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Roots and Branches

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President's Corner

Hello again, spring is finally here and we can again enjoy the outdoors. On March 30, 2005 I was notified by the Ripley township fire department that they had burnt off most of our brush piles at O'neal cemetery in a practice burn. So the guys and I went on April 2, 2005 to see how things looked. Due to prior commitments beyond my control and the weather I would like to thank you all for your patience with me.

Sincerely Yours

Raymond N. Snellenbarger
President
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Query by Dellie Craig

Hamilton Samuel Swinford Edwards born 02 April 1841, in Clay County, Indiana son of Jonathan Edwards and Sarah Cowan. He died October 15, 1918 in Hillsboro, Cain Township, Fountain County, Indiana. He was buried at Dryrun Cemetery. He married 1) Nancy Ann Suiters d/o John and Rachel Tracy Suiters. on February 23, 1861 in Fountain County, Ind. She was born 14 July 1842 in Ind. and died April 16, 1899 in Cain Township, Fountain County, Ind. He married the secondly, Malissa J. Death in September 1904. Then married thirdly, Carrie Nobel Alexander Kellison on 26 June 1918 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Ind. d/o George Alexander. Hamilton and Nancy had the following children:

1. Anna Lousetta Edwards who married Charles Anderson and lived around Kingfisher County, Oklahoma.
2. Louisa Ethel Edwards who married James Corey Murray and lived in Essex, Iowa.
3. ** (my husband's line) – Mary Catherine Edwards who married Alonzo Newton Long and lived in Windsor, Mo for ten years and rest of time in Fountain and Montgomery Counties in Indiana.
4. Fannie Estland Edwards married Robert Lee Cory lived in Waynetown, Ind area.
- 5) Rachel Elversa Edwards married Charles Thomas Twiddy and lived around Wingate, Ind.
- 6) William Worth Edwards married Flora M. sanders lived Waynetown, Ind.
- 7) Celestia Gertrude Edwards married Duly P. Frazier and lived Hillsboro, Ind.
8. Sofrana N. Edwards died young;
9. Daisy Edwards, died young.
10. Infant Edwards

Hamilton Edwards was in the Civil War in the 72nd Indiana Infantry and the Wilder's brigade. Would love to make contact with any family members.

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American Revolutionary War Soldiers –

Buried in Montgomery Co. IN. - By Pat Wills

Presley Simms Sen.

Born: 1753 Stafford Co. Va.

Service: Pvt under Capt. Williams reg't of Col. Montroy, Va. Co.

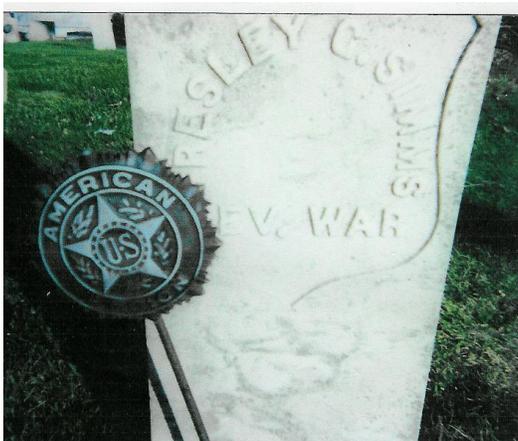
Died: Poss 1843?

Buried: Mt Pleasant Cemetery, 700N west Off 231N
 Nice Stone, has A.M. Legion Marker, No Dates on Stone

Proof: Pension NO. S 32546
 Soldiers and Patriots buried in Indiana by O'Byrne, pp 331
 Cemeterys in Montgomery Co. Coal Creek TWP, Vol. 3 #35, pp 59
 1830 Montgomery Co. census, pp 21
 1840 census, pp 261 states Presley Simms sen Pension, age 90
 No Male Simms listed in 1850 census, Karen Zach, Genealogist.

Wife: Nancy Bridwell

Children: Presley Jr., Charles, and Burress?



