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Wells County Tracer

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Uniondale

Names taken from Ledger of Union-Liberty-Rockcreek Twp. Sunday/Sabbath School Meetings 1855-1881

May 28, 1876

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| 1. John Beal | 9. J. Langel |
| 2. R. Bender | 10. Ettie Lesh |
| 3. Eliza Eichhorn | 11. Issac Lesh |
| 4. Phillip Eichhorn | 12. David Mast |
| 5. Henry Folk | 13. Isiah Mast |
| 6. Ettie Gilbert | 14. Laura Mast |
| 7. Eli Houtz | 15. Lucinda Mast |
| 8. Philip Houtz | 16. Uriah Mast |
| | 17. Ella Miller |
| | 18. Emma Oldfather |

1855 Register

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Aaron Albert | 6. John Bender |
| 2. Emy Albert | 7. Sarah Bender |
| 3. Enoch Albert | 8. Susan Bender |
| 4. George Albert | 9. Elizabeth Boils |
| 5. Dora Ayers | 10. Fanny Ann Brown |
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Cemetery Restoration

June 23rd a group of members and their families gathered again at the Old Rockcreek Cemetery for a cleaning day. A zillion thanks goes to Pat Dyson and her family for the work they have done and are doing to help clean this cemetery. Also helping were Susan Price and hubby, Joan Gavilanez, and Cami Mount. I went out only for a short time since we were getting ready for an anniversary party at our house on Sunday. They managed to get the very large stone re-set and the second piece in place. When we return they will set the next set of stones in place. A lot of brush was cleared and Cami was head mower for a while, that is until she broke the mower so many times they just took over for her...teehee!

The best and worst part of the whole day was when the neighbor's dog decided to join them for lunch. Pat sat up a card table and put their lunch (ham, potato salad, seafood salad, cheese, etc. the usual picnic food) on the table ready for them to eat. Next thing we knew the dog



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President's Corner

It's hard to believe it's July already. Bill and I celebrated (sorta) our 47th wedding anniversary yesterday (July 1). I wonder how the man has put up with me all of these years. We celebrated by spending the day at the Wells Co. Historical Museum helping with the ice cream social. He sat out side and listened to the great banjo music and I stayed inside the museum giving tours, etc. We did share his ice cream at one point. After we finished there we came home and took a nap, two old folks needing to nap in the afternoon, wow! I can't believe it's really me doing that. That is what my parents did when they were OLD!

This has been a very busy two months. The society has been busy with the projects and a lot has been accomplished. (See the article about the cemetery clean up day).

Pat Dyson loaned the society a flat bed portable scanner. I finally had time to check it out and found that it is wonderful. It will scan any flat surface (books, old documents, anything) anywhere you can get electricity to run your laptop. I test scanned a tintype picture and it came out so clear on the computer I was amazed. Then I scanned a page out of an old calendar from Wells County and the picture was clear and really great. I want to take it to the Auditor's office and check it out on the book we need to get scanned. Thank you Pat, that was a great contribution to the scanning abilities of the society. And yes I remember it's only a loan. But if I can find one I will own one also.

Work on the Poneto book has slowed for the summer but will get back in full swing here soon. I am still trying to get the Uniondale book re-typed, another thing lost when the old computer died.

I am still working on selling out my shop. As soon as I get more sold I am planning on moving the WCGS area into the other room where we will have a lot more space. If you would like to help, come by and buy a bunch of the items still remaining and that will help clean out the area. Or if you would just like to help move the WCGS stuff, that would be great also. I plan to have it done by the first of August. But like all great plans of mice and men, who knows if it will happen....

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Meanwhile have a great summer.

Connie



Genealogical Tip: Adding Color Makes Records Pop!

by Amanda Forson, WorldVitalRecords.com

Sometimes the depth perception needed to view a microfilmed record does not exist when the record transfers through the light and mirrors, becoming amplified on the slanted or flat microfilm reader table.

How to solve this conundrum and be able to see the hidden text with messages from our ancestors' pasts? When confronted with a problem with the textural gradient, the correct tool to use is a simple piece of colored typing paper, preferably in yellow. Blue or green also show up well, though yellow is optimal.

Typing paper has a smooth surface, and often can be bought in single-page quantities... just enough for the researcher to use at the time of searching.

Construction paper has a little too much texture for some eyes (including mine) and removes the point of using the paper—increased clarity.

Scrap-booking paper, unless of a single shade, is also not recommended. The more solid the color, and the brighter, the better the contrast and the more the record “pops” from the solid projection.

My personal favorite color to use is a reasonable, pastel yellow. Offering clarity, it does not hurt my eyes with excessive brightness.

Neon paper may work better for researchers with the beginnings of disintegrated vision, but for those with better eyesight, all that is needed is color to squeeze out results from pages otherwise too withdrawn for good searchability.

Our next meeting will take place at the Wells County Historical Museum on Sat., July 21st at 10:00 a.m. Our scheduled speaker is Phyllis Pond, State Representative of District 85 covering Allen and DeKalb Counties. Due to her busy schedule, she may not be able to make it to the meeting. In that case, Linda Thomas (yeah, that be me ☺) will give a presentation on “**Women Preachers of Colonial Times: 1600 A.D. - 1800 A.D.**” If you think there were no female preachers back in them days, be prepared for a surprise. Sure surprised me! Have you ever heard of Bathsheba Kingsley, Sarah Crosby, Mary Fletcher, Ann Lee or the “Public Universal Friend?” They are but a few I will be sharing about. (If not this month, I'll present this at a later date .)

