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Wells County Tracer

Colonial Women Preachers

The program this month will be presented by your newsletter editor, Linda Thomas (that be me ☺). I will be sharing a paper which I wrote for my "Historical Foundations of Ministry" class that I took at Huntington University in 2007 as part of the master's degree program.

Have you ever heard of...

- ✿ Mary Dyer? (actually hung for her refusal to stop speaking)
- ✿ Bathsheba Kingsley?
- ✿ Sarah Osborn?
- ✿ The Public Universal Friend?
- ✿ Nancy Towle?
- ✿ Jarena Lee?
- ✿ Susan B. Anthony?

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Senior Exploration 2008

Be sure to sign up for the Senior Exploration that we are involved in during the months of April and May... I think you will find the different lessons very interesting. The classes will be as follows:

- ☞ Nellie Sleppy—the Indians of Wells County
- ☞ Connie Brubaker—the early history of how the county was formed and land records
- ☞ Jim Sturgeon (President of the Historical Society)—churches & other events of 1908
- ☞ Pat Dyson—beginning your family search

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President's Corner

Where did it go? I always plan to use January and February as my catch up months for my own research. I never have time any more to do research on my own families. And again this year I didn't get anything done.

I would like the members of the Society to encourage more people to join or at least attend a meeting or two to see if they are interested in joining. We need more active members so a few don't have to do everything. Let's make it a goal to have 6 new members this year.

Also if you have not been asked to take a committee position or help in a project, please let me know. I will find a job for you within 10-15 minutes...

Cami and I have learned so much about the terms, etc. for the land records I can hardly wait to share the information with you. See you at the March meeting.

Connie

Indiana County Timeline

Since Connie raised the question concerning the deeds that showed up dated before our county was even formed, it seemed appropriate to follow up on that with a timeline showing when all the counties of Indiana were organized. Using a chart from, I modified it just a bit so that it would fit on 2 pages and could be torn out of the newsletter and placed in your files for future reference if any of you decided that would be helpful. The chart itself is on pages 3 and 4.

WCGS Cookbook Project

The Wells County Genealogy Society is putting together a Cookbook as a spring project. Samples will be available at our March 15th, 2008 meeting.

Please include the history from Wells County, where the recipe originated from, whom the recipe is from, etc. We will include all that is possible.

Cookbooks are to be available for the Bluffton Street Fair. Price will be determined when the project is finished, as size will determine the

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Deed Project Update

We have nearly completed the first reading of the Books A-N and nearly all of the data has been entered into the computer. Now we need volunteers to proof read what has been entered. That means you can either take home one of the books we have printed off and do the proofing at home, you can go the court house and proof from the

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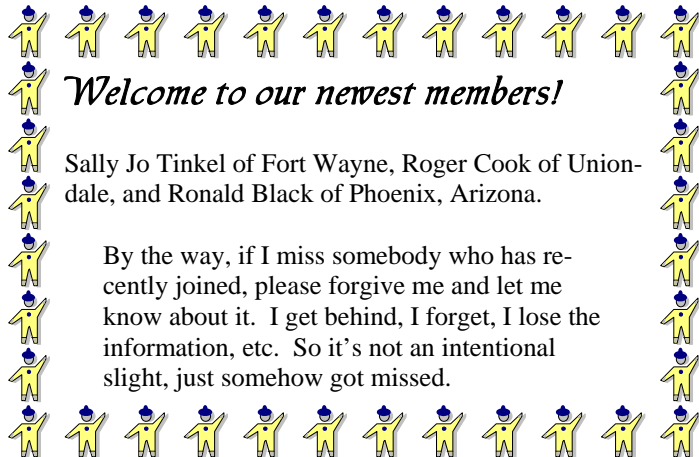
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- ☞ Barbara Elliott—a follow up of what Pat starts
- ☞ Avon Crismore—what to do with your data and how to write you stories.

(These all have fancy titles, but this gives you an idea of what each session will be about).

Senior Exploration will take place April 7th through May 12th. The time will be 9:00-9:50. The total cost for the 6 week program is \$8.00. Location: United Methodist Church, 325 W. Washington, Bluffton, Phone # 824-6069 to register. Dead line for Registration is April 3.

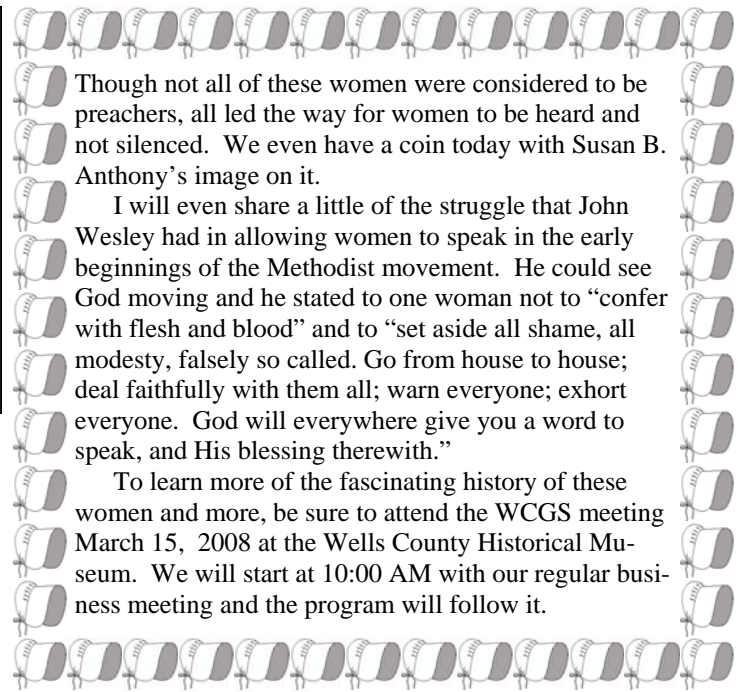
Submitted by Connie Brubaker



Welcome to our newest members!