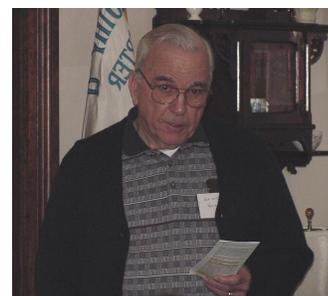
Pictures of Past Meetings and After-Hours



January – Alberta Krout spoke about the DAR House



February Meeting at DAR House – Diane Cross about House Research



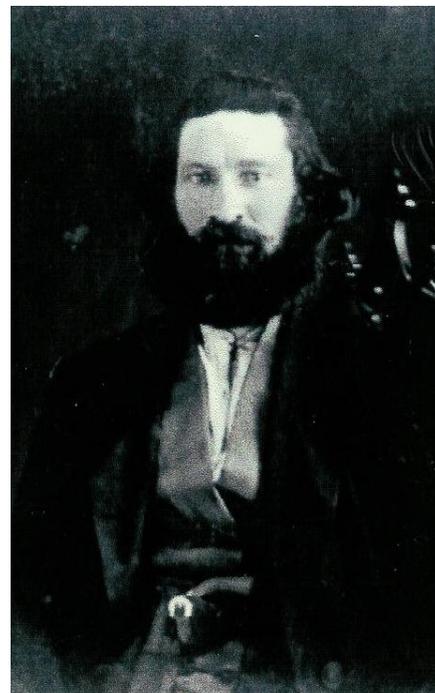
March Meeting— Robert Williams spoke on the “Betsy Ross Connection”

Civil War Soldiers the quest to know who they are—By Kim Hancock

Frankfort Ky Oct 9th 1862

My Dear wife I received your letter Dated Sep 26 3 days after date while I was on a march and then found I had no time to answer it we Started ten days ago to go to Elizabeth town Some Sixty miles from Louisville we went there to Save Gen Bowels Wagon Train we Started down be tween the Rebble Arme y and wagon trains the train was 18 miles long 1,800 Wag- ons in it loded with arme y Stones they all came in safe and we came back with them to Louisville Ky and we cooked 6 days more Rations and Started again for this place we have marched day and night for ten days we got here Just at day light this morning our advancees had a fight here last night the Rebbles barricaded the Bridge over the Ky River at this place and had kindled a fire on it but our men charged them so inforce they gave way and scattered in Every direction we killed Seven and wounded Several we now hold Frankfort the capitol of Ky and Gen Dumount Says we is going to open up communacation By Railroad to Louisville be fore he moves his as many from here the arme y that we came in here with was ten or fifteen miles long we had a ground this to be Shure the Union folks gave us a nice breakfast here this morning Some fed 50 a piece it looks like was rather starving. The Rebbles every ware A day or to before I Started on this march John R Thomas and wife Came to camp to see me I am well and harty but my feet is wore out pretty bad Madarus is well but John G Wood is Sick but not bad he Rode on a wagon here I was Sorry to hear that those loved ones was Sick but I hope when I get answer to this they will be well So you can send me there minatures do it as quick as you can tell Pa to Send me a letter and give me the news of the day I want you to answer this as soon as this come to hand Direct as before and it will follow us no difference we are camped out on a Mountain that looks over the hole City and the artillery is just before us but I must close

Wm G Keys to Esther Keys



The Editor has a new Email Address.

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Southwest Montgomery Meanderings— By Karen Zach

I had NO idea that Waveland ever had a Speedway. I did know some of these men; in fact, was a very good friend of Ed Presslor's daughter -- still am. I remember the Stone Quarry fondly. It today houses the Waveland water system and I used to fish there when a little girl. Don't remember the team but hey, it was the year I was born, so no wonder they were great :) Karen

Waveland Independent, April 7, 1949 – Work has already begun on the Waveland Speedway on the ground owned by George BROOKS, west of the Presbyterian Cemetery. The track will be a quarter mile around and will have a clay and sand surface. A bulldozer owned by Sherman Thompson of Roachdale, is shaping the track. The races will be the hot rod type in that only stock cars of American build and parts will be used. Cars are being built in this and near by communities: Ladoga; Roachdale; Crawfordsville and competition from Greenwood, Indianapolis and other places. This track and races are being promoted by Charles Foxworthy; Roscoe White; Ed Pressler and Max Vaught who have been making plans for about two months and expect to have the first race in the latter part of April. They promise the public good clean auto racing with all the thrills that a short dirt track, Hot Rod race can produce. These hot rod races are the popular sports of the day and Mr. Foxworthy expects to see a thousand fans present at the opening event. Races will run every Sunday afternoon beginning the qualifications at 1:00 o'clock.

