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Individual membership dues are \$9 and dues for a couple are \$12.00. **DUES ARE DUE JUNE 1.**

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

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DUES

It's the first of June – that means dues are due. These can be mailed to P. O. Box 941, Connersville, In 47331.

MEETINGS

June 21, July 19 and August 16 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Parish House.

OFFICERS

Officers re-elected for the coming year are: President Pat Cudworth, Vice President John Johnson, Secretary Pat Summan and Treasurer Karen Creamer. If you have ideas for programs, let John know.

OTHER MEETINGS

German Mini Course June 9 & 10 at The Genealogy Center at Fort Wayne.

Ancestry Day at Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne July 23, 2011. Registration is \$20 and will include a full day of classes. The classes are: Insider Search Tips for Ancestry.com, How to Find Civil War Roots at Ancestry.com, Hidden Treasures of The Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, A Dozen Ways to Jump start Your Family History Project and Ask The Experts Panel. Registration information is available at <http://fortwayneancestryday.eventbrite.com>.

FGS Conference September 7-10 in Springfield, Illinois

Heritage Days – October 22 – Connersville.

BICENTENNIAL

Connersville will be having their bicentennial in 2013. It will be a 10 day event June 28 to July 7. Lots of volunteers are needed and meetings are being held 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Frazee School Cafeteria. Watch the newspaper as this location may change after school is out. Everyone needs to get involved to make this a success. July of 2013 seems like a long ways off but it isn't. Mike Sparks says he hopes the genealogy club will become big players in the bicentennial.

Events already approved are parade, pageant, pioneer village, family history book and reunions.

The events pending final approval are civil war cotillion, archaeological dig, rally road race and soap box derby. Activities pending final approval are "Honor our Elders" dinner, antique tractor show, major flower planting at homes and businesses with the help of FFA and garden club and downtown historical posters/murals.

HISTORY BOOK

A Connersville and Fayette County History Book will be printed. The front half of the book will be history mainly from 1913 to 2013 due to the fact that we already have 1885 and 1917 history books. The back half of the book will be biographies submitted by individuals. There is no cost to submit a 500 word biography plus one picture. The biggest problem is keeping the biography to 500 words. If you want to include more than 500 words, each additional word is 15 cents and if you want to submit an additional picture there is a \$5 charge. The cost of the book is \$49.95 plus tax for books ordered by May 1, 2012. There will be some books available for sale after the pre-order but they will be higher in price.

Workshops are being planned to assist with the writing of the biographies.

Brochures with all the information plus samples of 2 biographies will soon be available at the library. To have this e-mailed contact Pat

Summan at kpsumman@ydial.net. Biographies can also be e-mailed to Pat.

INDEXING OF OBITS

In January we decided to index obituaries from the News Examiner. We are putting these on index cards and the library will then put them on their website. If you have ever looked up any information on the index cards, you know how valuable they are. We need more members to help on this project. Sandy Brown has done an excellent job setting this up with complete instructions. Just go to the main desk and ask for the "green box." We are working on the year 1921.

CITY CEMETERY

The goal of the City Cemetery Restoration Committee is to have the work done by the bicentennial. There are two groups that will be volunteering this summer and we are excited about that. There is still lots of work to be done such as cleaning stones and documenting the stones that are there. Cleaning sessions will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. Charlie Hughes, Steve LaFollette and Jim Vermillion work these mornings straightening and putting bases under the smaller stones they can handle. These work days depend on the weather. The City has some money budgeted so that a restoration expert can work on the stones that need lots of repair. Any additional help will be appreciated on this project.

OBITUARIES ON LINE

The Rush County Genealogical Society is in the process of putting the indexes of deaths from 1980 – 2007 on line as recorded in the Rushville Republican. Their website is www.rushcogs.com.

MAPS

Would you like to include US maps in your family history projects, but can't find what you want? Would you like to add maps to a book you plan to publish but cannot find anything that isn't copyrighted? Do you need a simple, prepared map that you can print at home, at

school, or in the office? A service provided by the US Government will provide maps for you. Best of all, there are no copyrights on the maps. You can use them in commercial books as well as for personal purposes.

The National Atlas is a map-making platform sponsored by the Federal Government that lets you build your own maps. You can create maps that capture and depict patterns, conditions, and trends of American life. You can use the National Atlas templates to create maps that cover all of the United States or just your area of interest.

The National Atlas of the United States of America is a web site created by the United States Department of the Interior. The online atlas provides a map-like view of geospatial and geostatistical data collected for the United States. Unlike the big, bound map collections, the National Atlas includes electronic maps and services that are delivered online.

In the National Atlas Map Maker you can assemble, view, and print your own maps. In most cases, you can choose from hundreds of layers of geographic information to make maps. Each map layer can be displayed individually or mixed with others as you tailor a map to your needs. Once you assemble the layers of choice, you can print the map or save it electronically.

You can add your own information by first saving the map to your hard drive and then using any appropriate photo editing program to add text and new symbols.

For more information, or to try it yourself, you can visit the National Atlas at <http://nationalatlas.gov/>. (Thanks to Barbara Craig for forwarding this info from Carolyn Johnson Burns of the Montgomery County, Ohio chapter of OGS.)

QUICK TIP OF THE MONTH

(From Genealogy Gems)

Store CD and DVDs in the same manner you would store books – on end, not flat. If you have a large number of discs, stacking them on top of each other can increase the chance of some cracking or being scratched by dust trapped between the discs. Ideally each disc should be in

its own case bearing an appropriate descriptive label.

