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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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Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
We are Making Headlines

The Hoosier Chronicles with an original grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and partnering with the Indiana Historical Society are digitizing historic newspapers for the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). It provides free access to high quality digital images of Indiana's historic newspapers by digitizing the Indiana State Library Newspaper Collection and assisting other organizations in making their collections digitally available. Currently The Hoosier Chronicles have 102,253 issues comprising 777,097 pages online in searchable pdf format with more added monthly. They can be searched by Publication name, Date and County. Local newspapers that are currently available include:

Crawfordsville Record (or Record)

Available online: 8 February 1834—4 June 1836, missing March 1835 issues

New Richmond Record

Available online: 20 September 1900—18 April 1901; 11 July 1912—26 June 1913; 9 July 1914—8 July 1915 (134 issues)

Check out this valuable resource at <https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>

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 January 2016, there are currently 90 Bibles online with more being added every month thanks to an IGS grant and club volunteers. We are on our way to having over 100 bibles available in 2016.



Larry Hathaway

Summarized Secretary's Report By Larry Hathaway, Secretary

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Indiana, continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Crawfordsville District Public Library. The Club currently has 38 paid members. Visitors and new members are welcome to all meetings.

In November, Judge Harry Siamas gave a program on "Sketches of Montgomery County Circuit Court Judges". This very interesting and informative talk gave us a glimpse of our county history.



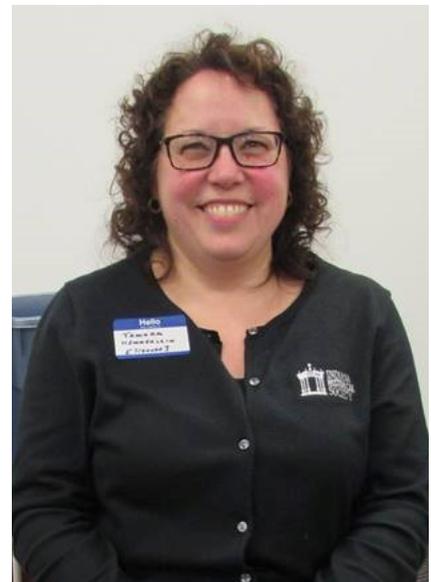
**Judge Harry Siamas
speaking to our group**

In December, we had the club Christmas party and shared Christmas memories.



In January, Tamara Hemmerlein from the Indiana Historical Society spoke on "Preserving your Family History:

Caring for Documents and Photographs" We learned about the proper storage environment for our cherished heirlooms.



Tamara Hemmerlein

Notes from a Newbie...

As a newer member of the genealogy community, I have little experience or knowledge about cemetery preservation. However, this club has a history of preserving cemeteries. Recently, I received a crash course on Montgomery County Cemeteries. With the help of Ted Radcliff and Charlene Hutchison, I wrote some grants so our club can continue saving our cemetery history. Interesting things I found out include:

1. Montgomery County has over 45 Pioneer Cemeteries.
2. Over 30 of the pioneer cemeteries are in poor shape.
3. The majority of the club members who have participated in past cemetery restoration projects are now too old to do the physical part required for the job.



Judi Kleine

As a result, we picked a small cemetery as a training ground. It is time for us “younger” members who want to see our cemeteries preserved to step up and learn how to preserve our cemeteries in a proper way. Our intention is to learn the proper techniques this year and then add a neglected cemetery every year (or two if they are large). During this time, we would like to not only restore the cemeteries, but also locate them with a GPS and attach death and burial records to a new CDPL database for each found grave, if possible. This is an ambitious multi-year (maybe lifetime) project. Are you interested in helping?



Our first cemetery is the Hurd Cemetery, pictured above. The Hurd Cemetery is located in Franklin Township in Montgomery County, SW1/4 of Sec 34, Twp 19N, R3W. It is located on the north side of State Road 32 East of Crawfordsville with a portion (40'x45' +/-) of it moved to accommodate the road. It is a family cemetery having nine names listed on the DAR index with the oldest burial listed as 1886. There are currently eleven stones in the cemetery with only three of them standing and several broken or damaged. Many are leaning against trees. This small cemetery is currently being mowed by a Franklin Township Trustee contractor, however, no other maintenance or protection of the cemetery is present. Our club would like to restore the Hurd Cemetery, probe for additional graves without markers, register it as a Pioneer Cemetery, arrange for a fence to be installed to protect it and have a sign installed. If you want to join us for our training, let us know. We would appreciate any help we can get.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Many of you are changing your email addresses and this address is the best way for the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County to keep in touch. If you have changed your email address since August 1, 2015, please notify Dellie Craig of the change. You can contact her at dellejean@yahoo.com.