Sally Jo Tinkel of Fort Wayne, Roger Cook of Uniondale, and Ronald Black of Phoenix, Arizona.

By the way, if I miss somebody who has recently joined, please forgive me and let me know about it. I get behind, I forget, I lose the information, etc. So it's not an intentional slight, just somehow got missed.



Though not all of these women were considered to be preachers, all led the way for women to be heard and not silenced. We even have a coin today with Susan B. Anthony's image on it.

I will even share a little of the struggle that John Wesley had in allowing women to speak in the early beginnings of the Methodist movement. He could see God moving and he stated to one woman not to "confer with flesh and blood" and to "set aside all shame, all modesty, falsely so called. Go from house to house; deal faithfully with them all; warn everyone; exhort everyone. God will everywhere give you a word to speak, and His blessing therewith."

To learn more of the fascinating history of these women and more, be sure to attend the WCGS meeting March 15, 2008 at the Wells County Historical Museum. We will start at 10:00 AM with our regular business meeting and the program will follow it.

We live with a heritage from earlier generations and must seek to create positive legacies for those who follow us. When the old are not allowed to tell their story, the young grow up without history. If the young are not listened to, we have no future.

- Dr. Gunhild O. Hagstad

Minutes of the January '08 Meeting

The January meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. at the Historical Museum with President Connie Brubaker presiding.

The following members were present:

Connie Brubaker	Marylou Bumgarner	Dick Bumgarner
Roger Cook	Avon Crismore	Kathy Davis
Pat Dyson	Lynn Elliott	Dorothy Hunt
Cami Mount	Susan Price	Laura Sawyer
Nellie Sleppy	Linda Thomas	Chris Williams
Joan Gavilanez		

Laura Sawyer made a motion with second from Pat Dyson that the minutes of the November 17, 2007, be accepted.

The Treasurer, Joan Gavilanez, reported an ending balance on December 30, 2007 of \$816.75 for the general fund and \$1,135.00 for the Poneto Book. Kathy Davis made a motion with second from Nellie Sleppy that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Old Business:

Cami Mount reported on the Deed Project.

Lynn Elliott reported on the Poneto Book progress.

New Business:

Standing Committees for the following year are as follows:

Standing Committees:

Programs	Cami Mount
Editor	Linda Thomas
Publicity	Laura Sawyer
Membership	Laura Sawyer
Historian	Marylou Bumgarner

Special Committees:

Cemetery	Susan Price and Pat Dyson
Nominating	Chris Williams, Avon Crismore, & Kathy Davis

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SOCIETY RELATED EVENTS

March 15—Meeting & Speaker, Linda Thomas (Colonial Women Preachers)

May 17—Meeting & program on "Migration Patterns"

July 19—Meeting & Service Day at the Historical Museum—snacks provided

September 20—Meeting & program by Cami & Connie on reading old handwriting

November 15—Annual Meeting—no election—program on "Holidays in the Past"

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Indiana County Timeline			
Year	Event	Year	Event
1827	Adams New Purchase (eliminated 1844) from Delaware New Purchase	1831	Grant from Adams New Purchase (Randolph, Delaware, Madison and unorganized (Cass))
1835 (1836)	Adams County from Allen, Delaware and Randolph	1821	Greene from Sullivan and unorganized (Daviness)
1824	Allen from Delaware New Purchase and unorganized	1823	Hamilton from Delaware New Purchase
1821	Bartholomew from Delaware New Purchase	1827/1828	Hancock from Madison
1840	Benton from Jasper	1808	Harrison from Clark and Knox
1838/1839	Blackford from Jay	1824	Hendricks from Delaware New Purchase and Wabash New Purchase
1830	Boone from Wabash New Purchase (Hendricks) and Adams New Purchase (Hendricks and Marion)	1822	Henry from Delaware New Purchase
1836	Brown from Bartholomew, Jackson and Monroe	1846	Howard—name changed from Richardsville
1828	Carroll from Adams New Purchase (Hamilton), Wabash New Purchase, (Fountain) and unorganized	1832/1834	Huntington from Adams New Purchase (Allen and Grant)
1829	Cass from unorganized (Carroll)	1816	Jackson from Clark, Jefferson and Washington
1801	Clark from Knox	1835/1838	Jasper Wabash New Purchase and unorganized (Warren and White)
1825	Clay from Owen, Putnam, Vigo and Sullivan	1835/1836	Jay from Adams New Purchase (Delaware and Randolph)
1830	Clinton from Adams New Purchase (Tippecanoe)	1811	Jefferson from Clark, Dearborn and Knox
1818	Crawford from Harrison, Orange and Perry	1817	Jennings from Jackson and Jefferson
1817	Daviness from Knox	1823	Johnson from Delaware New Purchase
1835/1837	De Kalb from unorganized (Allen and LaGrange)	1790	Knox from unorganized (Indiana County in 1816)
1803	Dearborn from Clark	1835/1836	Kosciusko from unorganized (Cass, Elkhart and Grant)
1822	Decatur from unorganized	1832	La Porte from St. Joseph and unorganized
1820	Delaware New Purchase (name changed to Adams New Purchase, 1827) unorganized, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jennings, Randolph, Ripley, Wayne, Bartholomew	1832	LaGrange from unorganized (Allen/Elkhart)
1827	Delaware from Delaware New Purchase (Randolph)	1836/1837	Lake from Porter and Newton
1818	Dubois from Pike	1818	Lawrence from Orange
1830	Elkhart from unorganized (Cass/Allen)	1823	Madison from Delaware New Purchase and Marion
1819	Fayette from Franklin, Wayne and unorganized territory	1822	Marion from Delaware New Purchase
1819	Floyd from Clark and Harrison	1835	Marshall from unorganized (Cass, Elkhart and St. Joseph)
1826	Fountain from Montgomery, Wabash New Purchase and Parke	1820	Martin from Daviness and Dubois
1811	Franklin from Clark and Dearborn	1832	Miami from Cass and unorganized territory
1835/1836	Fulton from unorganized (Cass, Elkhart and St. Joseph)	1818	Monroe from Orange
1819	Gibson from Knox	1823	Montgomery from Wabash New Purchase, Parke, and Putnam

