



Roots and Branches

"As long as we enjoy each other, educate and promote genealogy and serve the community we should grow and prosper."

Dian Moore, President 2008; 'President's Letter'; Vol 5, Iss 2, Feb 2008

Genealogy Club of Montgomery County IN Corp.

Join us for a journey through history and time. An Odyssey for those beginning or experienced in genealogy.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR 2008-2009

The Membership Committee

The next fiscal year for the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County runs from October 1, 2008 through the September 30, 2009. The dues are \$10/year for an individual and \$25/year for a family. If you have not paid for the upcoming year, please fill out the renewal/new member application included with the newsletter and give it to Alberta Krout at the September meeting or mail or hand deliver it to the Crawfordsville District Public Library, Attn. Dian Moore.

OH, NO! NOT ANOTHER SEARCH SITE LIST! *The Editor*

There is a bewildering array of web sites available to help the genealogist search, enough to keep you occupied full time looking at them all just to see if they might help your research, which in reality keeps you from doing much quality searching at all. There's a lot of sites now just dedicated to listing page after page full of sites that are available. The September issue of Family Tree magazine is out now with their yearly selection of the '101 Best Web Sites for Tracing Your Roots'. Two things which set this one apart are the "Best for . . . researchers" groupings of which there are 11 categories, and the free access to view the printed article (Aw! You guessed it!) at their web site < www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2008 >. Among the nice features they have are markers to tell you if the search site requires a subscription or fee to view results (only 15 do) and the hot link provided for each site so they can be viewed without manually copying to your browser first. I believe it might be worth your time, no matter what stage of search development you're achieved.

Summarized Secretary's Report

Pat Wills, Secretary

The May, June and July meetings of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Corp. were held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Donnelley Room of the Crawfordsville District Public Library, with **Dian Moore**, 2008 President, presiding. Meeting procedure is to examine the written Secretary's report, followed by motion, second and approval/disapproval vote by attending membership. Verbal presentation of the Treasurer's report, questions, answers, motions to accept, seconds, and an approval/disapproval vote by the attending membership is next on the agenda. Committee reports are given, as required, by committee chairpersons. Business, old and new is next discussed, carried or voted upon as required follows. A snack and brief fellowship period is then taken prior to the evening's program presentation.

Special considerations for this quarter involved the O'Neill Cemetery restoration project. **Kim Hancock**, chairperson of this committee, reported that work is continuing as weather permits. Some stumps are yet to be removed and 8 stones remain to be set. The Club officer committee met with **Claude Johnson**, Montgomery County Veterans Service Officer, about the planned dedication ceremony to take place after the stone honoring the veterans buried at O'Neill is set. It appears that this will not be available until next year due to funding delays. See the full summary report later in this issue.

The calendar project for 2009 is almost ready for printing. Just a little work on the production phase being handled by **Jim Wills** and **Dellie Craig** remains. The Nominating Committee chaired by **Pat Wills** reports a full slate of officers for 2009 has been selected as follows : for **President ; Judy Harvey** , for **Vice-President ; Robert Smith** , for **Secretary ; Linda Templin** , for **Treasurer ; Alberta Krout** , for **Activities Director ; Ruth Evans** and after isolation, starvation, arm twisting and severe thrashings, **Nelson Wilson** has agreed to remain as **Newsletter Editor**. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to voting at the October meeting.

Meeting programs arranged by **Ruth Evans** in this quarter have been very interesting. In **May**, **Kim Hancock** instructed the group in the proper methods of tombstone cleaning, repair, restoration and resetting through discussion and exercise of supervised hands-on practice [except reset]. In **June**, a round table discussion and short presentation of Civil War Ancestors was held to the pleasure of participants and listeners, as well. In **July**, **Ruth Evans** and **Richard Wills** presented a program entitled "Who Are The Moravians?" with added comments by **Forrest Crawford**, who's ancestor was mistakenly killed by Indians in a revengeful rage for the massacre of a group of Indian converts to the Moravian religion by an army detachment led by an officer with the same name as **Forrest's** ancestor, also an army officer.

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Ruth Evans,

**Program
Chairperson**

Future Club Program Planning

Subject to change. Watch for posters.

