



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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Laws Under Which We All Live

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better.. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly

Future Club Program Planning

Subject to change. Watch for posters.

Activities
Chairperson

Ruth Evans,

May 11, 2010

Regular Monthly Meeting ; 7:00 PM

Program:

"Bricks and Brick Making In Early Crawfordsville" by Kat Burkhart,

Curator of the Carnegie Museum of Crawfordsville

June 8, 2010

Regular Monthly Meeting ; 7:00 PM

Program:

Round Table, Volunteer Participation; Ruth Evans, Moderator

"Tell Of Interesting Woman In Your Family History"

July 13, 2010

Regular Monthly Meeting ; 7:00 PM

Program:

"Montgomery County **Murders** Before 1900", by Karen Zach, Genealogist and Teacher at South Montgomery High School

July 23, 2010 3rd 2010 Pizza Supper & After Hours Library Research Meeting, Open To Public; 5:00 PM



August 9, 2010

Regular Monthly Meeting ; 7:00 PM

Program:

"FIND-A-GRAVE ; A Genealogy Program", by Ronald and Marcus Fine



The February, March, and April, 2010, 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. Bob Smith, vice president presided over the February meeting, and Judy Harvey, president, presided over the March and April meetings. The minutes were presented in written form, approved/corrected, and passed. The Treasurer's reports were given.

At the February meeting ten brave members attended in spite of the weather. Dian Moore presented the program "Retrieving and Using information in Personal Ancestor File."

In March the club voted to begin the application process for 501C3 status to become a not-for-profit organization. Ted Ratcliff and Mike Mitchell will complete the forms. It was also decided that the deadline for submitting any articles, pictures, etc. for the quarterly newsletter would be the date of the meeting in the month prior to the due date of the newsletter. If you have a good story about genealogy or your experience with genealogy, please send them to Nelson our publisher of the newsletter. Jim Swift of Crawfordsville presented the program "Grids on the Ground -- Urban Orientation through History"

At the April meeting Judy Harvey reported that twelve 5 generation pedigree charts (vertical format) have been submitted. The goal is to get a pedigree chart from each member. Mike Mitchell reported that the club has forty-five members plus one organization. Bob Smith reported no recommendations for changes in the club's By-Laws. Larry Truitt of Thorntown presented the program "Civil War Cemetery Tours and Genealogy".

The After Hours Workshop continues to occur from 5 to 9 pm on the fourth Friday of January, April, July, and October. To attend you must sign up by the preceding Wednesday. Notify Dellie Craig or Dian Moore at CDPL or by calling them at 765-362-2242, ext 119. You must be inside CDPL before it closes at 5pm. Those attending the workshop first meet in the Donnelley Room for pizza dinner. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of the pizza. After dinner, the attendees are escorted to the local history department to work on genealogy research. Computers are available. Assistance is available if you should need some help finding information, using computer, etc. If you desire to leave before 9pm, you will need to be escorted to an exit door.

More Laws Under Which We All Live

Law of Mechanical Repair - *After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch & you'll have to urgently go to the bathroom.*

Law of Gravity - *Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.*

Law of Probability - *The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.*

Law of Random Numbers - *If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal & someone always answers.*

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - *As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.*

New information added to the library website this month is the Darlington Herald newspaper index for current events and vital statistics for the years of 1934-1936-1941 have been indexed onto computer by Sam Evans, one of our genealogy club members who volunteers in library on this project.

These have then been added to the following databases. To search them go the library website then local history icon. Click on it then search the following:

1) Events: Montgomery County, IN

1973-77, 1990, 1998-2009, 2010 (in progress)

This database indexes the events published in the *Crawfordsville Journal-Review* and the *Darlington Herald* (1934, 1936, 1941, by Sam Evans) Note: The titles of articles were not recorded prior to 2003. Different years were indexed differently, and some variations may occur. (104,198 records)

2) Vital Statistics: Montgomery County, IN

This database index of local newspapers covers 1834-1899 (partial) and 1900 to the present. (305,755 records)

The Crawfordsville District Public Library has announced a price increase for copies ordered via our new fill-out form. Please use the new form and pricing structure that is provided on each separate database at <http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/> after May 1st of this year [2010].