Dian Moore

ASSUMPTIONS: Down the Garden Path

Genealogists are warned about making assumptions, but without some assumptions we would be at a standstill. We have mostly dropped the standard of three independent sources for each fact. Too many times source two and three were quoting number one. I prefer the scientific definition of a valid theory: to explain the information you are trying to explain and not violate what you know to be true. Be sure to identify it as a theory.

The two Caleb Culvers on this chart can very easily be assumed to be one person as people submitting genealogies to Family Search and Ancestry have. There are no real discrepancies until marriage and many of our ancestors have multiple marriages. The difference in birth dates is minor especially if only the year is given.

NAME	Caleb Eliakin Culver	Caleb Culver
DOB	7 May 1812	20 Jul 1811
POB	Seneca, Canandaigua Co NY	Canandaigua Co NY
LOCATION 1838	Jackson MI	Jackson MI
DATE OF MARRIAGE	21 Jan 1838	Before 1829
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Jackson Co. MI	
SPOUSE	Abigail Clark d 1905	Maria Rhynes d 1854
DOD	10 Nov 1875	28 MAR 1847
POD	Shopiere, Rock Co., WI	Bur Jackson, Jackson Co., MI

My first cousin alerted me to the mistake. Was our straight laced conservative Congregationalist great great grandfather a bigamist? The submitted records show the right column information through the marriage to Maria and his life, death and burial from the left column. My grandmother grew up near Shopiere and remembered her family and their stories.

Caleb Eliakin CULVER married Abigail CLARK and within two weeks left for Wisconsin with his in-laws where Culvers and Clarks are well documented as some of the very first settlers in the area.

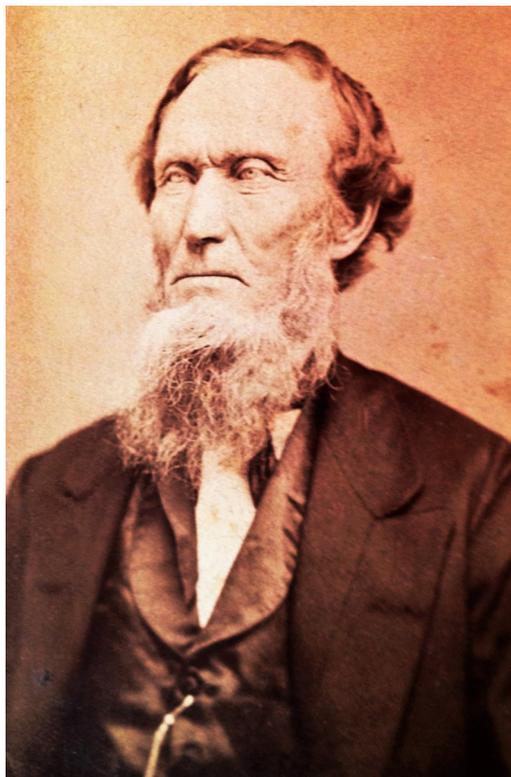
“No man is good for anything who has not some particle of obstinacy to use upon occasion.”
Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) born in Litchfield, Connecticut and had churches in Lawrenceburg and Indianapolis, Indiana, 1837-1847

As I started, some assumptions seemed necessary to make progress. For now, I am assuming that the two Caleb's are first cousins who traveled west from New York together. I have not yet connected either to his father but there is only one Culver family in Canandaigua County NY, they are of the right age to be grandparents and they did have two sons, Caleb and Charles. Caleb Eliakin's first son was Charles.

I also remember the generalities of a false assumption that I made looking for family for a patron. I don't remember specifics so I will make some up. I found the right family in the census with head of household, his wife, a son 22, a daughter 19, a daughter 17, a son 14, 10, 9, a daughter 21, a son 4, a daughter 3. Ten years later I did not find the family except for the by then 14 and 13 year olds who were living with parents of a different name but same first name for the mother. What I had assumed to be a daughter copied out of order was a widowed daughter in law and her two children. More digging found the death of her husband and remarriage.

