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A picture of our little genealogy family, taken in 2019. The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, IN Corp will be in existence for 19 years since it's beginning at the old Carnegie Public Library in March, 2002. A lot has changed in the last 19 years, but one thing remains the same, we are a group of enthusiastic genealogy researchers and historians putting the pieces of our families together, one step at a time. The hope is that we will be able to meet in person before the end of 2021 and we would love to have you join our merry band. Membership information is contained on page 12. In the meantime, remember that it is possible to make a scheduled appointment for research at the Crawfordsville District Public Library for 1—2 people. Contact Dellie at 765-362-2242 or delliejean@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment.



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Visit FACEBOOK to learn about recent Montgomery County Historical Society awards for our own Dellie Craig and Karen Zach.

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.

Summarized Secretary's Report By Steve Simms, Secretary



I have to say, I sure do miss getting together with everyone! I hope you all are doing well and staying safe and I look forward to getting back together again soon.

I wanted to express my condolences on behalf of the Club to Sam EVANS and family on the loss of our good friend and charter member, Ruth COATS EVANS. Ruth was a dynamic member of our Club and she will be missed by all. You will find Ruth's obituary on pages 10 –11.

Steve Simms

On the lighter side of life, another charter member of our Club, Dian MOORE was featured in a January issue of the Journal Review.

"Montgomery County Historian Dian Moore has been reappointed to another three-year term to the Indiana County Historian Program. In 1981, through an effort to improve the historical communication network in the state, the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Historical Bureau established the program. County historians serve as volunteers appointed by the two agencies to promote local history in their counties, connect individuals and groups with history resources, promote collaboration between local history organizations and maintain connections with the historical agencies."

If you don't know
where to start,
START
with yourself.

If you don't know
what records to get,
and how to get them,

** start **
with what you have.

—Boyd K. Packer
thegenealogygirl.wordpress.com

Need some help expanding your genealogy knowledge while you are stuck at home? While it remains closed, The Family History Library in conjunction with Family Search, is offering Classes and Webinars to help. Visit https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars to check out upcoming classes. A few interesting ones include: 17 March—Ireland research (all day), 18 March—US Land Records, 1 April—Hessian Soldiers: How to find them, 23 April—England Research (all day), 26 April—Using DNA to Determine Relationships and break down Brick Walls (all day). The all day series include 20 minute sessions with a 10 minute break before the next one starts. It is a great way to expand your knowledge exponentially. You can also check out recorded past webinars. A recent very good one I attended was on Immigration Records. (JK)

The Family History Library also has Virtual Research Consultations. They are offering a free 20 minute consultation—"We can help with evidence analysis or translation of key words, or we can help identify a good next step. The goal is to empower you in your research journey." Sign up for research help at: <https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/family-history-library-research-consultations>

Ross Brothers and the Civil War

By Karen Zach



**Karen
Bazzani Zach**

The Thomas J.T. ROSS family is one of the most interesting in all of Montgomery County. Not particularly of the earlier families, but still in the mid-1800s. Each and every one of the members of this group was an interesting person, especially two of the brothers who fought in the Civil War.

John, the oldest was early on involved with the protection of our county and country, being in the Wide Awakes (prelim to the Montgomery Guards), serving as their captain while still in his teens. When the first gun was fired during the Civil War, he prepared himself to get involved, loving his home, family, country, and desiring to protect it in any way he possibly could. General Lew WALLACE wrote of John, “the old flag was enough!” Certainly there was no question as to the side the ROSS family took.

John was a member of Lew WALLACE’s famous Montgomery Guard with the largest chunk of this group joining up together as Co I the 11th Indiana Volunteers at the outbreak of the Civil War. ROSS was made Captain when they first went to Paducah, KY. Their march to Fort Henry began their plight, then without rest, they went on to Fort Donelson for battle. On steamboats, they went to Savana, Pittsburg Landing, and Shiloh, which was quite a battle. The 11th moved across to Memphis, then down to Mississippi to Port Hudson and the battle of Champion Hill which led to the great battle of Vicksburg.

After (as quoted from WALLACE’s funeral oration for John) “intolerable service ended in the swamps and bayous of Louisiana, Capt. ROSS and the entire regiment went home on furlough by way of the sea around the keys of Florida to New York, then to Indianapolis in a triumphal march.” Upon their return to the battlefield, they “pursued Jubal EARLY up the Shenandoah, participating in the bloody battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, and Fisher’s Hill.” then the Captain finished-up his service, returning home to Civil life. WALLACE concluded saying, “there is no braver man; he did not know what fear was!”