Indiana County Timeline			
Year	Event	Year	Event
1822	Morgan from Delaware New Purchase and Wabash New Purchase	1822	Shelby from Delaware New Purchase
1835	Old Newton from unorganized (St. Joseph, Warren and White) eliminated in 1839	1818	Spencer from Perry and Warrick
1859	Newton from Jasper	1835/1850	Starke from St. Joseph, unorganized (Starke, Cass and White)
1835/1836	Noble from unorganized (Allen, Elkhart and La-Grange)	1835/1837	Steuben from unorganized (LaGrange)
1844	Ohio from Dearborn	1817	Sullivan from Knox
1816	Orange from Gibson, Knox, and Washington	1814	Switzerland from Dearborn and Jefferson
1819	Owen from Daviess and Sullivan	1826	Tippecanoe from Wabash New Purchase and unorganized
1821	Parke from Vigo, unorganized and Wabash New Purchase	1844	Tipton from Adams New Purchase and unorganized (Cass, Hamilton and Miami)
1814	Perry from Gibson and Warrick	1821	Union from Fayette, Franklin and Wayne
1817	Pike from Gibson, Knox and Perry	1818	Vanderburgh from Gibson, Posey, and Warrick
1835/1836	Porter from unorganized (St. Joseph)	1824	Vermillion from Parke, unorganized and Wabash New Purchase
1814	Posey from Warrick, Knox and Gibson	1818	Vigo from Sullivan
1835/1836	Pulaski from unorganized (Cass and White)	1832/1835	Wabash from Adams New Purchase (Grant) and unorganized (Cass)
1822	Putnam from Owen, Vigo and Wabash New Purchase	1820	Wabash New Purchase from unorganized, Monroe, Owen, Vigo and Parke
1795	Old Randolph from St. Clair —NW Territory became Illinois Territory in 1809	1827	Warren from Wabash New Purchase, Fountain and unorganized (Vermillion)
1818	Randolph from Wayne	1813	Warrick from Knox
1822	Richardsville from unorganized (Carroll, Cass and Miami) name changed to Howard in 1846	1814	Washington from Clark and Harrison
1816/1818	Ripley from Dearborn, Jefferson and Jennings	1811	Wayne from Clark, Dearborn and Knox. "Wayne County, NW Territory, was formed in 1796 from territorial Knox county and unorganized area. This included portions of modern Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Wayne County outside NW Territory was eliminated in 1800. In 1803 Wayne County, Indiana Territory was created from territorial Knox and St. Clair County and unorganized area. This included parts of today's Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and most of Michigan. In 1811 Wayne County, Indiana Territory, was created from Clark, Dearborn, and Knox counties. This became an Indiana state county in 1816." [Ancestry's Red Book]
1822	Rush from Delaware New Purchase	1835/1837	Wells from Adams New Purchase (Allen, Delaware and Randolph)
1790	St. Clair from Indiana Territory became Illinois Territory in 1809	1834	White from Wabash New Purchase (Carroll)
1830	St. Joseph from unorganized (Carroll, Tippecanoe, and Cass)	1835/1838	Whitley from unorganized (Allen, Elkhart and Grant) and Huntington
1820	Scott from Clark, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings and Washington		

Family Group Sheet

HUSBAND: Aaron Fleming COTTON

Born: 8 Jan 1844

Place: Holmes Co., Ohio

Died:

Place:

Marr: 1868

WIFE: Harriet J. Henley

Born: 9 Jul 1848

Place: Wells Co., Indiana

CHILDREN:

1. **Name:** Ada COTTON

Born: 3 Jun 1869

Place:

2. **Name:** Milice Elnora COTTON

Born: 28 Oct 1870

Place:

