

# 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.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~inwvga](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~inwvga)

## **MEETINGS**

Regular meetings will be March 19, April 23 and May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Parish House.

## **WORK SESSION**

Danville Public Library is hosting a work session on Saturday, April 6 for an ongoing project to preserve and digitize Hendricks County's probate records. You can stop by the work session any time from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help unfold and organize the contents of some probate packets, so they can eventually be digitized and put online at the Indiana Genealogical Society's site.

You don't have to have a family connection to Hendricks County – working with these records can be really addictive. This could be good experience and maybe some day this could be done in Fayette County.

Lunch is on your own. You can register with the library's website <http://www.dplindiana.org/dplevents/eventcalendar.asp>. Their phone number is 317-745-2604.

## **IGS ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**

IGS Annual Meeting at Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington April 27, 2013. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. IGS members pay \$30.00 each, non members \$40 each. You can register at [www.indianaancestors.org](http://www.indianaancestors.org). Registration at door is \$45.00.

## **ITEMS FOR SALE BY HCI**

### 1867 ATLAS

Historic Connersville, Inc. has purchased several copies of the 1867 Atlas in book form from the Franklin County Historical Society. The original map measures 57 inches by 67 inches. Franklin County Historical Society put this map into a book and it contains Fayette, Franklin and Union Counties. This is a good genealogy reference book as each township shows the owner of each farm plus the book is indexed by counties. Cost of the book is \$25.00. Should you wish to purchase the book by mail, please make your check payable to HCI for \$31.75 (\$25.00 for book plus \$6.75 for postage) and send to Pat Summan, 6439 W. 400N, Connersville, In 47331.

You can e-mail questions to [kpsumman@hotmail.com](mailto:kpsumman@hotmail.com) or phone 765-679-5767.

### PEN AND CAMERA

For those of you that have been in the bicentennial headquarters, you probably have noticed the pictures on the wall of some of the elegant houses in Connersville. These were copied from the 1906 Pen and Camera book. HCI is sponsoring a reprint of this book. They should be available in about 4 weeks and will cost \$20.00. To order one by mail, make your check payable to HCI for \$24.25 (\$20.00 for book plus \$4.25) for postage) and send to Pat Summan at the above address.

## **WVGA ITEMS FOR SALE**

Members of WVGA are working on booklets containing historical information. This is in the planning stages right now and there will be more information in the next newsletter.

## **BICENTENNIAL**

It is 2013 and the Connersville Bicentennial is getting closer and closer.

January 1, 2013 found a good crowd braving the cold temperatures at the City Building. A Proclamation was read from Mayor Leonard Urban. Boy Scout Troop 166 raised the flags including the new bicentennial flag.

March 4 was a Connersville birthday party at the public library at 3:30. Connersville was officially plated on March 4, 1813. The time capsule from the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rex Buggy was opened. A new time capsule will be buried at the end of the bicentennial celebration.

The schedule of events is filling up and there is something for everyone. To get more information on the bicentennial, you can go to [www.connersville200years.com](http://www.connersville200years.com). The celebration will soon be here.

### **BICENTENNIAL BOOK**

There will be a bicentennial book printed after the event. The book is in the planning stages right now but it is known that it will contain a lot of pictures. M. T. Publishing that did the history book will be doing this book also. Because this is a bicentennial activity and the bicentennial needs to close their books, the celebration book will be on a pre-order basis only. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

### **DIGITIZED NEWSPAPERS**

The Indiana Historical Society recently launched the availability of more than 2.5 million digitized Indiana newspaper pages. 5,625 reels of microfilm representing more than 2.5 million newspaper page images dated 1924 or earlier have been digitized. These are now available free of charge through the computer terminals at the William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center at 450 W. Ohio Street in Indianapolis.

Access to both these and more than 120 million other newspaper pages from all 50 states and several other countries are currently available through [www.NewspaperArchive.com](http://www.NewspaperArchive.com) for a \$39.95 annual subscription rate.

For questions about this service, you can contact the reference desk at 317-234-0321 or [reference@indianahistory.org](mailto:reference@indianahistory.org).

