Genealogy Club of Montgomery County IN Corporation

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

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Roots and Branches

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County is pleased to announce the Family Bible Project is now available on the Crawfordsville District Public Library web site at: http://history.cdpl.lib.in.us/bibles.html Records from twenty seven family Bibles have been transcribed and scanned and are searchable by family name. We hope to add more soon. Equipment for the project was purchased with a grant from the Indiana Genealogical Society. Ruth Evans has done most of the transcribing—thank you Ruth and everyone involved with the project. The club has been working on the new database since 2012.

There are no geographic restrictions on Bibles included and we welcome any additional Bibles. If you would like to have the handwritten or other information (Marriages, Births, Deaths, etc.) from your Family Bible included in the database, please scan or copy the title page, the publication date, and the family information. These pages can be brought to a meeting or emailed to the library at gen@cdpl.lib.in.us You can also bring your bible to the library to the Reference Department (2nd floor) and the information can be copied.

Keep up the good work!

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, in an effort to encourage youth to begin the search into their family history, is sponsoring Genealogy workshops for 4H and other youths at the Crawfordsville Public Library during our After Hours Programs. During our January After Hours Program we had one 4Her and her mother join us. They were excited to learn about the resources available locally and encouraged by our help. To find out more information contact Dellie Craig at 765-362-2242 x118 or email: gen@cdpl.lib.in.us

Dian Moore

Summarized Secretary's Report By Dian Moore, Secretary

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Indiana, continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Crawfordsville District Public Library. The Club has 46 members to start 2014. The visitors and new members are welcome at all meetings.

The November meeting program was Steve Thompson speaking on resources of the LDS church and his many contributions to Montgomery County records. There was discussion of how to engage youth members. A proposal for a scholarship died for lack of motion. We decided to go ahead with notification of 4H members of our events.

Joann Spragg and Steve Thompson

The December meeting was our annual Christmas party with a roundtable of Christmas memories.

Brian Smith

In January, Brian Smith spoke on the Oakland Cemetery in Elmdale, the history of the acquisition of land and burials of families, the famous and infamous. It is located where School #4, Bible School, was. Bible school was named for the Bible family.

The Club After Hours Genealogy Research continues quarterly in October, January, April and July. The gatherings are the fourth Friday of the month. To attend you must register with Dellie Craig at the Crawfordsville District Public Library at 765-362-2242 ex 118 by 23 April for Friday, 25 April 2013, and be in the library building before it closes at 5 pm. We first gather in the basement meeting room for a pizza supper. Donations are accepted toward the pizza. After diner the attendees go upstairs to the Local History Department to research. Computers and assistance are available. You may leave at any time before 9 pm.

At the January After Hours Dellie demonstrated the Family Bible project data base. With a few adjustments it went on line 25 January. Great job!

Notes from a Newbie ….

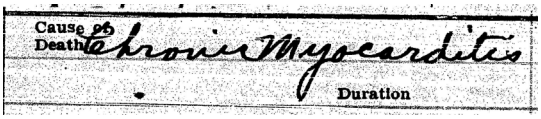
Judi Kleine

I have had a love of family history for as long as I can remember. We had (and still have) yearly reunions and I enjoyed listening to countless stories about my family. I remember my Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and my Mom telling me about multiple siblings, parents and grandparents. There was Grandpa Merve, who died from choking on a chicken bone. Aunt Maxine, who was born at home during the depression as a preemie, was so small her first bed was a shoebox and she was fed with an eyedropper. She was not expected to live long, but she had the family stubbornness and lived to marry and have 9 children of her own. She was a very strong woman. Uncle Bob was a much loved older brother. He was credited to treating his five younger siblings with great love, lots of play and special treats during a time of scarcity. Great-Grandma Rachel Rose, who was noted as a wealthy old lady, was not liked by my mom Rosemary, her namesake, because she was mean to her mother (my grandmother) and left nothing to the struggling family. These are just a few examples of the many stories I heard growing up. In the last few years, I have started pursuing these family stories with facts, actively searching genealogical records for my family. Much to my surprise, I found some contradictory information.