Family Group Sheet

HUSBAND: Calvin Clinton DEAM

Born: 1 Feb 1837

Place: Montgomery Co., Ohio

Died: 28 Jun 1926

Place: Wells Co., Indiana

Marr:

Place:

WIFE: Harriet

Family Group Sheet

HUSBAND: Oliver Cromwell MITCHELL

Born: 1831

Place:

Died: 1905

Place:

Marr: 1853

Place: Wells Co., Indiana

WIFE: Catherine DEAM

Born: 1835

Place: Montgomery Co., Ohio

Died: 3 May 1921

Place: Wells Co., Indiana

Family Group Sheet

HUSBAND: John Henry DEAM

Born: 15 Jul 1843

Place: Wells Co., Indiana

Died: 29 Jul 1916

Place: Wells Co., Indiana

Marr: 4 Aug 1864

Place: Wells Co., Indiana

WIFE: Martha MARSH

Ancestral & Family Sheets

This issue we have the family narrative of Kathy Davis. I have a few more of her Family Group Sheets that I will run in the next newsletter. Kathy has a great deal of information in a nice hardbound book that is kept at our genealogy library north of Uniondale, so if you'd like access to her book, visit our library to take a look at them. Or, if you wish to contact Kathy Davis, she may be reached at:

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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You may send your entry to:

Kathleen Davis

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Fort Wayne, IN 46818

If you have any questions, please call 260-693-3243 or email: Kdavis63@aol.com.

Please do not email your entries to me without checking with me first.

Thanks so much.

Submitted by Kathy Davis



Family Group Sheet

HUSBAND: Absalom FUNK**Born:** 12 Feb 1839**Died:** 9 Jul 1875**Marr:** 8 Jan 1852**Place:** Chambersburg, Pennsylvania**Place:** Lancaster Twp., Wells Co., Indiana**Place:****WIFE:** Ann Margaret BOWER

Family Group Sheet

HUSBAND: John Bower FUNK**Born:** 1862**Died:** 1940**Marr:** 2 Apr 1885**Place:****Place:****Place:****WIFE:** Hannah Sophia RINEAR**Born:** 28 Dec 1866**Died:** 1942**Place:** Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana**Place:****CHILDREN:****1. Name:** Sarah Ann Mable Funk**Born:** 13 Dec 1888**Died:** Apr 1967**Place:** Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana**Place:** Bluffton, Wells Co., Indiana**Spouse:** Homer Russell JOHNSON**Born:** 26 Sep 1885**Died:** 29 May 1976**Marr:** 2 Apr 1908**Place:** Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana**Place:** Sunny Vale-Santa Clara, California**Place:** Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana**2. Name:** John A. J. FUNK**Born:** 22 May 1886**Place:****3. Name:** Charles Rinear FUNK**Born:** 2 Feb 1892**Died:** 1918**Place:****Place:****Spouse:** Kitty E. BOLTIN**Died:** 23 Jan 1967**Married:** 2 Apr 1913**Place:****Place:** Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana

Family Group Sheet

HUSBAND: "Reverend" Abel JOHNSON**Born:** 6 Feb 1814**Died:** 9 Apr 1891**Marr:** 2 Apr 1835**Place:** Harrison Co., Ohio**Place:** Wells Co., Indiana**Place:** Muskingum Co, Ohio**WIFE:** Sara/Sarah S. SMITH**Born:** 24 Dec 1812**Died:** 1887**Place:** Ohio**Place:** Wells Co., Indiana**CHILDREN:****1. Name:** Thomas Benton JOHNSON**Born:** 10 Dec 1836**Died:** 12 Mar 1922**Place:** Muskingum Co, Ohio**Place:** Merville, Iowa**Spouse:** Lucinda E. WALKER**Marr:** 31 Mar 1859**Place:** Van Buren Co., Iowa**2. Name:** Washington Pringle JOHNSON**Born:** 5 Oct 1838**Died:** 2 Mar 1912**Place:** Muskingum Co, Ohio**Place:** Sherwood, Oregon**Spouse:** Mary JOHNSON**Marr:** Dec 1861**Place:****3. Name:** Isaac Westley JOHNSON

