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Roots and Branches

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Saving our Cemeteries One Township at a time and expanding our Local History Resources



The Genealogy Club of Montgomery Co, IN is sponsoring Work Days at the Alamo Cemetery. No experience required. Anyone wishing to help or learn how to clean stones in a way that does not harm them or the Environment is welcome to join us. We will be using D2 (ammonia and water mixture) with soft brushes which is an accepted biologic cleaner by experts in the stone cleaning field. This is the cleaner used at Arlington National Cemetery, the Alamo, etc. You will need to wear old work clothes and bring a lawn chair if you do not want to sit on the grass, drinks/snacks for your nourishment, gloves, eye protection, mask if you have chemical sensitivities, a gallon water jug, and a 5 gallon bucket or old milk crate. We will provide a selection of soft brushes, gallon sprayer for water only, smaller spray bottles for our biological cleaner. Cleaning days at Alamo Cemetery include May 11th and June 1st, 9am-noon Ground Penetrating Radar will be at the Alamo Cemetery on June 15th to locate unmarked gravesites. All are welcome to learn and participate. Contact Judi Kleine at 765-376-9832 or judkleine@gmail.com if you have questions.

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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.



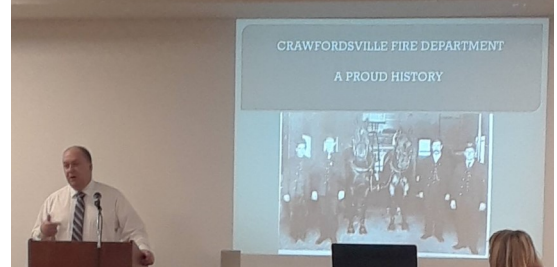
Steve Simms

Summarized Secretary’s Report By Steve Simms, Secretary

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Indiana, continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Crawfordsville District Public Library at 7pm. Visitors and new members are welcome to all meetings.

In February, Crawfordsville Mayor, Todd BARTON was our guest, speaking about the “History of the Crawfordsville Fire Department.”

John Husted, CHS Class of 1960, attended this meeting as a guest of David Champa.



Four additional guests came for the Program because they were related to past Fire Fighters. Sisters Sandy

Ferguson, Sally Thompson and Linda Jones are grandchildren of Fire Fighter Frank Ezra. Jon Jones is the son of Fire Fighter Buck Jones.

In March, Bill HAUSER (member of our club and on the Alamo Cemetery Board) share stories with us about his family, “Alamo and the ELMORE family.”

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! See Bill’s family stories beginning on page 6 of this newsletter.



Jane Elmore, Edith Rush, Dean Rush, Bill Hauser and Bob Elmore



In April, Kurt Homann, Montgomery County Attorney, gave the history of “Some Late Great Lawyers from Montgomery County.” He noted interesting tidbits about those famous and infamous people who practiced law in our county.

What are zinc or white bronze tombstones?



Ruth Coats Evans

Have you ever seen bluish-gray tombstones made of metal in a cemetery and wondered about their history? I have, so I did a bit of research on them. The 'stones' are, for the most part, very well preserved with the information still clearly readable, unlike the natural tombstones standing beside them. Where did they come from and why aren't they on the market today?

These bluish-gray 'stones' were popular during the time period of the 1880's to the early 1900's. They were created to offer a less expensive grave marker than the expensive natural stones made of granite, marble, limestone, etc. They were made of zinc but, because zinc was considered very cheap, they were marketed as 'white bronze' tombstones. Some cemeteries forbid these 'zinc' stones to be placed in their cemeteries.

The process of making the 'stones' was first developed in 1873 by a Mr. M.A. RICHARDSON from Chautauqua, NY. This venture failed so in 1879 the process was sold to a new company, The Monument Bronze Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut. This company diversified the operations and had the original casting being done in Bridgeport with the foundries and assembly plants in Chicago, Des Moines, Detroit, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and St. Thomas, Canada. The 'white bronze' tombstones, markers, monuments, and statutes were sold through catalogues, showrooms, and salesmen.

The 'white bronze' tombstone making process was as follows: (1) an artist created designs and carved them in wax; (2) plaster was poured into the wax mold and formed a plaster cast; (3) a sand mold was created using the plaster cast; (4) the sand cast was poured with liquid zinc; (5) the zinc casted panels were fused together with molten zinc; (6) the assembled fused monuments are sandblasted to create a finish that looked like stone and (7) a secret lacquer was applied as the final step in creating a 'white bronze' tombstone. This chemically oxidized the 'stones' and gave it the bluish gray patina.

