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experienced
in genealogy.

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Roots and Branches

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Congratulations

Taylor!



Our own Taylor Krout started exploring her roots during our 4H After Hours program with help from mentor, Linda Templin and her grandmother. She was recently highlighted in the Journal Review for her winning ways in the Genealogy project at the local and state fairs. Taylor and her grandmother, Teresa Largent, have enjoyed working together on the project for the last three years. ““She was very interested, she was a little go-getter,” said club member Linda Templin, Taylor’s mentor.” To read the whole article, go to: http://www.journalreview.com/news/article_171c27c0-70a4-11e7-a5b3-a7ec21c0f28a.html

Taylor, Linda and Teresa at a recent meeting



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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.



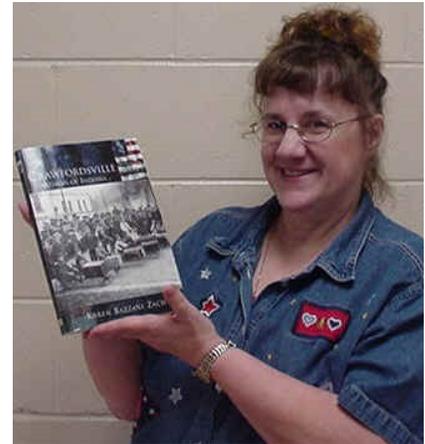
Steve Sims

Summarized Secretary's Report By Steve Sims, Secretary

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

In May, we had a business meeting to discuss what needed to be done to advance our Cemetery projects. At this meeting, the Cemetery Stone cleaning workshop was announced and all were invited to participate.

In June, Karen Zach spoke and gave us multiple quiz questions about small towns in Montgomery County, since it was established. We were amazed by the quantity of towns and the unusual/obscure names of many.



Karen Bazzani Zach



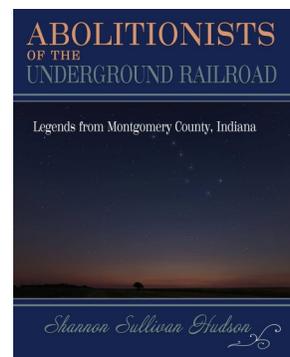
Ron Darrah speaking

In July, Ron Darrah gave a program on Fraternal Orders. He explained where to look for clues for your ancestor's involvement in one and how to find their records.



Congratulations also goes out to member Shannon Hudson on the release of her book about Montgomery County Abolitionists. We have been very fortunate over the years to learn about our local Underground Railroad from Shannon. Now the rest of the world will have the opportunity to enjoy her knowledge.

Shannon Hudson at her talk and book signing at the Carnegie Museum



Pictures from the Stone Cleaning Workshop at Deck Cemetery



Member David Champa led us in the “No Harm” method of cleaning stones.



David Champa



3 Generations of the Simms Family ready for action



Before



During



After

One Fine Family: Fritz Schlemmer



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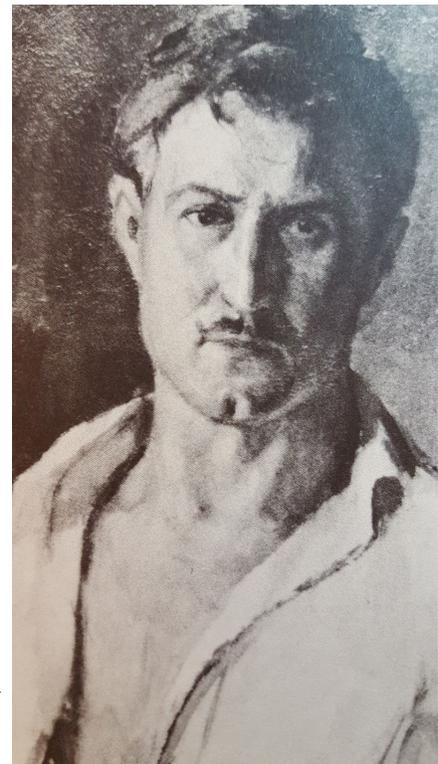
Editor's Note: This is the first of a new series highlighting notable Montgomery County Families written by Karen Bazzani Zach. This article was first featured on the INGenWeb site for Montgomery County that is populated thanks in big part to Karen's efforts. Thank you, Karen for your love of genealogy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