Picture of Dian's Caleb CULVER—her note stated, "This is the only photo of Caleb I have ever seen. I hope he looked less formable in person."

(Dian, you make me smile! JK)



MISCELLANY—For those wishing to expand their Genealogy knowledge.....

Southern California Genealogical Society offers free educational live webinars on the 1st Saturday 1pm EST and 3rd Wednesday 9pm EST each month. To view archived webinars, you must become a member of their society. Sign up at tinyurl.com/2016-SCGS-Webinars

Illinois State Genealogical Society also offers free educational live webinars monthly. To view archived webinars, you must become a member of their society. Go to ilgensoc.org to explore the webinars and <http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars> to sign up.

The Indiana State Library has access to a variety of unusual records and databases available at the library and on line. Go to www.in.gov/library/databases for more information.



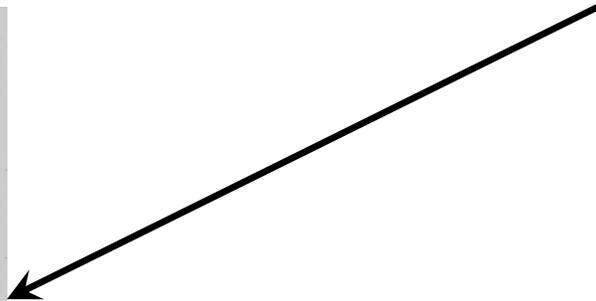
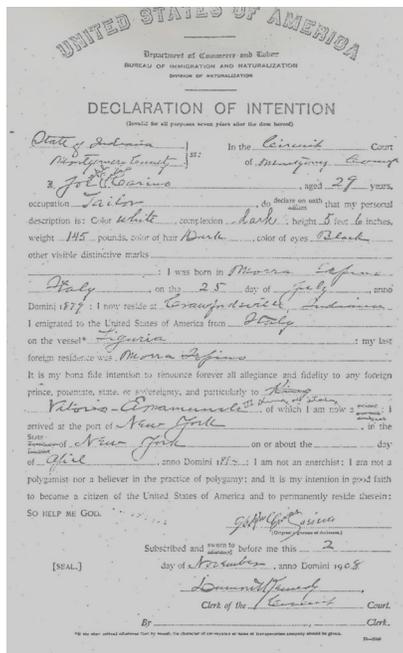
Dellie Craig,
Local History
Librarian

Expanding our Collection

CDPL has a new database for local Naturalizations—find it at history.cdpl.lib.in.us/naturalization