Please add this name and info to the membership information in last month's newsletter!

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SOCIETY RELATED EVENTS

July 15—Meeting—Phyllis Pond,
speaker

August 18—Work on Rockcreek Cem.

September 15—Meeting—Trip to Allen
Co. Library's Genealogy Dept.

October 20—Work on Rockcreek Cem.

November 17—Meeting

Genfest 2007

In June, six of our members volunteered to work at the 2007 Genfest at the Marion public library in Grant County. Mickey and Cami drove down and set up our table of items for sale. It was located in a large room with several other vendors. We deemed it very nice area. Then on Saturday morning, Joan Gavilanez and Barb Grubb went down and stayed until about 12:30. They spoke with many people about our society and actually sold one book. Barbara Elliott and I went down at 12:30 and took over for the afternoon. It seemed there were very few non-vendors making the rounds to see what was for sale or to visit with other vendors. The vendors were spread out on three floors which seemed like a wide spread for the number of vendors who were there. Barbara and I didn't sell any thing and only talked to a few other vendors. I guess we didn't have the right stuff to sell. The Jay County Genealogy Society was next to us and the gal there said they sold over \$200 worth of merchandise!

We were also asked to host the 2009 Genfest to which I very quickly said NO! then I thought about it a little (maybe thirty seconds) and again said no, we just aren't big enough nor do we have the funds to do such an event. We would have to have the library and the Historical Society both help just to have the space for it. It was nice to go to as a vendor or a visitor, but not to be a host of it.

Barbara and I had to stop on the way home to check out the local restaurants and found them very satisfying. We can go back and eat there again...but no Genfest hosting for us. We gathered many fliers from other counties and will share them with you at the next meeting.

Submitted by Connie Brubaker

A Lick And A Promise

By Pamela Perry Blaine
© September 2005



"I'll just give this a lick and a promise", my mother said as she quickly mopped up a spill on the floor without moving any of the furniture.

"What is that supposed to mean", I asked as in my young mind I envisioned someone licking the floor with his or her tongue.

"It means that I'm in a hurry and I'm busy canning tomatoes so I am going to just give it a lick with the mop and promise to come back and do the job right later.

"A lick and a promise" was just one of the many old phrases that I remember my mother, grandmother, and others using that they probably heard from the generations before them.

With the passing of time, many old phrases become obsolete or even disappear. This is unfortunate because some of them are very appropriate and humorous.

Here is a list that I came up with that I remember my parents and grandparents using that we don't hear much anymore. Perhaps you have some memorable old phrases of your own that you could add to the list:

A Bone to Pick: (someone who wants to discuss a disagreement)

An Axe to Grind: (Someone who has a hidden motive. This phrase is said to have originated from Benjamin Franklin who told a story about a devious man who asked how a grinding wheel worked. He ended up walking away with his axe sharpened free of charge)

A bad apple spoils the whole barrel: (one corrupt person can cause all the others to go bad if you don't remove the bad one)

At sea: (lost or not understanding something)

Bad Egg: (Someone who was not a good person)

Barking at a knot: (meaning that your efforts were as useless as a dog barking at a knot.)

Bee in your bonnet: (To have an idea that won't let loose)

Been through the mill: (had a rough time of it)



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11. G. Cailor
12. Aaron Cotton
13. Ann Cotton
14. Cyrus Cotton
15. James Cotton
16. Mann Craig
17. John Crum
18. Jacob Farling
19. Jane Foote
20. Frances Forrens
21. Amanda Gilbert
22. Emmanuel Gilbert
23. Enoch Gilbert
24. Ann Gregg
25. Sarah Gregg
26. William Gregg
27. D. E. Greer
28. J. Harlen
29. Lorenzo Hart
30. George Highland

31. Henry Houtz
32. Jeremiah Houtz
33. Josiah Houtz
34. Lydia Houtz
35. Sarah Houtz
36. H. Howtry
37. John Lee
38. Isaac Lesh
39. Phillip Lattaner
40. John Lesh
41. Peter Lesh
42. Samantha Lesh
43. Joseph Lesh
44. Jacob Lefk/Lesh
45. Jonas Lefk/Lesh
46. Peter Lefk/Lesh
47. Laman Lefk/Lesh
48. Elizabeth Logan
49. Abraham Mast
50. David Mast
51. Cornelius Meyer

52. James M. McAfee
53. Amanda Miller
54. James Miller
55. John Mofsey
56. William Mofsey
57. ? Mottz
58. Lydia Oldfather
59. Michael Oldfather
60. G. Raher/Rober
61. Joseph Tornes/Thornes
62. Jane Thornes/Tornes
63. B. Sellers

1856 Names mentioned

1. John Bender/Bendar
2. Lee Boy
3. Sam Cover
4. J. Falk
5. Mary Folk
6. Harriet Lesh
7. Joseph Lesh

8. Amanda Miller
9. M. Miller
10. Mary Miller
11. Abraham Mast
12. Dana Mast
13. James Tornes
14. William Mofsey

1857 Names mentioned

1. Samantha Cover
2. John Hoop/Hoops
3. Solomon Hoop/Hoops
4. Sarah Miller
5. Jacob Lesh
6. Richard Sellers

1858 (cont.)