You can find this and other interesting information about Montgomery County at: The INGenWeb Project, Copyright ©1997-2017 (and beyond), Montgomery County GenWeb site <http://www.ingenweb.org/inmontgomery/>

Otto SCHLEMMER came to America from Aachen, Germany just in time for the Civil War. He saw his duty, though and served in Capt. Bard's Independent Company of Ohio Volunteers in 1862. He was definitely married three times (possibly a fourth, in Germany, 11 April 1863 to Susana Louisa GOEBELS) first to a Bertha. At his death, his wife, Louise (MILLER) received a pension for his service in the Civil War. They were married in Senaca County Ohio on the 21 January 1891 by Rev. Rust. Otto was also definitely married to Carrie KRAUS (born 29 May 1845) who passed away 13 December 1889. He and Caroline had also married in Senaca County 3 November 1868.

Otto Phillip Julius was born 8 March 1842 in Waldmoor, Bayern, Germany, the son of Philip Christian and Maria Charlotte (BERNHARD) SCHLEMMER. He came to America in April of 1860 and lived in Cincinnati and Crawfordsville, having been naturalized 7 October 1867 in Hamilton County, Ohio. Otto made at least one trip back to the old country. First, he went to Ohio, then later to Crawfordsville. When he returned back to Germany, he was listed as a "Liquor Dealer," and was accompanied by his daughter for several weeks before their return. On his passport, he was described as 5'11" tall, having a prominent forehead, brown eyes, an "ordinary" nose, firm mouth, prominent chin, dark hair, dark complexion and an "open face." In Crawfordsville, he owned a saloon and passed away 29 Dec 1915 in Crawfordsville.

His son, Ferdinand Louis, "Fritz" was born in Crawfordsville 26 September 1892. World reknowned as an Artist, Fritz had so many other talents. A graduate of Crawfordsville High School, he also spent a year at Wabash where he played basketball on a team that lost but one game, that one nothing to do with Fritz. He was on the floor ready to play when his Chemistry professor jerked him off the floor because his Chemistry work was not up to date. His athletic career was broken, so off Fritz went to Art school in Chicago where he won a scholarship. Four years as a student and two as an instructor was spent at the Chicago Art Institute. To keep his body sharp, he swam on the Illinois Athletic Club team.



Fritz Schlemmer

Fritz had only two full siblings, sisters, Hildegard and Emily, but there were also Caroline; Lottie; Albert Carl; Bill and George, possibly more but all I could find (these all by his father with three wives).

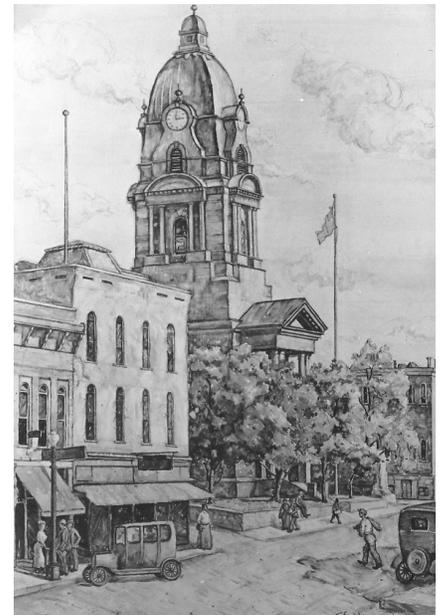
As a commissioned 1st Lt. in the US Army, he served with the 89th Division in France. He was division Camouflage Officer during the Argonne Campaign. After service, he stayed in France where he studied, returning to the USA in 1919 where he served a tutelage under Charles W. Hawthorne, a portrait artist in the Cape Cod area. During this time he spent winters in Florida painting portraits of some high-society folks. He supposedly married a promising actress but it was a marriage short-lived and very bitter.

