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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Newsletter Editor:	Nelson Wilson	*2009 Ex Officio:*	Kim Hancock

2009 Committees, Chairpersons and Committee Rosters

Activites:	Chair ; Ruth Evans	R : Linda Templin, Dian Moore, Dellie Craig
Finance:	Chair ; Alberta Krout	R : Mike Mitchell, Bob Smith
Membership:	Chair ; Alberta Krout	R : Sam Evans, Mike Mitchell, Ted Ratcliff
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Cemetery:	Chair ; Kim Hancock	R : Judy Harvey, Richard Wills, Dian Moore, Archie Krout
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MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE IN SEPTEMBER

Dues for the 2009-2010 year will become payable in Sepetember instead of October, the last month of the current 2008 - 2009 Club year . The Club year has NOT changed, still running from November thru October of the next calendar year. This change in payment month was requested by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will be ready to accept your renewal dues at the Sepetember meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please fill out the renewal/new member application included with this newsletter and mail it with a check to the Crawfordsville District Public Library, Attn: Dian Moore. The full address is in the data block at the upper left side of this page.

2009 Membership Committee

Future Club Program Planning

Subject to change. Watch for posters.

Ruth Evans,
Activities Chairperson

August 11, 2009	*Regular Monthly Meeting; 7:30 PM*
Program:	*"Cemetery Symbolism", by Tami Pelling*
Sepetember 8, 2009	*Regular Monthly Meeting; 7:30 PM*
Program:	*"Gen. Lew Wallace's Montgomery Guards", by Joann Spragg*
October 13, 2009	*Annual Dinner Meeting & Election of 2009-2010 Club Officers ; 6:00 PM*
Program:	*"Medicine, Maladys and Marvels in Montgomery Co., Indiana", by Kat Burkhart, Director of the Crawfordsville Carnegie Museum*
October 23, 2009	*4th 2009 Pizza Supper And After Hours Library Research Meeting, Open To Public; 5:00 PM*
November 10, 2009	*New Club Year Orginizational Meeting; 7:30 PM*
Program:	*Round Table Presentations, Theme"Our Immugrant Ancestors", Ruth Evans, moderater*

Genealogy Club of Montgomery County IN Corp.

Summarized Secretary's Report

Linda Templin, **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. Judy Harvey, 2009 President, presided over the meetings. The minutes were presented in written form, approved/corrected, and passed. The Treasurer's reports were given. The Club now has 48 members including two families and one institutional member.

The Club and the Veteran Services of Montgomery County had their Rededication Ceremony at the O'Neall Cemetery on Saturday, June 13 at 10 am. The restoration project of the cemetery and the ceremony were successful. Many thanks and appreciation are extended to Kim Hancock, chairman of the restoration, and to her dedicated helpers. Many volunteered hours have been given to this project by all of them. Kim has announced that her next cemetery project will be the Wilson-Killan Cemetery near Pleasant Hill School in northern Montgomery County.

At the July meeting, Raymond Snellenbarger, past president of GCMC, presented Judy Harvey, President of the club, and to the club members a letter of appreciation for their dedication to the clean up and restoration of the O'Neall Cemetery Project. The letter of appreciation was signed by James Kramer, Commander, and Raymond Snellenbarger, Adjutant, from the Mary T. Klinker Chapter #27 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

The club is in the process of collecting the genealogical pedigree charts (vertical format) from club members. Judy Harvey has shared that many genealogy clubs maintain these charts at their local history department at their local library for genealogists searching for local ancestors. If you would like to participate in this project, please give a copy of your personal pedigree chart to Dian Moore.

Dian Moore will soon start the research project for 2010 calendars. She would appreciate anyone willing to help with the research and possible topic to contact her at CDPL. She also would appreciate any volunteers willing to help her in the local history department of CDPL.