So where does the truth lie?

I have found that sometimes the truth lies somewhere in between the recollections of loved ones and fact. For example, Grandpa Merve is William Mervyin (Mervin) SHELTON. I have located him in the Montgomery County, Indiana 1880, 1900, 1920 and 1930 Census Records. In two of the records it shows he was born in Illinois and the other two shows him born in Kentucky. His marriage record in 1898 shows him born in Kentucky with his mother's name Sallie PICKET. In his brother Due Wayne SHELTON's marriage record in 1901, their mother is named Sarah DICKEY and his 1917 second marriage record lists their mother as Sally DICKIE. Yet both boys and an older brother are shown in the 1880 Census, taken 17 Jun 1880, as living with their father George SHELTON and his wife Mary. I have yet to find Grandpa Merve's birth record or anything on his mother. However, I did find the marriage record for George SHELTON and Mary WILHELM showing they were married on 09 Dec 1880 (almost six months after the census was taken). In 1918, Merve's draft registration card notes that he is short and stout with brown eyes and dark hair. My mother insists he had red hair, maybe it was a dark auburn similar to my mom's. Interesting information since I never met him and it also describes my great uncle Leland Guy SHELTON and my Grandfather Howard Mervyon SHELTON. Other than the fact that they were taller than their father, I am told that these two brothers resembled their father greatly. William Mervyin SHELTON's death record noted that he was born in Kentucky. I am guessing this information was supplied by his wife, because his mother's name is listed as unknown.

The coroner also noted his cause of death to be….



Heart Disease. Grandpa Merve, as Uncle Larry avowed, may not have died from choking on a chicken bone, but there is a possibility that the stress from choking may have caused the heart attack that was inevitable with his medical condition.

So far I have learned….

1. Start with your local library—they have a wealth of information waiting to be uncovered.
2. Check multiple sources and go for first hand accounts as often as possible.
3. "Trust but verify" family stories!
4. Look for your family in multiple locations with multiple name spellings.
5. Check local newspapers, their information may be all you can find or set you on the right path.
6. I have a long way to go in this journey!! Enjoy the ride!

I will be adding more family information in future newsletters in my Notes from a Newbie articles.