In 1925, he returned to his hometown, embittered by "Rich people who treat you like a servant." His first business was to establish a studio, and he found a sweet-smelling one over Ecker's Bakery on East Main. While here, he met his future wife, Bernice DEANE who worked at Bischof's Department store. Fritz taught classes and began painting Crawfordsville scenes. The one below of the court house is my personal (kbz) favorite rendition of all those of our beautiful central government office.

He and Bernice would have one daughter, Beverly. Bernice later co-owned the famous dress shop downtown Crawfordsville called Fanny-Bees. Several local artists were students of Fritz (Helen Collar, Lee Detchon, Peg Shearer). His career was a good one, landing him local commissions for murals for the new Culver Hospital, the City Building and he also judged at art competitions. He won the WPA mural contest for the new Post Office which helped him financially as the 30s were hard times. In 1939, he became Wabash College's first Artist-in-Residence. His studio was at Peck Hall and he continued giving classes, even having women as students which raised some eyebrows at the all male college. Sometime in the 40s, Fritz moved in to Yandes Hall, upstairs giving such wonderful light.

Tom Cooksey in 1944 sent a V-mail to Fritz, noting that he spent many wonderful carefree days in Fritz's studio. As Fritz "loafed with the boys or men of the community", he tied fishing fly's so he made a bit of extra money selling them, which by the way, were beautifully made. His painting suffered when he developed a disease of the adrenal glands. He was working on a portrait, complete except for the background of Bill Collar and had just completed one of Ann Collar when he was forced to cease work.

Fritz passed away at the age of 54 on 21 March 1947 at 8:15 a.m. in Culver Hospital of Addison's Disease which he had suffered from for a total of 16 years. He was "typified as honest, stubborn, curious and reflective." He requested his ashes be scattered over the streams where he had fished. God Rest your Soul, Fritz Schlemmer, one of Crawfordsville's most impressive sons !



“No man has a right in America to treat any other man tolerantly,
for tolerance is the assumption of superiority.
Our liberties are equal rights for every citizen.”

Wendell L. Willkie (1892-1944) born in Elwood, Indiana - business executive,
lawyer and Republican Presidential candidate in 1940



Linda
Templin

Mentoring a 4H Genealogist

On February 27, 2015, our Genealogy Club hosted and sponsored our first 4-H After-Hours Genealogy Research Workshop at CDPL. As I was walking towards the library just before closing time on that Friday early evening, I saw this adult woman and a little girl also walking towards the library. Since the library was about to close to the general public, I assumed they were coming to our 4-H workshop. I asked them if they were going to the 4-H meeting, and they said, "Yes." I said, "I'm going there too. Follow me."

As we entered the Donnelly Room in the basement of the library, the three of us sat together at one of the tables. We introduced ourselves. The little girl was Taylor Krout and her grandmother Teresa Largent. Taylor, age nine, was interested in doing a Genealogy Project for 4-H. She had no idea of what was involved in such a project. In fact, just a few weeks earlier when she was looking at all the projects 4-H offers, she asked her Grandmother Teresa, "What is Genealogy?" Teresa told her, "Genealogy is researching and finding information about your ancestors." Taylor was interested in learning more about her ancestors, so she signed up for Genealogy. That night Club members were paired up with the 4-H members and their adult partner. I stayed with Taylor and Teresa and became her mentor. That was the budding of a new genealogist!

