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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.

Website: www.rootswebancestry.com/~inwvga

JANUARY MEETING

At our January meeting it was reported that one of the librarians at the public library is indexing obituaries from the papers. She is working on the early 1960's. Sandy Brown checked with the library and found out that they would be very appreciative of our group volunteering to help on this project. As soon as the library purchases index cards, we will get started. Sandy has purchased a box to keep the cards in. It will be kept at the front desk.

FEBRUARY MEETING

At our February meeting Donna Schroeder of Historic Connersville, Inc. presented a couple of ideas where HCI and WVGA could partner. One idea was a Family History Center to possibly be at the museum. Since most members had not seen the area she was referring to, WVGA members decided to cancel our March meeting and attend HCI meeting on March 9 and look at the area.

The state has approved HCI receiving old records in the basement of the jail and a place is needed to store these. The records also need to be indexed.

A second idea presented was Heritage Days to be held in the fall. At our January meeting we had discussed having a genealogy fair and this could be included in the Heritage Days. A tentative date is October 22. A cemetery tour and walking tour is being planned.

MEETING DATES

March 9 – we will be meeting with HCI at the museum at 7 p.m.

April 13 and May 11 at Trinity Episcopal Parish House at 7 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS

IGS annual meeting and conference is April 16 at Fort Harrison's Sterrett Center on the south side of Indianapolis. You can go to www.indgensoc.org for registration form and more information.

NGS conference is May 11-14 in Charleston, SC. You can go to www.ngsgenealogy.org for more information

FGS Conference is September 7-10 in Springfield, Illinois

LOSS OF A MEMBER

We are saddened at the death of one of our long time members, Bob Price on November 13, 2010. Bob served as our treasurer several years and was a loyal active member. He was active in numerous organizations especially fraternal organizations and is missed by our group as well as the community.

WVGA gave a "Celebration of Life" memorial to the Fayette County Foundation in memory of Bob.

We once again extend our sympathy to Nancy and family.

FAVORITE WEBSITE

Do you need an obituary from the Palladium Item in Richmond? Do it on line. These instructions may look complicated but aren't. It is a breeze once you have done it.

Click on www.mrlinfo.org

Click on "library catalog"

Do not use the basic search box to search MRL's newspaper index

Click on "Advanced Catalog Search"

Change setting using drop down arrows so that box next to "Library" reads "local newspaper index."

The newspaper index may be searched two ways
(1. Keywords and 2. Subject) You can put

name is both boxes
After inserting name, click on "search"
Click on "Catalog Record" and it will give you
date of paper, page and column number
Send an e-mail to refdept@mrlinfo.org giving
them the name of newspaper, title of article,
page and column number and that you want
the article you requested in electronic form.
Should you want the results by snail mail it will
cost you ten cents per page plus postage.
They will bill you.
You are limited to 10 articles copied in a six
month period.

IGS WEBSITE

Most recent additions to the website are
Switzerland County newspapers 1840 & 1842-
1901 and indexes to 1880 Deaf, Dumb &
Dependent (DDD) special census. Marriage
indexes for 1811-1959 are being updated all the
time.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Indiana State Department of Health has closed its
walk in service. Those wanting Indiana birth and
death records can still request them by mail.

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
museum. When the number of volunteers
outgrows the museum, a larger location will be
sought. Come one – come all and get involved.

ATTENTION GENEALOGISTS – there will be
a family history book so begin thinking of what
you want to include about your family in the
book. The committee for the book was just
formed February 17. As soon as details are
worked out about the book, you will be
informed.

FROM THE FILES

Connersville News Examiner May 10, 1938

FAYETTE FARMER RECEIVED FIRST
TENANT LOAN; GOVERNOR PRESENTS B.
MARTIN, \$6,200 CHECK

After 26 years as a tenant farmer, Baker Martin
of this community is today realizing a life-long
ambition – ownership of a farm. The first tenant
farmer in this state to receive a loan under
provisions of the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant
act. Martin was presented with a \$6,200 federal
check this afternoon on the farm which he is to
buy four miles northeast of here. Governor
Clifford M. Townsend made the presentation.

The ceremony was held on the farm in the
presence of Farm Security Administration
officials and members of the governor's party.

Martin is 50 years old and a life-long resident of
Fayette County. With him during the
presentation were Mrs. Martin and their two
daughters, Crystal, 21 and Wanetta, 19. Martin
began farming as a tenant when he was 24 and
has continued since that time.

The farm which was purchased by the Martins
through the tenant loan contains 101 acres and is
owned by Dr. Albert F. Gregg of Connersville.
It is generally rolling and includes 60 acres of
crop land, 36 acres of pasture and five acres of
waste land. Considered of generally good
quality, the farm has a substantial brick house,
good barn and poultry house. It is located on an
all-weather road and has electric and telephone
lines available.

Of the total loan \$5,500 will go for purchase of
the farm. Building repairs and improvements,
fencing and abstracting and recording fees will
account for the remaining \$650. Amortization of
the loan is based on a 40-year period with annual
payments set at \$268.22. This includes payment
of interest at three per cent a year. However,
Martin may pay the loan in full any time after the
first five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin already have worked out a
sound farm and home management plan with the
help of county rehabilitation and home
supervisors. This plan is aimed at helping the
family, (1) meet repayments on the loan, (2)
maintain an adequate standard of living and (3)
lay the foundation for permanent security.