1. Catherine Folk
2. Susan Folk
3. Martin Gilbert

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Family Group Sheet

from Mary Ellen Wexler

Husband: John Harvey	
Born: July 01, 1837	in: Wells Co., Indiana
Married: December 25, 1860	in: Wells Co., Indiana
Died: November 12, 1917	in: Markle, Wells Co., Indiana
Father: Robert Harvey	
Mother: Elizabeth Richey	
Other Spouses: Sarah Ann Houtz	
Wife: Martha Ellis	
Born: June 06, 1843	in: Wayne Co., Indiana
Died: August 13, 1880	in: Blue Springs, Gage Co., NE
Father: Mordecai Ellis	
Mother: Ruth Hinshaw	
Other Spouses:	
CHILDREN	
1 M	Name: Cyrus William Harvey Born: November 11, 1861 Died: November 15, 1951 in: Wells Co., IN in: Broadview Nursing Home, 4570 Griffin Ave., Los Angeles, CA Married: March 16, 1886 Spouse: Caroline Charlotte Unland in: Claytonia, Gage Co., NE
2 M	Name: Simeon R. Harvey Born: June 09, 1864 Married: Died: July 28, 1887 Spouse: in: Wells Co., Indiana in: in: Holton, Kansas
3 M	Name: Jesse Ellis Harvey Born: May 29, 1867 Died: September 19, 1935 Married: February 07, 1886 Spouse: Effie Algenia Roush in: Wells Co., Indiana in: Markle, Huntington Co., IN in: Markle, Huntington Co., IN
4	Name: Elizabeth "Lizzie" Ellen Harvey Born: July 04, 1871 Died: December 23, 1954 Married: November 10, 1889 Spouse: Martin Gilbert in: Lancaster Twp., Wells Co., Indiana in: Wells Co. Hosp., Wells Co., Indiana in: Wells Co., IN
5 M	Name: Frank John Harvey Born: February 12, 1875 Died: December 15, 1921 Married: September 27, 1899 Spouse: Winnifred Stults in: Wells Co., Indiana in: Markle, Indiana in: Markle, Indiana

Family Group Sheet

Husband: William Sylvester Harvey	
Born: July 11, 1860	in: Murray, Wells Co., Indiana
Married: August 27, 1880	in: Wells Co., IN
Died: December 3, 1955	in: Otsego, Allegan Co., Michigan
Father: Jacob Richey Harvey	
Mother: Elizabeth Miller	
Other Spouses: Susan Elizabeth Fox	
Wife: Rhoda Bell Fox	
Born: May 15, 1863	in: Hancock Co., Illinois
Died: August 10, 1887	in: Otsego, Allegan Co., Michigan
Father: James Albert Fox	
Mother: Lydia Ann Barlow	
Other Spouses:	
CHILDREN	
1 M	Name: Charles Everett Harvey Born: March 13, 1887 Died: November 28, 1939 Married: October 08, 1905 Spouse: Ida Ellen Gearhart in: Wells Co., IN in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN
2 F	Name: infant Harvey Born: Abt. 1887 Married: Died: Spouse: in: in: in:

Ancestral & Family Sheets

We begin this month with sheets from Mary Ellen Wexler. You may reach Mary Ellen at 4166 Audiss Rd., Milton, FL 32583 or email her at me@wexonline.net.

Next we have the family narrative of Joan Parkison. We have a few more generations of this family which I will run in future newsletters. I have edited out some of her extra notes to save space, but the entire file is kept at our genealogy library north of Uniondale, so if you'd like access to those notes, visit our library to take a look at them.

Or, you may contact Joan Parkison at 1530 W. Till Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825, or call her at (260) 489-0658.

There are MANY of you who have not sent in your Ancestral Charts or Family Group Sheets. So get crackin' and 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.

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had picked out what he wanted for lunch and ran off with the ham. When we turned our backs he came back for seafood salad, he must not have like it because he only dumped it on the ground. We chased him off again and moved the table closer to where we were working. So those who ate had good old catsup sandwiches without any meat and no seafood salad. The dog satisfied with his meal went to the house laid on the porch and took a nap.

No date has been set for the next restoration day. If you missed out on this clean-up try to be at the next one. You never know what fun you might have!!!

Submitted by Connie Brubaker

Family Group Sheet from Mary Ellen Wexler

Husband: John Robert Harvey	
Born: October 17, 1867	in: Wells Co., IN
Married: March 18, 1897	in: Wells, Co., Indiana
Died: November 10, 1932	in:
Father: Jacob Richey Harvey	
Mother: Elizabeth Miller	
Other Spouses:	
Wife: Sarah Catherine Eversole	
Born: March 03, 1867	in:
Died: 1943	in:
Father:	
Mother:	
Other Spouses:	
CHILDREN	
I	Name: Minnie E. Harvey
F	Born: July 28, 1899
	Died: July 11, 1990
	Married: March 09, 1926
	Spouse: George Lloyd Stover
	in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN
	in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN
	in: Darlington, Wells Co., IN
2	Name: Henry Harrison Harvey
M	Born: May 29, 1906
	Married:
	Died: October 1971
	Spouse:
	in: Wells Co., Indiana
	in:
	in:

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Charles Ezra Harvey	
Born: November 05, 1871	in: Murray, Wells Co., Indiana
Married: October 06, 1894	in: Murray, Wells Co., IN
Died: January 2, 1932	in: Murray, Wells Co., Indiana
Father: Jacob Richey Harvey	
Mother: Elizabeth Miller	
Other Spouses:	
Wife: Arrilla Mae Hege	
Born: February 21, 1877	in:
Died: February 2, 1957	in:
Father: Amos Hege	
Mother: Mary	
Other Spouses:	
CHILDREN	
1	Name: Harry Wells Harvey
	Born: October 16, 1895
	Died: August 7, 1964
	Married: August 13, 1917
	Spouse: Grace Mae Smith
	in: Wells Co., Indiana
	in:
	in: Wells Co., Indiana

Foundling Found in Garden

By Anne Whalen in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Years ago while researching in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, I found an entry concerning "a foundling that had been placed in the local minister's vegetable patch."