At that first meeting, the 4-H members and their accompanying adults, listened to a presentation by Genealogist Barb Taylor about a 4-H Genealogy Project. Barb talked about what was involved in doing such a project, gave them tips about how to present their project, and gave them pointers she had learned by having been a 4-H judge of Genealogy Projects. She also shared a Genealogy Project (Binder) that a member of her family had done and had won Grand Champion with it. Taylor absorbed everything like a sponge. She was a genealogist in the making! The 4-H members and their adults were divided into three groups. These three groups rotated through presentations on (1) how to find local records and databases in the local history department at the library, (2) how to find newspaper articles on microfilm and how to use the microfilm reader machine, and (3) how to access and use the computer at the library and how to access 4-H website and the Ancestry.com library version. The 4-H members also received their 4-H Genealogy Project Booklet for the first time. Now they were ready to start their projects. They were free to use any of the resources in the local history department.

Where to start?? Since I was paired with Taylor and Teresa, I took them to a table and we started to review the 4-H Genealogy Project Booklet they had just received. [I had gone online to the 4-H website prior to the meeting and had read about all the requirements for the various Divisions.] We reviewed what information they would need for Division I. Taylor would need to research information about herself, her parents, and her four grandparents. She would need birth certificates, marriage records, death records, newspaper articles – especially obituaries, pictures, information about special events. She would have to go online and use 4-H

genealogy PDF forms for pedigree charts, family group charts, an introduction sheet, information worksheets, diary of her work, and record of citations. All ancestors had to be numbered on the pedigree charts, and that number had to be attached to all information, records, and pictures of each ancestor to properly identify them. Next we went to the computer to the 4-H website and printed the required PDF forms for beginning worksheets. While online, I showed them the judge's scoring sheet that would be used to judge her genealogy project at the county fair. Eventually all the handwritten information on her worksheets would have to be typed on the PDF forms and printed out and placed into her Division I Binders. My tip was re-read and re-read all the guidelines for Division I, and follow them to the tee; because any variation will be judged against you. Next, with Grandma's help Taylor wrote the names of herself, parents, and grandparents on the Pedigree Chart. Since most of these ancestors lived locally, they would need to search the library's database for local newspaper for information about these ancestors. Once they had dates for newspaper articles, they could then search the microfilm and print articles from the newspaper using the microfilm reader machine. I advised that they prepare this list prior to next month's meeting to save time.

On March 27, 2015, we hosted our second 4-H After-Hours Genealogy Research Workshop at CDPL. By this time, Taylor and Teresa had made a list of local newspaper articles that they wanted to find on microfilm. They had started a list of vital records that they would have to request by mail or in person. They planned to go to Lafayette and Indianapolis on Spring Break from school to get as many of these official vital records that they could get. While at this meeting they started finding articles on microfilm. Taylor became a pro in operating the microfilm reader machine.



Linda, Teresa and Taylor at one of the first 4H After Hours Programs

Taylor and her Grandma continued to research and find lots of information about Taylor's ancestors. Grandma helped Taylor to purchase her binders and supplies she needed. They made copies of all the official vital records they had obtained. After typing the information onto the PDF forms and printing them, Taylor arranged all her records, articles, pictures, etc. into the required binders. I had not seen the final project when it went to the Montgomery County Fair. I was so proud of Taylor when I learned she had won Grand Champion in Division I and would be taking her Genealogy Project to the Indiana State Fair. At the Indiana State Fair she won a Blue Ribbon and also an Honorable Mention Ribbon. This new Genealogist was flying high!!

On February 19, 2016, I again met Taylor and Teresa at our first 4-H workshop for the second year. Taylor had enrolled into Genealogy Division II. For her project for this year/division she would have to add her eight great-grandparents to her binders. Once again she would need the same type of records -- pedigree charts, family group charts, vital records, information worksheets, new introduction sheet, diary of her work, newspaper articles, pictures, and record of citations. Believe it or not, she already had a list of newspaper articles to find on microfilm. Taylor and Teresa shared their ideas with me. She had learned well and was on her way into her Division II Project.