Ruth Evans, Activity Director, continued to arrange interesting programs for each meeting. In May, Betty L. Warren, Genealogist from Greenwood, gave a presentation on "A Place for Everything and Everything in Its Place." She presented ideas on how to organize your genealogy data. In June the club members had a round table presentation of personal ancestral stories. Many shared a family artifact and the story about the artifact. In July, Noel Reen from Lafayette gave a program "Who Are the SARs?" The SARs are the Sons of American Revolution. He explained the history of SAR and the process of research required to join the society.

Executive Committee has approved moving the annual dues due to September. T'he Membership Committee is planning for the annual dinner in October. The cost of the meal will be $12.00 per person attending.

In the next quarter the Club will meet at 7pm in the CDPL on August 11, September 8, and October 13 (annual dinner). The next After Hours Workshop is scheduled for October 23.

The 2009 Nominating Committee ***(after having grilled, roasted, and throunced all possible members) has announced this list of officer candidates for the next club year : Prez - Judy Harvey ; Vice Prez - Bob Smith ; Sec-atary - Linda Templin ; Tres-uair - Mike Mitchell ; Acty-vitys - Ruth Evans***

DAV Recognizes Club for the O'Neal Restoration Work

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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To Whom It May Concern: July 11, 2009

We the Mary T. Klinker Chapter # 27 of the Disabled American Veterans would like to thank the Genealogy Club of Montgomery Co. In. Corp. for their dedication to the clean up and restoration of the O'Neal Cemetery, located at Yountsville, In.

We would also like to find out how we could contact someone about the restoration efforts for other Veteran Stones (Grave Markers).

Thank you for supporting our deceased veterans.

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Raymond Snellenbarger reads the contents of the above reproduced letter to the July meeting attendees.

President Judy Harvey (left) receives the original letter from Raymond on behalf of the Club.

O'Neal Cemetery Project Closure

" 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)

The 2 left photos are taken on Day 1. You sure this is the right place? The right photo and the 2nd row starter are the later brush and yucca removal phase .

After clearing, a few stones were standing. Some were down, some broken, and many submerged. All were in some stage of being covered by black filth, linchens and moss.

Broken stones presented the most difficulty, especially the marble. All required learning new techniques, proper repair habits, use and sources for the special repair materials . But, it all worked as the before and after at the right shows.

The photo row below shows the work on site in later periods. A lot of sweat was expended in this endeavor, and many volunteers with special equipment were needed, and most welcome.

There is an END in sight!

Pictures by:

Alberta Krout &

Dellie Jean Craig

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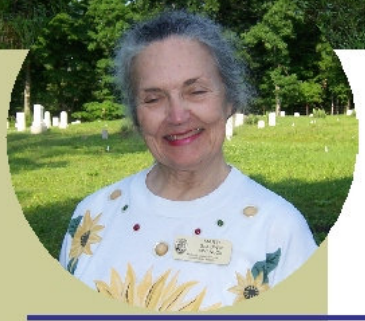
O'Neal Cemetery Project Closure

1. The Match



2. The Flame

3. The Finished Feast

4. The Dessert

1. Marti Swanson
2. Kimberly Hancock
3. O'Neal Cemetery
4. Veterans Memorial

Pictures by: Dellie Jean Craig

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June 2009

Round Table: Sharing A Family Artifact and Story

Right **: Mike Spragg displays a genuine 1913 Indiana automobile license plate.**

Right & Below **: Mike Mitchell reads from original land deeds and displays them for the photographer**

Above, back**: Pat & Richard Wills *Below, front*** **: Bob, Linda Templin, & George Scharf**

Above **: Bob Smith, 2009 Vice President presides at the meeting. That's rowdy Alberta Krout at right rear. *Right, Above :* Bob's hand on gavel broken from pounding rowdy's like Alberta to order at the meeting. *Right :* Bob, exhausted from efforts to bring order [successfully done]**

Pictures by: Dellie Jean Craig

Round Table: Sharing A Family Artifact and Story

Above; left to right : 1. George Scharf; with picture of his Civil War ancestor and his cane. 2. Dian Moore shows horseshoe pin. 3. Alberta Krout with an original land grant and recording record. 4. John Hooper with old pictures and clippings.