August 22, 2008

Regular Monthly Meeting

Program: "Local History Services and You" by Stacy Klinger, Assistant Director of Local History Services at The Indiana Historical Society

September 9, 2008

Regular Monthly Meeting

Program: Update of IN laws affecting cemetery restoration by Jeannie Regan-Dinius, DNR-DHPA

October 14, 2008

Regular Monthly Meeting

Director of Special Initiatives

Program: Election of new officership; Executive Committee, Other activities to be announced

November 10, 2008

Regular Monthly Meeting

Program: Reorganization for the new year; committees filled and chairpersons selected.

November 27, 2008

4th 2008 Pizza Supper And After Hours Library Research Meeting, Open To Public.

**Future Article For Publication In
'Heritage American' Magazine**

O'Neill Cemetery

Archie Krout & Pat Wills

Five years ago the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County began cleaning and clearing the overgrowth tangle of weeds, brush, briars and trees that had taken over the pioneer cemetery site near Yountsville, in Montgomery County, Indiana, known as the O'Neill Cemetery. Only three stones were visible at that time. Over thirty years had passed since the local D.A.R. Chapter team had recorded 104 names at the site in the D.A.R. nationwide project effort to catalog the thousands of these forgotten ancestral burial grounds among which are found the graves of the many veterans who fought this nations battles long ago.

On August 20, 2007, Doug Hunt, a reporter for the Crawfordsville, IN Journal-Review, authored an article "History Etched In Stone" that told of the restoration of the cemetery by the Club members and of their efforts to reclaim the past, not only in 'Stone' but in the 'Spirit' of ancestors who fought to preserve our nation.

There have been 30 additional names discovered, with most stones cleaned, many repaired and reset after having been broken and buried for years. In the process we have found 13 veterans of 3 wars; the Civil War, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War. Veterans stones that cannot be fixed are being replaced with new ones through the help of the Veterans Administration and the guidance of Claude Johnson, Veterans Service Officer of Montgomery County, IN. In addition, there is a joint plan to install a single large memorial stone commemorating all of the veterans buried at this site with a dedication ceremony to be held when all is in place. The date of this event will be announced later.

The Club has enjoyed the help of many volunteers outside of it's membership in making donations of funds, personal labor and equipment to make this project a reality. Through the cooperation of the Etzel family, who are the current landowners, and Robbie Webster, current land tenant, a new lane is being built to access the cemetery site without having to cross active pasture land. The Ripley Township Trustee, Jim Spence, has had a new fence and gate installed to keep out wild and wandering domestic animals. One of the little known responsibilities of a Township Trustee is to furnish care for these inactive grave sites.

The Club is now in need of your help! Do you have a relative buried in O'Neill Cemetery who served in a past war? We are still in need of information on service rank, and, in some situations the company to which they were assigned. Such relatives could be first, second or third grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, or even step-relatives in these categories.

Contact us through Dian Moore at the Crawfordsville District Library, ph. [765] 362-2242, ext. 4, or E-mail at :

gen@cdpl.lib.in.us . The currently known O'Neill veteran information is as follows:

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The traditional way to do genealogy, the way I learned it and the way I teach it, is **up** the family tree [Branch Imagery]. Start with one person, usually yourself, as the trunk and find parents to make main branches and grandparents for more branches. Sometimes, as in the case of people buried in O'Neill Cemetery, I am looking for descendants and work **down** the family tree from the single person and spouse as the trunk and find children as main roots and grandchildren as more roots [Roots Imagery]. The roots imagery works better if you think of the chart and not of descendants supporting ancestors. Then there are the times when I suspect that nearly everyone in the county of the same name is from one family and I work from people of the same name [Branch or Root Tips] **sideways** to find a common ancestor [Trunk Imagery]. Each of these approaches uses some slightly different methods and many use the same.

Working up thru the census starts with parents in 1930 if you can find them and 1920 if you need an index. Follow that adult back until they are in their 20s and then you may have to guess at parents or look at many families to find the person as a teenager then living at home. The parents are followed back the same way until the next generation. I like census better when I am going down the tree [Roots Imagery]. Find the person in 1850 and see a list of children. In 1860 there may be more children. When a child drops out of the family in a ten-year interval, look for the son in the next census and for a daughter look to marriage records to find her new name first. If you can find the child as an adult with children you start the cycle over. Some dropouts, of course, may be found in other parts of the country or in the obituary and cemetery information.