On March 18, 2016, Taylor and Teresa attended our second 4-H workshop for the second year. They had learned that at these workshops they could print for free - Continued on Page 10 -

Expanding our Collection



Dellie Craig,
Local History
Assistant

Dave STEPHENS recently donated a picture painted by Paul PERKINS around 1960. Paul was the talented neighbor of Dave's parents, Bob and Micki STEPHENS. Dave's parents hired Paul to paint Sperry Mill as an anniversary gift for Dave's grandparents, Otis and Elsie STEPHENS. Otis had fond memories of Sperry Mill and had clipped an Indianapolis Star article about it in 1942, before it was demolished. The article included a drawing of the mill, which Paul used to create the painting, along with his own memories. Dave wrote that he donated the painting on behalf of the Stephens and Perkins family so the Crawfordsville Community could enjoy this early piece of Crawfordsville history. Thank you Dave for your donation.



Kim and Dave Stephens
with the donated
Sperry Mill painting



Donna SHORT SELF from Grants Pass, Oregon (originally from Fountain County), was visiting CDPL to research several family lines. While here she shared 4 Bibles to scan for our Family Bible Database. ANDERSON, GENTRY, STRAUSS and WEBER families will be added to the database.

Janice DARK ELKONIAK from Delaware (originally from Fountain County) was researching her SHOEMAKER line at CDPL recently. She found new information on her family. Janice is hoping with the aid of this research to become a DAR member through Simon SHOEMAKER.



Lowell SCOTT and his wife, from California, visited CDPL to research the Augustus SCOTT family of Montgomery County, IN. They called ahead and we were able to locate a lot of good information and original documents for them. They let us know that they tried to go to St John's Episcopal Church for more information, but it was closed. They were thrilled to learn that our archives contains the original record books from the church. We were able to give them copies of the church records they were seeking.





The Remley Family Collection is the largest local collection of original artifacts relating to pioneers in Montgomery County. The collection was donated by Dave Remley in 2014. Dave's ancestors, John and Sarah (McCain) Remley were early settlers near Crawfordsville, arriving permanently in Montgomery County in 1825.

To learn more about the collection go to: <http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/services/reference/remley>

John Remley's antique muzzle loader, a Scott, W.C. Ltd product made in Birmingham, England, is part of the collection. The Scott company produced guns from 1835-1890. The gun has been extensively repaired after much hard use. This gun was used by John's wife, Sarah, when an Indian came around the farm.



Recently, Remley Family members have visited CDPL to study the family artifacts. Shown above is Michael Nash, his wife, Julia (Remley) Nash and daughter, Sarah Nash. Julia is the daughter of Bob and Jeri Remley, granddaughter of Walter Remley, great granddaughter of Fred Remley and great-great granddaughter of Ambrose Remley. Shown left is Samuel Scott, grandson of Nancy Linville and great-great grandson of Sally (Remley) Herr.

Cheryl Eastwood (mother) and Diana Prigger (daughter) were at CDPL researching their ancestor, Enoch Vancleave for two days recently. They called before arriving so we were able to locate several original documents in the archives to help with their search.



Mentoring a 4H Genealogist—Continued

what information they had found and needed. They were working together as a team. Teresa was helping Taylor search the library online databases for microfilm articles. Then Taylor would get the microfilm, read it and print it off. They had learned how to make the best use of their time, and they were well organized. I was now a mentor in encouragement and support only. They needed very little direct guidance from me. Grandma Teresa was becoming a genealogist too.

Once again Taylor and Teresa made trips to Lafayette and Indianapolis for copies of vital records. They were making trips to cemeteries and taking pictures of tombstones of deceased ancestors. She was interviewing ancestors who lived out of state. These ancestors were becoming real to her from all the stories she was hearing. Once all the PDF forms were typed, Taylor again arranged her Genealogy Division II Binders. She took her Division II Binders to the Montgomery County Fair and again won Grand Champion. She won a Blue Ribbon at the Indiana State Fair. She was no longer a “newbie genealogist.” She had learned so much in two years.