One of John’s duties as Captain was to send resolutions to the local newspapers when someone passed in battle, due to wounds or disease. He had an impressive way of doing so. In October, 1863, he sent resolutions to the Wabash Express at Terre Haute announcing the death of Capt. Francis G. SCOTT of the 11th. A meeting of the officers produced the resolution that “we deeply deplore the loss of one so long known as an affectionate friend...an all-wise Providence has seen fit to demand this other valued life as a sacrifice to our holy cause...we recognize the patriotic soldier’s death...though far from home and its charms with none but his companions of the camp to sooth his latest moments...yet was cheered by the consciousness of duty faithfully performed and his last words found a ready echo in our hearts that he “lived and died as should a soldier!” Brought tears to my eyes.

It seems that John likely deteriorated in health from there on. However, he did win the nomination for city sheriff in 1868 then served as a detective until his final sickness. His obituary began: “Capt. John W. ROSS, one of our old citizens,” yet he was just 37 years of age. Born March 28, 1839 in Bellefontaine, Ohio, he passed away of consumption on September 4, in 1876 at his parents’ home. He had been sick for a very long time.

Ross Brothers—cont.

By Karen Zach

The Montgomery Guards were in charge of his funeral and complete with their band and many of his comrades, there was a “large procession of citizens (who) wended their way to the Masonic cemetery to pay their last sad tribute of respect to one of their number who had passed through all the vicissitudes of camp life only to fall prey to disease at home.”

The next brother, James R. ROSS was a Colonel at his death and was also born in Bellefontaine on August 6, 1841. He was six when the ROSS family came to Crawfordsville. After receiving his education in the local schools, he clerked in a dry goods store (Campbell & Harter) until he joined up with his brother in Co I, 11th Indiana, both first serving the 100-day service but reenlisting for three more years as much of the company did. After a stay in Chicago, he moved to Indianapolis and went into the wholesale business, plus forever remained in the state military affairs. In fact, in 1885, the Indiana Legion named one of their companies the Ross Guards after the Major. He was also extremely active in the Knights of Pythias uniform rank. His funeral had six military units involved. He is buried in Crown Hill, also still fairly young, passing at age 59 on October 27th in 1900, having been sick with stomach problems for close to a year. After attending a comrade’s funeral, he helped plan his own upon his death bed at his home at 2007 Central Avenue. John never married but James was wed to Thestia “Alice” CRAWFORD of here and they had one son, Fred Trow ROSS, who named one of his son’s after his father.

Much of the Colonel’s military career would be duplicated via his older brother’s, being in the same battles and experiencing the same hardships. There were nine Captains from Crawfordsville in the 11th and it was the first regiment mustered in the state: IC ELSTON; HM CARR; John F CAVIN; CR KELLOGG; JB SIMPSON; DH HILLS; Tom PURSEL; and the ROSS brothers. At James’ funeral, there were two Generals served as active pall bearers, and three as honorary ones. Suffice to say the young ROSS men more than did their part in the Civil War.

Another ROSS brother, Robert, passed in 1909 at age 62 and was an organizer of courts for the Supreme Tribe of Ben Hur. At his death, he had just celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary with Anna GRAHAM and was the father of two children.

Elizabeth, the youngest of the ROSS sisters was ironically hit on Bellefontaine Street in Indianapolis where she was walking home from work on the 4th of February 1914. She was a seamstress, married to Lawrence Thompson WHEELER, mother of Lawrence Ross, Ruth and George Davenport WHEELER, barely grown at the time of her death. Oddly, she was picked up by a neighbor and the man who hit her and rushed to the hospital where she died a few minutes later from a rib that punctured her lung. She was 51 years and 15 days old and is buried in Crown Hill, Indianapolis.



August 10, 1861 Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper lithograph of Wallace and his staff Officers on horseback in West Virginia. One of the officers is likely James Ross (Indiana Historical Society)

Laura, the oldest of the ROSS sisters was married to a doctor, Ervin WRIGHT who was informant on Elizabeth's death record. Laura's death (June 10th, 1917) occurred from Arterial sclerosis and gangrene of her foot. Married over 25 years at her death, they had no children of their own but had some adopted ones.

George ROSS, the youngest brother died in Huntington at his sister Elizabeth's home on December 15th of 1899. He had been sick for over a year with consumption. Just 43 years old, he was single and listed as a "driver" on his death record.