Middle; left to right : 1. Helen Akers with old flower hanging and picture. 2. Dellie Craig's heirloom locket and grandfather's "juice" harp.

Below; left to right : 1. Ted Ratliff with original reunion records. 2. Joann Spragg holds a lock from an old Alamo store ; a closer look at the unusual lock and turnkey ; the turnkey with a middle hinge for folding to securely fit in a pocket.

Who Are The SAR'S ?

July 2009

Below & Right: *Noel Reen, of the Lafayette Chapter of the Son's of the American Revolution spoke on the subject of 'Who Are The SAR's' and the groups entry requirements.*

Left: *Noel Reen receives a small gift of thanks for his efforts from 2009 President, Judy Harvey*

Right: *Richard Wills relates an article on the death and burial of the American patriot sea capitan John Paul Jones. His body was preserved (pickeled?) in alcohol in a lead lined coffin or box. A photo is in the article.*

Pictures by: Dellie Jean Craig

Transcription by Kim Hancock

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

William G. Keys with that promised navy revolver holstered at his waist .

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Camp near Murfreesboro, Tennessee May 4th, 1863

it is with pleasure Dear wife I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and harty and I hope those few lines comes to your hands they will find you all enjoying the same blessing well I have sent my over coat and dredge coat to Crawfordsville to Mike White and I wish you would get your father to go up and get them be can get John Wood and Ames Medaris each one of the coats has the owners name on it and my coat has a dinner bell in the pocket the names is on the over coats my dredge coat has my cap in it well I have sent you 15 dollars and would have sent you more but I have to arm myself and that has taken my money well I will send you a slip out of the newspaper and you can see whither we aught to have much mercy on the rebs or not and on the same paper you can see how some of them begins to feel well on our last scout I run into 4 of them with my gun cocked and up to my face and all thay could do was to throw up their hands and beg for mercy **well the colonel say that I shall have a navy revolver** and I will be armed from head to foot and I tel you this they call rebellion is playing out as fast as it can well I want you to write and let me know if Ferguson has cut that wood yet or not well them clothes I have sent home you had better wash and boil them before you take them in the house well I dont know as I have anything more at this time only write soon and often so no more at present but remain your affectionate husband till death

William G. Keys

To Esther Keys

well Tommy you must help your granpapa this summer if he wants you

William G. Keys and wife, Esther Matilda Thomas Keys with daughter Elizabeth Keys, circa 1851

***NOTE: This transcription is copied as is with spelling as it was in the original letter. This letter may have been written by William Keys himself [-*I take pen in hand* -], actual writer is unknown, although it does appear to have been written by a soldier of common schooling for the period. Kim Hancock**

by Bill Boone

The CONFEDERATE PRESENCE In Montgomery County

PART 1 of 2

It all started innocently enough. As a graduation gift to my grandson, I gave him all my Civil War items including military records of my great-great grandfather Thomas Peffley, who was on the Union side and a picture of Thomas M. Rose, an uncle, who was also on the Union side. There was a picture of Thomas Rose and a letter written from Snigel's Ford in Virginia in 1863. I also gave him military records of his great-great grandfather Philip Grubbs of the 7th Indiana Infantry. I casually mentioned in passing that my great-greatgrandfather on my mother's side, John Mangus, had also served in the Civil War, but on the Confederate side. He was in the 42nd Virginia Infantry and was the only man in his company to answer roll call at the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. I thought that showed great character on his behalf and that made him a hero to me. My grandson (young people are such skeptics) asked me if could prove the Mangus story. I started searching my files and came up with his obituary which stated that he had indeed been the only one of his company to be at Appomattox. Not a source with high credibility, I continued searching and found that John Mangus was a member of the Stonewall Brigade during the war and was a charter member of the Stonewall Jackson Camp #1 at Ladoga, Indiana, the first and the farthest North of any camp of the United Confederate Veterans. I posted this information on the web-site entitled "Virginia in the Civil War" and got a note from John Chapla, who has written the history of the 42nd Virginia Infantry, confirming the information about John Mangus. Finally, my grandson was satisfied.