Major drawbacks to these hollow zinc 'stones' have been found to be when the zinc screws have been replaced with other metal screws and that screw causes a brown discoloration and when the base begins to bulge due to the heaviness of the upper part. This is called 'creep' and can be aided by reinforcing the inside of the base with a stainless steel framework. Other problems may occur when mowers or other objects run into the 'stone' and break the hollow monument.

Each 'stone' was 'made to order' and the customer had over 500 different monuments from which to choose. First they chose the base and shape of the monument and then, from a wide range of symbols or words, they selected designs or words for the other three panels. On the 4th panel, the purchaser submitted the personal information and any saying or poem they wanted on the panel. The four panels were fused together with molten zinc and screws and secured to the base.



Australian Writer Seeking Webb Mementos



**William
Porter
Webb**

Recently, Genealogy Librarian at CDPL, Delle CRAIG, has been corresponding with Peter BUSKE of Adelaide, South Australia about relatives of his that lived in Yountsville, Montgomery Co, IN.

Dr. William Porter WEBB was a doctor from 1894-1898 in Yountsville. The following is an excerpt from an article written by BUSKE about his relative.

In 1875 Nancy Lavina CAMPBELL — better known as Nannie — and William Porter WEBB were married in Eaton, OH. Young William Alfred WEBB arrived a few years later in May 1878 and, in 1881 his father Porter graduated as a doctor from the Medical School of Ohio in Cincinnati.

As Porter bought a druggist and tried to make it a success, young Webb attended Eaton Primary School (South) in Miriam Tuttle's grade one class. However, the end of the decade saw the end of a marriage: according to family legend Nannie divorced Porter for drunkenness. Nannie and W. A. WEBB headed to Colorado Springs in 1890 and Porter, well he stayed in Eaton and was later arrested and found guilty for his involvement in an illegal abortion that resulted in a local woman's death. This charge was later set aside due to lack of evidence but WEBB still had to endure months in prison. He fled to Chicago where he died in 1898. Nannie and William ended up in Colorado Springs because one of Nannie's brothers — Dr William Armstead CAMPBELL — had just moved there with his family.

<https://www.registerherald.com/top-stories/20203/william-a-webb-eatons-superman>

What we know about William Porter WEBB is that he was born 27 July 1853 in Gasper Township, OH. He passed away 1 February 1898 in Yountsville, IN of Pneumonia. He was 44 years, six months. He was described as being "over six feet high, light curly hair with chin whiskers and moustache" a quote from 'The fall of Doctor Webb' unknown newspaper, dateline Dayton, OH, 26 November 1891.

First wife was Nancy (preferred Nannie) Lavina CAMPBELL, born 1 March 1852, married 22 September 1875, Divorced December 1887. Second wife was Jennie L BROWN, married 24 August 1893. Not much is known of her at this time but that she was a widow of a BROWN. WEBB's mother was Mary Jane BROWN who was related to the BROWNS of Montgomery County.

WEBB's education is not reliably established, one newspaper report suggested he attended common school and then normal school (preparatory for a teaching career). Another news report suggested he taught school for a time. What we do know is that he was a laborer on a family farm in Gasper, OH until early 1870s. He inherited parts of that farm upon the death of his father Abraham in 1873. From the very late 1873 until 1881, he was a student at the Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati, graduating in 1881. This is documented by a professional directory, however, no records have been cited from the College itself to confirm this.

Newspaper reports, over the winter of 1881/82, indicate he attended Bellevue Medical College, New York. This remains unverified (BUSKE has contacted the successive medical school but has received no response).

As a physician, W. Porter WEBB took over a druggist located on the corner of Cherry and Main Streets, Eaton, OH with partner Stephen B COOVER in July, 1882.

In early November, 1883, COOVER abruptly dissolved the partnership in order to take over a grocery store. This placed Porter in sole charge of the pharmacy which quickly collapsed. It appears likely this venture placed Porter under a great deal of financial stress.

From 1884, Porter practiced privately in the area until 1891. Infrequently mentioned in the newspapers of the day providing medical assistance. His skills were infrequently used by the county (coroner's work, expert witness, etc.)

