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# Roots and Branches

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## Helping out in Alamo



Photo provided

**Volunteers, members of the Montgomery County Genealogy Cemetery Committee and the Alamo Cemetery Board met in Alamo Saturday to help make the cemetery more beautiful. Judi Kleine and David Champa of the Montgomery County Genealogy Cemetery Committee organized and led a headstone cleaning day in Alamo. They were joined by board members, Ed Hedrick - President, Dean Rush - Vice-President and Bill Hauser - Board Member. The board members were there to observe the cleaning, to better understand the process and to ask questions. After the stones are cleaned repair work on the Tombstones will begin, as needed. Dale and Valerie White from Covington came to assist in the cleaning because one of Valerie's 4x-Great-Grandfathers is buried at the Alamo Cemetery. There were six Montgomery County Genealogy Club volunteers there also to assist in the cleaning.**



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The Family Bible Project is available on the Crawfordsville District Public Library web site at: <http://history.cdpl.lib.in.us/bibles.html> The Bibles have been transcribed and scanned and are searchable by family name. As of May 2017, there were 135 Bibles online with more being added every month thanks to an IGS grant and club volunteers.

**Summarized Secretary's Report      By Steve Simms, Secretary**

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The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Indiana, continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Crawfordsville District Public Library at 7pm. Visitors and new members are welcome to all meetings.



**Steve Simms**

**Future of the Past.** In August, Jim SWIFT gave a presentation “Change in the Air—American Civilization comes to the Midwest 1800-1860.” It was a very interesting timeline look at what was happening in growth and change in Indiana before the Civil War.



**Jim Swift**

**Ellen Swift**



In September, the club hosted the annual awards banquet and election for club officers. It is also an evening to socialize and appreciate all the hard work done by the club throughout the previous year.

In October our meeting covered various organizational arrangements so that the club is ready to jump into the new year full steam ahead. We also had a cemetery work day at Alamo Cemetery on October 20, and hosted the last After Hours event of 2018 on October 26.



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**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**

- A special thank you goes out to Lee and Gay Scott and their generous donation to the Genealogy Club.
- All material submitted for the newsletter remains the property of the author.

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

Arthur Ashe

## Genealogy Updates



Dellie Craig

CDPL received a gift that enabled us to purchase a new scanner, so I thought it would be good to give you the current list of items that are available from the library website. Enjoy!

### CDPL Local History/Genealogy digitized resources

[Audio and video interviews](#) of local citizens and veterans.

[Montgomery County Township surveys](#) (Surveyor's Records) — Original Section Corner Survey Records, 14 books, covering 1832-1977.

[Montgomery County Township plat maps](#) — Original plat maps, covering 1875-1932.

[Register of Negroes and Mulattoes](#): Images (.pdf) of the actual pages, covering 1851-1853.

[Sanborn map of Crawfordsville, 1925](#): Single image of the February 1925 Sanborn insurance of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Separate detailed sections of the map are available onsite.

[Probate Records of Montgomery County \(Index\)](#): An index to the probate records (.pdf) from 1822-1940. Indexed by names of decedents and estate administrators. Volume and page numbers refer to the original ledgers. The library owns microfilm copies of the ledgers, which may be consulted onsite. [\(order form\)](#)

[Wingate News Vital Statistics](#): An index to the newspaper (.pdf) from 1943-1952, 1964-1968. You can consult the microfilm of this paper onsite.

[Wingate News Events](#): An index to the newspaper (.pdf) from 1943-1947, 1964-1968. You can consult the microfilm of this paper onsite.

[Central School and Crawfordsville High School Faculty/Staff Index](#): An index to faculty/staff (.pdf) from 1876-2001.

**Clerk Records (1868-1874)**: Records of city proceedings, minutes, reports, bylaws, etc.

[Mayor John Speed \(1868-1870\)](#) (.pdf) 44MB

[Mayor William Elston \(1870-1872\)](#) (.pdf) 23MB

[Mayor Wilson Laymon \(1872-1873\)](#) (.pdf) 26MB

[Mayor John Coons \(1873-1874\)](#) (.pdf) 14MB

[Confederate Veterans buried in Montgomery County](#): A listing of 64 Confederate veterans buried in Montgomery County with unit and cemetery information (.pdf).