*“March 3,
1949 Hornets
win Sectional
Tourney“*

Waveland Independent, April 14, 1949 – Part of the bins of the Waveland Stone Co. have been removed to the company's gravel pit at Montezuma; the water pump has been removed and all indications are for closing down for an indefinite time. There are many rumors afloat of competition with the Russellville plant, that the shut down was to get rid of union domination of labor and that suitable stone was no longer available. Be this as it may, this quarry has been of great value to the people of Waveland and community and will force a number of Waveland families to seek employment elsewhere. Mr. WP Cowan, manger has already transferred to the Montezuma plant. He will continue management of the Waveland quarry and will keep his residence here. There is much time and road stone stored at the quarry and hauling will continue for some time.

Waveland Independent, March 3, 1949 – HORNETS WIN SECTIONAL TOURNEY – During the last few months Coach Davis has drilled the Waveland Hornets for the Sectional duel. They fought a hard fight at the county tourney but bowed to Ladoga's Cannons. Thursday night, Feb 24 the Sectional Basketball Tournament opened at the Crawfordsville HS gymnasium with the promise of one of the most closely matched draws in county history. Bunched into the top bracket were four top contenders: Linden; Ladoga; Waveland and New Market, for the Sectional title. Thursday nights opening session matched Ladoga's county tourney champs against an up-and-down New Ross team. New Richmond and New Market, both unpredictable teams tangled in the second contest with New Market coming out on top. 9:00 Friday morning Waynetown champs of previous years took on Crawfordsville's team of 3 wins during their scheduled season. However, the Athenians stepped in front of Waynetown which placed them in line to fight the winners of the following game played by the Linden Bulldogs & Waveland Hornets. This game proved to be quite a tilt between Linden's Bob Vail and John Miles, the Hornets top point man. These teams fought a hard fight to break the position of top spot in the county standing with Waveland receiving the crown. The opening game of the afternoon session was played between Bowers and Darlington at 1:15 Friday. Darlington's two win season was evidence enough to believe Bowers had an over powering chance for the 40 to 32 win. The last elimination win was demonstrated by Alamo over Wingate with a score of 46 to 40. The Wingate Spartans held a steady lead through the entire game until the Warrior let loose in the last 5 minutes

Southwest Montgomery Meanderings— Continued

of play time. The New Market Flyers, somewhat a dark horse, surprised the throng by stalling a hard fighting Ladoga team 46-45. To a superior display of rebounding and driving the Hornets downed Crawfordsville Athenians to the tune of 40 to 37. After several minutes behind, the Hornets sting in the last quarter only to rise in the last minutes of the game but to no avail. The Semi-finals proved Alamo bowing to Bowers by a margin of 52 to 42. A game of nip and tuck for the first 3 quarters slowed to Bowers' steady lead and ending with Alamo trailing 10 points. The semi finals left the Hornets and all fans concerned breathless. The Hornets were scoreless for several minutes until they gained their bearings but caught up leaving the Flyers trailing one point. New Market lead 17-13 at half. A six point lead was held by Waveland at the start of the 4th period until the Flyers caught up with 34 all. The game ended 39-39 at the end of the regular playing time. From there on it was anybody's game but the Hornets were lucky with their foul shots ending the game with a score of 42-41. Saturday nights final found the Hornets tired but ready to play a good game with the Blackshirts of Bowers. The Blackshirts weren't to be outdone for they stuck close to the lead by Waveland for the remainder of the game. After a 4 minute scoring slump the Blackshirts were never able to recover, but continued to fight hard. The Hornets continued to climb to a final high of 66 to 48. John Miles' 20 point scoring effort in the championship game was the top performance of the tournament as a lot of well balanced scoring and floor play was witnessed by a six session capacity crowd. Waveland's .353 shooting average in the final game was the highest shooting of the tourney The Hornets also held the average of the foul line, connecting 18 of 28 tries. Keith Greve, forward, was chosen All-Sectional Team; also John Miles as Center; Dick Seybold received Honorable Mention. We of Waveland are proud of our boys and feel they fought hard and deserved a place of standing. Coach Davis comes in line for some recognition for without him these boys would never have come through. Our hopes are that you may fight with all confidence at Attica and come home with the second victory. Soon after the WFMU announcement of victory, small boys and citizens started a bonfire that was something spectacular to welcome the team home. A crowd of enormous size lead by the school yell leaders gave way to their feeling as the boys unloaded around the fire. Later at the gymnasium short talks were given by the team, Coach Davis, formerly players, parents and visiting spectators. Principal Grimes announced that a celebration was in store for all day Monday. School assembled as usual on Monday to enjoy two movies, a hearty pep session and a basketball game played by the junior high boys. School was then dismissed for the remainder of the day.