The databases listed below have increased to the following prices:

[\$2 per page requested with a maximum order of 5 pages per each type of copy request.]

Copy Request Types [Databases]

- 1. Marriage Record**
- 2. Events**
- 3. Yearbook**
- 4. Vital Statistics**

(Please do not send multiple requests. Allow us to fill one type of request [up to 5 pages] before you send another.)

And, Some More Laws Under Which We

Law of Physical Surfaces - *The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.*

Law of the Theater & Sports Arena - *At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle always arrive last. They will leave their seats several times to go for food, drink, or the toilet and will leave before the end of the performance or the game. The people in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance or the game. The aisle people will also be very surly folk.*

Law of Logical Argument - *Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.*

Genealogy Club of Montgomery County IN Corp. *A Jewel for Alberta*

by *Alberta Krout*

As members of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County Indiana Corp. I'd like to tell a story of our find in the early stages of the restoration of the O'Neall Cemetery. We are Archie and Alberta Krout, and in the beginning of this restoration, Archie helped pull weeds and cut overgrowth to get the first clearing done. Later on he was physically unable to help, but he loaned tools and items for the restoration.

Finding Gilkey tombstones at O'Neal sparked my interest as my first husband, Norman Nichols, had a grandmother whose name was Gertrude Gilkey McCoy. Also, in 1952 we bought a house on Schenck Road across from Manning Gilkey, who was of our Gilkey family line. All the Manning Gilkey's have died except a son George of Wisconsin. Knowing he had been to our library looking for his Gilkey ancestors, I sent him pictures of the O'Neall cemetery and of the tombstone of Elizabeth Gilkey which showed much needed repair. Bless his heart, he gave the first donation of money to start the restoration work.

Kim Hancock, director of the restoration, and her helpers found stones of many veterans in O'Neall that represented the War of 1812, the Civil War, and the Mexican War. A stone for a John Coleman b. 1842 and d. 1884 was found. He served in Co E of the 150th Indiana Infantry. Guess what, I was just a few days ago putting some of Archie's (my second husband) family papers in order and out jumped the name John Coleman stating he was buried in O'Neall Cemetery. I looked in our Stump family records and found that George Stump and Martha "Pasty" (Talbot) Stump were John Coleman's grand parents. Nancy, the first child of these Stump's was John's mother who had married a Jacob Coleman.

How does this make us happy? The 5th child of this union was a girl, Margaret Ann Stump, who married Levi Buchanan Whitaker, and their 8th child was a girl, Margaret Ann Whitaker, who married William Alva Krout. The 5th child of this marriage was Clarence Alva Krout, the father of Archie. Not knowing until now of the soldier John Coleman, other than that Nancy Stump Coleman was a sister to Margaret Ann Stump Whitaker, no attention had been given to that information, but now we have a find that can be added to our family with the knowledge that we have also taken care of the grave of a relative who fought for us and for our freedom. Archie and I wish to thank all of the workers who helped restore the O'Neall Cemetery and for the Jewel of information we were able to piece together for our family ancestry.

Anderson Query *Can anyone help? Please answer direct via a contact as listed.*

ANDERSON, Addison O., born circa 1842 in Virginia. Parents: **Sydnor B.** and **Susan Green Anderson**. Served in Civil War from 154th Co F IN VOL INF (Boone County).

Married **Caroline Graham** 20 October, 1868, Boone Co, IN. Pension applied for while living in Montgomery Co. at Crawfordsville, IN (1889). Died abt. 27 Aug 1892 at Crawfordsville residence. Buried at Brush Creek Cem., Boone Co., IN. Newspaper item of early Sep 1892 suggests he was married twice. Both wives predeceased him as well as children. His nickname might have been "**Aus**" or "**Oso**". Survivors included a sister **Nancy Crose** of Thorntown and a brother **Sydnor A. Anderson** of Clinton Co., IN. Evidence suggests there may have been one other sister possibly living in Montgomery Co., IN.

