sympathy, kindness and forbearance toward them. Their active limbs are always busy, therefore they should be supplied with entertainment suitable for their active minds.

*Give it play and never fear it.
Active life is no defect.
Never, never break its spirit,
Curb it only to direct.*

December 15. --It would be a relief to me if I could unbosom my thoughts on paper or if I had the gift to scatter them in oratory to the inhabitants of the earth. I long to see truth prevail, mankind purified for a higher life. Joyful thought, that we are to life forever, near to the fountain of all living truth. I can say with one of old, "O Lord, cleanse though me from secret faults." O that my life and example may be also pure.

December 25. --Christmas. Brother Benjamin and wife were here, they stayed the evening; we had a good time. We ate apples, read and talked about Women's Rights.

Jan 1, 1858. --Mother Ireys is sick, I am with her. Hilles is at home alone; I am anxious about him.

January 4. --Hilles came after me Sunday. I did not like to leave mother.

January 26. --Our little daughter

Family Group Sheet from Mary Ellen Wexler

Husband: William Harvey	
Born: Abt. 1726	in:
Died:	in: Fannette Twp., Cumberland County (now Franklin), PA
Source:	
Father: James Harvey, Sr. (possibly)	
Mother: Unknown Maguire	
Other Spouses:	
Wife: Mary	
Born:	in:
Died:	in:
Father:	
Mother:	
Other Spouses:	
CHILDREN	
1	Name: Robert Harvey
	Born:
	in:
M	Married:
	Died: Before 1788
	in:
	Source:
	Spouse:
2	Name: Henderson Harvey
	Born: Abt. 1755
	in: Cumberland Co., Pa.
	Died: Before 1818
M	in: Union Co., Indiana
	Married: February 10, 1779
	in: Hagerstown, MD
	Spouse: Martha McConnell
3	Name: William Harvey, Jr.
	Born: Abt. 1757
	in:
M	Died: 1809
	in:
	Source:
	Married:
	in:
	Spouse:
4	Name: Mary Harvey
	Born: Abt. 1759
	in:
F	Died:
	in:
	Married:
	Spouse: Robert McGuire
	in:
	Married:
	Spouse: James Randels (Reynolds)
5	Name: Sarah Harvey
	Born: Abt. 1761
	in:
F	Died:
	in:
	Married:
	in:
	Spouse: William Neely
6	Name: Thomas Harvey
	Born: Abt. 1762
	in:
M	Died: Before 1789
	in:
	Source:
	Married:
	in:
	Spouse:
7	Name: John Harvey
	Born: Abt. 1768
	in:
M	Died:
	in:
	Married:
	in:
	Spouse: Elizabeth (?)
8	Name: Charles Harvey (?)
	Born: Abt. 1770
	in:
M	Married:
	in:
	Died:
	in:
	Spouse:
9	Name: Elizabeth Harvey
	Born: Abt. 1772
	in:
F	Died:
	in:
	Married: Abt. 1790
	in:
	Spouse: William Brice
10	Name: Thomas Harvey
	Born: 1788
	in:
M	Married:
	in:
	Died:
	in:
	Spouse:
11	Name: James Harvey
	Born:
	in:
M	Died: July 1789
	in: Pa.
	Source:
	Married:
	in:
	Spouse: Hannah McGuire (?)

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Family Group Sheet from Mary Ellen Wexler