"Words, once they are printed, have a life of their own." Carol Burnett

GENEALOGY CLUB OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA NAMES BEING RESEARCHED-REVISED JANUARY 15, 2014

Last name	First Name	Family/Families of interest
Airhart	Robert L.	Airhart, Bowman, Loop, Whitecotton
Aker	Helen	Hatton, Steele, Utterback, Kerr, Enrie, Weeks, Rockwell, Buck, Steele, Long, Hussey
Alward	Bill	Alward, Evasn, Cox. Haldeman
Arnold	Bud	Arnold, Veatch, Dillow
Ballard	Thresa	Charity, Farnsworth, Smith
Bever	Joyce L.	Linn, Patterson, Cope, Gillis, Lehman, Kersey, Ward, Brown, VanHook, Maupin, Surface
Coons	Philip M.	Coons, Vancleave, Brewer, Stout, Reynolds, Gilliand, Busenbark
Cowan	John D.	Cowan
Craig	Dellie J.	Suiters, Tracey, Clore, Delp, Long, Rodgers
Evans	Ruth	Coats, Kerr, Cade, Rankin, Day, Mann
Evans	Sam	Evans, Davidson, Harsharger, Lankford, Vail, Hampton, Booher
Friederich	Alisyn	Payton(Peyton), Farley, Stump, Reynolds, Rice, Hall, Talbot
Gripp	Denise	Cox, Rhoad(e)s, Milner, Hardesty, Brown, Johnson, Masterson
Hancock	Kimberly A.	McCormick, Gallichan, Dossett, Beal, Jordan, Carter, Utterback, Thomas, Keys, Watson, White, Fruits
Harrison	Kay	Harrison, Barker, Barnes, Gill
Hathaway	Amelia	Kepas, Goth, Hernandez, Flores, Peralta
Harvey	Judy Lynn Thomas	Crane, Overton, Winklepleck, Lee, Kasse, Geroe, Remington
Hill	Dwayne & Marcia	Starnes, Hill, Fuller
Huddleston	Judith	Shoehaker, Shumaker, Shoemaller, Goben
Hooper	John	Kinnett, Hooper, Gwin, Coombe, Ragsdale, Wiatt, Neier
Hutchison	Charlene	Crane, Overton, Winklepleck, Lee, Kasse, Geroe, Remington
Johnson	Michael W.	Kelso, McMains, Hunt, Swisher, Hoffa, Stump, Davis
Jones	Doris	Jones, Applegate, Barth, Canada, Coulter, Champion, Enox, Meadows, Norwood
Kiple	Linda	Alexander, Miller, Groendyke, Graves, Brookshier, Mount
Kleine	Judi	Shelton, Rarig, Rose, Robbins, Woliung, Kleine, Kelly
Klukkert	Christine	Foster, Sphor, Davis, Campbell, Coulter
Krout	Alberta	Nichols, Rhoads, Wilson, Faust, Counts, Beck, Caston, McCoy, Ridenger, Gilkey, Cox, Caster, Thatcher
Krout	Archie D.	Krout, Keller, Weir, Wagoner, Cedars, Stump, Linebaugh, Whitaker, Talbot
Locke	Richard	Milligan, Park
Lowe	Mae	McCollum, Ehrie, Lowe
McCollum	Philip	McCollum, Ehrie, Broderick, Deere
McCorkle	Andrew	McCorkle
Miller	Bob & Susan	Miller, Stucker

Last name	First Name	Family/Families of interest
Minton	Mary C.	Howard, Kelser, Epperson, Lamson
Mitchell	Michael	Embree, Mitchell, Faris, Hitchcock, Bass
Moore	Dian	Moore, Bryant, Cooling, Culver, Martin, Shriver, Towers, Clark, Wheelock, Schweitzer
Money	Mary K.	Foster, Sphor, Davis, Campbell, Coulter
Ratcliff	Ted	Ratcliff, Myers, Holler
Simms	Steve	Simms, Blackford
Scharf	George	Scharf, Pollom, Kitts
Smith	Robert A.	Smith, Johnson, Bruick, Compton, Hankins, Varadi
Spragg	Joann & Michael	Spragg, Kemp, Shoaf, Shuler, Bowman, Bruner, Myers, Hagey, Hutts, Lambdin, Apple, Way,Johnson, Branson, Richardson, Allen, Jett, Lynch
Staggs	Donna L.	Biggers, Bigers, Bigger, Blacketer, Chapman, Staggs, Allgood,Warman, Shipley, Kennard
Stienbuch	Leslie	York, Clark, Bowles
Stieg	Bill	Stieg, Dittberner, Overton, Thomson
Stonebraker	Dustin	Stonebraker, Richey, Whitaker, Agustus, Switzer
Swank	Julia Lee	Swank, Kelley, Adams, Alger
Swanson	Marti	Baldwin, Kirkpatrick, Thomas, Shanklin, Brooks
Templin	Linda L.	Pitstick, Kirsch, Lohr, Gerrick, Templin, Coash
Tilford	William M.	Stingley, Miller, Eads, Gushwa
Waddell	Grace A.	Scots, Leak, McCloud, Cooper, Whisler
Wills	Pat	Rhodes, Pearson, Richardson
Wills	Richard	Wills, Smith, Ferguson, Bagby, Swank, Peed
Wilson	Nelson	Hughes, Arnold, Tout, Wilson, White
Zach	Karen	Barker, Darst, Day, Helms, Lang, Thompson, Morgan, Praul, Smith, VanEtten

Inquires into club member searches should be addressed to:
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Reminder: Judi Kleine is collecting old wedding pictures and marriage information from members for the next newsletter—please submit them at judikleine@gmail.com or bring them to a meeting