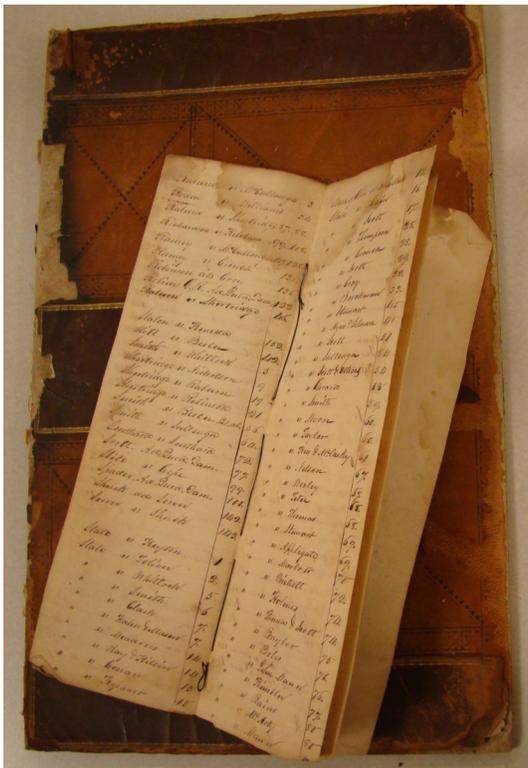
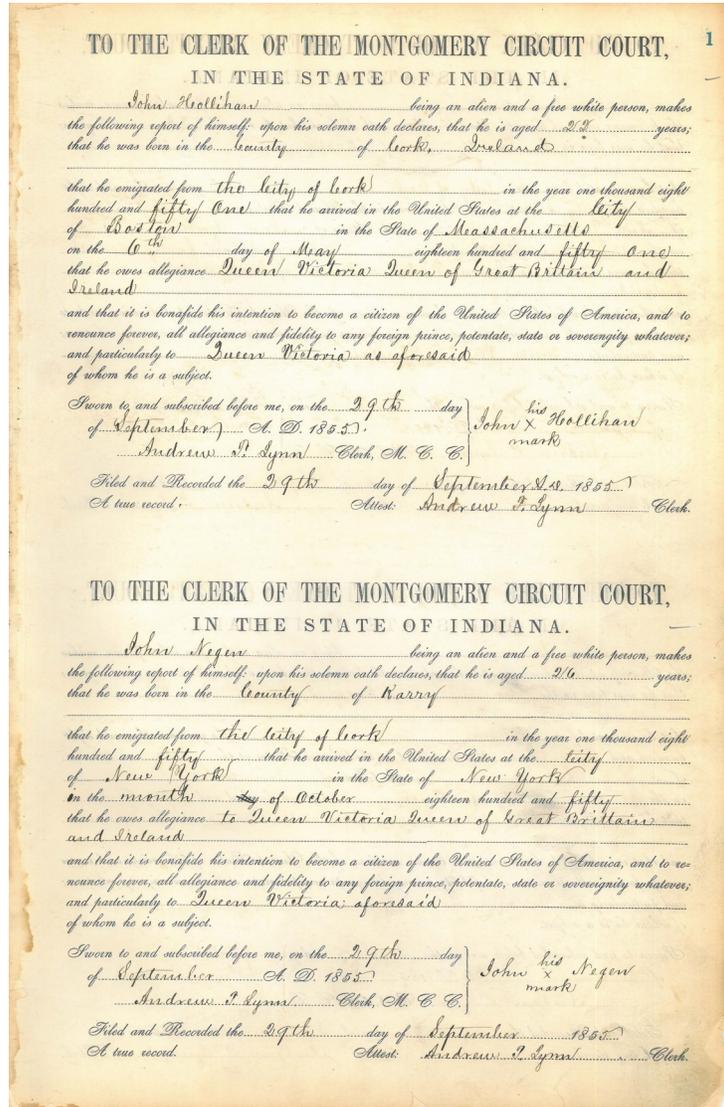
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Carino	Joseph Enrico	Italy	1	part 2	/naturalization/nat01-part2.pdf



Declaration of Intention to become a Naturalized Citizen of Joseph Enrico Carino born in Italy on 25 Jul 1879. In April 1884 he arrived in New York on the vessel Liguria. This was filed on November 1908, at the age of 29, in Crawfordsville, IN. He was a tailor.

The very first two naturalizations listed to the clerk of Montgomery Circuit Court in the State of Indiana was to John Hollihan and John Negen on the 29th September 1855; Andrew T Lynn, clerk.

[naturalization/nat01-001.jpg](#)



Picture of the original Naturalization book cover and index sheets

Queries

My name is Bill Miller - I am researching my great grandfather, Thomas MILLER, who lived in Greencastle during the mid 1800 - he was married to Nancy NEWGENT - had 3 children - remarried to Geneva VAN CLEAVE and had several more children. Nancy was the daughter of John and Margaret NEWGENT and Geneva was the daughter of Thomas VAN CLEAVE. If anyone attending your meeting is familiar with the history of these families, I would appreciate hearing from them. Also has the John and Margaret NEWGENT Family Bible been researched and how can I access that information? I have been unable to find the date of Nancy's death and where she is buried.

My email address is gbmiller@sbcglobal.net and my home telephone is 817-292-4044. Thank you and I appreciate any help I can get.

My name is Allan M. Crane, formerly from Evansville, IN.

I'm researching my family history and have need of assistance in confirming the identity of the Hannah CRANE or CRAIN who married my g-g-grandfather, Joseph B. CRANE in Montgomery County on July 7, 1852 (see: Montgomery County, Indiana, Clerk of the Circuit County, Marriage Records, Grooms, 1823-1860, Book 4, page 441.) Subsequent census' do not show this Hannah living in any of the Joseph B. CRANE households.