The minister entered the following as a baptism in his parish registers, "Eureka Ina Garden. A foundling left in my vegetable garden, baptized by me on this date." Unfortunately the minister had another entry to make under "Burials" as Eureka Ina Garden died later that week.

Eureka means "I have found it."

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Creating Poster-size Tree

By Teresa Wagner, Rockford, Michigan, USA

I gave my parents a copy of our family tree last Christmas. I printed out two "Ancestor Trees" from my Family Tree Maker 6.0 -- one for my father and one for my mother. It took eight sheets of paper that I taped together.

I then put it into a poster frame. I had to edit some of the relatives to make it fit on the eight pages and keep it legible. I chose the "Ancestor Tree" format because it prints out the birth, marriage and death dates and places.

My parents hung them side by side over their computer. Now I don't get those questions, "What was Robert's wife's maiden name?"

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Family Group Sheet

from Mary Ellen Wexler

Husband: Charles Everett Harvey

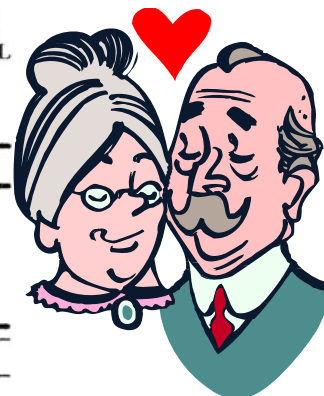
Born: March 13, 1887
 Married: October 08, 1905
 Died: November 28, 1939
 Father: William Sylvester Harvey
 Mother: Rhoda Bell Fox
 Other Spouses:

in: Wells Co., IN
 in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN
 in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL

Wife: Ida Ellen Gearhart

Born: October 15, 1882
 Died: June 15, 1926
 Father: William S. Gearhart
 Mother: Elizabeth Gundrum
 Other Spouses:

in: Wells Co., IN
 in: Tampa, FL



CHILDREN

1	Name: Cecile Elizabeth Harvey Born: May 17, 1907 Died: November 20, 1991 Married: November 01, 1927 Spouse: Louis Alfred Martin	in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN in: Wimauma, Hillsborough Co., FL in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL
2	Name: Mable Ellen Harvey Born: February 05, 1911 Died: October 8, 1991 Married: September 30, 1930 Spouse: August Panke	in: Bluffton, Wells Co., IN in: Tampa, Hillsborough Co., FL in:
3	Name: Russell John Harvey Born: June 06, 1913 Married: Died: February 1972 Spouse:	in: Murray, Wells Co., Indiana in: in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL
4	Name: George Everett Harvey Born: March 17, 1916 Died: May 29, 1987 Married: Spouse: Cora Swift	in: Toscin, Wells Co., Indiana in: Tampa, Hillsborough Co., FL in:
5	Name: Robert Charles Harvey Born: March 12, 1918 Died: September 29, 1991 Married: November 01, 1941 Spouse: Florence Ernestine Cutts	in: Warren, Huntington Co., IN in: Englewood, Sarasota Co., FL in: Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL
6	Name: Hazel Marie Harvey Born: January 29, 1924 Died: Married: Spouse: Virgil Swift	in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL in: in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL
7	Name: Wallace Grayston Harvey Born: February 01, 1926 Married: Died: March 1, 1926 Spouse:	in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL in: in: Tampa, Hillsboro Co., FL ?

- 26. Christina Houtz
- 27. Eliza Houtz
- 28. Jacob Houtz
- 29. Philip Houtz
- 30. Henry Mast
- 31. Catherine Miller
- 32. Elizabeth Mixel
- 33. George Mixel
- 34. Lucy Mixel
- 35. Maria Price
- 36. Allen Oldfather
- 37. Uriah Rharer/Raher
- 38. Catherine Sellers
- 39. Harriet Sellers
- 40. Lydia Staver
- 41. Mary Ann Staver
- 42. Benjamin Straw
- 43. Catherine Straw
- 44. Samuel Straw

1868 and 1869

- 1. Mary Eichhorn
- 2. Samuel Fisher
- 3. Eli Houtz
- 4. Philip Lesh
- 5. Mr. Price
- 6. Mrs. Price

1871

- 1. John Eichhorn
- 2. Maggie Eichhorn
- 3. Emma Gregg
- 4. Eliza Houtz
- 5. Emanda Lesh
- 6. Mary Miller
- 7. Mary Mofsey
- 8. Mary Soser
- 9. Sarah Straw
- 10. Elizabeth Wallace

1881

- 1. John Duff
- 2. Zack Fishbaugh
- 3. Phillip Houtz

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- 4. Samuel Lesh
- 5. David Mast
- 6. Elizabeth Mast
- 7. Jane Miller
- 8. George Richards
- 9. H. B. Sellers
- 10. John A. Sileing
- 11. Samuel Straw

1861

- 1. James Cotton
- 2. Mary Folk
- 3. Elizabeth Mixel

1865 Signers of the Revised Constitution and Members

- 1. Elizabeth Albert
- 2. Jonas Bender
- 3. Franklin Bender
- 4. Samuel Bender
- 5. William Bender
- 6. Elizabeth Crum
- 7. Nancy Crum
- 8. Elizabeth Ditzler
- 9. Mary Ditzler
- 10. Emma Edris
- 11. Daniel Eichhorn
- 12. Elizabeth Eichhorn