[Atlas of Montgomery County](#): 1878 Images of the complete atlas (.pdf) Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Indiana (1876) Leads to maps of not just Indiana counties and towns, but also to national maps and statistics from the 1870 United States Census.

[Account book of a general store](#) (Burk, M. L.) in Dunlapville, Union County Images of an account book (.pdf) covering 1837-1839.

[Three Years in the Saddle](#): A digitized diary of Henry Campbell's Journal of Events, Facts, and Incidents Connected with the 18th Indiana Battery (Civil War).

## The Other LA(Y)NE Family!



**Karen  
Bazzani  
Zach**

Editor's Note: This is the another installment in the new series highlighting notable Montgomery County Families written by Karen Bazzani ZACH. This article was first featured on the INGenWeb site for Montgomery County that is populated thanks in big part to Karen's efforts. Thank you, Karen for your love of genealogy and efforts to preserve our history.

You can find this and other interesting information about Montgomery County at: The INGenWeb Project, Copyright ©1997-2018 (and beyond), Montgomery County GenWeb site <http://www.ingenweb.org/inmontgomery/>

When you write about this family, I'm just not sure where you begin. The LAYNE family, not LANE, as in Senator Henry S. LANE, but LAYNE as in a bunch of other folks. This is my sister-in-law, Arlene LAYNE BAZZANI's family and it truly is a fascinating one I'll tell you about today.

This family is more than a bit unique because they are double LAYNE's, beginning in Montgomery County with Elisha Goodwin LAYNE. Elisha was born in Goochland County, Virginia on 10 Nov 1777 and died in Montgomery County, Indiana two days after Christmas in 1860. He was the son of Jacob LAYNE and Mary BRADSHAW. His wife, Elizabeth Woodson LAYNE, was born 28 Mar 1788 in Powhatan, Virginia and passed away the very first day of 1861. They died within a few days of each other and are buried in the lovely, hard-to-get-to Old Hickory Cemetery near New Market. She was called Betsy and was the daughter of Tarlton and Tabitha MINTER LAYNE. Elisha and Betsy were parents of 11 known children, all to have grown to adulthood, quite a feat in that time frame. They were married in Goochland, VA on 3 Sept 1807 and had their first child in July 1808 who married Thomas DOYLE and mothered 14 children.

Both, Elisha and Betsy, go back to John LAYNE, wife Elizabeth AYRES of Goochland County. I am still looking for that next generation. John was Elisha's grandfather and Betsy's great grandfather. John himself was quite an interesting fella'. He was a farmer and school teacher but made his fame with an early math manual for teachers to use in their lessons. John and Elizabeth had seven sons and one daughter.

Their next daughter, Eliza Ann married John GALEY (22 Feb 1836, Montgomery County, IN) and their family moved on to Wapello, Iowa. This couple had five sons and two daughters.

Then came Maria Nox LAYNE (born 5 Dec 1810) who married Jacob PECK populating the lower eastern side of Montgomery County with seven children.

Their first son, Tarlton James LAYNE, was born 27 Feb 1812 in Goochland, VA. He also went on to Wapello, married three times, fathering five sons and two daughters.