Would like to learn his middle name and any connection to **ANDERSON** or another family in Montgomery Co. Will exchange **ANDERSON** information.

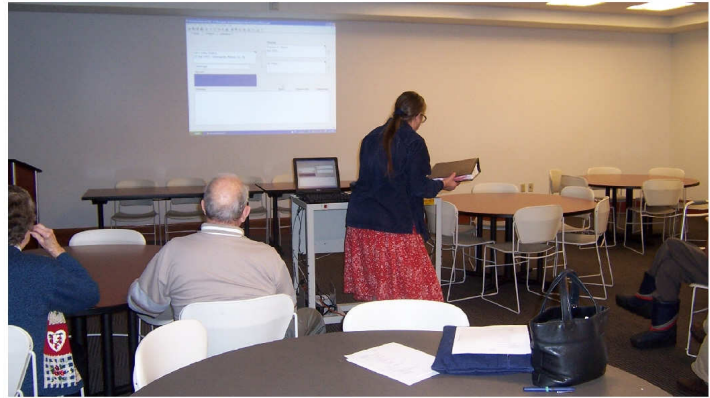
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Dian Moore presented the second of two parts of the genealogical computer use series begun in January. The first part concerned finding and inputting information and this one explaining how to get the information output in usable formats. Due to rapidly deteriorating winter weather conditions the audience was sparse.

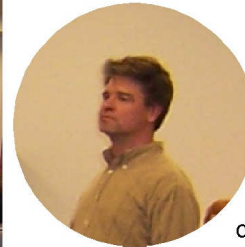
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Printing Reports



March 2010



Jim Swift showed an interesting presentation of arial satellite views of major cities of the United States and of the World with overlays of streets and travelways, both current and distant past , revealing the developing trend thru time to use planned, systematic , rectangular grids to layout and expand urban centers.

Grids on the Ground - Urban Orientation Thru History

April 2010

Civil War Cemetery Tour and Genealogy



Larry Truitt of Thorntown, retired pastor, spoke on the Civil War veteran gravestone restoration project he started in Thorntown on his own, which developed into a living history project as well. He said that as a personal desire to know more about the real lives of the veterans and people buried in the cemetery became stronger, he thought that others might also care more about maintaining the grounds if they could feel that these people were real and alive at one time also. And thus was born the living history tours of that Civil War cemetery. The personal expenses of further restoration have also been lifted thru donations generated by the tours.



LEFT ; At the April Executive Committee Meeting, clockwise from bottom **Newsletter Editor, Nelson Wilson** (blue shirt); **Grant Committee Chairman, Ted Ratclif** (standing); **President, Judy Harvey**; **Secretary, Linda Templin**; **Vice President, Bob Smith**; **Cemetery Committee Rep, Dian Moore**; **Activities Chairperson, Ruth Evans**.



Back ;Mike Mitchell, 2010 Club Treasurer. **Front ; Ted Ratclif**, Chairman of the Grants Committee.

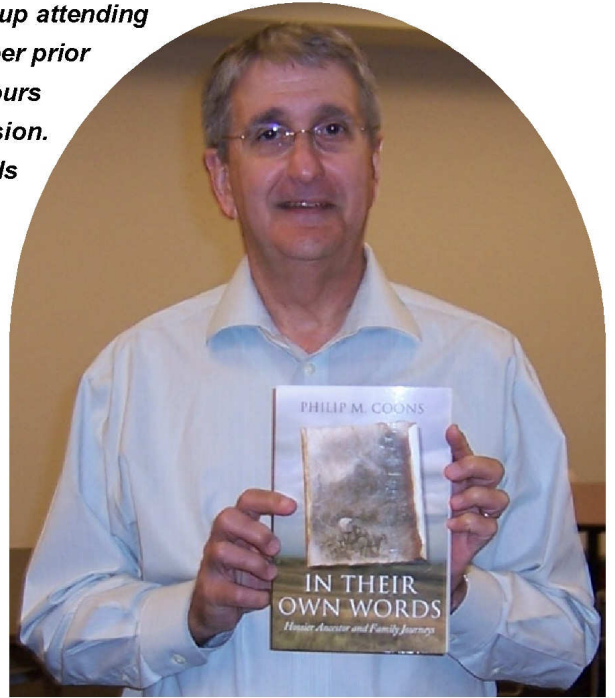


Left, Philip Coons describes his new book to the group attending the pizza supper prior to the after hours research session. Right, he holds a copy which was donated to the CDPL.