The other brother, Aaron was quite a character, but a hard working one. In 1896, he was working for a man named Henry TOMLINSON. The barn burned one night, destroying two horses which were said to be of great value. TOMLINSON about lost his life in the fire, getting his own three valuable horses out of the burning barn, being badly burned on his head and shoulders. Aaron was hired to care for these horses but was in bed asleep when the fire occurred. His wife awakened him and he went to help; however, after the barn simmered they found two horses left with TOMLINSON by the GOBEN family to care for while they were on a fishing trip. One son was still home and was indicted by the grand jury along with Aaron ROSS as killing the GOBEN horses (one shot and the other's throat cut) and setting the barn ablaze. After poor Aaron spent over a year of his life in limbo due to this indictment, it was discovered that the men who brought the evidence to the grand jury for the arrest were not ever members of the American Detective Association. It was quite an embarrassment to the ADA but what a joy to the ROSS family! He passed away May 8th in 1924 at age 79 years 2 months and 11 days, having been born 27 Feb 1845. He too had intestinal trouble. Wife Phoebe was eleven years older than he, and they had three daughters to grow to adulthood. Married almost 50 years at his death. He was in the newspapers a lot working here and there.

That leaves us the wrap-up to the family, mom and dad. Oh, and besides the children mentioned above there were two daughters who passed away young, Clara and Mary. Thomas J. T. ROSS was married to Hannah RICHIE in Logan County, Ohio 2 June 1838 by Rev. Joseph STEVENSON. He was a teamster, cabinet maker/undertaker and from all indication a fine fellow. A first generation Irishman, Thomas and Hannah (sometimes called Emma also a first generation), after raising the family in Crawfordsville, moved in 1878 to Indianapolis to be around some of the above children. Thomas passed about a week after falling on an Indianapolis street at age 80 on March 3, 1892. Almost all of his family were there to aide in his last illness. He was buried in Oak Hill Grant Avenue.

Sadly, another family tragedy occurred when Hannah was walking near the fairgrounds in Indianapolis and was struck by one of the fairground cars (Ft Wayne Avenue and New Jersey Street). At age 82, and already somewhat feeble, the large cut on her head and just being jarred by the footboard that knocked her to the ground put her in the hospital for quite some time. Thinking that she recovered, she passed away a few months later basically from those injuries.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) took care of her mother. She was brought back to Crawfordsville to be buried in Oak Hill (Grant Avenue) with Thomas.

Certainly, the whole family had tragedies, but also highlights, as well. Thanks to these two sons for their part in keeping America safe in those times!

History remembers only the celebrated, genealogy remembers them all.

— *Laurence Overmire* —

11th Indiana Infantry Regimental History

By Cameron Harsey, University of Indianapolis

There is little that most of us know about the 11th Indiana Infantry Regiment that Karen Zach wrote about when telling us the story of John and James ROSS. Wanting to know a little more about the Regiment, I came across a paper written by Cameron HARSEY outlining the exploits, adventures, and successes of the 11th. It is full of quotes from “primary source accounts” and is a wonderful read. I am including some of it that gives a little more detail about the battles the ROSS brothers were in. You can read this article online in its entirety at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324485944_11th_Indiana_Infantry_Regimental_History. ~Stephanie Simms

“Despite its participation in some of the most iconic battles of the Civil War, the 11th Indiana has received little acclaim. Few to no references have been included in major recollections of major offensives and turning points for the Union.”

“Following the start of the Civil War from the engagement at Fort Sumter, both sides soon began raising volunteer units from the states. In Indiana, the 11th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment was mustered into service on April 25th, 1861 for three months service, with patriotic and enthusiastic Lew WALLACE appointed Colonel. A passionate leader, WALLACE quickly began the process of developing a well-organized and devoted fighting unit. Under his tutelage, the 11th Indiana became the focal point of WALLACE’s patriotic and disciplined approach.”

It is interesting to note WALLACE talk about drilling and seasoning his troops, you will see it mentioned in John ROSS’s obituary from the Crawfordsville Saturday Mercury on the following page. WALLACE said “incessant drilling. Every day, rain or shine, I put my regiment through ten hours. In addition to being taught knowledge of arms, the men had to be seasoned.” Cameron HARSEY says of the 11th, “The application of harsh training was necessary to turn the volunteer force into a hardened military unit and intrigued many observers. Through leadership and managerial skill, Lew WALLACE was able to shape the 11th Indiana into his private unit that displayed remarkable discipline and endurance.”