HOUSE BILL 1079

House Bill 1079 would have permitted public access to veterans' discharge records. The legislative session ended on April 29 and the bill appears to have died in committee.

INDEXES

Two new statewide indexes have been added to the publications that are available for purchase on the IGS website.

Statewide Index to Indiana's 1890 Soldiers Enrollment List is \$25.00. It has 51,000 entries of 85 of Indiana's 92 counties. Not included are Adams, Allen, Blackford, Crawford, Dearborn, Madison and Marion Counties.

The enrollment lists enumerated veterans of all past wars who were residing in the various counties of Indiana in 1890, or if deceased, information on their widows and children.

These indexes were previously only available to purchase for a single county.

Statewide Index to Indiana's 1880 DDD (Defective, Dependent, Delinquent) Schedules is \$20.00.

There are 17,000 entries to all 92 Indiana counties that have been indexed. This was a supplemental schedule to the 1880 federal census and provides information of those who were labeled as insane, idiotic, deaf and mute, blind, homeless, inhabitants in prison or indigent.

These indexes were previously only available on line.

FROM THE FILES

Connersville News Examiner December 20, 1959

LOCAL BANKS TO RAISE INTEREST ON SAVINGS

Effective January 1, 1960, the three banks of Fayette County, Fayette Bank and Trust Company, The Central State Bank and The

Bentonville State Bank will offer 3 percent interest on savings accounts payable semi annually.

Connersville Evening News
August 11, 1906

CENTRAL AVENUE CARD CLUB

The Central Avenue Card Club met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. McFarlan at her home on north Central Avenue.

In honor of the visitors, the parlors and reception rooms were artistically decorated with roses, ferns and sweet peas.

A most interesting card game called "Five Hundred" was played instead of the usual progressive euchre and the winners of the prizes were Mrs. "F. T. Roots and Mrs. R. T. Huston. Each of the ladies received a handsome gold hat pin for their prowess. The booby prize, a fine linen handkerchief, was given to Miss Blanche Kahn and the two visitors, Mrs. O. P. Bundy of Muncie and Mrs. Frank Griffin of Chicago received each a souvenir gift, the former a hat pin box and the latter a drawn work lace collar.

A dainty luncheon of ices and cake was served.

Connersville Evening News
January 16, 1903

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Vice President Mrs. Martha Little installed the following officers in the W.R.C. Saturday evening: President Mrs. Nora Lilie, Senior Vice Mrs. Mary Ricord, Junior Vice Mrs. Emma White, Treasurer Mrs. Florence Rhodes, Secretary Mrs. Rhoda Hannah, Conductress Elizabeth Jackson, Assistant Conductress Mrs. Sallie Clark, Chaplain Mrs. Anna Sanders, Grand Mrs. Williams, Assistant Grand Mrs. Reynolds, Color Bearers Mrs. Maggie Butcher, Mrs. Lizzie Moore, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Porter, Organist Mrs. Carrie Myers. A banquet was served after the transaction of business.

GENEALOGY SLOGAN

A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away

Connersville Evening News April 29, 1921

BENTONVILLE

Thomas McKee of Bentonville is ill of pneumonia.

Saturday was the last day of school and the event was delightfully celebrated with a pitch in dinner at noon. The school gave a program in the afternoon.

James K. Mason of this community is attending a farmer's meeting at Chicago.

Several from this locality attended the Baptismal services held at Plum Creek last Sunday.

The Triangle Club will meet with Miss Elsie Manlove Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark and daughter were guests of Corwin Overhiser and family.

V. D. Chance is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Erwin and family were visitors in Connersville Tuesday.

Rev. Hoosier will fill his regular appointment Sunday.

Garnet Myers, Frances Hackleman, Ruth Donieker and Bonita and Margaret Smiley were visitors at the Fairview school Monday.

Mrs. Oliver Manlove and daughter and Mrs. Medda Powell and daughter attended the program given by the Fairview school Tuesday.

The Fairview Sunday School gave a play at Bentonville Friday night which was well attended.

Miss Minnie Hogbon is slightly ill.

Emery Baker and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in Indianapolis.

Connersville Evening News November 16, 1907

WILD DRIVER

A "devil chaser" ran down Harry Osborn on north Central Avenue, about two o'clock this morning while he was walking in one of the innumerable Republican parades. The injured man was taken home and medical aid was summoned. He was not very seriously hurt.

The parade was coming south on Central Avenue near the C.I.& W. trestle when the stranger in his automobile came racing madly up the street paying no attention to the oncoming crowd. As he approached them he put on greater speed. The men did their best to get out of way, but Mr. Osborne was unfortunate. The machine struck him throwing him several feet. He was immediately taken home.

Riley Clark who was following the parade in his car followed the reckless driver, but his car was so heavily loaded he was unable to catch him. The man escaped without leaving any trace of his identity.

HONORING FORMER RESIDENT

In honor of Mrs. August Schmidt of Detroit, Michigan and formerly of this city, Mrs. Powell Woodward entertained with a card party yesterday afternoon at her home on West Fourth Street.

Honors for the games were won by Mrs. John Kuntz and Mrs. Marion Green. A lunch was served following the games.

The guests with Mrs. Schmidt were Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Marion Green, Mrs. Joseph Fries, Mrs. John Kuntz, Mrs. Frank Drescher and Mrs. John Niedenthal.

GENEALOGY SLOGANS

A family tree can wither if nobody tends it's roots.