Philip said :

Philip M. Coons, M.D.

My new book is titled, "In Their Own Words: Hoosier Ancestor and Family Journeys." Of Montgomery County interest are WWII letters of Harold Coons, letters by Wayne Vancleave from Florida, William Allen's account of driving the Oregon Trail, and Dr. William Edgar Vancleave's work at an Indian hospital in Oklahoma. The book is available at [iUniverse.com](http://iuniverse.com) or Amazon.com. For iUniverse go to: <http://www.iuniverse.com/Bookstore/BookSearchResults.aspx?Search=coons>

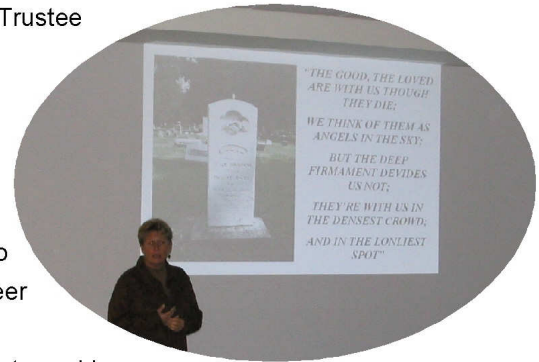


Pictures by: *Dellie Jean Craig*

Union Twp Trustee Open House March 2010



The Union Twp Trustee has engaged a professional cemetery restoration group called Stone Hunters to recover all pioneer and abandoned cemeteries in the township.



The GCMCC was invited to hear the groups founder explain their philosophy, the work they have done elsewhere, how they go about it, the current local progress and future plans for Union Township work.



Pictures by: *Nelson Wilson*
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A Civil War soldier's letter home - - - original by Wm G Keys

Murfreesboro Tennessee May 27 1863

it is with pleasure

Dear wife I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am still well and harty and I sincerly hope those few lines will find you all enjoying the same great blessing well I received a letter from you today dated May the 22 and was truly glad to hear from you but was sorrow to hear of the childrens being sick but I hope by the time this reaches you you will all be well well the babys minature was in it but the ink had stuck to the minature and spoiled the looks of it a great deal but it still shows the little fellow and if was not blotted so it would be very nice but it is some sadisfaction to me anyhow and would be a great deal more if I could get home to see you all but as it is but I hope the time wont be long til we will all get home to our dear wives and children for it is reported that we have taken vicksburg with two hundren thousand prisners and five hundred pieces of cannon and that begin to look like they could not stand up long for we defeat them every fight we have with them well you seam to think it carelessness in me because I dont write oftener but when I tel you the life I live I think you will think different for when I wrote to you before we started out in the afternoon and rode all knight and the next morning we went into camp and I got my breakfast and slep a bout an hour and got up and rode all day a gain and we are scouting nearly all the time but if I could write myself I suppose I might write a little more oftener but when we come into camp the boys have to write themselves and I have to wait till they get done writing and then I get them to write for me and so I dont want you to think hard of me and if you know my circumstances you would think different well the money I sent by Mr. Johnson he lives at Linden and he told me if he has any chance he would send it to you crawfordsville if not he would take it to Crawfordsville and leave it with Mike White I sent fifteen \$15 I could have sent a little more but I stil keep a little by me so that if I can get a furlow I can come home and allow to get a furlow as soon as I can well I am glad to hear that you think thare is a prospect of the church a prospering so well well I dont know as I have anything more to write at present only write soon and often so no more but remain your ever true and faithful husband till death so good bye

William G. Keys
To Esther Keys



William G. Keys with that promised colt navy revolver holstered at his waist . ref. Vol. 6, Iss 4, Aug 2009



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 purports to have been penned by William ; the actual writer is unknown, although it does appear to have been written by a soldier of common schooling for the period. Kim Hancock**

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS In Montgomery County PART 2 of ?



