

WHITEWATER VALLEY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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

MEETINGS

Next meeting will be September 18. The Wayne County Genealogy Society will be our guests. We will meet at City Cemetery at 3:30 where Randy Morehead and Steve LaFollette will demonstrate cleaning and repairing tombstones. We will then go to the Trinity Episcopal Parish House for a fried chicken meal.

Other meetings will be October 16 and November 20. November meeting will be our annual Thanksgiving pitch in

OTHER MEETINGS

The Indiana Historical Society has announced the following programs.

September 15 – 10 to noon – “Answering the Call: Researching Civil War Soldiers Before and During the War.” Cost is \$10 and includes admission to the Indiana Experience that day.

September 15 – 1 to 3 p.m. – “Discharged: Researching Civil War Veterans After the War.” Cost is \$10 and includes admission to the Indiana Experience that day.

You can attend both sessions for \$15.

October 6 – 10 to noon – “Amish and Mennonite Research: The Forgotten Swiss Germans”. Cost is \$10.

Registration can be made to Indiana Historical Society at www.indianahistory.org or call 317-232-1882.

2012 Conference of the Genealogical Society of Marion County which is partnering with IHS.

November 17 – 9 to 4 p.m. “Census, Newspapers, Occupations and Expansion.”

September 2012

There will be four lectures: America’s Expansion: The Ohio Country: 1783-1812, Isn’t that Special (census research), See Ya in the Funnies (newspapers), and Hookers, Crooks, and Kooks. Cost is \$40 with early bird registration of \$30 before October 15.

To register for this GSMC conference, you can go to www.genealogyindy.org or mail check to Genealogical Society of Marion County, GSMC Conference, P. O. Box 2292, Indianapolis, In 46206-2292 and check should be payable to Genealogical Society of Marion County.

The IHS programs and GSMC conference will be held at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center.

PIONEER REUNION

The Franklin County Pioneer Reunion will be October 11-13 at Brookville. Many interesting activities have been planned. The registration date has passed but you can still plan to attend. Contact Karen Creamer at cuzzinkc@comcast.net.

HERITAGE DAYS

Plans are being made to be at the library October 27 to assist those that need information about researching their families. Hours will be the same as the library.

PIONEER CEMETERIES

John Walters and his employees have restored Nulltown Cemetery and are working at Orange Cemetery.

BICENTENNIAL

The events for each day of the bicentennial are being finalized. Obviously it is going to take hundreds of people to work at the 10 day celebration to be June 28 to July 7, 2013. Help is needed – please volunteer. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Miller Building at 6 p.m. and last for 2 hours.

NEW HISTORY BOOK

The new Fayette County History Book has been proof read once and will be proofread again in the next few days. The delivery date is still scheduled for December. 514 books have been sold to date. After the delivery date the cost of the books will be \$5 higher and will be \$54.95 plus \$3.85 tax for a total of \$58.80.

JAMES ROBERTS BUILDING

The James Roberts Building at the park (formerly known as the 4-H building) is being renovated by city employees and the high school building trades class. When completed, this will be a second option for meetings, conferences etc. Bicentennial activities are already scheduled for the building.

MEDAL OF HONOR

Indian Wars is the name generally used to describe a series of conflicts between the colonial or federal government and the native people of North America. The Medal of Honor was created during the American Civil War and is the highest military decoration presented by the United States government to a member of its armed forces. The recipient must have distinguished themselves at the risk of their own life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy of the United States. Due to the nature of this medal, it is commonly presented posthumously.

William G. Cubberly is the only Fayette County person to receive this award. He is buried at Union Cemetery south of Springersville. Wayne Scholl, who is the head of the Union Cemetery, has the plaque and hopefully it will be installed on William's stone soon.

FAVORITE WEBSITES

www.fold3.com. This site formerly known as Footnote.com now focuses on military records including Revolutionary War papers and pension applications, and Civil War service records.

www.familytreedna.com. A leader in paid testing services (starting at \$159). Family Tree DNA also boasts the largest DNA database, with 367,974 records at last count.

www.myheritage.com. This site is known for its online family trees and Smart Matching technology.

www.abmc.gov. An essential military history source covering 214,000 Americans buried in 24 overseas military cemeteries or named in Tablets of the Missing.

FROM THE FILES

Connersville News Examiner March 21, 1951

Deanna Henry, the W. A. Henry's little granddaughter, who was one of the few people who enjoyed Monday's snowstorm, played out in it while her grandpa didn't enjoy shoveling snow. When she went in, her grandma, thinking surely she must have been in a snowball fight asked how she got all that snow on her coat collar. "Grandma" she said, "it just came down from heaven and hit me."

From the same paper:

There seems to be more who know about the Stumptown down by Nulltown than there are who know about the other Stumptown. Fred Beckett, locates Stumptown a half mile north of the Everton-Nulltown road in the Mt. Zion vicinity. Jim Sherwood, Mrs. Tat Sparks, Jason Ketcham and Mrs. Virgil Griffith were among those adding to the store of information.

But it was Perry Jones who went into detail about the place, and he ought to know. It was his grandfather, George Washington Ball, who built the first of the cluster of log houses that formed Stumptown, the Stumptown across the creek south of the Jesse Elliott place, where Dick Elliott was raised. Perry's mother, later Mrs. Ephraim Jones, was the first child born there. The next house, due north and across the road, was built for Lije and Sarah Myers. Then another one was put up for Ben Ball, just up the road. Just beyond that was the Mt. Zion Church. Below where Wash Ball built, John Bryant put up a cabin on land adjoining the Ball orchard. South of the Bryant cabin was the George Callahan house, also built of logs.