Between 1894 and 1898, he was a physician and surgeon living in Yountsville, Montgomery County, IN. He is believed to have lived in the house next to the parsonage. Although newspapers in OH mentioned him fleeing to Chicago, IL, no evidence has yet been found to substantiate this assertion. This belief, sustained in OH even until WEBB's death, may well be attributed to lazy journalism or a desire for privacy. It is possible he did live in Chicago for a very short period (from his release in Hamilton in mid 1891 until his second marriage in mid-1893).

The doctor's criminal record has been interesting to read as well. In the late 1880', in OH, he was charged in the theft of a pistol.

In November, 1891, WEBB was arrested for an alleged illegal abortion, which resulted in the death of Mrs. Laura KELLY of Eaton, OH. The case was tried in Hamilton, Butler County, as the alleged incident occurred at the Central Hotel in Middleton, OH. Husband Charles KELLY was also charged.

WEBB, who at this time was destitute, could not make bail and resided in the Hamilton Jail. KELLY however, was able to post bail and was never incarcerated. WEBB was found guilty, but no sentence was determined as the case was reviewed and a *nolle prosequi* decision was entered instead (*nolle prosequi* is an abandonment by prosecutor of action). He was released in June 1892.

Charles KELLY's case was never argued as it was stayed by review of WEBB's verdict and was ultimately dropped.

Peter BUSKE lives and writes half a world away in Adelaide, South Australia. From this great distance he is trying to figure out what made WEBB tick and now that you know all about WEBB, you may be able to help. In your attics and front rooms, in the hallway or in photo albums, you may have a memory of William Porter WEBB, his first wife Nannie CAMPBELL, or son William Alfred WEBB (Willie). It could be a postcard, letter, diary or photograph from one of your ancestors who just happened to be Willie WEBB's best friend at school and played hide and seek as the lazy summer sunset, and exchanged snowballs with him in winter. Maybe your family record mentions seeing old Doc WEBB in Yountsville. If you have anything like this and are willing to share it, Peter would be delighted if you contacted him. Reach Peter BUSKE at m.peter.buske@icloud.com.

“If you are lucky enough to be a genealogist, you are lucky enough.”

Ruth Padilla Latin American evangelical theologian

Ripley Township, Alamo, and the Elmore's



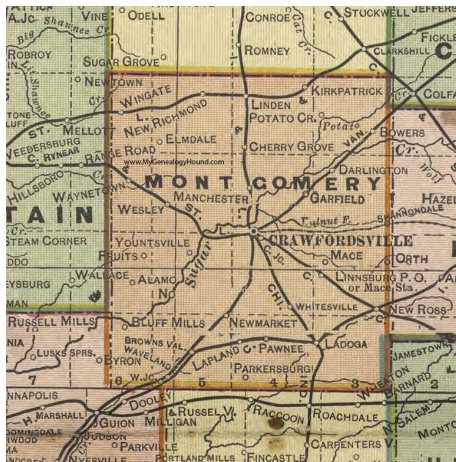
Bill Hauser

Ripley Township was named for Eleazer W. RIPLEY who was a hero of the War of 1812. RIPLEY commanded the 21st Infantry Regulars and took part in several battles. In one of those battles, RIPLEY was wounded. In 1814, he was promoted to Brigadier General and commanded the 2nd Brigade. In September 14, 1814, RIPLEY was wounded again. After the war, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his wartime service. More than likely, the organizer of Montgomery County was probably a veteran and saw RIPLEY as a hero and named this township Ripley.



Brigadier General Eleazer Wheelock RIPLEY Medal
photo provided by
Fusco Auctions

Yountsville Woolen Mill was a very successful business in the 1800's. Also in the SW corner is the northern part of Shades State Park.



My mother, Edith ELMORE, her father, my Grandfather, Albert ELMORE, Albert's father, my great grandfather, James B. ELMORE (farmer, author, & poet—known as the Bard of Alamo); his father, Matthias ELMORE, my great-great grandfather and Matthias' father, Jacob ELMORE all came to Ripley Township in 1825. Jacob was born in South Carolina, and lived in Ohio and Tennessee until 1825. Jacob bought 160 acres in 1826 and lived on that land with his wife Mary McKinsey until they died in 1849 and 1850. Both are buried in Stonebreaker Cemetery.

Jacob and Mary had 4 children: Matthias, Sarah, Thomas, and Appleton. Matthias gave an account of those early years about Ripley township in the Journal newspaper in 1900.