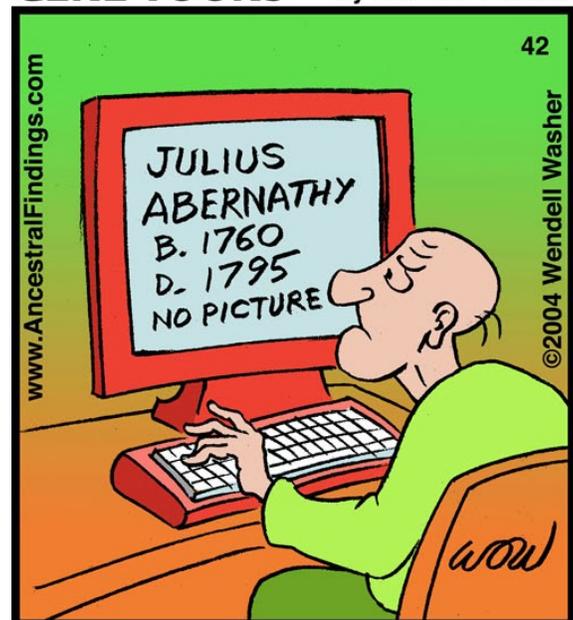
A possibility is that Hannah separated from my g-g-grandfather prior to 1860, and the Hannah A. CRAIN who is the daughter of John B. CRAIN, and married John W GRAHAM 24 Dec. 1866 in Fountain, Indiana, (see: Indiana Marriages, 1811-2007, Fountain Indiana, County Clerk Offices, Indiana) may be the same Hannah that married my g-g-grandfather.

To resolve this I need documentation that I'm unable to find showing that Hannah A. CRAIN was divorced or that her marriage to John W. GRAHAM was a second marriage.

Can you help? I have completed my side of the Crane family history up to my g-g-grandfather Joseph B. CRANE, and will be happy to share with anyone in the GCMC who might be interested.

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GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Fred couldn't understand why Julius didn't even have a snapshot.

Upcoming events

February 20, 2016—10am-noon

Indiana Historical Society program “You Only Have a Death Announcement, Now What?” at the Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org

February 26, 2016—5-9pm

4H Project After Hours Program at CDPL

February 26, 2016—6:30-8:30pm

Indiana Historical Society program “Beginning Genealogy” at the Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org

March 8, 2016—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting—“Buying Central Indiana—The Treaties of the New Purchase of 1818” Jim Swift, Professional Surveyor Refreshments provided by Ted Ramsey and John Hooper

April 2, 2016—10am-noon

Indiana Historical Society program “Indiana Genealogy: The Crossroads to America” at the Indiana History Center, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org

April 12, 2016—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting Refreshments provided by Larry Hathaway, Sam and Ruth Evans

April 16, 2016

Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Conference and Meeting, Fort Wayne, IN Register at www.indgensoc.org/conference

April 22, 2016—5-9pm

Free After Hours Program at CDPL Reservations required by April 20th Call 765-362-2242 x118 or email delliejean@yahoo.com

May 10, 2016—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting—Kat Burkhart speaking on the Indiana Bicentennial Time Capsule Refreshments provided by Nelson Wilson and Bud Arnold

May 20 or May 21, 2016

Basic Cemetery Workshop at Mt. Jackson Cemetery, Indianapolis Instructors: John “Walt” Walters, Jeannie Regan-Dinius and Vincent T. Hernly Cost: \$30, \$25 IHS members (includes lunch) Learn how to identify the different types of stone used to make gravestones and the proper techniques for cleaning, straightening and resetting stones.

Register by May 13 at www.indianahistory.org

June 8, 2016

A Day with John Philip Colletta, Sponsored by the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana and the Allen County Library’s Genealogical Center, Fort Wayne, IN Register at <http://www.acgsi.org/colletta.php>

July 14-16, 2016

Midwestern Roots Conference featuring CeCe Moore, Indianapolis –register at www.indianahistory.org

All articles and other submissions for the May newsletter must be submitted by April 22, 2016

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The annual dues of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County Indiana Inc. for the period October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 were due in September 2015.

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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Family/Families you are researching:

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