

# WHITEWATER VALLEY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Individual membership dues are \$9 and dues for a couple are \$12.00.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month except December.

Website: [www.rootswebancestry.com/~inwvga](http://www.rootswebancestry.com/~inwvga)

## **MEETING DATES**

Meeting dates are March 16, April 20 and May 18 at Trinity Episcopal Parish House.

In case of inclement weather listen to WCNB radio or check channel 3 on cable for cancellation.

## **IGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Indiana Genealogical Society Annual conference at Allen County Public Library April 10, 2010. The following sessions will be held: genealogy searches on Google, introduction to immigration, blogging for genealogists, on line immigration records, keeping up with technology, 2 digital initiatives of Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, portable gadgets for genealogists and photo restoration using Adobe photoshop.

Registration is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$40 at the door.

## **GENEALOGY AND HISTORY FAIR**

The Indiana State library is sponsoring the Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair at the State Library October 23, 2010. It is free and open to the public. Use main entrance at 315 W. Ohio Street.

## **GET WELL WISHES**

Get well wishes go out to Bob Price and Roy Cudworth.

## **NEWS FROM OTHERS SOCIETIES**

Tri County (Franklin, Decatur and Ripley Counties) has seen a decline in new memberships and a decline in attendance. They

realize many now research on-line. They voted that everyone who has paid dues for 10 or more years will be classified as life members and not pay any more dues. Also meetings will be held quarterly instead of monthly beginning with February 2010.

The Henry County Genealogical Society has disbanded due to lack of interest and member presence.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Connersville Members

Doug and Sandy Brown  
Karen Creamer  
Roy and Pat Cudworth  
Valerie Faris  
Sue Frank  
Curtis Garrett  
Jim and Sylvia Gibson  
Charlie Hughes  
John Johnson  
Karen McQueen  
Marshall and Jane Miller  
Donna Powell  
Robert and Nancy Price  
Pat Summan  
Alan Sweney  
O. D. and JoAnn Thurnan  
James Wicker  
Ron and Pam Wood

Other Members

Barbara Craig, Toledo, Ohio  
Hope Grizzell, Glenwood, In  
Kathy Keller, Richmond, In  
Everett and Helen McCauley, Greenfield, In  
Norma Dawson Nash, Englewood, California  
Patricia Smith, Brookville, In  
Donald and Jean Stone, North Manchester, In  
Marlin VanDerWheele, Hilliard, Ohio  
Dr. Rosalind Webb, Zionsville, In

## **FAVORITE WEBSITE**

[www.cem.va.gov/CEM/index.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/index.asp)

Menu provides all you need to locate a veteran's grave, obtain a list of National and state veteran

cemeteries, order a replacement headstone or learn about burial benefits. By entering a name your results will likely include which branch of the military the person served in, birth and death dates, where he or she is buried and contact information for the cemetery.

[www.arkansasgravestones.org](http://www.arkansasgravestones.org)

Contains pictures of stones of burials in Arkansas.

### FROM THE FILES

*Connersville Evening News November 7, 1916*

#### MAUSOLEUM

The Ansted mausoleum, the newest and one of the grandest of adornments of Dale Cemetery, is done. East of the chapel, upon the summit of the elevation, facing the north, it sits, a magnificent creation of severe gray marble. Two heavy columns of the same material stand on the northern side. There too is the door, the only entrance, a thing of beautiful bronze. The one Gothic window, of stained glass, looks to the south. Within are six crypts and within, as without, the materials of a kind to endure for centuries. The one word, Ansted, stands in relief from the face of the pile.

*Connersville Evening News June 14, 1913*

#### BUNKER HILL

Next Sunday is preaching day.

Clara Thatcher returned to her home in North Connersville, Saturday, after a week's visit with her brother Glen and wife.

John Griffis has built a new barn here and will live in it until the new house is built.

Carl Vanatta spent Sunday in Andersonville.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Frank Alexander, at Glenwood Saturday. She was well known in this vicinity, having lived near here for several years.

Mrs. Harry Martin is entertaining her sister and family, from Hamilton, Ohio.

Clyde Harper, who recently returned home from Denver, Colorado, passed away at his home here early Sunday morning after an illness of several years of tuberculosis. He is survived by a widow, one son and numerous friends, who will miss him. He was well liked and respected by all who knew him.

Miss Ione Ochiltree attended a shower Thursday, at the home of Mrs. Geo. R. Carter, in honor of Miss Doris Kline, who will soon marry Bert Ochiltree, a nephew of Miss Ochiltree.

### QUERIES

#### CRAWFORD/YOUNG/SHOOP

I am looking for information on Joshua Crawford b. 1802 in Lexington, Ky and Sarah Young b. 1811 in Pa.

Things I know.

They adopted Mentor Shoop about 1843. Can find no paperwork in Carroll County.

There were in Carroll County in 1840 and 1850.

They were in Rush County in 1860 and 1870.

Sarah was in Fayette County in 1880 until her death after 1900.

I have but can't find, both wills I believe both Fayette County. (Joshua lists Sarah's maiden name as Young in this will).

I never found a marriage record for them in Oh, Ky or In.

They have a rather large monument in the Old Orange Cemetery where both of them are buried. Iron fence and some writing on the stone names and dates etc.

They are the adopted parents of Mentor Robert Shoop. He also spent time in Fayette County around 1870. I have been unable to determine how Sarah and Joshua gained custody of Mentor abt 1843 while residing in Carroll County.

Any additional information on any of these would be great.