In the meantime, while searching through other old items, I came across information about a brand new War Memorial that had been erected at the Ladoga Cemetery in 1991. As a part of the ceremony, the Southeast Montgomery County Historian, Keith Houk, enumerated the Civil War soldiers buried at this site. His list included 17 names of Confederate veterans buried in this relatively small cemetery located in West central Indiana! While I was wandering around in the cemetery one day, I found an 18th stone and my curiosity was getting the best of me. Keith Houk had also published a note in the Montgomery County Family History Book of 1988 listing an article about the Stonewall Jackson Camp #1 of Ladoga and a list of 47 Confederate veterans who had settled in Montgomery County, Indiana after the war—I was hooked. Now I had some names, and some of them were family. I began to run the names through several web-sites including the one simply called "America's Civil War" which has information about Civil War veterans from both sides. I ran each name through the "Find a Grave" web-site and discovered that several of them had tombstones reflecting their Confederate service. I also searched the files of the Crawfordsville District Public Library which has cemetery listings and vital statistics. The cemetery listings give the names and burial sites of people buried in Montgomery County. The vital statistics link indicates whether there is an obituary recorded in one of tearly Crawfordsville newspapers. I looked up as many obituaries as I could find which related to the names that I had. Sometimes even the obituaries of wives were helpful. I even searched the census records to see where these men were in 1860 before the war and where they were in 1870 after the war.

I was now armed with a list of 64 veterans who had settled in Montgomery County with 60 probably buried there and another 20 who had strong Montgomery County connections, but who moved elsewhere after a time and were buried in cemeteries in nearby countys. In the meantime, John Chapla had sent my name to the Commander Steve Ritchie of the A.J. Ringo Camp of the SCV (Sons of Confederate Veterans) in New Castle, Indiana.

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by Bill Boone

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Civil War Veterans' "field" at Ladoga Cemetery. Rounded top stones are Union Veterans ; Pointed Top stones are Confederate Veterans.

Steve sent me an e-mail enquiring about the work here and suggesting that I should become a member of the SCV. I invited Steve down to see what was going on in Montgomery County and he came down for a visit. While waiting for Steve to arrive so that we could eat lunch in Ladoga before we embarked on our grand adventure, I was chatting with an old friend who had been a rural mail-carrier for years. Steve pulled up just in time to meet my friend, Mike Hubble, who casually asked what we were doing in Ladoga. I told him that we were searching for Confederate veterans buried in the area and he said that we should make sure to visit Cornstalk Cemetery and told of a couple of Civil War stones there. After a hasty lunch, Steve and I took off. I had several cemeteries that I wanted us to look at; we started at the Ladoga Cemetery just south of town. While we were there, Chet Vice, the caretaker of the cemetery drove up and we talked tombstones and veterans for some time. After looking at 14 stones in the Ladoga Cemetery, we headed north out of Ladoga to the Harshbarger Cemetery where we found 6 more.