Matthias ELMORE celebrated his 91st birthday Wednesday at his home in Ripley township. Although so old, he is still splendidly preserved, and can see, hear, and work remarkably for his years. He was a caller at the Journal a few days ago and gave the following story of his life here.

I was born in Warren County, OH, September 26, 1809 and I came to this county with my father Jacob ELMORE in 1825, just four years after the first settlement by William OFFIELD. We settled across the creek from OFFIELD's place, near where the Hibernian Mill stands, in that same bottom and you can bet we had a hard time getting along those first few years. Life was no joke then. My father owned 160 acres of land, entering it in old Ripley, and I still own 80 acres of this. We had a hard time at first, as I said, and I remember that for six weeks once we had nothing to eat except potatoes and an occasional half-starved rabbit that we could knock over in the snow. We could have had corn meal, but the creeks were frozen up so that they couldn't grind. I came clear to Crawfordsville to get a bag of corn ground, there being a mill then at the foot of the hill where the Monon station now stands. The hillside was covered with sleet so that I had to slide the sack down, but even then I couldn't get it ground.

I tell you, Crawfordsville wasn't much of a town then, just a few log houses. I remember when it was all woods about here, and all north of Main street was a big deadening, with fallen timber all over it. I was here when they burned it off, and it surely made a grand sight. The first stores were pretty tolerably poor. They didn't have anything in them hardly except a few tools, some ugly prints and a few other things. The sugar was poor and mighty little was sold, because we could make better tree sugar. Whisky was the best thing sold in town by a long shot, and it was not only good but cheap. They don't make such good whisky now.

There were some mighty good men here then and I can remember half a dozen old Revolutionary soldiers. I knew them well, and used to love to listen to their tales of George WASHINGTON with the feather in his cap and his prancing war stud horse. There were SIMMS, WARREN, MILLER, WEIR, FRUITS and some others. Old man FRUITS lived to be way over a hundred years and was a perfect giant of a man. Do I remember the first election at which I voted? Well, I rather guess I do. I wasn't old enough to vote, but I did it anyhow. You see, General JACKSON, the great General JACKSON, was running for President, and I was a great big overgrown boy looking to be twenty-one. I went over to George FRUITS house where the Ripley Township election was and I plunked her straight for Andrew JACKSON. This was in 1828 and I voted for the General again in 1832.

Elections were different from now. At the first election the members of the board sat around in the house watching everything but the ballot box and talking and playing. Old Jim GILKEY was there sitting on a box and he wrote out the ballots with a goose quill pen and pokeberry ink for everyone that came to vote. Jim was powerful handy with his pen and a mighty accommodating man. I wasn't of age the first time I voted but as it was for Andrew JACKSON, I thought it was all right. Later on I went back on the general because he knocked out the United States band, and I turned out to be a Whig, but then I got to be a Democrat again before war times and I'm one now. I'll be one as long as I live unless the Democratic party dies first, and don't you go to calculating on that.

I claim to have been the first banker in Montgomery County and my bank was a hollow beech stump. I was working for twenty-five cents a day and I got my pay every week in silver half dollars. These I tied in an old sock and hid in the stump until I got two hundred of them. Then I bought me a farm. Yes, farms were cheaper then than now because we bought them at the land office.

There were lots of snakes about here and at the old rock meeting house on Sugar Creek (the meeting house is a ledge of rock overhanging Sugar Creek on the Joseph McMAKEN farm) there were thousands of snakes of all kinds that wintered there. From there they crawled out over all the adjoining county in the spring. One spring the farmers all pitched in and hired dare devil Sam HAVENS to go down to the wintering place and kill them as they came out. The first warm day he was there with a long hickory pole and he just mowed them down. I went down one day in a boat and saw piled up on the bank three piles of dead snakes, each pile as big as a large haycock. The snakes were of all kinds, mostly copperheads and rattlers. Sam got a dollar a day for his work, high wages then, but he cleaned the snakes out and some people called him St. Patrick for driving the snakes out of Ripley.

There were many bears about then and I saw one good fight. J. Watson RAMSEY and Miah McKINSEY went after a bear that had crawled in a hole in a big poplar and I went along to see the fun. Miah cut the tree down and it burst open when it fell and the bear walked out. RAMSEY fired but missed and then the dog rushed in. The bear hugged him tight and while it was doing so Miah grabbed up his axe and rushed up. He hit the bear across the back and simply uncoupled him, the axe clean into him and severing the spine. The bear started to run but fell and they killed him. These same fellows were out deer hunting in a boat one night and wounded a big buck that jumped into the dugout and upset it, mighty near drowning both men.