- Born:** 9 Apr 1840
Died: 11 Aug 1862
4. Name: Abel Smith JOHNSON
Born: 18 Jan 1842
Died: 29 Oct 1862
5. Name: Adoniram Judson JOHNSON
Born: 15 Nov 1843
Died: Aug 1918
Spouse: Jane Isadore KLINGEL
Born: 10 Jul 1851
Died: 23 Apr 1944
Marr: 23 Oct 1869
- Place:** Ohio
Place: St. Louis, Missouri
- Place:** Ohio
Place: Missouri Battlefield (Civil War)
- Place:** Ohio
Place: Wells Co., Indiana
- Place:** Wells Co., Indiana
Place: Wells Co., Indiana
Place: Wells Co., Indiana
- 6. Name:** Xenon Milton JOHNSON
Born: 25 Aug 1845
Died: 8 Nov 1889
Spouse: Mary Elizabeth ERNST
Born: 31 Jul 1851
Died: 11 Feb 1892
Marr: 8 Nov 1873
- Place:** Ohio
Place: Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana
- Place:** Ashland Co., Ohio
Place: Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana
Place:
- 7. Name:** Benjamin Franklin JOHNSON
Born: 4 Oct 1847
Died: 15 Jun 1929
Spouse: Mary Catherine FOX
Born: 8 Nov 1847
Died: 13 Jan 1928
Marr: 8 Nov 1873
- Place:** Muskengum Co., Ohio
Place: Crawfordsville, Indiana
- Place:** Crestline, Ohio
Place: Crawfordsville, Indiana
Place:
- 8. Name:** Mary Rebecca JOHNSON
Born: 13 Apr 1850
Died: 9 Mar 1927
Spouse: James A. Cotton
Marr: 1 Dec 1867
- Place:** Muskingum Co., Ohio
Place: Newcastle, Indiana
- Place:**
- 9. Name:** Martha Elizabeth JOHNSON
Born: 6 May 1851
Died: 14 Aug 1873
- Place:**
Place: Wells Co., Indiana
- 10. Name:** Francis Wayland JOHNSON
Born: 11 Jan 1852
Died: 7 Feb 1852
- Place:** Ohio
Place: Wells Co., Indiana
- 11. Name:** David Spurgeon JOHNSON
Born: 16 Dec 1857
Died: 29 Jul 1924
Spouse: Mary Belle RUSSELL
Born: 26 Nov 1858
Died: 13 Dec 1943
Married: 4 Feb 1877
- Place:** Wells Co., Indiana
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Illiterate Enumerator?

By Joan Sambrotto

The 1880 census had a column to be filled in by the enumerator that asked if people were sick or disabled and what the sickness or disability was. A particular enumerator's last name was FEYL. A soundex search for that name gives many choices, such as FILE, FALE, etc. I'm going with FALE because this guy failed in his usage of the English language.

In the district he was assigned to canvas, many people had "information" of some sort--of the liver, of the kidneys, of the lungs, etc. There was even "information of the bowls" going around, and a poor shoemaker had "hammerhoids." Then, there were also seven "hunchbags."

I checked my bowls and sure enough I did get some information. It seems my husband was doing a poor job washing dishes. I may end up a hunchbag from sitting at the computer too much. I even may end up with information of the hammerhoids.

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YE OLDEN TIMES

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

OFFICIAL RESULT

Of the Wells County Democratic Nominating Election, Aug. 9, 1862.

POLLS	TREAS-				COMM'R.			
	J. E. Brown,	E. A. Horton,	J. V. Geary,	B. M. Elkins,	J. L. Russell,	R. Souder,	J. W. Davenport,	J. A. Deam,
Jackson,			1	67		27	38	1
Chester,	1	20	1	20	1	1	39	2
Liberty,	13	10	5	8		1	35	
Rockcr'k								
Center,	6	11	13	1		12	8	11
Rockford	13			1		1	13	
Union,		6	16	29		29	21	
Nottingham								
Burgess's	13	9	3				23	1
Lindsey's	2	3	18				2	20
Harrison								
Bluffton,	49	107	90	12	3	33	127	93
Newville,	6	1	35	16		18	34	4
Lancaster,	7	12	8	14		29	5	7
Jefferson,								
Ossian,		18	3	4		4	1	20
M'Cague'		13					13	
Totals,	110	210	193	172	4	155	359	159

Horton's majority, for Treasurer, 17 over Geary, the next highest.

Davenport's majority, for Commissioner, 200 over Deam, the next highest.

The other candidates had no opposition and their votes are as follows:

For Sheriff—Nathaniel DeHaven, 679

For Surveyor—Jas. A. Gavin, 661

For Coroner—I. J. Covault, 651

For C. P. Prosecutor—N. Burwell, 586

[Several tickets went out, through mistake, without Mr. Burwell's name on.]

ASSESSORS.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Assessors in their respective townships, to—wit:

Jackson—Samuel Good; Chester—

C. C. Snow; Liberty—Emanuel Popejoy; Rockcreek—Robert Miller; Union—John Kain; Nottingham—Rannals Welsler; Harrison—Lewis S. Smith; Lancaster—Daniel Hunter; Jefferson—Thos. Archbald.

SENATORIAL DELEGATES

The following gentlemen were selected by the several townships as Delegates to the Senatorial Convention, to be held at Newville tomorrow, the 16th, to-wit:

Jackson—Lemuel Bachelor; Chester—David Noe; Liberty—Hampton Osborn; Rockcreek—Wm. McBride; Union—Samuel B. Caley; Nottingham—Wm. Kirkwood; Harrison—Geo. McDowell and Frederick Engeler; Lancaster—Jonathan Garton; Jefferson—John Cartwright.

AN ORDER AGAINST FLIGHT FROM DRAFT:

Fugitives to be Punished!

[OFFICIAL.]

Washington, Aug. 8.

The following order has been issued by the War Department:

War Department,

Washington, Aug. 8, 1862. }

An order to prevent the evasion of military duty, and for the suppression of disloyal practices.

First. By direction of the President of the United States, it is hereby ordered, that until further orders no citizen liable to be drafted into the military service shall be allowed to go into a foreign country, and all Marshals and military officers of the United States, are directed, and all police authority, especially at ports of the United States, on the seaboard and on the frontier, are requested to see that this is faithfully carried into effect, and they are hereby authorized and directed to arrest and detain any person or persons about to depart from the United States in violation of his order and report to Maj. Turner, (*illegible line*) further instructions respecting the person or persons so arrested or detained.