Until very recently marriage records are pretty much one-way, **up**. Parents of the bride and groom may be provided and those parents have a marriage record and their parents have a record. In Indiana, governmental requirements for parental information did not begin until 1882 and was then recorded for several decades as 'Marriage Supplements'. The really recent records list dependant children from previous marriages and do provide some downward information.

Obituaries work both ways. Parents and descendants of the decedent are usually listed. There is probably little information about the parents but the place of the decedent's marriage may tell you where to look for them. Children are usually listed with place of residence, married names and recently, name of spouse. If the spouse survives the decedent then that obituary will give more up to date information on the shared descendants. Marriages for descendants may be where the parents lived, where they are currently living, or may not be found anywhere you look. However, if any one of them can be found among the living, contact may reveal the rest of the data.

Working **sideways** is mostly a combination of up and down. Look for people grouped in neighborhoods or in a cemetery. Work up from two of the same name to try to find the common ancestor and work down from established connections to get more descendants. I find these projects usually leave me with a few people I cannot connect for lack of identifying information. Infants buried without the name of the parents are almost impossible to connect unless they are buried in a family group.

The real lesson is to **move ahead or back one generation at a time**. It is when you try to jump to a grandparent or great grandchild that the continuous thread of your information can be lost and you may be researching the wrong person.

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Civil War : *Robert Smith - 9th Indiana Battery ; Silas Albertson - Co E 72nd Indiana Infantry ; John Coleman - Co E 150th Indiana Infantry ; Robert Henry - 9th Indiana Battery ; Lewis Hopping - Co I 11th Indiana Infantry ; Franklin C. Lebo - Co F 42nd Indiana Infantry ; John A. Neely - Co E 72nd Indiana Infantry ; Edward [Edmond] Parker - Co F 69th Ohio Infantry*

War of 1812 : *Ebenezer Jackson - 8th Indiana Militia ; Samuel Robbins ; Robert Taylor ; John Thompson*

Mexican War : *Jonathan Thompson*

Genealogy Club of Montgomery County IN Corp. Proper Tombstone Repair and Restoration

May 2008 Reg Mtg
Kim Hancock

Below : The first step is to assure that all tools, cleaning supplies and compounds are ready.



Below : Preparation of the epoxy compound used. Excess must be discarded at each use.



Below : A special compound is used to fill joint and surface irregularities.



Below : An example of a slotted base mold for use in resetting tablet style stones.



Below : Application of one epoxy part. Note the protective glove and other applied component.



Below : The same compound can be used to restore readability to weathered lettering.



Below : A break is cleaned in preparation for application of special two part epoxy.



Below : Carefully applied clamp pressure is used until the epoxy sets.



Below : *Kim* demonstrates the care in handling of repaired and restored stones.



Kim Hancock, who leads this project, has learned the craft well and shares her knowledge willingly. She places great emphasis on using quality tools, correct methods and skillful execution. It is rumored that she is descended from Wyatt Earp, who we know was first to "clean up Tombstone".

Pictures by:

Delli Jean Craig



Right : *Archie Krout* shares his birthday cake after the session.



Left : A particularly difficult stone repair is taken on. *Kim* says every situation is different.



Pictures by: *Delli Jean Craig*

An interesting June program arranged by **Ruth Evans**, 2008 Activities Director, allowed members to relate stories of Civil War era ancestors and related relatives to the group. Presenting Civil War Ancestors at the June meeting; Top to Bottom; rows Left to Right are **Bill Boone**, **Anna Pennington**, **Bob Smith**, **George Scharf**, **Archie Krout**, **Raymond Wills**, **Sam Evans**, **Nelson Wilson**, **John Hooper**, **Linda Templin**, **Jasmine Robinson**, and **Alberta Krout**. See page 11 for **Forrest Crawford** and daughter **Karen**.

Genealogy Club of Montgomery County IN Corp. Who Are The Moravians ?