### **QUERIES**

David D. Cochran and Eliza Miller Cochran

Michael R. Cochran ([pacflywy@gmail.com](mailto:pacflywy@gmail.com)) is searching for information on his gr-gr-grandparents, David D. Cochran and Eliza Miller Cochran. A story handed down from the family says David was orphaned at a young age and went to live with a Miller family. He apparently worked for the Millers as they ran a business, perhaps a merchandise type store. The Millers had three daughters and David married the youngest in Connersville on May 1, 1838. They later settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa and are buried there.

Michael would like to find out when the families came to North America, what town the merchandise store was in and basically anything about them while they lived in Fayette County.

John Whiteakker

Bruce Whaley ([brucewhaley1@gmail.com](mailto:brucewhaley1@gmail.com)) is looking for information on the parents or siblings of John Whiteakker. John was born in Fayette Co., In on February 8, 1823. His 1880 census shows John's father was from Kentucky but on 1900 census it shows John's father was from England. John's obit in 1906 says "his parents were natives to Kentucky and emigrated to Fayette County in the early years of the past century.

John J. Shaver

Jim Shafer ([teamshafer@prodigy.net](mailto:teamshafer@prodigy.net)) is seeking information on his 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr-grandfather, Johannes (John) J. Shaver. He died in 1866 and his wife, Ann Monfort Shaver died in 1867. Both are buried at Klum Cemetery.

### **INDIANA DEATH RESOURCES**

Joe Beine's Deathindexes.com website recently added links to several Indiana resources. The website compiles free as well as pay links for death records, obituaries and cemeteries.

### **IGS DATABASE ADDITION**

One of the recent databases added to the Members-Only section of the IGS website may be of interest locally. It is members of Dunlapville Presbyterian

Church, Liberty Township, Union County, Indiana (1829-1912).

### **LEGAL ABBREVIATIONS**

If you're looking at a civil court case, or the papers filed in a probate case, you may run across the abbreviation "Dr" after someone's name. Don't assume this is an indication that person was a doctor. It usually refers to them being a "debtor" – someone who owes money.

### **BURIAL RECORD OF VETERANS**

A county book was recently discovered that lists the burial record for deceased ex-union soldiers, sailors, marines and/or their widows. The list contains the name, rank, command, where buried, date of death, occupation, age, amount paid by county for funeral and in some cases the name of the cemetery. There isn't room to include all the information in this newsletter. If you see a name from your family line, e-mail Pat Summan at [kpsumman@hotmail.com](mailto:kpsumman@hotmail.com) for further information.

Maria C. Basore (widow) 8/8/1908  
William H. Benbow 10/14/1896  
William Bindenwald 12/9/1907  
J. H. Bowman 7/31/1909  
George Breitenbach 3/8/1896  
David E. Brooks 3/1/1897  
Addison Bruner 5/17/1908  
Augustus Campbell 1/12/1899  
Daniel Carr 9/26/1903  
Sanford Castleman 4/2/1901  
Samuel H. Cochran 4/9/1900  
Mary F. Conner (Widow) 3/18/1906  
George Cooper 5/25/1904  
Elias Cox 7/22/1892  
Julia A. Cox (widow) 3/22/1909  
Henry Dale 9/12/1902  
Henry P. Davis 9/20/1896  
Montgomery Downs 8/3/1906  
Robert B. Franklin 1/22/1909  
George W. Fries 8/2/1907  
Fielding Gilmore 6/3/1904  
Permelia Gilmore (widow) 8/4/1908  
William H. Greer 12/22/1905  
Elizabeth Greer (widow) 9/30/1907  
John B. Halley 10/5/1898  
Jacob J. Heider 10/6/1903  
James B. Hendrickson 12/24/1894  
John Hess 10/29/1907  
Thomas D. Honeas 4/20/1902  
Isaac Horsley 10/20/1907