In talking about some of the first missions WALLACE’s troops faced, HARSEY says “with its first combat mission on the Eastern Front, the 11th bravely charged into Romney, VA on June 13th, facing a well defended opposition from confederate units. Colonel WALLACE finally had an opportunity to show off his tactics and did so brilliantly.” In his memoirs, WALLACE wrote ‘Ordinary infantry, I am confident, could not have crossed without serious disorder. To my Zouaves, it was scarcely an obstruction.’ HARSEY says that “a small victory had provided the perfect outlet in show the 11th was a proud and very capable unit.”

The read is a thrill, check it out to learn more about the ROSS brothers and their service during the Civil WAR.

Currently No Upcoming Events

Obituary for Captain John W ROSS

Civil War Soldier. Member of Co. I, 11th Indiana Infantry. Capt. John W. Ross, one of our old citizens, expired at the residence of his parents on Monday afternoon. The funeral took place on last Wednesday morning, the service being conducted by Rev. LAMONG of the First Presbyterian Church. The arrangements for the funeral were taken in charge by the Montgomery Guards, of which organization he was a member. The funeral was one of the largest that has ever taken place in the city. The following is a sketch of the life of the deceased, written by Gen. Lew WALLACE--

Capt. J W ROSS was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio on the 28th of March 1839 and dying on the 4th of Sept 1876, he lived a few days over 37 years. His was not a long life, but one full of stirring events. It embraced all the years of the rebellion, in which he played a not inconspicuous part. From 1856 to 1861 he was a member of the Montgomery Guards, an organization renowned outside of Indiana - in fact, an historic corps. Availing himself of the opportunity he became a practical soldier. When the first gun was fired in 1861, he prepared to take part in the field. To such a man there could be no question touching the side to take. The old flag was in peril; that was enough. The Montgomery Guards entered the service almost unitedly as Company I, 11th Regiment Indiana Volunteers. Probably no regiment in the Union Army acquired a reputation more decidedly rational. Capt. ROSS followed the company and was made its Capt. while at Paducah, Ky. Stirring service began almost immediately. The march to Ft. Henry was the initiatory movement. Without rest, Ft. Donelson was attacked and captured. Then up the Tenn. in a fleet of steamboats, never anything more beautiful or exciting to Savanna; thence to Pittsburg Landing and Shiloh, memorable as the first decisive duel between the chivalry of the West and South.

Thence the 11th moved across to Memphis then down the Miss. with Grant against Vicksburg. This was to participate in the great days of Port Hudson and Champion Hills, the preliminaries to the conquest of Vicksburg with its garrison of 30,000 rebels. In conclusion of years of marches and battles, NO at last rec'd the weary regiment. Then there was a period of intolerable service ended in the swamps and bayous of Louisiana; at the end of which Capt. ROSS with his entire regiment, veteranized and came home on furlough by way of the sea. Round the Keys of Florida they sailed to NY; from thence they proceeded to Indianapolis in a triumphal march.

At the expiration of the furlough, the Capt. returned with the regiment to New Orleans - there they perfected their drill and were after which sent in hot haste once more round the Keys to Washington. There, under Sheridan they pursued Jubal Early up the Shenandoah; participating in the bloody battle of Winchester, Cedar Creek and Fisher's Hill, the latter the occasion of Sheridan's memorable ride. These victories concluded Capt. ROSS's service. He resigned his commission and came home to civil life. There was no braver man. He did not know what fear was. His courage was only equaled by his love of country. Crawfordsville Saturday Mercury 9 Sept 1876



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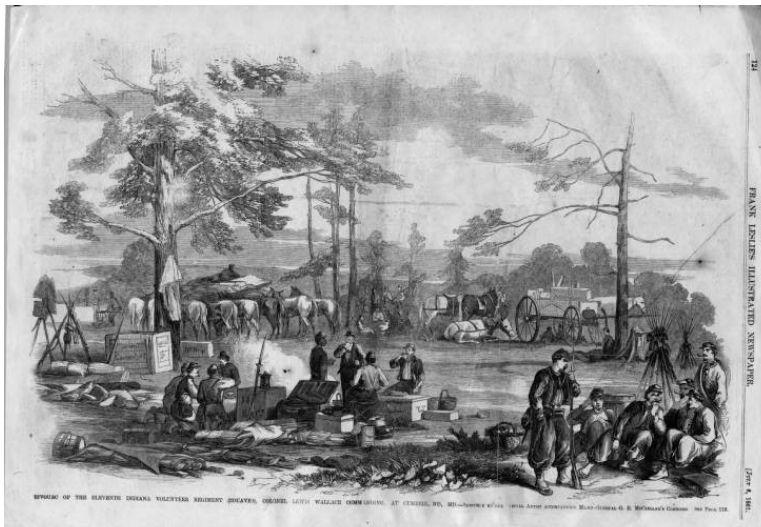
Photos from 11th Indiana Volunteers