- 13. John Eichhorn
- 14. William Eichhorn
- 15. Jacob Eversole
- 16. Elizabeth Farling
- 17. Harriett Farling
- 18. John Fritz
- 19. Adeline Gilbert
- 20. Elizabeth Gilbert
- 21. William Gilbert
- 22. Emma Gregg
- 23. John Gregg
- 24. Radoza Harnush
- 25. Samuel Harnish

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Descendants of James Parkison

Generation No. 1

from Joan Parkison

1. JAMES¹ PARKISON He married NANCY JENKINS.

Child of JAMES PARKISON and NANCY JENKINS is:

2. i. THOMAS² PARKISON, b. WFT Est. 1762-1791, PA; d. January 04, 1837.

Generation No. 2

2. THOMAS² PARKISON (*JAMES¹*)² was born WFT Est. 1762-1791 in PA², and died January 04, 1837³. He married EUNICE COE August 28, 1811³. She was born May 02, 1783 in VA³, and died February 05, 1852⁴.

Children of THOMAS PARKISON and EUNICE COE are:

3. i. JANE³ PARKISON⁵, b. June 16, 1812⁶; d. June 28, 1812⁷.
 ii. EBENEZER PARKISON, b. June 13, 1813, Jefferson Co, OH; d. September 20, 1888.
 iii. PHOEBE PARKISON⁷, b. November 11, 1815⁸; d. March 16, 1845⁸; m. SILAS SCOTT⁹, July 03, 1838⁹.
 iv. JAMES PARKISON⁹, b. September 03, 1817¹⁰; d. 1855¹¹; m. SARAH C. MCDOWELL, May 30, 1844.
 v. NANCY COE PARKISON¹¹, b. April 11, 1819¹²; d. Abt. October 19, 1865¹³; m. WILLIAM WALKER¹⁴, October 05, 1843¹⁵.
 4. vi. STEVEN PARKISON, b. March 30, 1821, Wayne County, Ohio; d. May 11, 1865, Brazos, Santiago, Texas.
 vii. EUNICE PARKISON¹⁶, b. October 16, 1827¹⁷; d. September 16, 1844.

Generation No. 3

3. EBENEZER³ PARKISON (*THOMAS², JAMES¹*)¹⁸ was born June 13, 1813 in Jefferson Co, OH¹⁹, and died September 20, 1888²⁰. He married (1) SARAH WFT Est. 1830-1863²¹. He married (2) ISABELLA JOHNSTON September 24, 1840 in Wayne Co, OH²², daughter of WILLIAM JOHNSTON. She was born February 22, 1811 in Beaver Co, PA²³, and died June 26, 1886²⁴.

More About EBENEZER PARKISON:

Burial: September 20, 1888, Murray Cemetery, Wells Co, IN²⁵

More About ISABELLA JOHNSTON:

Burial: Murray Cemetery, Wells Co, IN²⁵

Children of EBENEZER PARKISON and ISABELLA JOHNSTON are:

5. i. WILLIAM J.⁴ PARKISON, b. October 25, 1845, Wayne Co, OH; d. 1931.
 ii. MARGARET A. PARKISON²⁶, b. WFT Est. 1830-1859²⁷; d. WFT Est. 1847-1941²⁷; m. ELISHA O. HUSS²⁸, May 04, 1871, Wells Co, IN²⁹; b. WFT Est. 1821-1858³⁰; d. WFT Est. 1847-1936³⁰.
 6. iii. JOHNSTON SCOTT PARKISON, b. June 26, 1853, Ossian, Wells Co, IN; d. December 16, 1943, Ft Wayne, Allen Co, IN.
 iv. PHILO JOHN PARKISON³¹, b. WFT Est. 1830-1859³²; d. WFT Est. 1837-1938³².
 v. EUNICE PARKISON³³, b. WFT Est. 1830-1859³⁴; d. WFT Est. 1836-1941³⁵.

4. STEVEN³ PARKISON (*THOMAS², JAMES¹*)³⁶ was born March 30, 1821 in Wayne County, Ohio³⁷, and died May 11, 1865 in Brazos, Santiago, Texas. He married ANNA JANE RIDDLE³⁸ June 29, 1848 in Wells County, IN³⁹, daughter of JAMES RIDDLE and JANE COE. She was born November 21, 1825 in Mahoning Co, OH⁴⁰, and died September 11, 1900 in Wells Co, IN⁴¹.

More About ANNA JANE RIDDLE:

Burial: Murray Cemetery, Murray, IN⁴³

Children of STEVEN PARKISON and ANNA RIDDLE are:

- i. JANE⁴ PARKISON⁴⁴, b. January 29, 1849⁴⁵; d. January 30, 1849⁴⁵.
 ii. JAMES R. PARKISON⁴⁶, b. August 17, 1850⁴⁷; d. September 27, 1900⁴⁸; m. ELLEN B. ARANDER⁴⁹, January 12, 1878⁵⁰.
 iii. EUNICE M. PARKISON⁵⁰, b. February 03, 1852⁵⁰; d. May 23, 1904⁵⁰; m. JAMES O. LUPTON⁵¹, April 13, 1875, Wells Co, IN⁵².
 7. iv. ELIZABETH EMMELINE PARKISON, b. August 09, 1854; d. October 12, 1938, Michigan City, IN.
 v. WILLIAM WILLIS PARKISON⁵³, b. November 12, 1858⁵⁴; d. September 10, 1891⁵⁵.