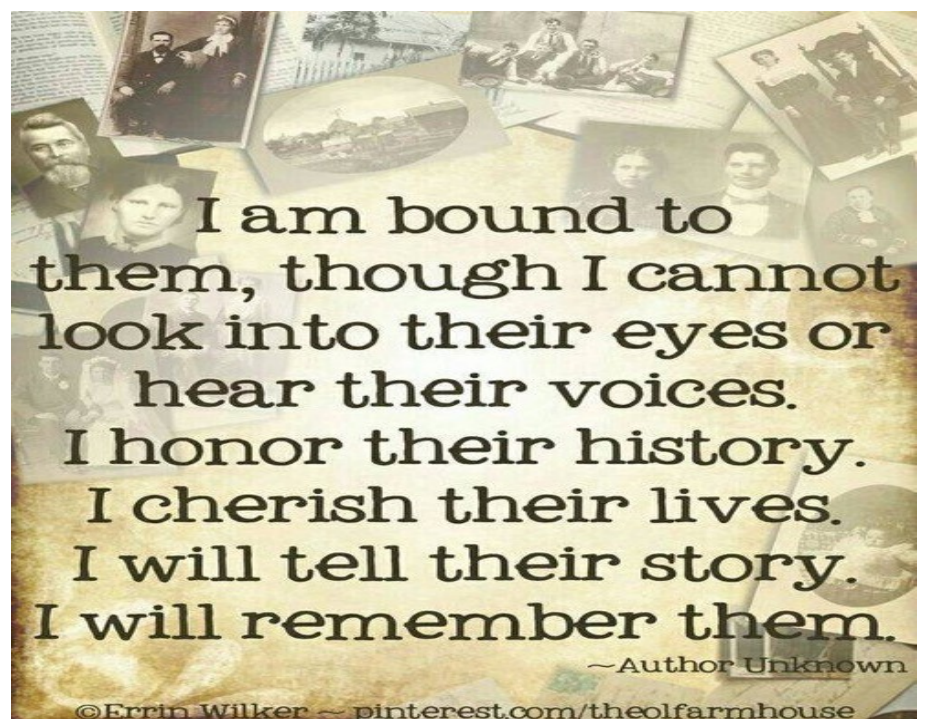
Elisha Goodwin LAYNE, Jr., was born in Fluvanna County, Virginia 26 July 1814 and passed away when he was but 35 years and one month old of cholera. He wrote an extremely touching letter to his parents from Tippecanoe County, IN where he kept a store as the Potawatomie Indians were being forced out of the area and on to Osage County, Kansas. He tells of an old woman's death and how some of the Indians were Christian and mourned in that rite while others mourned in the old ways. Eight hundred Potawatomie left the area, truly a sad rendition. It is believed Elisha and his wife, Elizabeth had a daughter and son.

Elizabeth Mary LAYNE was born in Fluvanna County, VA on 16 Nov 1816 and died in Chillicothe, Iowa, having married a LONG and moved west in 1862. Sorry, I don't know anything else about them.

Jacob Washington LAYNE was born 12 Aug 1819 in Shelby County, Kentucky and married in Montgomery County, IN on 19 July 1849. Within a year of his marriage, he followed other family members to Wapello, Iowa. He was the victim of a runaway horse disaster 19 May 1878, leaving his wife, Frances EASLEY, daughter of Daniel and Nancy (DEATHERAGE) EASLEY. She lived to age 90 and had a rare and lengthy biography in the Wapello County History. They had three daughters and two sons.

Probably my favorite of all their children was Samuel Miles LAYNE born 18 Feb 1822 in Shelby County, Kentucky and died 23 Aug 1887 in Montgomery County, IN (buried in Oak Hill). Sometimes he was referred to as "Sam" and others "Miles". A farmer in the area, he was married twice, 25 years the first time to Sabina Lewis HICKS (10 Oct 1841), 23 years to the second, Mary Catherine BROWN (29 May 1864); both weddings were in Montgomery County, IN. All told, he fathered eight daughters and 7 sons, including my sister-in-law's direct Elisha Goodwin LAYNE (the 3rd, 4th, who knows as there were several) and his wife, Josephine OWENS.

The next son of Elisha and Betsy's was William Allen LAYNE who was born Shelby County, KY on 26 April 1825. William married Elvira Layton MORTIMER in Parke County 17 Aug 1854. They had three daughters and five sons growing to maturity, but the 1900 census indicated they had eleven total. You'll read about a few of those later on; in the meantime, know that William was sick for a few years before passing away. Three years earlier he had a serious attack of typhoid fever, recovered somewhat. He then suffered from dropsy, which later developed into the grip and finally pneumonia capturing his life. A model citizen, he was active in the Baptist Church, always helping his neighbors and friends.