Husband: Henderson Harvey	
	Born: Abt. 1755 Married: February 10, 1779 Died: Before 1818 Source: Father: William Harvey Mother: Mary Other Spouses:
	in: Cumberland Co., Pa. in: Hagerstown, MD in: Union Co., Indiana
Wife: Martha McConnell	
	Born: Abt. 1760 Died: 1820 Source: Father: Francis McConnell Mother: Isabelle (?) Other Spouses:
	in: PA in: Union County, Indiana
CHILDREN	
1 F	Name: Mary (Anna) Harvey Born: _____ in: _____ Married: _____ in: _____ Died: _____ in: _____ Spouse: _____
2 M	Name: William Harvey Born: Abt. 1781 in: Franklin Twp., Franklin Co., PA Married: _____ in: _____ Died: 1832 in: _____ Spouse: _____
3 M	Name: James Harvey Born: Abt. 1782 in: Cumberland Co., Pa. Died: August 1843 in: Murray, Wells Co., Indiana Married: October 02, 1831 in: Union Co., Indiana Spouse: Sarah Davis
4 M	Name: John Harvey Born: Abt. 1784 in: Franklin Twp., Franklin Co., PA Died: September 1845 in: Murray, Wells Co., IN Married: December 08, 1835 in: Allen, Co., IN Spouse: Anna Inez Guthrie
5 F	Name: Isabella Harvey Born: January 11, 1786 in: Cumberland Co., PA Died: March 4, 1864 in: Prairie Twp., Kosciusko Co., IN Married: August 13, 1811 in: Richmond, Wayne Co., Indiana Spouse: John Eldridge Plummer
6 M	Name: Robert Harvey Born: February 29, 1788 in: Fannett Twp., Franklin Co., PA Died: August 14, 1853 in: Murray, Wells County, Indiana Married: March 19, 1818 in: Butler Co., Ohio Spouse: Elizabeth Richey
7 F	Name: Martha Harvey Born: Abt. 1790 in: _____ Married: _____ in: _____ Died: July 1, 1827 in: _____ Spouse: _____
8 M	Name: Francis Harvey Born: Abt. 1792 in: PA? Died: 1840 in: Fortville, Union Co., IN or Hancock Co., Indiana Married: October 28, 1813 in: Wayne Co., Indiana Spouse: Elizabeth Snyder
9 M	Name: Henderson Harvey, Jr. Born: April 25, 1794 in: Tennessee Died: December 5, 1870 in: Boone Co., Iowa Married: January 19, 1826 in: Union Co., IN Spouse: Sarah Rinker
10 M	Name: Samuel Harvey Born: August 29, 1801 in: PA or Knox Co., TN Died: March 14, 1875 in: Preble Co., Ohio Married: February 08, 1827 in: Union Co, Indiana by Rev. John Plummer Spouse: Sophronia Hazelton

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came very near getting chocked on a chicken bone. We were very much alarmed.

February 2.--A deep snow is on the ground, everything is carpeted with its white drapery.

January 14.--Father and mother have not come yet. Hilles had gone down.

January 15.--Hilles and mother came at noon, and O! we were so glad. I wish father would come and they would stay with us. The children are full of mischief, but as pretty as ever. What beautiful flowers they are; how could we live without them?

January 17.--Mother is still with us and we are having a pleasant time.

January 24.--How natural for people to despond at times when the brightest paths seem darkened. I want to resist such feelings. It is right to be thoughtful and sober, but no sad and gloomy, for that causes others to be unhappy. We should try to be cheerful, not only for our own happiness, but those with whom we associate.

June 13.--The clouds are dispelled, the orb of light appears, the birds sing their sweetest songs, the green trees seem to wave a gentle welcome as their foliage spreads above the dripping earth.

March 29, 1862.--Five years ago I attempted to keep a diary, but increasing care prevented after two years. I am now thirty years of age and the mother of four darling children.

. . . . Soon after the last date Hilles Irey enlisted in the civil war. . . . She managed the farm, with the help of neighbors, saving the money which he sent home and adding it to the sale of stock until Mr. Irey was mustered out at the close of the war. The next year they sold the farm and opened a store in Pennville, where they lived several years. . . .

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Who will say he was not a real American patriot?

Another story concerns a Doctor Zimro, a Republican who pretended to be a Democrat. He seems to have been a scoundrel, a jackass and a possible murderer. He had a very long beard and often rode a mule when visiting his patients. A Mr. Jackson, a radical Democrat, lived in the Iron Bridge district and he got sick and Dr. Zimro treated him and he died. Dr. Zimro hinted later that doctors know what to do with undesirable patients. Henry Johnson and his brother planned to kill Dr. Zimro, in fact dug a grave for his body, but Dr. Zimro did not come to the place where they expected him to at the right time.

(Editor's note: Editing has been done to make it easier to read.)

YE OLDEN TIMES

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

Bluffton Exchange

Corner of Main and Market sts., opposite the Court House, Bluffton, Ind.

ALMON CASE, PROPRIETOR.

This House has just been refitted and refurnished, and now stands second to no Hotel in the West.

Travelers will find the best of accommodations.

Capacious stabling on the premises.

Bluffton Banner, April 20, 1860, p. 3

☞ The Press man is laboring under the hallucination that somebody is going to murder him. Wear your regimentals, Neighbor, to protect your rear. And there will not be a particle of danger.

Pay of Officers and Privates in the Artillery and Infantry of the U.S. Army.

Those of our military who have departed on the ensuing campaign, and those who expect to go as soon they receive orders, would perhaps like to know what pay they are entitled to. We give below the prices paid in the army.