On February 24, 2017 and again on March 24, 2017, Taylor and Teresa attended the club’s third year of 4-H After-Hours Genealogy Research Workshops. This year she had to add sixteen great-great grandparents. [Just a Note: the first year she had to research 7 people; the second year 8 people. This third year was now up to 16 people.] Once again she would have to get the same types of records on her fifth generation ancestors. This was requiring more in depth researching, and travel and legwork to many cemeteries. Pictures were becoming harder to obtain. Again she was talking to cousins she didn’t even know. Many of her family members have been very helpful in sharing what pictures and information they have. When they heard about Taylor’s 4-H Genealogy Project and how successful she has been, they were all willing to share with her whatever they had that she could use. In addition this year, the 4-H program made changes in how the Binders were to be arranged. She had already started arranging her binders the same way as the two previous years. At the February meeting she learned about the binders format changes, and had to start over in re-arranging her binders. This added extra work she had to do for her Division III Genealogy Project, but she was determined to do her best and follow the 4-H requirements. I am very proud to say that Taylor once again won Grand Champion for Division III at the county fair this year, and is on her way to the Indiana State Fair. I’m sure she will do well at the state fair. Another thing Taylor experienced this year was attending the open judging at the county fair. They learned from the judge’s comments on all the genealogy projects. Taylor was able to talk directly with the judge and answer the judge’s questions about her project. She was very interested in the judge’s comments about the upper division projects and learned some tips.

Taylor has already started researching for her sixth generation of 32 great-great-great grandparents. She plans on doing Genealogy Division IV for the 2018 Montgomery County Fair. She is truly a Champion Genealogist!! She no longer needs me as a mentor, but we have become friends and I am proud and supportive of her all the way.

When talking with Taylor and Teresa about their experience with the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, they both gave their praises for all the help the club has been to them and to 4-H members doing a Genealogy Project. They both expressed encouragement to other 4-H members interested in doing a Genealogy Project to take advantage of this opportunity that the Genealogy Club is providing. It is “priceless.” They also encourage 4-H members to take advantage of the Open Judging of the Genealogy Projects at the county fair. As of this year Taylor and Teresa have become members of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County. Taylor is the youngest member at age 11. The oldest club member is 97. Genealogy has no age barriers and is fun for all.

Good Luck, Taylor!! We’ll see you at our club meetings and again next year in 4-H.

Upcoming events

September 9, 2017—10am-noon

Genealogy 101: Jumpstarting Effective Genealogy Research, Indiana History Center, Indianapolis. \$20/\$15 members Pre-registration required. additional information at www.indianahistory.org

September 11, 2017—6pm

Genealogy Club Annual Dinner Meeting and Program about the History of Crawfordsville—Reservations required

October 10, 2017—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting

October 14, 2017—1-3pm

Gravestone Secrets: A Cemetery Hunt for Kids, Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis. Free - Pre-registration encouraged. Additional information at www.indianahistory.org

October 27, 2017—5-9pm

After Hours Program at CDPL

November 4, 2017—7:30am-6pm

Family History Research Trip to Allen County Public Library, departs from Indiana History Center, Indianapolis. \$125/\$75 members Pre-registration required. Additional information at www.indianahistory.org

November 14, 2017—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting—Refreshments:

All articles and other submissions for the November newsletter must be emailed to judikleine@gmail.com by October 27, 2017



Participants of the Stone Cleaning Workshop are invited to check out one of our kits from Dellie at the CDPL Local History Department. The kit includes a 2 gallon sprayer for water, a bottle of D2, gloves, assorted brushes and rags all in a handy crate.

The Annual Phelps Reunion is being held 10 Sept 2017, noon –4pm, at the Red Bud Inn, Rockville, IN. Anyone related to the Phelps family—no matter the location, line or spelling are welcome to attend. Bring a covered dish, table service, photos, stories and family information to share.

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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 Find us under the services tab and click on Genealogy Club of Montgomery County

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