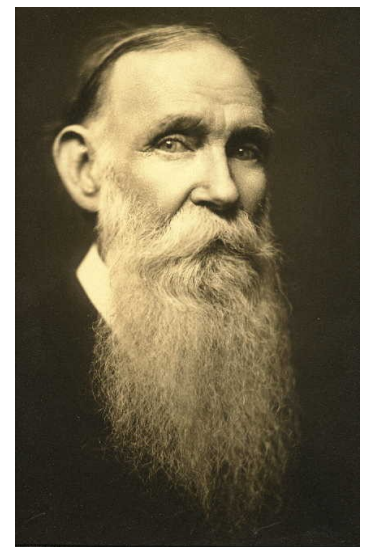
**Elvira Layton  
MORTIMER LAYNE**

William's wife, Elvira was a Real Daughter, one of two in Montgomery County (the other Lucinda Hardee MCMULLEN, received the first "Real" Daughter marker in the state). A Real Daughter is a daughter of a man who fought in the American Revolution who becomes a DAR member. Elvira's father, Famous MORTIMER, did just that (her mother was Mary BLUE, and she named one of her son's Famous and first child, Mary). Her father was born in Loudon County Virginia, son of Famous Sr. and Isabella SEBASTAIN MORTIMER, and passed away 10 April 1850 in Fleming County, Kentucky. He joined at age 18, Sept 1781, and was discharged at age 20 in Dec 1783, two years later. He primarily guarded prisoners.



Preston Minter LAYNE was quite an interesting man and was a doctor for over 60 years in Montgomery County, IN. He was born in Shelby County, Kentucky on 24 Nov 1827, coming to Montgomery County at age three. Although twice married, his four children were all by his first wife, Minerva HUGHES. Extremely active in the Masonic Lodge from 1847 on, he was described as a "silver-bearded, public-benefactor." Brilliant, he followed eclectic medicine, having Dr. Simon BENNAGE, the first Montgomery County doctor as his mentor. Prompting that along, he mentored several of his own young physicians.

The last of the LAYNE children, Letitia was born 2 June 1830 in Shelby County, Kentucky came to Indiana as a tiny baby. Sadly, Letitia could not be saved by her doctor brother, Preston, or her parents; she died at age 29 years, two months and 17 days and is also buried in the Old Hickory Cemetery.



**Doctor Preston  
Minter LAYNE**

So, there you have just the first generation of just this side of the LAYNE family, but believe me, there are so many more awesome folks here in our county today or who have gone on who have truly blessed our community in various ways, but at least you know the beginning. Plus, you have the LAYNE and LANE families who were Irish immigrants and Catholics and some of them were quite the interesting characters, with titillating stories, as well!

Probably I should just quit here and suggest there are more awesome descendants of these folks, but I truly want to tell you a bit more about a few, at least. So, here are various tales of woe, and wondering.

Minter LAYNE was a photographer in Crawfordsville for several decades. He married Anna MALS BARY and they had one son, Greg. Unlike all the other many photographers of Montgomery County (<http://www.ingenweb.org/inmontgomery/photos/photographers.htm>) Minter only tagged his photography a few times with the name LAYNE.

John Martin LAYNE was the son of Samuel Miles and Sabina Lewis HICKS LAYNE and ran a saloon in Crawfordsville. Extremely sick for months prior to his death, his wife, Inez RAKESTRAW LAYNE sued the Loyal Order of Moose for sick benefits due her husband.

A half brother to John Martin LAYNE was George Thomas. I include him because of his unusual jobs. He was a farmer with two additional unique occupations: he was in the diamond manufacturing world (for three and a half decades) and he was also a street car conductor for 13 years. I love it!



Alonzo C. Layne

The LAYNE – MYERS Elevator in New Market was well known by all with Alonzo Curtis LAYNE as one of the owners. Alonzo was quite active in the community, as many LAYNE's before him were. Alonzo was involved in the School Board and he was also a Mason. His grandparents were William Allen and Elvira Layton MORTIMER LAYNE mentioned above. While I'm on grain, suffice to say, many of the LAYNE descendants were farmers in the county.

So, this is just a surface of the LAYNE's who helped make Montgomery County what it is today. Then there are all the families who married into the LAYNE family, such as the DICKERSON, DOYEL, GALEY, GOSLIN, GOTT, LOGAN, PECK, VANCLEAVE, and seriously, the list goes on.