At the Wash Ball home, Perry's Great-grandfather Hood died at the age of 99, when

Perry was a little chap, and Perry's grandfather and grandmother lived to be 92 and 94 respectively. They died there too.

Henry Myers who now lives at Alquina, and Lafe Myers who lives near Bentonville were raised at Stumptown, and they hunted ginseng when they were youngsters, and sold it at a Connersville drug store.

Someone who has been helping out on the Stumptown story said that someone established a cultivated patch of 'sang down there, but somebody got in and dug it all up. Nobody has been able to confirm this or elaborate on it.

Connersville News Examiner March 3, 1956

Dr. W. R. Phillips, 77, Dies; Services Monday

Dr. William R. Phillips, 72, who was nearly half a century practiced medicine in the area surrounding Orange, died at 4:10 a.m. today in Veterans' Hospital, Indianapolis. A patient in a Rushville nursing home for several years, after becoming crippled by arthritis, he was admitted to Veterans Hospital Friday night.

Dr. Phillips, who served in the Medical Corps during World War I, was joint representative of Fayette and Franklin Counties in the Indiana Legislature for three terms. He was a member of Orange Christian Church and the Masonic Lodge at Orange and Chapter and Council at Rushville. He held a 50-hear certificate from the Indiana Medical Association.

Born in Jefferson County October 26, 1878, a son of Andrew H. and Elvira McKend Phillips, he obtained his medical education at Louisville, Ky., and in 1901 joined his uncle, Dr. R. W. Sipe, in practice at Orange. He retired in 1947, because of failing health and he and Mrs. Phillips moved to Rush County, where they lived in an apartment in the home of their son, Richard, now Rush County clerk. Also surviving is another son, Coleman Phillips, of Cambridge City; and four grandchildren. A daughter, Nilah, died while he was serving in the Army Medical Corps. Mrs. Phillips, who before their marriage December 25, 1901, was Mary Alice Wilson, died in June 1951. Rites will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Moster & Sons Mortuary at Rushville where friends may call beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Frank Helme will officiate and burial will be at Orange North Cemetery.

In the same paper

53 Orange Pupils Make Honor Roll for Six-Weeks Period

Fifty-three pupils at Orange School qualified for the honor roll during the six-weeks grading period just ended by making B or better in citizenship, and a straight B average or better for all subjects with no grade below B. Thirteen of them are high school students. The list follows:

Grade 1 – Olus Lykins, Linda McNally, Kenneth Robbins, Marilyn Dice, Gary Robinson, Karen Adkins and Shirley St. John.

Grade 2 – Sandra Begley, Sabra Bergen, Ruth Carpenter, Joyce Evans, Marcia Flannery, Sherry Flannery, Patricia Friend, Michael Hignite, John Long, Jackie McNally, and John Miller.

Grade 3 – Hobert Fisher, Linda Sue Hunter, Leroy Shaffer, Gary Thomas, Linda Walden and Joann St. John.

Grade 4 – Mary McNally, Betty St. John, Patty Wann, Glenna May and Jeffrey Long.

Grade 5 – Beverly Evans, Donald Howard, Donna Robinson and Connie Thomas.

Grade 6 – Mary Clark and Floyd Robbins.

Grade 8 – Sandra Guerin, John Guerin, Marilyn Howard, Gail McCambridge and Grace Turner.

Grade 9 – Zella Stephens and Sonia Wann

Grade 10 – Sandra Allen, Helen Bever and Terry Lee Guerin.

Grade 11 – Duane Beaver, Julia Border, Wayne Robbins and Roy Tope

Grade 12 – Danny Dice, Ernest Hoke, Edward Lucas and Jeanette Pogue.

Connersville News Examiner June 1, 1951

Paying traffic violation fines in the city clerk-treasurer's office were:

Tilford Theao Bowling and Harley Weston, running stop signs, \$2.75 each; Loyd Kenworthy Jr., and Richard Barrow, reckless driving, \$4.75 each; Clarence Ingermann, blocking drive, \$1; Charles

Peters, double parking \$1; and Laverne Davis, improper parking \$1.

In the same paper:

Conservation Club

The Fayette County Conservation club and the Auxiliary will hold separate meetings tonight at Manlove Park. Plans for the new club house will be discussed.

Hostesses for the Auxiliary meeting are Bernice Johnson, Juanita Petty, Ethyl Norris, Caroletta Cox and Laverne Howard.

Refreshments will be served following the meetings, both of which will start at 7:30.

HOW TO CONFUSE YOUR DESCENDANTS

Thou shalt name thy male children: James, David, Isaac, Moses, Ranson, Orlando, Joseph, and put them in succeeding generations so others won't know who belongs to whom.

Thou shalt name thy female children: Elizabeth, Lavinia, Mary, Eliza, Ann, Jane.

Thou shalt leave NO trace of thy female children.

Thou shalt after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as Roy, Ed, Polly, Sadie, Mac, Eddie.

Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, thou mayst use only initials on legal documents.

Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that thy surname can be spelled, or misspelled in various ways: McConnaughhay,
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McConaughhay, McConaghay, McConnell,
McKonkey, McConkey, McConely.

Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire or St. Louis for Military records, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.

Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors & vague innuendo regarding your family's births, death, or lives.

You may have come from: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales...or Timbuktu.

You may have American Indian ancestry of the _____tribe.

You may have descended from one of 3 brothers that came over from _____

You may have descended from George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, or the King of England.

Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.

Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.

Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born Ranson Orland, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Ranson, Orlando, Ranny, RO, or Lonnie or Ran O.

Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.

Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males, and dozens or their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.

GENEALOGY FUNNIES

Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall.

If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help.

Am I the only person up my tree – seems like it.