In the first column will be found the nett salary per month, and in the second the total salary per month, which includes rations, clothing, etc.

	Per Month.
Colonel,	95 \$218
Lieutenant-Colonel,	80 194
Major,	70 175
Captain,	60 118
First Lieutenant,	50 108
Second Lieutenant,	45 103
Brevet Second or third Lieut,	45 103
First, or Orderly Sergeant,	20 29
Other Sergeants,	20 27
Corporals,	13 22
Musicians,	12 21
Privates,	11 20

Bluffton Banner, May 3, 1861, p. 2

The Home Guards.

In consequence of the rain on Saturday last, the "Home Guards" met at Good Templar Hall, and organized for business by appointing Adam Miller President, and Nick Van Horn Secretary of the meeting.

On motion, it was resolved to organize the Home Guards by electing officers for the company, which resulted as follows:

- Captain—John L. Wilson;
- 1st Lieut.—Jacob V. Geary;
- 2nd Lieut.—S. R. Karns;
- 1st Sergt.—J. H. Buckles.

On motion, it was further Resolved, That in view of the fact that this Company is pledged to assist and provide for, when asked, the wives and families of citizens of Wells county who have or may go or be called into the public service, that a Financial Committee of Three, and a permanent Treasurer and Secretary, be elected; whereupon, Joseph C. Silver, Nelson Kellogg and John Studabaker were elected Financial Committee, Jas. H. Ridgley, Treasurer, and Nick VanHorn, Secretary.

G. C. Fellows, N. Kellogg and N. VanHorn were appointed a Committee on By-Laws, to govern the financial and other business of the Company.

Meeting adjourned, to meet on Saturday next, at 1 o'clock p.m.

ADAM MILLER, Prest.

NICK VANHORN, Secy.

THE BLUFFTON BOYS.—The young men who left here on the 22nd ult., for the war, joined the Hoosier Guards at Ft. Wayne, excepting tow or three who Have returned.

The Hoosier Guards have been accepted, and will march within a few days for Indianapolis. The Company is officered as follows:

- Captain—Wm. H. Link;
- 1st Lieut.—Wm. W. Angel;*
- 2nd Lieut.—A.F. Reed;
- 1st Sergt.—Isaac Dean, Jr.;
- 2nd Sergt.—Dwight Klinck;*
- 3rd Sergt.—John Hayden;
- 1st Corpl.—Amos Richey;
- 2nd Corpl.—John Dragmeyer;
- 3rd Corpl.—Wm. Morgan;

4th Corpl.—James Thomas;
Ensign—F. F. Bolts.

**From Bluffton*

MARRIED—April 23, 1861, at the residence of the bride's father, in the city of Ft. Wayne, by the Rev. R. D. Robinson, Mr. D. J. Rundell to Miss Mary Jane Church.

MASONIC CELEBRATION.—On Wednesday last the corner-stone of the Ft. Wayne Court House was laid, with Masonic Ceremonies. There were in attendance from this place, Messrs. Robt. Russell, T. W. VanHorn, John McFadden, A. Townsend, E. A. Horton, N. Burwell, J. Bliss, T. L. Wisner, H. Thomas, J. C. Silver, D. Angel, and probably others whose names we have not learned.

WOOL CARDING.—Messrs. Filson & Aspinall are now fitting up two splendid carders, to be driven by steam, and will be able to convert wool into rolls as fast as it can be brought to them. Persons from a distance can have their work done and take it right home with them. Satisfaction guaranteed in every case.

These gentlemen are also fitting up spinning and weaving machinery, and those who desire can have the wool "transmogrified" into cloth in short order. This machinery will go into operation the last of the present month.

FIRE.—Justice Eaton's office was discovered to be on fire about 3 p.m. yesterday. The fire originated from the stove-pipe, where it passed through the roof. It was soon extinguished. Damage slight.

Sale of School Land.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, the undersigned will offer at public auction, at the Court House door, in the town of Bluffton, Wells county Ind., on Saturday, the 18th day of May, 1861, at 10 o'clock a.m., on said day, the following described lands, to-wit: the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter of section sixteen (16) township, twenty-five (25) north of range ten (10) east,

containing forty acres.—The above described land having reverted to the said township for the non-payment of the interest, which interest and principal amount at this time to the sum of fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents.

JOHN MCFADDEN, Aud. W. C.
PETER STUDABAKER, Treas. W. C.