July 2008



Above : Ruth Evans and Raymond Wills were the presenters of the evening program.. Below : The audience pays close attention as Raymond speaks..



Above : Stan Plunkett was our guest at the July meeting. Stan has proof that he has ancestral tracings back to the time of the Roman Empire and is decended through the entire line of Irish kings. Below : Dian Moore holds the CD containing multi - thousands of surname relations Stan has found and now presents for free use at the library.



Far left, is Ruth and at right is Raymond at work on presentation.

Center, is the timeline, maps and sketches of the Moravian leaders as they spread from central Europe in the 1600's to the present. They are, perhaps, the first protestant religion.



Pictures by: *Delli Jean Craig*

Querys are questions submitted to the Club membership at large by a person or persons seeking information or information sources to resolve those missing pieces of their puzzle that can reveal a truer picture of the past.

Please reference all newsletter query contacts by volume number, issue number, and inquiry number for clearer communication. See page 2 for contact directions.

#1 Who are the school hack drivers proudly displaying their rigs and teams in front of Wingate School? Is that a woman driver second from the left?



#2 Where is the specific location of this soldier's grave? Can anyone help?

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS IN MONTGOMERY CO. IN By Pat Wills

PETER KINDER SR.

Born: Washington County, PA; Date : ?????

Service: 2nd Company 5th Battery. Possibly served with George Rodgers Clark.

Died: 1827; Montgomery Co., IN. Will filed Jan 23, 1827 ; Probate dated May 18, 1827

Buried: **Unknown. Need information on where buried in Montgomery County.**

Ref: Montgomery County Will Records; Vol. 1 pg 29 ; book by Shanklin

PA Archives, 6th Series, Vol. 2 pg 186

D.A.R. Roster of Soldiers Vol. 3 pg 30

Patriot Index, pg 387

D. A. R. Application # 513476

Karen Zach, Montgomery Co. Genealogist.

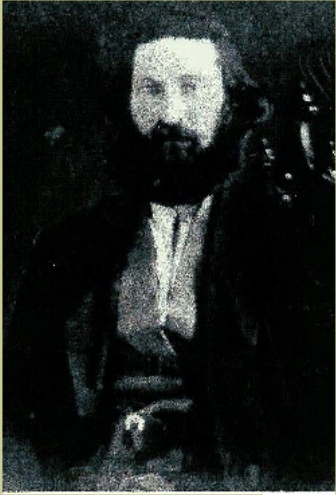
Married : **Three wives ;** #1 unknown ; #2 Lenia ; #3 Dolly

Children : Jacob George (died before Peter Sr. leaving 4 children)

Patsy Peter Jr

A Civil War soldier's letter home - - - original by Wm G Keys

Camp at Murfreesboro, Tennessee March 28th 1863



Dear Wife Yours of the 19th and 20th is safely in hand. I was glad to get it as I always am to get a letter from you. Nothing in this far off land affords me so much pleasure as to hear from you and the children. I am glad they still remember me and talk about me. I wish it were in my power to do as you suggest, that is to come home, if I could come home honorably. I do not want to come home in any other way. I believe I have not brought any disgrace on you and the children and I never want to. It is my sincere desire and hope that the war may end soon and let all the Soldiers come home The rebels are reduced to such extreme want that it does not seem possible they can hold out much longer. And when over joy ful day comes that peace is proclaimed throughout the land and the Soldiers discharge no one will hasten home with more joy than I will. May God speed the day. If I could come home on a fulogh here at present. Things may alter soon. I am glad to hear that a good deal of Sugar has been made Sugar will be high Scarce enough, and the more that is made the better. I hope there may be plenty of wheat raised too. If the war Should last till after harvest, we shall have to depend on home for bread, I sincerley trust there may be abundance for you and us that you may never know the want that is so sorely hinchng the poor misguided rebels. I am glad that you have so much news to tell me of the children born, and that you have no long list of deaths to report. We have tolerably good health in the Regiment now. Several have died within a month past and some are very sick now. But none of our friends. We have had one case of Small pox. The man who has it was taken to the hospital this evening We are being vacinated and have no fear of getting the small pox. The weather is very wet and rather disagreeable. The peach trees are in full bloom there is some skirmishing going on in a few miles of us pretty often. Wheather we shall have a big fight with the rebels of not. I can not talk I think they will get badly thrashed if ever they do undertake us. May God defend the right, and give sucess to the cause of truth and justice. I shall send a picture in the envelope, with this letter hoping it may reach you safely. I am glad to hear of my friends joining the church and trying to do right. I hope they will hold out faithful as I intend to try to do. Write to me often and believe me as ever your affectionate husband