Photo by the Library of Congress—Unidentified soldier of the 11th Indiana Infantry Regiment in Zouave uniform with bayoneted musket—between 1861—1865



Joh H HILL, enlisted at age 24 story and picture from <https://familyconnectionsblog.wordpress.com/2016/10/16/11th-indiana-infantry-zouaves/>



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July 6, 1861 Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper lithograph titled Bivouac of the 11th Indiana Volunteer Regiment. An Artist accompanying Major-General G. B. McClellan's command sketched the 11th Indiana while they were in Cumberland, Maryland (Indiana Historical Society)

Library Happenings by Dellie Craig



Dellie Craig

It was my pleasure to meet Robert M DRUCKEMILLER of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio in January of this year. Robert donated a Roster of the 9th Indiana Volunteer Artillery, his ancestor, Thomas SPARK is listed as a Corporal.

Make an appointment to come in and see the Roster in person, Thanks to Robert, we will have a copy in our Marian Morrison Local History Collection Archives.

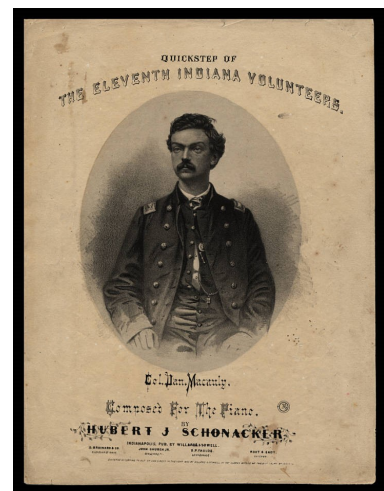
Robert M Druckemiller



Long time GCMCC member, Nancy AIRHART holding *The Bears*. The bears are for children in the hospital who can hold the bear to their chests when they must cough. In addition to *The Bears*, Nancy has made over 100 face masks, and 100s of baby blankets for hospitals and churches. At only 87, Nancy is a marvel. Nancy and her husband, Robert (Bob) are two of our Genealogy Club members from Hawaii. They visited the CDPL while doing family research many years ago and have been members ever since. If you would like to correspond, their email address is airhartbn@gmail.com

Did you know? - The Indiana Historical Society's Collections and Library has extensive Civil War records for Indiana Regiments. In 2011, IHS—began a Researcher's Guide to Civil War Materials in honor of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. The 11th Indiana Infantry Regiment listing shows documents, visual items, letters, regimental history, artifacts, diaries, order book, sheet music, memoirs in the collection.—including the Quickstep of the Eleventh Indiana Volunteers Sheet Music shown here →

All articles and other submissions for the May 2021 newsletter must be emailed to Stephanie Simms at stephief@live.com before the end of April 2021.



In Memory of Ruth Evans



Ruth Irene (COATS) EVANS, 92, formerly of Crawfordsville, Indiana and Morris, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2020 at Westminster Village in West Lafayette, Indiana. She is survived by her husband Samuel EVANS; daughters Rebecca (Eric) GOTTSCHALK and Sarah (Dan) CONNOLLY; grandchildren Meghan GOTTSCHALK, Benjamin CONNOLLY, Samuel CONNOLLY, and Nathaniel CONNOLLY; and siblings Mary Jane (COATS) NICHOLS and John COATS, as well as many extended family members. She was preceded in death by her siblings Lowell COATS and Lillis (COATS) HUNTER.

Born May 6, 1928 in Riverside, Indiana, Ruth was the fourth child of Ezra and Nellie COATS. When Ruth was 2, her family moved to the town of Templeton in central Indiana. Her mother was the town postmistress and librarian, and her father ran a machine shop and gas station. Ruth and her siblings ran wild in that little town and always found ways to entertain themselves. Many of her favorite stories were about the colorful characters who resided in Templeton during her childhood. Ruth attended Otterbein High School and graduated in 1946.