More About WILLIAM WILLIS PARKISON:

Burial: Murray Cemetery, Wells Co, IN⁵⁶

- vi. NANCY CAROLINE PARKISON, b. June 24, 1861⁵⁷; d. November 23, 1923, La Porte, IN⁵⁸; m. JOHN A. BIDDLE, March 10, 1887, Wells County, IN⁵⁹.

More About NANCY CAROLINE PARKISON:

Burial: Abt. 1923, Patton Cemetery, La Porte, IN

YE OLDEN TIMES

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

☞ The Rally, yesterday, was attended by a large concourse of people, and everything passed off in gratifying style.

Hon. Jas. R. Slack, of Huntington, was the orator of the day. He seemed to labor very hard to please all his auditors, but several of the irrepressible Republicans got "awful wrath" over some of his remarks. That suits us.

The dinner was ample and of a most sumptuous kind.

The great sham battle between the Bluffton Zouaves and Jeff. Davis's Artillery, resulted in a triumphant victory to the gallant Zouaves. Jeff's battery was taken, his guns spiked, and he himself taken prisoner and brought back to town by his triumphant captors.

Twenty-three recruits were obtained and sworn into Capt. McLaughlin's Company of Zouaves, raising the number to seventy.

THE SHOW! THE SHOW!!—Yankee Robinson's famous show will be exhibited here next Wednesday. This exhibition combines the features of a circus (minus the horses) and a theatre, having a regular stage and theatrical company, besides the clowns, dancers, and acrobats of a circus. An entire new piece called the Battle of Bull's Run will be presented, in which the famous stampede of the Congressmen will be represented to the life. We have not learned whether our extinguished Representative will figure, but expect he will be a prominent feature—his exploits on the occasion certainly entitle him to the honor. There will be lots of fun, and we advise every on who wants a hearty laugh to attend. Admission only 25 cents.

WHO OWNS THAT WATCH?—In March last, Warren Reed was arrested and incarcerated in our (*illegible*) for

stealing a gold watch valued at (*illegible*) property of Mrs. Engle Star—said watch being a gift to Mrs. Starr from her husband.

At the May Term of the Common Pleas, Reed was acquitted on the ground that the property alleged to have been stolen did not belong to Mrs. Starr as charged.

Reed was then re-arrested, on a charge of stealing Engle Starr's watch, and has been in jail ever since, until this week, when he has again been acquitted on the ground that the watch did not belong to Mr. Starr.

Reed is now at liberty, after an imprisonment of over six months.

The question is, Who owns that watch?

A fine horse was stolen from Mr. Daniel Dewitt, at Murray, last week. Where are the Regulators?

MARRIED.

On the 1st inst., at the residence of L. Frizzell, by David Myers, Esq., Mr. CLINTON TRAXLER to Miss RHODA TAYLOR—all of this county.

On the 15th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by same, Mr. ROBERT M. BLAIR to Miss KATE GERRETT—all of this county.

Change of Time!

FROM and after this date (July 15th) the Hack will leave the Exchange Hotel, in Bluffton, for Ft. Wayne, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6 o'clock a.m., arriving at Ft. Wayne Ft. Wayne each day by 11 a.m. Returning, leave Ft. Wayne every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 1 o'clock p.m., arriving at Bluffton each day by 7 p.m.—Thus giving persons who desire an opportunity of going to Ft. Wayne and back the same day.

A. CASE,

Proprietor.

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Choice of Fowls.

Turkeys.—If young, the legs will be black and smooth, the eyes lively, and the feet pliable. If old, the eyes will be sunk and the feet dry.

Geese.—If young, the bill will be

yellow and the feet limber; if old, the bill will be red and dry.

Hens.—If their combs and legs are rough, they are old; if smooth and limber they are young.

Wild and Tame Ducks.—If young, they will be limber footed; if fat, hard and thick on the lower part of the body. A wild duck has red feet and smaller than tame ones.

Partridges.—If young, will have a black bill and yellow legs; if old, the bill will be white and the legs blue.

Old fowls, tame and wild, may be told by their hard, rough, or dry feet.

Hares and Rabbits.—If young, they will be white and stiff; the ears will tear like brown paper. If old, the flesh will be dark, the body limber, and ears tough. A rabbit, if old, will be limber and flimsy; if young, white and stiff.

Be not hasty to judge.

Coffee.

It is not generally known that coffee which has been beaten, is better than that which has been ground. Such, however, is the fact; and in his brief article on the subject, Savaria gives what he considers the reasons for the difference. As he remarks, a mere decoction of green coffee is a most insipid drink, but carbonization devolves the aroma, and an oil, which is the peculiarity of the coffee we admire. He agrees with other writers, that the Turks excel in this. They employ no mills, but beat the berry with wooden pestles in mortars. When long used these pestles become precious and bring great prices. He determined by actual experiment which of the two methods was the best. He purned carefully a pound of good Mocha and separated it into two equal portions. The one was passed through the mill, the other beat after the Turkish fashion in a mortar. He made coffee of each. Taking equal weights of each, and pouring on an equal quantity of boiling water, he treated them both precisely alike. He tasted the coffee himself and caused other competent judges to do so. The unanimous opinion was, that coffee beaten in a mortar was far better than that ground in a mill.

A good lady who had two children sick with the measles, wrote to a friend for the best remedy. The friend had just received a note from another lady, inquiring the way to make pickles. In the confusion, the lady who inquired about pickles received the remedy for the measles, and the anxious mother of the sick children read with horror the following: "Scald them three or four times in very hot vinegar, and sprinkle them with salt, and in a few days they will be cured."