Next we stopped at the Bethel Dunkard Cemetery where 2 veterans are buried. We then drove through the country until we came to Cornstalk Cemetery where there are 4 Civil War markers, three Confederate and one Union, who, by the way, may be related to Steve. Back to Ladoga and on east to Stoner Cemetery, which I told him was 'my' cemetery, because my parents and grandparents are buried there, thus confering upon me the title 'unofficial caretaker'. There is one Confederate veteran buried there. Then we took off again through the countryside to the K of P Cemetery just outside Mace. I told him that there were 5 or 6 veterans buried there, but we only found one and left the rest for another day. During our driving time, Steve told me that it appeared that if we considered veterans who came here after the war of their own accord and who were not POWs who died and were buried someplace in the North,there were more Confederate veterans buried in Montgomery County than anyplace else North of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Since I had great-great grandfathers on each side of the conflict, I often wondered if they had ever been on the same battlefield. I ordered Thomas Peffley's military records and found out that he didn't see any action after becoming ill during his training camp experience. Then I wondered if my grandson, Dallas Grubbs' paternal great-great-grandfather, Philip Grubbs, of the 7th Indiana Infantry had ever met his maternal great-great-great-grandfather, John Mangus of the 42nd Virginia Infantry. One day while surfing the internet, I found a web-site that focused on the Battle of Gettysburg. I had just finished reading "Killer Angels", a story of the three days encounter at Gettysburg by Michael Sharra, so I was thinking about that defining battle of the Civil War. I found a web link that focused on Culp's Hill, a strategic site overlooking the main battlefield. Here is a quotation from that web site, "As soon as the line was formed, Jones put pickets well at the front. A patrol from the 42nd Virginia, sent out by General Johnson, reached nearly to the summit of Culp's Hill. But on the east slopes of that hill, in the dark, the "unsuspecting squad of scouts" encountered a patrol from the 7th Indiana, and some of the 42nd's men were captured."

Dallas' grandfathers were on the same hill overlooking the main battlefield at Gettysburg and could have met. If one had killed the other...?!

Part 2 of 2 will appear in the next issue of Roots and Branches, Vol 7, Iss 1, November 2009.

Index of Names of Persons and of Firms ; Index of Persons and Organizations

by Dian Moore
CDPL Dept. of Local History and Genealogy

One of President Franklin Roosevelt's economic stimulus efforts in the 1930's was the WPA. The PWA, another phase of this stimulus effort, was the Public Works Administration. The PWA built bridges and buildings in the sate parks and made other laborious improvements to public properties. The intellectuals and the clerks were employed by the WPA which stood for Works **Progress** Administration, later in 1939 to become the Works **Projects** Administration. The WPA created many of the Indiana indices that genealogists rely on today. One of the Indiana projects was an *Index of Names of Persons and of Firms.* The series had one for every county and indexes the local pesons and local subject history books of each county. *Persons and Firms* lists each person or firm with a letter code and number. The key to the letters is in the front and refers to the book. The number is the page number within the book source. I have found amazingly few mistakes in this series but I have heard that the typists creating the books were on a quota and if they did not make quota for the day they took the extra cards home and destroyed them,

WW II stimulated the economy enough to re-employ the countries intellectual/clerk work force by private industry or the military before the government sponsored project was completed. Montgomery County was one of the counties not finished. About 1980 the Indiana Historical Society finished the project. Bridgie Brill Hackstaff Brelsford coordinated the project completion for Montgomery County. By being done later we have more books indexed that were published in the approximatly 40 year interval between the original project and the follow up.

There will never be an end to new books being published and discovered. Nearly 30 years have passed since the Montgomery County index was first published. The present day Crawfordsville District Public Library is carrying on this tradition on our library home webpage with the *Index of Persons and Organizations.* A computer index does not need to be finalized to be useful and it allows us to give the full title and call number of the books indexed. We expanded a little from Firms to Organizations which includes firms, clubs, churches and I have taken the liberty of a few general index terms like railroads.

I index a little every day and it is added to the webpage in batches. I index all proper names found in any source I fully index so there is a wealth of information on topics other than those in Montgomery County. We do not include any source that is not yet cataloged to the library computer system, but many of those indices are ready to add whenever the library cataloging is done.

You really have not finished researching in any Indiana county if you haven't checked that counties *Index of Names of Persons and of Firms,* and you haven't finished in Montgomery County unless you repeatedly revisit *Persons and Organizations* as it grows.

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