Second. Any person liable to draft, who shall absent himself from his country or State, before such draft is made, will be arrested, by any Provost

Marshal or other United States or State officer, wherever he may be found within the jurisdiction of the United States, and conveyed to the nearest military post or depot, and placed on military duty for the term for the term of draft, and the expenses of his own arrest and conveyance to such post or depot, and also the sum of \$5 as a reward to the officer who shall make the arrest, shall be deducted from his pay.

Third. The writ of habeas corpus is hereby suspended in respect to all persons so arrested and detained, and in respect to all persons arrested for disloyal practices.

(Signed) EDWIN M. STANTON

Secretary of War.

A STRINGENT WAR ORDER!

Those Discouraging Enlistments to be Imprisoned!

[OFFICIAL.]

Washington, Aug. 8.

The following order, authorizing the arrest of persons discouraging enlistments, has been issued:

War Department,

Washington, Aug. 8, 1862. }

Ordered, 1st, That all U. S. Marshals and Superintendents or Chiefs of Police, of any town, city, or district, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to arrest and imprison any person or persons who may be engaged, by act or speech, or writing, in discouraging volunteer enlistments, or in any way giving aid and comfort to the enemy, or in any other disloyal practice against the United States.

2d, That immediate report he made to Maj. L. C. Turner, Judge Advocate, in order that such persons may be tried before a Military Commissioner.

2d, The expenses of such arrest and imprisonment will be certified to the Chief Clerk of the War Department for settlement and payment.

EDWIN M. STANTON

Secretary of War

Bluffton Banner, August 15, 1862, p. 2

Democratic County Ticket.

For Treasurer,
ELIJAH A. HORTON.

For Sheriff,
NATHANIEL DeHAVEN.

For Commissioner, 2nd District,
JOHN W. DAVENPORT.

For Surveyor,
JAMES A. GAVIN.

For Coroner,
ISIAH J. COVAULT.

☞ Capt. Karns' Company, numbering 121 men, left for camp at Wabash on last Saturday morning. Several of our citizens accompanied it. The citizens of Markle, with their usual liberality, had a bountiful dinner in waiting for the boys on their arrival there, after partaking of which, the march was resumed. The Company arrived safe at camp, but owing to a lack of accommodations, fared very badly for two or three days.

The 75th is full, and two or three companies offered that could not get in. These, with the other companies now ready in this District, will doubtless be formed into another regiment.

☞ Dr. Melsheimer has nearly a full Company ready for the war—recruited since Saturday last. To-day it must be filled up, for which purpose a meeting has been called for 1 o'clock. This is a splendid Company, and only lacks a few of being full. Roll up, boys! Those who let this opportunity pass, will regret it. Volunteer to-day, and get the \$100 bounty—to-morrow will be too late. Every one who volunteers to-day will get the \$40 as soon as he enters the U. S. service, to-wit: \$25 of his bounty, one month's pay in advance, \$13, and \$2 premium.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of an Execution to me directed, I will expose for sale, at public auction, at the Court House door, in Bluffton, Harrison township, Wells county, Indiana, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1862, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., of said day, the following described property, to-wit:

The rents and profits, for a term of years not to exceed seven, of the west half of the south-east quarter of section fifteen (15), township twenty-five (25),

range eleven (11) 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 for sale the fee simple of said real estate.

Executed as the property of Joseph Wilson, at the suit of William D. Wilson.

NATHANIEL DEHAVEN,
Sheriff W. C.

G. S. Brown, Plff's Att'y.

Administrator's Sale.

I, Ezekiel Chew, Administrator of the estate of James T. Orr, deceased, hereby give notice that I will offer at public auction, at the Court House door, in Bluffton, on Saturday, the 16th day of August, 1862, at 1 o'clock p. m., the east half of the north-west quarter of section numbered nine (9), township twenty-seven (27), north of range twelve (12) east, excepting from the same lot numbered eighteen (18), in the village of Eagleville, in Wells county, Indiana, also excepting a lot of two acres, more or less, taken off the north part of said half quarter, and attached and belonging to the steam Saw-Mill Lot, now in possession of Matthew Wilson, leaving a balance of seventy-eight acres, more or less.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third in hand—one-third in nine months—balance in eighteen months. Deferred payments to be secured, and bear interest from day of sale.

EZEKIEL CHEW, Administrator

☞ Next Monday the August term of the Wells Circuit Court will commence. There is quite a heavy docket be disposed of.

☞ The election of officers of the Company which left here on Saturday last, resulted as follows: Sandford R. Karns, Captain; James Starbuck First Lieutenant; Uriah Todd, Second Lieutenant; and B. F. Wiley, Orderly.

☞ We learn from some of the soldiers, just from Wabash on furlough, that Hon. John U. Pettit has been appointed Colonel of the 75th regiment.

MARRIED.

On the 10th inst., by T. A. R. Eaton, Esq., Mr. EDWIN SANTEE to Mrs. ANN RHODES—all of this place.

The printers were bountifully remembered, for which the happy pair will please accept thanks. May the bridegroom find, that of all the roads of life, he has taken the right one.

At the Washington Hotel, in this place, on the 7th inst., by same, Mr. J. G. Bryson to Miss Bethsheba Pugh.