NEW GOODS.—Messrs. Deam & Miller are receiving New Goods. It is said the latest is generally the best. If this be so, it would be well to call at this house, as it has the latest arrival for the season. One thing is certain—their low prices will be appreciated in these hard times.

Millinery

MRS. A. J. CROSBY, wishes to inform the Ladies of Bluffton and vicinity that she continues to carry on the above business in all its branches, and solicits a share of public patronage.

Residence on Washington street, nearly opposite the Presbyterian Church.

Fruit Trees.

H. GREGG, proprietor of the Fountain Nursery, at Camden, Jay Co., Indiana, would respectfully inform his old patrons, and friends generally, of Wells and adjoining counties, that he will wait on them in due season, either in person or by his agent, Mr. Jacob Tewell, and take their orders for any desired varieties of Fruit or Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Vines, Roses, Plants, Lineus Pie-plant, (the best variety of that desirable article in the world,) &c. &c., which he will deliver, of good quality, and in fine condition, next Autumn, at the time and place agreed on by his Agent; at which time he will furnish each purchaser with printed directions for planting and future care of trees suited to our soil and climate, being the result of his own experience.

Persons wishing to purchase trees of H. Gregg, are desired to give their orders to his agent, when called on, as it must readily be seen their wants cannot be attended to at the Nursery during the throng of the packing season.

HIRAM GREGG

We hear it rumored that Capt. Keller's Bluffton Guards have disbanded. We hope the rumor is unfounded.

Surveyor's Notices.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I have been employed to survey and establish the lines and corners of Section 26, T. 27, R. 12 E. survey to commence on Monday, the 13th day of May next.

E. A. HORTON,
Surveyor W. C.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I have employed the County Surveyor to survey and set apart my land, situated in Section 31, T. 28, R. 11 E. Survey to commence on Thursday, the 16th day of May next.

LEWIS RAVER.

NOTICE is hereby given, that we have employed the County Surveyor to survey and set apart our lands, situated in Section 18, T. 28, R. 13 E. Survey to commence on Monday, the 20th day of May next.

JOHN DAVIDSON,
PETER VERANDA,
GEO. GIBSON,
JO. SOMMERS.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

IN pursuance of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Wells County, Indiana, made at the January Term, A. D. 1861, of said Court, I, George P. Bell, Executor of the Estate of Hiram Bell, deceased, will offer at public sale, at the Court House door, in Bluffton, on Saturday, May 18th, 1861, at 10 o'clock a.m., the following Real Estate, situate in Wells county, Indiana, to-wit:

The east half of the south-east quarter of section 24, township 25, north of range 11 east, containing Eighty Acres.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third cash in hand, one-third in six months, and the remaining one-third in twelve months from day of sale—the purchaser giving notes for deferred payments, with interest, waiving valuation and appraisement laws, and secured by mortgage upon the premises.

For further information, apply to D. T. Smith, Bluffton. GEO. P. BELL
Executor

Millinery!

MISS LIDA BULGER would respectfully inform her Lady friends that she has become successor to her sister, Miss L. C. Bulger, and has just received, direct from New York City, a large and elegant stock of
SPRING BONNETS,
MISSES HATS,
CHILDREN'S HATS,
&c., &c., &c., &c.,

All of the latest style, which she is selling at prices that cannot fail to please her patrons.

A call solicited. Corner of Main and Wabash streets.

Notice to Heirs.

State of Indiana, Wells county, sct:

NOTICE is hereby given the David Studabaker, Administrator of the Estate of Abraham Thomason, deceased, has filed his petition to sell the Real Estate of the decedent—his personal being insufficient to pay his debts; and that said petition will be heard at the next Term of the Court of Common Pleas of said county.

Test: T. L. WISNER, Clerk,
C. C. P. W. C.

Notice of Publication.

In Wells Circuit Court,

August Term, 1861.

State of Indiana, Wells county, as:

Jeremiah Camp

vs. Petition for Divorce.

Elizabeth Camp.

IT APPEARING TO THE SATISFACTION of the Clerk of said Court, from the affidavit of a disinterested person, that the defendant above named is not a resident of the State of Indiana:

The said Elizabeth Camp is therefore hereby notified of the filing of said petition and the pendency of said action, and that the same will stand for trial on the second day of the next Term of said Court, to be held at the Court House, in Bluffton, in said County, commencing on the third Monday in August, 1861; when and where she will be required to appear,

and answer or demur thereto, or the same will be determined in her absence.