All articles and other submissions for the May newsletter must be submitted by April 20, 2014

Dellie Craig, Local History Librarian

Expanding our Collection

In October 2013, Dustin Stonebraker, one of our members, brought in and donated the 2012 Stonebraker Reunion Book. It chronicles the descendants of Charley and Edith **SHIRLEY STONEBRAKER.**

Charley Alvin **STONEBRAKER** was part of the 6th generation of the family to live in Montgomery County and the 3rd generation to be born here. The book is loaded with a lot of old and new photos with very detailed listings of all the people in each photo. Dustin and Lacey **STONEBRAKER** did an fantastic job putting this book together.

Upcoming events

March 11, 2014—7pm
Genealogy Club Meeting
Refreshments provided by Bud Arnold and Dian Moore

March 22, 2014—10am-4pm
Indiana Historical Society Family History Program "Genealogy Online: Productive, Organized and Successful" with Cyndi Ingle, Genealogist and Cyndi's list creator—Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org

April 5, 2014—9am-5pm
Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Conf at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN
Register at www.indgensoc.org/conference

April 8, 2014—7pm
Genealogy Club Meeting
Refreshments provided by Sam and Ruth Evans

April 25, 2014—5-9pm
Free After Hours Program at CDPL
Reservations required by April 23rd
Call 765-362-2242 x118 or email gen@cdpl.lib.in.us

April 26, 2014—10am-noon
Indiana Historical Society Family History Program "Genealogy Research Trips: The Good, Bad and the Ugly" Hear tips on how to plan, things to think about and how to be ready for your next research trip—Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org

April 26, 2014—10am-noon and 1:30-4:30pm
Preservation Week Road Show - FREE Appraisals and Preservation Advice about family photographs, books and documents —Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –call 317/232-1882 to make a reservation

May 13, 2014—7pm
Genealogy Club Meeting
Refreshments provided by Judith Huddleston

May 17, 2014—10am-noon
Indiana Historical Society Family History Program "Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the "Evidence"" This lecture shows how erroneous conclusions can sneak into your research uncontested—Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org

August 1-2, 2014
Midwestern Roots 2014 Conference —Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots

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RIPLEY TOWNSHIP—BELIEVE IT OR NOT
By Dian Moore

Dian Moore

Ripley Township in Montgomery County, Indiana, was created by the County Commissioners on 2 May 1831, from land that had been part of Wayne Township. Like the city of Crawfordsville, the Commissioners' record gave no indication of why the name was chosen. Ripley County, Indiana, is named for Eleazar Wheelock RIPLEY, a War of 1812 general and a relative of mine. So who is Ripley Township named for? In the absence of definitive information I have taken a statistical approach.

A search of Google gave me a list of 17 places in the United State named Ripley and I learned of two more elsewhere during my research. Of the nineteen, nine were named for Eleazar Wheelock RIPLEY. Seven places were not named for my relative and three places did not respond to my request for information or did not know. That is hardly overwhelming evidence. However, of the eight places in the Midwest, six were named after my relative and the source of the other two was unknown. The six places named between 1816 and 1837 were all named for Eleazar Wheelock RIPLEY. Now I was on to a solid trend.

There is no proof, but I believe that Ripley Township, Montgomery County is named for Eleazar Wheelock RIPLEY. Eleazar Wheelock RIPLEY is the grandson of Eleazar WHEELOCK, who founded of Dartmouth College. The son of Sylvanus RIPLEY and Abigail WHEELOCK RIPLEY, Eleazar was born 1782 in Hanover, New Hampshire. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1800. He practiced law in Maine and served in the Massachusetts Legislature. He also organized the 21st United States Infantry Regiment for the War of 1812 and served it as a Lieutenant Colonel. In 1814, he was promoted to Brigadier General of the second brigade which included the 21st Regiment. He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, an early form of the Medal of Honor, but lost a Supreme Court lawsuit over money spent as a Major General. He moved to Louisiana for a career in politics and died there in 1839. He is my first cousin five times removed.

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