8:15 p.m. Saturday game	FG	FT	PF				
Waveland (66)				Bowers (48)			
Miles, forward	8	4	3	Horney, forward	3	3	4
Greve, forward	3	2	3	Boots, f	4	2	0
R. Seybold, c	1	2	2	Jackson, c	2	0	5
E. French, g	3	4	3	Manges, guard	6	1	5
Starnes, g	1	1	3	Booher, guard	5	0	4
B. French, f	1	0	0	Holt, forward	0	10	0
Hodgkins, forward	1	0	1	Shumaker,	0	0	0
W. Seybold, g	2	0	0	Mahoy, forward	0	0	0
Whitecotton, g	1	5	3	Perry, guard	0	1	5
Wheeler, g	3	0	1	Tribbet, guard	0	0	0

Types of Marriage Records and their purposes—Part 1

By Dellie Craig

The first law regulating marriages in Indiana occurred in 1788 and marriage licenses became mandatory in 1880. Licenses and certificates were issued by the county clerk's office, beginning with the formation of each respective county.

The Northwest Territory laws required then 1) the bans be read fifteen days before the marriage 2) male be seventeen years of age 3) females be fourteen years of age.

Indiana was one of three states in which counties issued marriage applications prior to the Civil War.

If an Indiana ancestor's marriage record cannot be located in that state, check the Cincinnati marriage records; this area was a "Gretna Green: (for Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.)

The first place you had to go before getting married was the local county clerk's office in the courthouse. In 1888 the female has to have been residing in said county for License for one month and more immediately previous to the making of this affidavit for Licenses up to 1940.

Three conditions had to be meant before marriage licenses could be issued:

- agreement to marriage was made without coercion
- age requirement were proofed
- no marriage between couples who were closer than first cousins

A marriage affidavit is a sworn statement where someone appears with the couple at the courthouse and swears they are personally acquainted with both parties named and that they verify that they do believe that they are both of lawful age. Also affidavit person knows of no lawful reason which couple should not be married, and that said female has resided in said County and State for one month and more immediately previous to the making of this affidavit for License. Also that the person who filled out affidavit was a disinterested witness in there behalf, of lawful age, and that said parties are not first cousins. Some affidavits were filled out by the parents or by the clerk with parents present when one or both was not of legal age.

If underage you would need a marriage consent. These consents were handwritten on scraps of paper and only occasionally will be found. Later, for some areas, a detailed, printed consent form was part of marriage licenses. Usually the father of the underage person gave consent. When mother gave consent, the father was probably deceased or out of the area. If a legal guardian signs the consent its likely both parents were deceased.

One some pages there are consents for both persons when they are underage. That is a great find for someone who didn't know any parents names.

Sometimes a parent or guardian appears with the underage person and gave verbal permission. The record will show that the parent was present and was known to the clerk but may not record the name. [See figure 1.]

Even if the couple filled out a marriage application and it was granted, with or without consent doesn't prove that the marriage occurred. Marriage license or certificate are mainly the only proof ceremony took place.

Types of Marriage Records and their purposes—Part 1, Continued

Below is an affidavit example:

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State of Indiana, Montgomery County, ss:

Elajah Mote and Mary Florence Chism

I, Joseph A. Marshall do solemnly swear that I am personally acquainted with the parties above named, and that I verily do believe that they are both of lawful age to marry ~~with~~ the consent of their parents or guardians, viz: said Elajah Mote ^{and Mrs. One consent of his father} is of the age of 18 years and upwards, and said Mary Florence Chism ^{has no parents or guardians in this State.} is of the age of 16 years and upwards; that I know of no lawful reason why they should not marry, and that said female has resided in said County and State for one month and more immediately previous to the making of this affidavit for License, made this 15 day of December A. D. 1888 and that I am a disinterested witness in this behalf, and of lawful age, and that said parties are not first cousins.

J. A. Marshall

Subscribed and sworn to by said affiant, before me, this 15 day of December 1888

Henry B. Hancock
Clerk Montgomery Circuit Court.

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to witness on behalf of

Figure 1.

Washington Ind
Dec 15th 1888

This is to certify that I Washington Mote have given my consent for my son Elajah Mote to have license to marry Florence Chism

Washington Mote

Figure 2.



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