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HUDSON/HUTSON

I am looking for more information on a William Hudson/Hutson. The last census I can find for William is 1860 in Columbia, Fayette Co., Ind. He is listed as age 67 and born in Pa. However, previous censuses say he was born in Va. An 1880 census for this son (Thomas) declares his father's birthplace to be Va. His wife Anna is age 60 and born in Va. I show her in the 1880 census in Brown, Hancock Co., Ind. living as a widow with her married daughter, Harriet Perkins. I can't find out where William and Ann got married or any other information on William or where he is buried.

Children of William & Anna Hutson/Hudson  
Isaac b. abt 1829 Orange Twp., Fayette Co., Ind  
Thomas Harrison b. 1832 Orange Twp., Fayette Co., Ind m. Cynthia Harriet Shaver 27 Jan 1856 in Fayette Co., Ind.  
Harriet b. 1834 Orange Twp., Fayette Co., Ind m. Charles Perkins 11 Aug 1853  
Mary b. 1837 Orange Twp., Fayette Co., Ind  
Eleanor/Ellen b. 1839 Orange Twp., Fayette Co., Ind.

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WW I REGISTRATION CARDS  
(adapted from Family Tree Magazine)

Military records reveal a tremendous amount of detail about your relatives – and you may even find documents about those who didn't serve.

Each eligible male had to go to his local draft board office to submit a registration card and be interviewed by an official. The official filled out the card and the registrant signed it.

The original cards are at the National Archives and Records Administration in Morrow, Ga. (archives.gov/southeast) They're on microfilm at many NARA branches and the Family History Library (familysearch.org) They are digitized on subscription site Ancestry (ancestry.com)

The military drafted registrants by lottery and inducted those deemed physically acceptable. So the existence of a draft registration is no

guarantee that your ancestor served.

Some of the information on the cards would be:

1. Full name – no initials and a number
2. Age and birth date
3. Registrant's permanent address
4. Occupation
5. Nearest relative and that person's address
6. Registrant's signature which indicates literacy and his approval of the information's accuracy. An X indicates illiteracy and should lead you to question the accuracy of details and spellings.

**PRESERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH**  
(From Genealogy Gems)

LAMINATING DOCUMENTS BY BECKY SCHIPPER

I have been asked several times lately about laminating documents. This is a process that involves using two sheets of plastic and sandwiching a document between them. The sheets are sealed by the use of intense heat and adhesives that bond with chemicals in paper and photographs, creating acidic compounds that cause the item to deteriorate. This process is irreversible and should never be used to preserve photos and documents.

Mylar sleeves and pockets are a safe and practical way to protect both photos and documents. Mylar comes in different thicknesses and sizes. Charcoal, graphite, and pastel drawings should NOT be stored in Mylar as it can lift the drawing medium from the paper.

**YOUR GENEALOGY: APPROACH WITH CAUTION?** By: Dr. Fraser Dunfort

Adapted from Family Chronicle Magazine

There are many wonderful things happening to genealogy, but there are also problems. These problems exist, at least in part, because those of us who are serious about genealogy have spent too much time extolling how wonderful the hobby is and too little time explaining that it is a serious hobby. Here are some of the problems.

### Terrible Genealogies

The Internet is a wonderful genealogy resource, useful for three things: viewing images of original documents, viewing genealogies and contacting others.

We now have fake genealogies created through ignorance, not avarice. People who don't know what they are doing are busy dumping bad genealogies onto the web. Other people without genealogical skills are accepting them as gospel. People are believing they are accurate because it was on the Internet.

### Identity Theft

A person claiming to be your third cousin twice removed contacts you through the Internet and offers to trade family histories. So you ship off everything you have and wait for the treasure trove to arrive. You have just provided a stranger with the full name, date and location of birth, and relationships of, perhaps 20 living people. No wonder genealogy chat rooms are favorite locations for identity thieves. We make it easy for them.

Genealogical information on living people is a significant component to identity theft. Most serious genealogists know the rule: no information on living people, but even some of them seem to forget it when chatting online with their newfound "relative."

### The Free Lunch

There is a belief throughout genealogy that data will be increasingly free. It's not going to happen. Gathering and presenting data is very expensive. Somewhere, sometime, somehow someone pays for it. We are drifting into a situation where large commercial companies are providing our genealogy data. We believe that it is wonderful to get data in one place while sitting in your living room. Commercial companies regard themselves as the owners of any data they hold so they feel free to do with it as they please. Do we want our heritage owned by large, commercial companies?

### GENEALOGY RESEARCH TIPS

(From 101 Best Genealogy Research Tips)

### 15. Join a Historical Society

Genealogists and historians are kissing cousins, but they often keep to themselves without benefiting from the insights each other can bring to the understanding of our shared heritage. Historical societies offer a wide range of benefits for genealogists, from preservation and access to historical records, to scholarly publications and educational events.

### 16. Volunteer

Sometimes the best way to help yourself is by helping others. The vast majority of useful genealogical records have never been indexed, transcribed or published. Volunteer your time to index or publish records.

### 17. Hire A Student

If you need help doing research in far away lands with few professional researchers or record agents, you might want to try contacting the nearest university for a list of history students whom you might be able to hire as your agent. They know the local language (and frequently, also English), the customs of the region and have the credentials of an academic student, which might help them gain access to records that others wouldn't. It also gives the student valuable experience and possibly, much-needed money to support their education.

### NEW TV SHOW

A new hit show "Who Do You Think You are" is premiering March 5. The NBC series features Lisa Kudrow, Sarah Jessica Parker, Spike Lee, Matthew Broderick, Susan Sarandon, Emmitt Smith and Brooke Shields, and takes each celebrity on a heart-warming journey back in time as they discover more about the ancestors who came before them.

### QUOTES

The older I get the more important family becomes.

Death is another life.

I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.

My family tree is a few branches short! Help appreciated.