Ruth's parents were firm believers in the benefits of education, so they made sure that all 5 children had the opportunity to go to college. Ruth attended Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Indiana and graduated in 1949. She began her career as a third-grade teacher in Logansport, Indiana, where she taught 18 students in a converted coal bin. The following year, she had a class of 42 students and, at the end of the year, declared that she "would rather dig ditches than teach!"

In the summer of 1952, she traveled via cargo ship to visit her sister Lillis and her husband Chet on a rubber plantation in Liberia, West Africa. She had some amazing adventures during her time there, like taking the wheel of the first plane she had ever flown on! She documented all of her African experiences with pictures, diary entries, and letters home to her family in Indiana.

In 1954, she was shown a newspaper clipping entitled, "AIR FORCE WANTS TEACHERS WITH URGE TO TRAVEL." She signed up and spent a year teaching at Pepperell Air Force Base near St. John's, Newfoundland. Her next assignment was teaching third grade at the US Air Base school in Bordeaux, France. She and her fellow teachers had many memorable experiences while exploring France, Italy, Germany, Spain, England and Switzerland during that exciting year!

After her time in France, she returned to the US and spent several years teaching third grade in West Lafayette, while continuing her master's degree studies at Indiana University. One evening, after staying up all night the night before working on a paper, she was invited out to a party with friends. At the party, she was

introduced to a chatty fellow from South Africa and a quiet fellow named Sam. Amazingly, Sam was the one who called her back! They were married on Dec 30, 1960 and lived in West Lafayette while Sam finished his PhD at Purdue University.



Ruth and Sam moved to Minnesota in 1963 when Sam took a position at the University of Minnesota's West Central Experiment Station in Morris. Their first daughter Rebecca Jane was born on August 23, 1963, and Sarah Elizabeth was born 2 years later on September 21, 1965. Ruth worked as a student teacher evaluator and part time librarian at the WC Experiment Station for 17 years. She was a wonderful mother, always heading up creative projects and lending a hand wherever she was needed. She was a pillar of the Morris community and an active volunteer at the Morris Public Library, as well as a Girl Scout leader, election judge, church leader, and county fair judge. She also participated in the UMM Women's Association, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Homemakers Workshop, Meals on Wheels, Order of the Eastern Star, March of Dimes and many other groups. She was an avid bridge player and hosted many lively bridge parties over the years. Ruth and her family traveled extensively through the United States by car, enjoying the natural beauty and always visiting with friends and family along the way. She rarely lost track of anyone and corresponded for years with people she may have only met once or twice!

After Sam retired from the West Central Experiment Station in 1995, he and Ruth made the decision to move back to Indiana, purchasing a home in Crawfordsville. There, they reconnected with family and friends and enjoyed hosting many of them in their home. Ruth volunteered extensively and served as a historian at the Crawfordsville Public Library, a docent at the Montgomery Historical Society's Lane Place, a founding member of the Genealogy Club, a worker at the Wesley Thrift Shop, and a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church. Sam's retirement allowed more time for travel, and they took cruises to Mexico, through the Panama Canal and Caribbean, had extended tours of Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland and Wales, and attended several Elderhostel programs throughout the United States.

Ruth was an incredible grandmother and loved to tell stories and play games with her four grandchildren. Whenever possible, she and Sam would make it a point to visit them several times a year and be there for important milestones. On more than one occasion, Ruth provided detailed historical information for class projects and research papers and was the subject of at least one grandchild's biography assignment.

Ruth's unbounded enthusiasm and curiosity, lifelong caring for her family and friends, and incredible can-do attitude gave her a most remarkable life. She lived every moment of her 92 years to the fullest, always right in the middle of the action, taking charge of every situation and making new friends wherever she went. She had an unparalleled memory for details and could tell amazing stories about her life's adventures and all the people she met on her journey. She was one of a kind and will be missed dearly by all the people whose lives she touched.

Ruth passed away on Dec 31, 2020, the day after she and Sam celebrated their 60th anniversary. She was buried in a small graveside ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery in Crawfordsville on Jan 12, 2021. A memorial service to celebrate Ruth and her extraordinary life will be held later this year at the First United Methodist Church in Crawfordsville.



2003 Genealogy Club meeting photo of Sam and Ruth Evans

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The annual dues of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County Indiana Inc. for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 are due in September 2020.

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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