William G. Keys

***NOTE: This transcription is copied as is with spelling as it was in the original letter. This letter is written for William Keys, actual writer unknown, although it appears to have been written by someone with a bit more word smithing ability than many of the prior letters that have been transcribed to date - Kim Hancock**

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Project Manager *Kim Hancock*

Cemetery Restoration Project -- O'Neill Cemetery

The Veterans Memorial Dedication Services tentatively planned for August will have to be postponed, probably until next year. The large memorial stone purchase and installation has been unavoidably delayed, as has the new access drive and fencing completion. Six recovered stones remain to be restored and set at this writing, pending further stone discovery. Work at the site has been limited this summer by the extremely wet weather conditions, especially on weekends which have already been shortened by extended work weeks. The 14 veterans originally thought to be buried here are now 13, having been determined that 1 stone is duplicated at another site where burial is confirmed while this site indicates an empty grave. There are now a total of 30 new names discovered at this site beyond the 104 listed by the D.A.R. Project. We expect our work to be complete before winter and have hopes that all site work might also be completed, as well.

“ Ya cain't make a silk purse out'n a sow's ear, but with 'nough elbow grease ya can make sitch a dang good copy ya cain't tell the differnce from a real'un ” -- Abe Martin (with slight paraphrase)

Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones, But Words Will Never Hurt Me! OH, YEAH ?!

DAILY LEDGER
New Albany

Monday Evening, July 11, 1864

FATAL AFFRAY IN HARRISON COUNTY--
COL. JOHN TIMBERLAKE KILLED.

We learn that a most painful tragedy occurred near Mauckport, Harrison County, yesterday (Sunday). The facts, as we heard them, are these: A young lady by the name of Miller went to the church wearing some sort of a "butternut" emblem. This created a considerable feeling among some of the Republican ladies of the congregation. After the services were over, Mrs. Timberlake, wife of Henry Timberlake, nephew of Col. John Timberlake, volunteered to go and take away the emblem. She rushed towards Miss Miller and a general fight occurred among the women, when Col. John Timberlake came into the crowd, apparently greatly excited. A young man named Henry Lohmire, who accompanied Miss Miller to the church, warned Timberlake not to interfere, Lohmire himself endeavoring to separate the lady combatants. Timberlake replied to Lohmire, "you are nothing but a d--d rebel, anyhow." Lohmire warned Timberlake not to repeat the language, Timberlake replied, in a still more defiant manner, "you are a d--d rebel---- ----," and some accounts say he struck Lohmire in the face and put his hand to a side pocket as if to draw a weapon; whereupon Lohmire drew a pistol and shot twice, both shots taking effect. The first ball passed through Timberlake's hand and into his shoulder, the second entered his side and passed through the heart, causing instant death.

The affair, as may be imagined, caused great excitement in the neighborhood, where a bad feeling had prevailed for some time. Timberlake was formerly Lieutenant Colonel of the 81st Indiana. Lohmire was a young man--a mere boy, in fact--who is said by those who knew him to be of gentle disposition. He at once proceeded to Corydon, where he surrendered himself and was put in jail.

We make no comments on this sad affair, but hope that in these exciting times it will not be without its warning.



Above: Forrest Crawford with the help of daughter Karen introduced the group at the June meeting to the perils of 'inflammatory speech' when the argument is already hot! This incident was part of Forrest's contribution to our round table presentations of our Civil (?) War ancestors.

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Amount enclosed: \$ _____ . 00

List family/families you are / may be researching :

Research activity: _____

Skills/Experience Assessment

Genealogical records used: _____

Genealogical resources used: _____

Genealogical computer programs used: _____

Other experiences related to local history, church records, cemetery records and/or preservation : _____

Program suggestions : _____

Projects we as a club could do : _____

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