I do hope you have enjoyed reading about another Montgomery County family. They were not famous, nothing extremely special, but they all made a mark in our history.

“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

## In Memory of Bill Stieg

William David Stieg     Aug. 11 1921 – Sept. 6, 2018

William David STIEG, 97, of Crawfordsville died on Sept. 6, 2018. Mr. STIEG was born in Oshkosh, WI on 11 Aug 1921. He was the third son of Max and Merle (OVERTON) STIEG of Clintonville, Wisconsin and the grandson of German immigrants. He grew up in Clintonville with his four brothers and a sister in a large house on Main Street. There he spent summers swimming in the Pigeon River and at Sandy Beach and working in the feed mill and the bean cannery. He graduated from Clintonville HS and attended UW Madison, graduating with a BS in Chemical Engineering in 1943.



He got a job at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, CA, then volunteered for the Navy a year later, serving as the Master of the LST 1051, voyaging from Pittsburgh to Japan, via the Panama Canal, Los Angeles (twice, once by mistake), San Francisco, Hawaii, and Saipan, with a full load of telephone poles and banging pontoons. As the crew moored in Saipan, they learned about the atomic bombing and the surrender; the LST arrived in Japan a week afterwards.

In 1945, he was discharged from the Navy with the rank of Lt. J.G. and joined the giant AO Smith Company in Milwaukee, WI, where he both ensured the quality of their weld rods and courted a pretty coworker, Ellie-Jane MALLMAN. They were married Dec. 10, 1949 and settled amongst the stately suburban elms of Wauwatosa, WI where they raised two children. He spent his precious two weeks of vacation every summer with his family, dog, and cats up North at Grandpa Max's cottage on Pine Lake, just north of Clintonville.

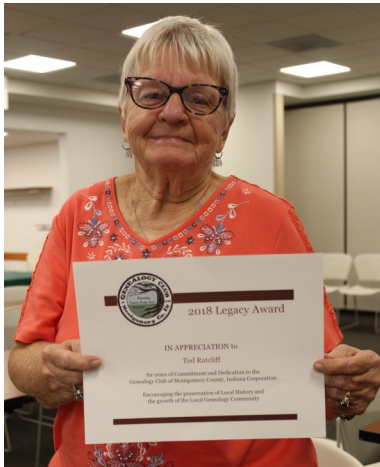
In 1966, upon the sale of the welding electrode division of AO Smith to the Harnischfeger Co., the family moved to Monticello, IN where they lived until 1978, when another such sale took him and his wife to Spring Grove, PA. There he joined Alloy Rods' international business development team, making extended trade visits to Costa Rica, Brazil, and the Soviet Union. In 1984, he joined a hard-working and faithful team at the late Midstates Steel and Wire in Crawfordsville, who for many years ensured a quality product.

He was actively interested in astronomy, genealogy, the underdog local Democratic Party, the preservation of Sugar Creek, and the history of Montgomery County, particularly that of his church, the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ellie-Jane STIEG; two children Scott (Monica JABLONSKI) of Milwaukee and Sally (Kim MYERS) of Abbottstown, PA.

But fate ordains that dearest friends must part.  
~Edward Young





## Upcoming Events

**November 13, 2018—7pm**  
Genealogy Club Meeting

**December 11, 2018—7pm**  
Genealogy Club Meeting—  
Refreshments: Everyone

**January 8, 2019—7pm**  
Genealogy Club Meeting

**January 25, 2019—5-9pm**  
After Hours Program at CDPL

**February 12, 2019—7pm**  
Genealogy Club Meeting

All articles and other submissions for the February newsletter must be emailed to [stephief@live.com](mailto:stephief@live.com) by January 25, 2019.

“A people without the knowledge of their past history,  
origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”  
Marcus Garvey

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The annual dues of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County Indiana Inc. for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 are due in September 2018.

They may be given to Dellie Craig at the Crawfordsville District Public Library or mailed to the Club Treasurer (John Hooper, 1576 E 400 N, Crawfordsville, IN 47933).

You can find current and past Genealogy club newsletters and a membership application on the Crawfordsville District Public Library Website [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us)  
Find us under the services tab and click on Genealogy Club of Montgomery County

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