It is expected that additional tenant purchase
loans soon will be completed in Fayette county
as well as three other counties selected for this

year's operation of the program in Indiana.
Other counties are Gibson, White and Whitley.

May 20, 1938

GLENWOOD

Miss Clara Dora, Correspondent

Miss Belva Beaver and Mrs. Darlie Christman visited with Miss Lorena Ryman near Lewisville Wednesday.

Mrs. James White and son of Connersville and Mrs. Arminta Anderson of Orange visited with Misses Ola, Lydia and Emmaline Holloway Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Esco Barksdale and family of Indianapolis were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stamm and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Reynolds of College Corner, O., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Reynolds. Mrs. Addie Reed of Indianapolis was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chaney and son of New Trenton called on friends and relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gansert and baby, Mrs. Ray Carpenter visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed May at Richmond Saturday.

Mrs. Ott Salyers and Mr. and Mrs. Eickenberry and daughter of near Connersville were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Morris.

Mrs. Ethel McGraw attended the track meet at Rushville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thatcher of Connersville and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Humes visited with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Franklin at Beech Grove, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Huntsinger, Roberta and Mrs. Ed Harlow of Anderson called on Mrs. Charles Stamm, who is ill Sunday morning.

Miss Emma Beaver and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiley of Indianapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Earl

Graham of Casselton were Sunday dinner guests of Chester Beaver and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Schlagel and baby, Mrs. Fred Schlagel and Miss Opal Schlagel of Muncie were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlagel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riley and sons attended the baccalaureate services at College Corner, O., Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mapes spent Sunday with Boyd Batchellor in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harlan and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ertel of near Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray of Gings and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hinchman visited with Mrs. Will Gray, Sunday.

Earl Runyan and Miss Florence Krause of Plain City, O., and Richard Runyan of Indianapolis visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William Runyan. Mr. and Mrs. Avery Putnam of Indianapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Lyons of near Lyonsville were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Indianapolis spent Sunday and Monday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lewark.

Miss Evelyn Pike spent Wednesday visiting Misses Frances and Margery Pike in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Britt and Mrs. Ruth Perin and son attended the district rural carriers meeting held at Lewisville Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ethel McGraw was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Powell and family near Falmouth Saturday evening.

Miss Letha Fields of College Corner, O., visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riley and family.

Eugene Posey of near Rushville visited with his aunt, Miss Minnie McConnell Sunday afternoon.

Miss Juanita Mae Morris of near Rushville visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mapes Monday afternoon.

Charlie Johnson of Indianapolis spent Sunday and Monday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

The United Circle of the Methodist church will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carpenter.

SERVICES ARE HELD AT G.A.R. PLOT IN CITY CEMETERY FOLLOWING PARADE

May 31, 1938

Fayette county's only surviving Civil War veterans, Joseph Hubbell of Everton and T. P. Rockafellow of south of the city, took part in the Memorial Day services held Monday afternoon at the G.A.R. plot in the City Cemetery. The two veterans, who were introduced by S. L. Issac, commander of the local Sons of Union Veterans post, placed a wreath on the cannon which marks the soldiers' plot. The services at the City cemetery followed the parade through the business district, and the annual Woman's Relief Corps services at the Fourth Street canal bridge in honor of the sailor dead of the Civil, Spanish-American and World wars. Mrs. Fred Partlow, W.R.C. president had charge of the ceremonies during which three wreaths were cast into the water. The Rev. M. R. Kerr offered prayer.

W. A. Richards, principal of the Eighth street school, was the speaker for the services in the cemetery. The program included songs by the assembly; invocation and benediction by the Rev. Mr. Kerr; songs by a quartet comprised of Mrs. O. C. Joest, Mrs. Alfred Selby, William Matney and John Helton; the Gettysburg Address by Miss Lenore Cupp and the address.

Mr. Richards said in part: "America can take pride in the fact that from the minute men of 1776 to the doughboys of 1917, America's wars have not been fought by hirelings. When war clouds come upon our national horizon, the farmer puts away his plow, the mechanic lays aside his tools, the laboring man ceases his toil, the professional man clears his desk, and the business man closes his establishments. They forget personal affairs, their political, social and economical differences and stand side by side, their only thought being to save their country.

When the conflict is over and the victory won, like Cincinnatus of old, they lay aside their arms and return to private life. There each man, in his own way works for the progress of his country as he has fought for its safety."

In the morning flags were distributed to the soldiers' graves in the City and Dale cemeteries. Ben McKenney of the Sons of Veterans Post was general chairman for the local observance.

A large crowd of members of the patriotic orders attended the Memorial Sunday services in the Grand Avenue M. E. church. The Rev. B. E. Tryon, pastor of the church, delivered the sermon and Jane Winters gave the Gettysburg address.

May 31, 1938

Thomas Ball, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ball, 415 West Sixteenth street, and Kenneth Bryant, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bryant, 2011 Grand avenue, and students at Junior high school have perfect attendance records for eight years in school. Neither has been tardy nor absent in the eight years.

Ball's eight years have all been in the Connersville schools, the first six at East Side and Eighth street and the last two at Junior High. Bryant attended the first five years at Milton, the sixth year at Maplewood and two years at Junior High. Both boys expect to complete high school and desire to go to college.

PHOTOGRAPHS

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