Hannah Huddleston (widow) 1/8/1903  
John F. Hunt 11/26/1891  
William L. Jackson 6/14/1907  
Daniel Jones Sr. 8/5/1903  
Joseph Keisler 8/3/1897  
Jarold Kibby 4/21/1908  
Joseph Larimore 3/9/1900  
Milton Lester 10/28/1907  
John Lillie 9/25/1897  
Jesse B. Linton 3/23/1901  
Jacob J. Marshall 7/29/1899  
Frank F. Martin 5/6/1909  
Hiram P. McMurray 11/3/1907  
Charles Messervy 9/17/1907  
James W. Miller 5/13/1902  
Charles Moore 4/20/1901  
Ernestine Pruden (widow) 1/23/1908  
William H. Reed 4/14/1902  
Philip Shepler 8/11/1902  
John B. Smith 5/21/1904  
Robert I. Smith 3/19/1908  
Charles L. Strickland 3/16/1904  
Charles Sutton 5/22/1900  
Samuel Walpole 8/23/1902  
Henry F. Waters 3/4/1906  
Charles W. Wilson 8/11/1893  
Rome Wilson 1/31/1908  
Albert Winsell 11/16/1897  
Hiram P. Zeek 9/22/1907

### **FROM THE FILES**

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#### **Local and Personal**

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Adams of Gary were called to Kingsford, Mich., Thursday night because of the illness of her father, Louis Parent, whose death occurred Friday. Rites were held today. Mr. Adams is a son of B. T. Adams of this city.

Howard E. Hamilton is a patient in Ward 5, Veterans' Hospital, Dayton, O. Mrs. Hamilton spent the week-end there.

William Moore who suffered a stroke recently is in a critical condition at the home of his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Charles, R. R. 6.

Girl Scouts of Troop 11 today started planting grass and flowers at the fountain at Virginia and Central. The scouts have the permission of Mayor Glen

Henderson and Street Commissioner Curt Jerman to do this work as a troop project. Miss Patsy Kehl is troop leader.

O. L. Rippetoe, 1411 Central, is in Fayette Memorial Hospital where he underwent major surgery Saturday morning. He is improving satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Greathouse, R. R. 5, New Castle were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Shauntee.

Miss Ruby Irvin of Aberdeen, Miss., who is teaching school in Corning, O., spent the Easter week-end here visiting Miss Emma Jane Carisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hunt and son, Dale, have returned to Garden City, Kan., after spending several days visiting Mrs. Hunt's father and sister, John Inlow and Lucile Inlow.

Mrs. A. L. Wingate has returned from Detroit where she visited her sister, Mrs. Francis Hinkle and Mr. Hinkle. Mrs. Hinkle, who recently underwent major surgery, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kibby and son, Carl David, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Kibby of Lyonsville.

Miss Catherine Updike who was a patient in Robert Long Hospital, Indianapolis three weeks, is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Viola Miller, 506 West Third.

Donald Douglas, a patient in Smith-Esteb Hospital, near Richmond, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Caswell McNaughton of Fort Wayne spent Easter here with his mother, Mrs. W. T. McNaughton.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Glass and sons, Gene and George, of Shelbyville were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. E. H. Glass and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. E. Hanson.

Mrs. Murray Johnson went to Lafayette Sunday for a visit with her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and daughter, Janice Ann.

Jim Bill Hart returned to Chicago Sunday following a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hart.

Darrell and Denny Douglas spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Jeffrey, near Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Griner returned today to their home in St. Louis, Mo., after having been here since last Tuesday, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zacharias. Mrs. Zacharias' father, Charles Selby, of Columbia was a guest at the Zacharias home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKenney spent the week-end with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKenney and son, Stephen Lee, in Cincinnati.

Misses Alice and Estelyn Richards, students at Ball State Teachers College, are spending a few days here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richards.

County Assessor Virgil Barker who was in a critical condition in Fayette Memorial Hospital after suffering another heart attack Thursday afternoon today was reported as being somewhat improved.

Marjorie Pendergrass, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pendergrass was treated at a local physician's office Saturday for a gash in her head suffered when she fell down a stairs.