On the 8th ins., by Rev. J. H. Hutchinson, Mr. Ez. Stiffey to Miss Annie Dishong, all of this place.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of an Execution 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, Indiana, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1862, 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 all of a piece of land situated in the west half of section three (3,) township twenty-six (26,) north of range twelve (12), east, commencing on the south line of the north-west fractional quarter of said section, thence one hundred and fifty feet west of the center line of the Cincinnati & Fort Wayne Railroad as now located, thence parallel with and one hundred and fifty feet west from the center line of said Railroad and in a northerly direction to the Wabash river, thence with said river to a point that would be one hundred and fifty feet east of said center line of said Railroad, thence southerly parallel with the center line of said Railroad as located and one hundred and fifty feet east of said line to the south line of said north-west quarter, thence along said south line three hundred feet to the place of beginning, estimated to contain a space of three hundred feet in width, and for length, through said land from said south line of said quarter to the Wabash river, 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, at public auction as aforesaid, expose the fee simple of said real estate.

Executed as the property of Cincinnati & Fort Wayne Rail Road Company, at the suit of Jacob V. Geary.

NATHANIEL DE HAVEN,
Sheriff W.C.

Notice of Distribution to Heirs.

NOTICE is hereby given, that at the May Term of the Court of Common Pleas of Wells county, after final settlement of the estate of Daniel Coleman, deceased, four hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty-one cents were found remaining for distribution among the heirs. Said heirs are therefore notified to appear at the next term of said Court, and receive their distributive share. T.L. WISNER. Cl'k,
C. C. P. W. C.

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"The Constitution as it is, and the Union as it was."

Democratic State District Ticket.

- FOR CONGRESS, 11TH DISTRICT,
JAMES F. McDOWELL, of Grant.
- FOR STATE SENATOR — DIS'T OF ADAMS, JAY AND WELLS,
GEORGE S. BROWN, of Wells.
- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE — BLACKFORD AND WELLS,
GEO. S. HOWELL, of Blackford.
- FOR PROSECUTING ATT'Y, 10TH CIRCUIT,
JAMES H. SCHELL, of Elkhart,
- FOR COMMON PLEAS PROSECUTOR,
DAVID COLERICK, JR., of Allen.

County Ticket.

- FOR TREASURER,
ELIJAH A. HORTON.
- FOR SHERIFF,
NATHANIEL DEHAVEN.
- FOR COMMISSIONER, 2D DISTRICT,
JOHN W. DAVENPORT.
- FOR SURVEYOR,

JAMES A. GAVIN.
FOR CORONER,
ISIAH J. COVAULT.

A Strange Way of Doing Business.

In the enrollment of this (Harrison) township, the Deputy Commissioners did their business in such a bungling and careless manner as to omit the names of some 47 volunteers who have gone into the service from this town and vicinity. When the order for a draft of 19 men from this township arrived, our citizens, through Sheriff DeHaven, at once showed these facts to Commissioner John L. Wilson, by petition, giving the names of the omitted volunteers, and asking credit therefor. This would clear our township of draft, and some 20 over. But Commissioner Wilson, (the celebrated "Major that was,") puffed up with "a little brief authority," refused to give the credit!—said "he had his instructions and should be governed by them"—and went on with the draft. Our citizens then prepared a petition to General Commissioner Siddall, and deputed James Dailey, Esq., to carry it to Indianapolis. At this writing, Mr. Dailey has not returned; but we have no doubt the authorities at Indianapolis will allow the credit, and thus render the draft void in this township, as well also as in others where the same state of things exists.

It would be interesting to know what kind of "instructions" John L. Wilson was acting under that would not allow him to fill up the omissions of his blundering, gawkish, careless, mullet-headed deputies. Suppose they had omitted to enroll any of the volunteers from this township, would our people, on account of such criminal neglect, have to suffer a draft of 145 men? Such a proceeding would be just as equitable as to refuse to give credit for those ascertained to have been overlooked by the enrolling deputies—and there is no justice or common sense in either. We are clearly entitled to credit for every volunteer we have sent, and we believe we will get it.

But how have these omissions occurred? Is it not strange the enrolling

deputies should overlook so many volunteers—particularly when they took ample time to make the enrollment and were paid a good price per day? Will they tell us they performed their labors as correctly as they were able, when we know ten-year-old school boys would be flogged for such doltishness? And then, after the citizens go to work and finish up the job for the jackassical deputies, the mulish Commissioner throws himself back on his "instructions" and refuses to give the proper credit! What does all this mean?

In Allen county, the enrolling deputies were alike remiss. The city of Ft. Wayne and Wayne township were returned subject to a draft of nearly 400. The citizens thought there must be something wrong about this, took the matter in their own hands, and found the names of over 800 volunteers which the deputies had overlooked! Commissioner Jenkinson at once allowed credit for the same, which cleared Wayne township of the draft and 400 to spare! Not only this, but Mr. Jenkinson *postponed the draft from Monday to Thursday*, in order that other townships in the county might also *correct their lists of volunteers* and avoid the draft. Why was this not done here? What different "instructions" did John L. Wilson have from those under which Mr. Jenkinson acted in Allen county? Or was it the determination to force the disgrace of a draft upon Wells county whether she had furnished her quota or not?