BREVITY—In the editor's table of the Knickerbocker for November, a story is told of an ingenious cobbler, in Stellacoom, (sweet name!) Washington territory, who managed to study out a plan to paint a sign for his shop, and save the expense of painting several letters:

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SHO
P
(Shoe shop.)

To prevent accidents the superintendent of a railroad proposed to issue to conductors and engineers the following rule:

"Hereafter, when trains moving in an opposite direction are approaching each other, on separate tracks, conductors and engineers will be required to come to a dead halt before the point of meeting and be very careful *not to proceed until each train has passed the other.*"
The Bluffton Banner, Nov. 22, 1861, p. 1

School Notice.

MISS LOUISA BLACKLEDGE will open a School in the lower room of the large brick School House, on the first Monday in December next, for the term of sixty five days.

Terms—One dollar and fifty cents per scholar.

Tobacco Wanted.

THE subscriber, having located in Bluffton and commenced the manufacture of Cigars, is desirous of buying a large quantity of Tobacco, for which he will pay the highest market price in cash. Persons having the article for sale will do well to give him a

call before selling to any one else.

WM. TOBIAS.
Market Street

Surveyor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I have employed the County Surveyor to survey Sec. 26, T. 27, N. of Range 11 East.

Survey to commence on Monday the 9th day of December next.

BEN. STUDABAKER

Select School.

THE subscriber would say to her patrons and others, that the winter term of the Select School will commence on the first Monday of December.

Tuition, from \$2.50 to \$4 per term of 13 weeks.

And would also say, that an opportunity will be afforded to any who may wish to pursue the study of the Ancient Classics and Higher Mathematics.

Instruction given in Vocal Music, free of charge. M. S. JACKSON

Notice of Publication.

*In the Court of Common Pleas
January Term, 1862*

James C. Rogers, }
vs. } Pet'n for Partition.
Thomas Price et als. }

State of Indiana, Wells County, ss:

BE it remembered that on the 11th day of November, 1861, the above named Plaintiff filed in the Clerk's Office of said Court, his petition in this behalf, together with the affidavit of a disinterested person that James Price, John Price, Hester Melrose, Charles Melrose, Dorcas Cutshall and Eli Cutshall are necessary parties defendant to said petition and that they are not residents of the State of Indiana:

Therefore, the above named Defendants are hereby notified of the pendency of said action, and that unless they appear and plead, answer or demur thereto, on the second day of the next term of said Court, to be holden at the Court House, in the town of Bluffton, in Wells county, Indiana, commencing on the third Monday of January, A. D. 1862, the same will be heard and determined in their absence. Attest:

T. L. WISNER, Clerk

J. N. Reynolds. Att'y for Plff.

Surveyor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that I have employed the County Surveyor to survey Secs. 29 and 32, T. 27, R. 13 East.

Survey to commence on Thursday, the 12th day of December, 1861.

HORACE LITTLE

Notice of Publication.

*In the Wells Circuit Court,
February Term, A. D. 1862*

Gideon Chupp, }
vs. } Pet'n for Divorce.
Margarett Chupp }

State of Indiana, Wells County, set:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of said Court by affidavit on file, that said Defendant is not a resident of the State of Indiana:

The said Margarett Chupp is hereby notified of the filing of said petition and pendency of said action, and that the same will stand for trial on the 2nd day of said term of said Court, to be held at the Court House, in the town of Bluffton in said county, commencing on the first Monday in February, 1862, 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 W. C. C.
D. P. Whedon, Att'y for Plff.

☞ Capt. McLaughlin, of Company A, 47th Reg. Ind. Vols., has been in town since Friday last, with a squad of his men, detailed on special duty, (recruiting for Capt. Keller's Company.) The following are the names of the boys accompanying Capt. McL:

- Orderly Sharpe Wisner;
- Sergeants Ed. T. Dain and E. Y. Sturgis;
- Corporals Benj. Jones, Orton Moore, B. Mellinger and Wm. Wood;
- Musicians J. B. Plessinger, B. F. Plessinger and Wm. H. Covert;
- Privates E. H. Phillips, Amos Davis, H. L. Phillips, T. H. Crosby, T. S. McLaughlin, Isaac W. Johnson and Wm. Stout.

The soldiers are all in good health, and look well. They will probably leave for camp again this morning, accompanied by Capt. Keller's Com-

pany.
Bluffton Banner, Nov. 22, 1861, p. 2

☞ Thomas Phipps, of this county, a member of the 22nd Reg., died in Missouri last week of chronic diarrhoea.

☞ The hop at Townsend's Hall, on Wednesday evening, was a very pleasant affair. United States uniforms were visible in all parts of the hall, and lent an attractive feature to the gathering.

☞ The following firms, doing business in Bluffton, have pledged themselves to conduct business strictly on the cash system on and after the 1st day of December next, to-wit:

- George Arnold, (Dry Goods;)
- Henry Cook, (Hardware;)
- Deam & Miller, (Dry Goods;)
- S. Oppenheim, (Dry Goods;)
- Keely & Gordon, (Dry Goods,)
- Schlessinger & Rothschild, (Clothing;)
- J. W. Freeman, (Drugs;)
- McCleery & Melsheimer, (Drugs;)
- T. W. VanHorn, (Groceries;)
- S. Keely, (Groceries;)
- Walmer & Erler, (Shoes & Clothing.)