About 6 years ago my husband and I started research in the county for Revolutionary War soldier burials as a personal project for the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) of which my husband Richard Wills is a member, affiliated with the Wm. Henry Harrison Chapter in Lafayette, IN. The overall S.A.R. project is to find, clean and/or repair the old grave stones, or, to have them replaced. As my husband Richard is the only member in Montgomery County, we took this county's project upon ourselves. There are around 135 cemeteries in the county, of which we have visited about 75. We found information on 35 Revolutionary War soldiers reportedly buried in this county and have only found the actual burial sites of 18. They all have been documented on the internet by a S.A.R. member who lives in Scottsburg, IN. Over the next few issues of this newsletter we will be sharing the information about those we have found. *Series Part 1 in Vol 7, Iss. 2, February, 2010*

Right : Pat's husband Richard Wills, an 8th generation grandson of Joseph Alexander.



Samuel Harshbarger

He was born September 19, 1759 in Lancaster County, PA to immigrant parents, his father, Jacob, was Swiss and his mother, Maria, was Italian. The original family name from the ship passenger list was **Hirschberger**. Sometime after he was born, the family moved to Franklin County, PA near Chambersburg. He married Elizabeth Gish in Franklin County and they had 8 children. He served as a Private under Lt. John Stitts, Cumberland Co. PA Militia, 5th Co, 1st Batt, joining in July, 1781. Samuel, his family and his mother moved to Botetourt County, VA in 1792, settling 3 miles north of Roanoke, where he built a substantial home in 1796 and a stone mill a few years later. In the mid 1830's the family moved to Indiana, settling in and near the south border of Montgomery County, where Samuel died March 27, 1849. He is buried in the Old Harshbarger Cemetery, in Scott Twp, Montgomery Co., located 1/2 mile south of the intersection of 1050S and Cornstalk Creek Road. The cemetery is in the middle of a horse pasture on the West side of Cornstalk Creek Road. He has a new stone set next to the old stones of him and his wife. A living descendant, Sam Evans, is a Montgomery Co. resident.

Thomas Mason

Born Dec 16, 1760 in Delaware, he was married to Mary Dawson, April 17, 1794 and they had 10 children. Thomas enlisted under the name of John Rhoades in 1778, serving 1 year under Col. Hall's Regiment, Delaware Line. He was in the battles of Guilford Court House, Camden, and Eutaw Springs. His pension claim was filed in Madison Co., Ky. We don't know exactly when he came to Montgomery Co. IN., possibly just before he died on October 4, 1846, at 74 years of age. He is buried in Old Town Cemetery in Crawfordsville, at the top of Covington Hill. His gravestone is nearly new, placed by the old stone on the north side, and he is also listed on the large war memorial stone in the middle of cemetery.

Lot French

He was born in 1764 in PA. Lot served as a private in the Bedford County, PA Militia. He married Elizabeth Miller in 1784 and there were 7 children listed in his will when he died, in 1828, in Montgomery County. The burial was on old family grounds near the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Grant Street in Crawfordsville. We searched the grounds around there and asked some of the residents next to the cemetery about a family plot somewhere. There is no record of a grave. One of his descendants was Mrs Samuel Kerr, who lived near Waynetown, in Montgomery County, IN.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Membership: New

Membership Class & Fee Schedule :

Renewal

Individual ___ \$10 / yr Family ___ \$25 / yr

Institutional ___ \$15 / yr Business ___ \$50 / yr

Donation for :

Cemetery Project: \$ _____ . 00

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____ . 00

List family/families you are / may be researching :

Research activity: _____

Skills/Experience Assessment

Genealogical records used: _____

Genealogical resources used: _____

Genealogical computer programs used: _____

Other experiences related to local history, church records, cemetery records and/or preservation : _____

Program suggestions : _____

Projects we as a club could do : _____

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