Attest: T. L. WISNER, Clerk
By Sharpe Wisner, Dpty.

D.T. Smith, Att'y for Pl'ff.

Livery, Feed & Sale Stable—Wilson Deam and G. T. Riddile, corner Main and Wabash sts.

Attorneys at Law—L. P. Milligan & G. S. Brown-G. S. Brown, Notary Public, Office, corner Main & Washington sts.

Real Estate—J. G. Smith & Co., Banner Office.

Attorneys and Counselors at Law—John L. Wilson and John Morris, office in the room occupied by the late firm of J. L. and F. R. Wilson in Studabaker's Exchange office.

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OBITUARY.

Died on Thursday morning, May 10, 1861, in Greenville, Darke co., Ohio, SOLOMON SCHLENKER, aged 46 years, 7 months, and 10 days.

Mr. Schlenker was son-in-law to Mr. David Angel, of this place, and leaves a large circle of relatives in this vicinity to mingle their tears with those of his family and friends at home.

At a regular meeting of Greenville Lodge, No. 195, I. O. O. F., the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-wise Providence to remove from among us our well-beloved Brother, SOLOMON SCHLENKER; therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Schlenker, our Lodge has lost a true and faithful Odd Fellow; his wife a kind and devoted husband; his children an affectionate and indulgent father; the church a worthy member, and the community a good citizen.

Resolved, That the members of this Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with the bereaved family of our deceased Brother, and will try to be reconciled with the thought that our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and to each of the county papers for publication.

W. FALKNER, Acting N. G.

S. C. EDINGTON, R. S.

THE GIPSIES.—For the past week our town has been quite well represented with the Gipsy race, there being camps on the north and south. The men trade horses and drink whiskey, while the women pocket numerous dimes by telling fortunes.

Webster gives the following, concerning this migratory and peculiar class of people, which may be of interest to many at this time:

"The Gipsies are a race of vagabonds which infest Europe, Africa, and Asia, strolling about, and subsisting mostly by theft, robbery and fortune-telling. The name is supposed to be corrupted from 'Egyptian,' as they were thought to have come from Egypt. But their language indicates that they originated in Hindoostan."

Concert.—The children connected with the Presbyterian Sunday School will give a concert on next Tuesday evening the 4th prox., for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a library for the school. They have been rehearsing, for some time past, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Jackson, the Sup't, and they will afford our citizens on that occasion a musical treat, which, apart from considerations arising from the object of the concert, will well merit encouragement at our hands. Do not fail to attend. A the Presbyterian Church. Admittance 20 cts.—children half price.

Notice of Publication.
In Wells Circuit Court.

August Term, 1861

State of Indiana, Wells county, sct:

Edward G. Chevalier

vs. Pet'n for Divorce

Louisa A. Chevalier.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of said Court, but the affidavit of a disinterested person, that the Defendant named is not a resident of the State of Indiana:

The said Louisa A. Chevalier is therefore hereby notified of the filing of said petition and the pendency of said action, and that the same will stand for trial on the second day of the next Term of said County, to be held at

the Court House, in Bluffton, in said county, commencing on the third Monday in August, 1861; when and where she will be required to appeal and answer or demur thereto, or the same will be determined in her absence.

Attest: T. L. WISNER, Clerk, W. C. C.
By SHARPE, Dpty.

M. Jenkinson, Att'y for Pl'ff.

Commissioner's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of sale made by the Wells County Court of Common Pleas, at the May Term, 1861, on a petition of Nicholas Steffen, Jr., against John Steffen and others for partition of the real estate hereinafter described, the undersigned commissioner, by the Court duly appointed, will sell at public sale, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana, on the 8th day of June, 1861, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. of said day. The following described real estate, to wit: Lot numbered Four (4) in Suter's addition to the town of Newville, Wells County, Indiana, as the same appears of record in the Recorder's office of said county. The terms of sale are one-third of the purchase money in hand, one-third in six months, and the balance in twelve months from the time of sale, the deferred payments to bear interest from date of sale, and to be secured by mortgage on said premises.