☞ Capt. Keller's Company leaves this morning for Camp Sullivan, Indianapolis, to join the 47th Reg. The Company is not full, but will receive recruits enough at Huntington to fill it up.

Examination of Teachers.

THE undersigned, in compliance with law, hereby informs the Teachers, Township Trustees and School Directors of Wells county, that he will hold an examination of Teachers, on Saturday, November 23, 1861, at 10 o'clock a.m., at his school-room, in Bluffton.

All persons wishing employment in the Public Schools this winter, are requested to be present at the examination, and get their certificates.

J. S. McCLEERY,
Sch. Ex'r W. C.

JACK W. FREEMAN.
patrons.
find me pleased to see all of my former
plied by H. P. Williamson, and you will
Call at the old stand formerly occu-
ing.
strengthening, healing and rejuve-
Man or Beast may need in the way of
And anything and everything that
CIGARS,
BOOKS,
SCHOOL
KEROSENE LAMPS,
SHOULDER
BRACES,
TRUSSES,
CONNECTIONS
PATENT
& LIQUORS,
PURE WINES,
PERFUMERY,
STATIONERY,
DYESTUFFS,
PAINTS, OILS,
DRUGS,
CASH I can get for

WANTED!
ALL THE RAGS, GENSENG, BEES-
WAX, and particularly all the

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office, at Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana, Nov. 15th, 1861, which if not called for will be sent to the dead letter office at the expiration of two months from date:

- Allen Hezekiah
- Baylis Lot 8, Bears Lyman, Bieberstine J., Buckner N H
- Cooper Frank, Charley Friend
- Dennis Joseph 2, Duff Henry
- Eckart Henry
- Fulton Andrew C, Frantz Peter,

Franks John
Glesner Valentine
Hayward Miss Mary A 2, Hunter J
H Esq
Jackson Mahlon, Johnston Geo M
Levering J R
Miles Thomas, Mitchell Miss Delilah, Miller Miss Jane
Perry Adam
Ran Benjamin
Smyther Samuel, Skinner John,
Turner Miss Sarah G
Person calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."
N. KELLOGG, P. M.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of a venditioni exponas, to me directed, I will expose for sale, at public auction, at the Court House door, in the town of Bluffton, Harrison township, Wells county, Indian, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1861, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. of said day, the following property, to-wit:

The rents and profits, for a term of years not to exceed seven, of the east half of the northwest quarter of section seven (7), township twenty-seven (27), north of range thirteen (13), east, in Wells county, Indiana.

And on failure to realize therefrom the full amount of the judgment, interest and costs, I will, at the same time and place, by public auction as aforesaid, expose the fee simple of said real estate.

Executed as the property of the Cincinnati and Fort Wayne Railroad Company, at the suit of Henry R. Colerick.

NATHANIEL DEHAVEN,
Sheriff W. C.

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NEED A DAR LOOKUP? Do you think you might have an ancestor who served in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783)? Would you like to know whether your ancestor is listed with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in the "Patriot Index"? A helpful group of organized DAR VIS volunteers monitor the RootsWeb DAR Message Board every day and welcome lookup requests.

Include your Revolutionary War-era ancestor's first and last name, spouse's name (if known), dates of birth, death, and state of residence When posting your lookup request. You need not be interested in joining the DAR to request a lookup.

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics.organizations.dar>

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Between hay and grass: (Not a child or an adult)

Blinky: (Between sweet and sour...as in milk)

Calaboose (a jail)

Cattywampus: (Something that sits crooked such as a piece of furniture sitting at an angle)

Dicker (To barter or trade)

Feather In Your Cap: (to accomplish a goal...this came from years ago in wartime when warriors might receive a feather they would put in their cap for defeating an enemy)

Hold your horses: (Be patient!)

I reckon: (I suppose)

Jawing: (Talking or arguing)

Kit and caboodle: (The whole thing)

Madder than an old wet hen: (really angry)

Needs taken down a notch or two: (like notches in a belt...usually a young person who thinks too highly of himself and needs a lesson)

No Spring Chicken: (Not young anymore)

Persnickety: (overly particular or snobbish)

Pretty is as pretty does: (your actions are more important than your looks)

Scalawag: (a rascal or unprincipled person)

Scarce as hen's teeth: (something difficult to obtain)

Skedaddle: (Get out of here quickly)

Sparking: (courting)

Straight From the Horse's Mouth: (privileged information from the one concerned)

Stringing around, gallivanting around, or piddling: (Not doing anything of value)

Sunday go to meetin' dress: (The best dress you had)

Tie the Knot: (to get married)

Too many irons in the fire: (to be involved in too many things)

Tuckered out: (tired and all worn out)

Under the weather: (not feeling well...this term came from going below deck on ships due to sea sickness thus you go below or under the weather)

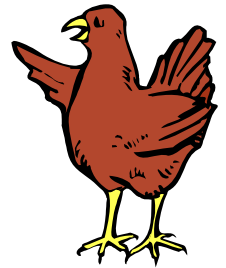
Wearing your "best bib and tucker": (Being all dressed up)

You aren't the only duck in the pond: (It's not all about you)

Well, if you **hold your horses**, **I reckon** I'll get this whole **kit and caboodle** done and sent off to you.Please don't be too **persnickety** and get **a bee in your bonnet** becauseI've been pretty **tuckered out** and **at sea** lately because **I'm no spring chicken**.I haven't been **just stringin' around** and I know **I'm not the only duck in the pond**, but I do have **too many irons in the fire**. I might just be **barking at a knot**, but I have tried to give this article more than just a **lick and a promise!**

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