P.S.—Since the above was put in type, Mr. Dailey has returned. He reports that Commissioner Siddall will allow us credit for every volunteer. Good! This will entirely relieve Harrison and Rockcreek townships from the draft, and materially lighten it in the others.

Wonder what puffed-up Big John Little Wilson thinks of himself by this time? He'd better go to the Sandwich Islands and get some more "INSTRUCTIONS!"

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<p>Hermann School District No. 5 – Souvenir Book Nottingham Township Term 1903-1904</p> <p>Compliments of Matilda E. Davis, Teacher A.W. Sours, Trustee, A.R. Huyett Co. Supt. Pupils: Ola Herrimann, Daisy Marsh, Lela Kleinknight, Marion Dickason, Eddie Smithson, Altie McCal- lick, Paul Notron, Harry Marsh, Gilbert Mowery, Jesse Studabaker, Robbie Dickason, George Studabaker, Clara Lambert, Arthur Lambart, Macie Mowery, Thomas Boyer, Dick Holloway, Marion Norton, Blanche Lambert, Willie Wilson, Ethel Holloway, Flossie Dickason, Inez Smith- son, Albert Norton, Frank Boyer, Christa Lam- bert, Goldie Wilson.</p>	<p>Term 1906</p> <p>Eva Aker, Teacher A.R. Huyette Co. Supt. Pupils: Inez Smithson, Rachel Jones, Delma Lockwood, Lula Sar- ber, Macie Mowery, Earl Brittenham, Raymond Overmier, Harry Marsh, Hugh Sarber, Paul Norton, Wilbern Willson, Ettie Jones, Hazel Dickason, Alma Herrmann, Helen Karns, Gerry Mowery, Mabel Dickason, Pearlie Baller, Oris White, Willie Willson, Jesse Studabaker, Viola Herrmann, Gilbert Mowery, George Studabaker, Glide Overmier, Dick Hol- loway, Eddie Smithson, Marrion Willson, Daisy Marsh, Charlie Baller, Verna Overmier, Cora Brown, Mildred Sarber, Ida Sarber, Lucile Lam- bert, Lonis Jones N.L. Bloxsom Trustee J.C. Herrmann Director</p>
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original books, or, using the reader, you can read from the film and proof from home.

As I have started proofing book G, I can see we really need to do this to have an accurate listing of names. (Usually the data entry person [me] has missed something when entering). And we want to have a correct listing for our publication. PLEASE try to help. We want to have this project done by the end of July. It has gone on long enough and even though we have had wonderful help doing the first reading we need your help also to do the proofing.

Much thanks to Joan Gavilanez, Pat Dyson, Gerri Brown, Judy Richter, Gary Cook, Joan Bragg, Susan Price, Lynn Elliott, Chris Williams, and Cami Mount. We have accomplished a great task! I hope I didn't miss any one who has helped. 14 books, about 5600 pages read...WOW.

Submitted by Connie Brubaker

Global Warming of 1811

From the "General Register Office for SCOTLAND"
Parish records show how global warming was affecting the weather in 1811...

'1st December 1811 Sunday ½ Dairy

I preached at home today. It was a raw and windy day threatening rain, few in church - collection 5s. 2d. Mr Ewin, schoolmaster at Dalswinton village dined with me. I lent Mr Lancaster's book on education. It now begins to rain heavily (6 o'clock p.m.) and is likely to rain much. We have had a week or two of very fierce winter weather after two months of the most rainy and weather I have ever witnessed. The comet seems to me to have been the cause of the uncommon warm weather in the month of August and beginning of September and of the consequent very wet weather, and of the virial days immediately past, and the earth being so heated by the approach of this body little frost may be expected till the new year be arrived.' (Kirkmahoe, 1811)

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Auditing Barbara Elliott

Special Projects Chairpersons:

Poneto Book Lynn Elliott & Nellie Sleppy

Deed Records Cami Mount & Connie Brubaker

The Genealogy Society has been asked by the United Methodist Church to present 6 one-hour programs for the Bluffton Parks Dept. Senior Exploration Series. These programs will be held on Mondays, April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, and May 12, from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. A committee was formed to discuss topics to be presented each week: **Senior Exploration Program Committee:** Connie Brubaker, Avon Crismore, Pat Dyson, Laura Sawyer, Nellie Sleppy and Jim Sturgeon.

An explanation of a "Lot" was read:

To Clarify: Starting in 1820 Land that was bordered or through which water or a waterway flowed had to be purchased through Gov't Lot System and not through the Land Grant (Patent) System. The purpose was to control and inform purchasers of the restrictions passed on the impediment of flowing water (mill races, dams, etc. were become problematic).

Opinion: Unfortunately, the government failed to properly impose required notification upon subsequent purchasers, i.e. non-original land grantees. Part of this Congressional Act required "all" lands to be surveyed, and water/ways to be identified, and those deemed to fall under the guidelines had to be purchased through the LOT System.

Members are reminded that dues are now payable for 2008 to the Wells County Genealogy Society, Treasurer, Joan Gavilanez, PO Box 54, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Anyone having suggestions for programs for the upcoming year were asked to contact Cami Mount.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. and a carry-in lunch was enjoyed by all.

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					\$
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Important Note!
 Be sure your dues are paid up to date. This is the last newsletter for those who haven't renewed for 2008.