F. A. JELLEFF,
Commissioner

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In the extreme left margin of 1920 census for Quinton Township, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, on 20 February 1920, the enumerator, David B. Riggs wrote:

"Outside of town, lovely mountain trails,
Where wolves and ignorance prevail"

Thanks to: Gene M. Shuttlesworth

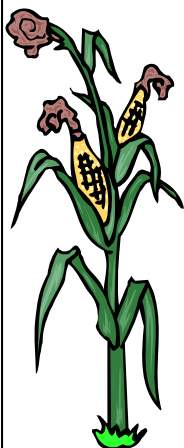
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- ✿ A Buzz Bomb (German - WWII), believed to be the only one on public display in the nation, can be found on the Putnam County Courthouse lawn in Greencastle.
- ✿ Roberta Turpin Willett was born in Indiana.
- ✿ Red Skelton was born in Vincennes, Indiana.
- ✿ May West was from Bedford, Indiana. (as was Claude Akins).
- ✿ Beulah Bondi, Bronco John, & Orville Redenbacher were from Valparaiso.
- ✿ Sport announcer Chris Schenckel was from Pendleton.



- ✿ Forrest Tucker (actor) was from Pendleton, Indiana.
- ✿ You can't ship wine to Indiana. (So how does it get here?)
- ✿ Bob Greise is from Evansville, Indiana. (Purdue boy)
- ✿ Toni Tenille (of The Captain and Tenille) is from Indiana.
- ✿ Oprah Winfrey built her residence in Indiana.
- ✿ Florence Henderson is from Indiana.
- ✿ John Mellancamp is a Hoosier and resides in Bloomington.
- ✿ The much sought-after Hoosier Cabinets are an Indiana product.
- ✿ 90% of the world's popcorn is grown in Indiana.
- ✿ The Jackson Five are from Indiana as well as 'SuperFan' Russ McLeod.
- ✿ The birthplace of the automobile, the pneumatic rubber tire, the aluminum casting process, stainless steel and the first push-button car radio was in Kokomo, Indiana.



Pretty neat, huh?
And you thought there was only corn in Indiana!

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The Ft. Wayne History book has been received.

Standing Committees for 2007

Membership: Mickey Jones
Publicity: Marylou Bumgarner
Archive (Historian): Marylou Bumgarner and Pat Dyson
Editor: Linda Thomas

Special Committees for 2007

Auditing: Barbara Elliott
Nominating: Kathy Davis, Gerri Brown, Dorothy Manning
Cemetery: Susan Price and Pat Dyson
Project Planning: Nellie Sleppy, Connie Brubaker, Chris Williams

A CD, "Soldiers Enrolled in Wells County" is being offered for \$8.00 from the Indiana Genealogy Society. Pat Dyson made a motion that the Society purchase this for our WCGS Library. Nellie Sleppy second the motion and the motion carried.

Dues for 2007 are now being collected. Single memberships are \$15. and family memberships are \$20.

It was reported that Chris Pulver has volunteered to help with the cemeteries. Her phone number is (260) 565-3519.

Various other genealogy newsletters were discussed. It was decided that we would try to send our newsletter to other genealogy societies by e-mail if they had an address.

The next meeting will be March 17 at the Historical Society. Since it is St. Patrick's Day everyone is urged to wear their green.

Submitted by Lynn Elliott

Murphy's Other Laws



1. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
2. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
3. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
4. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
5. Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?
6. I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
7. When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
8. Seen it all, done it all. Can't remember most of it.

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would love to see more on this list -- please contact me if you have one to add. All that is needed are photocopies, scans, or digital photos, or even just the desire to transcribe the information and share it with others.

- ☞ Thomas Beasley Family Bible
- ☞ Samuel Bender Family Bible
- ☞ George Ditzler - Cassia Saurbaugh Family Bible
- ☞ Jesse B. Gorrell Family Bible
- ☞ Jacob Johnson Family Bible
- ☞ Lamb Family Bible
- ☞ John and Catherine Arnold Maddux Family Bible
- ☞ Henry Taylor - Alice Ditzler Family Bible
- ☞ Thomas Turpin Family Bible
- ☞ John and Bulinda Wolfcale Family Bible

Cathy Burnsed
Coordinator, Wells County INGenWeb Project
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~inwells>

Membership Form

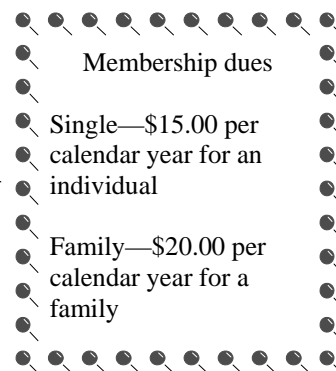
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Surname(s) Researching: _____



WCGS ITEMS FOR SALE

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

Mail to: _____ (You can also pick items up at Pages from the Attic, one mile north of Uniondale on Co RD 100 W)
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