There were Indians here too, and when we first came here there was a little Indians grave down at Indian Ford where they picnic now. It was an odd grave. A big poplar had been cut down and a section cut out. Below this the wood was hollowed out and the dead baby was put in and the section returned, closing the tree trunk. The Indians used to come in big crowds up from about Thorntown down to where Jim HANKINS lives now to make sugar in the spring.

In 1826 I helped make the first road from where Yountsville now is, to Crawfordsville. It is the road used now. I also subscribed to build the Yountsville bridge and got mighty angry when the county gave the Toll company the privilege to use it.

The bridge in Yountsville was a two lane bridge built in 1848 and replaced in 1948 and I had the pleasure of crossing the bridge Matthias talked about back then.



Yountsville Bridge—picture from the Ramsey Archives at Wabash College

Ripley Township, Alamo, and the Elmore's, cont.

In 1852, his first wife having died, Matthias married Mary Ann WILLIS. Her father, Abner WILLIS and her grandfather Benjamin WILLIS had also bought land in Ripley Township from the government land office.

Matthias and Mary Ann had 7 children, the 2nd was James B. ELMORE, my great grandfather, farmer, author, poet. James B. married Mary Ann MURRAY from Missouri. They had 5 kids, Maud died at 13 years old. Then Roscoe, farmer, teacher, and inventor, then Grace, Nora, and Albert, farmer, my grandfather.

Albert married Lula SEITS of Waveland. They had 5 kids. James, Margret, Lemoyne, Edith & Ethel, twins. Albert got the first car and James B. said he was going to kill his family! When Edith, my mother, was 10, Lula her mother, got sick. All 5 kids went to live with James B. (71) and Mary Ann (65), quite a job with 5 teens! Lula died a few months later.

In 1945, my dad took over farming for granddad Albert. Granddad, having free time, bought an airplane. In the 40 acre field in back of our house, he made runways, corner to corner. Dad probably wasn't too happy farming out the triangles.

Albert had to go to Danville, IL to get his pilot license. No other pilots around, he flew himself to Danville. On another day he had been somewhere. We were watching him come in to land. He ran out of runway, turned into plowed ground and turned the plane OVER. Nobody was hurt and just minor damage to the plane.

About the underground railroad. The DUNLAP's north of Alamo, back in the late 1940's or early 50's belonged to Don ELLINGWOOD. I was in that house and saw the wide walls.

I can't talk about Alamo without saying something about the Joe WILLIS monument, located in the Alamo Cemetery. He was a cousin to Mary Ann WILLIS, Matthias' second wife. Joe's body was cremated, per his will, which was not common in those days. It had to be sent to St. Louis at a cost of \$35. The rest of his money was to pay for the monument, \$2,600 for 60 tons of granite. The base is 9'-3" square and it sits on a 5'-0" deep concrete foundation. Brought to Waynetown by railroad and on to Alamo by horses and wagons. It would have been something to see being set up.

And in closing, the 40 acres that Matthias bought from the government, my cousin Bob ELMORE still owns.

Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

~Unknown



Making Connections

NEW MICROFILM ADDED TO CDPL LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Larry HATHAWAY (now retired CDPL Director/member of Genealogy Club) last year heard about Mishawaka Public Library was doing away with their census microfilm. he arranged for us to obtain the microfilm reels. Now our collection has over 600 new reels of census.

In the Microfilm cabinets facing north, we have added:
1790: CT, ME, MD, MS, NH, PA, NC, NY, RI, SC and VT. (Plus 3 reels of supplements).

Indiana: 1820 to 1930 covering every county in the State.
Indiana: 1880 Soundex reels for the entire state.

In the Microfilm cabinets facing west in our Newspaper Section, we now have the following available to view:

CL (Crawfordsville Locomotive June 1853-Apr 1855)
CRC (Crawfordsville Record) 1831-June 1838
MJ (Montgomery Journal) June 1853 – Dec 1856

Robin COON (pictured) became a member of our Genealogy Club and was very impressed with our LH Collection. After returning home to SC, she offered to donate various items to our collection:

Parke Co IN Marriages 1861-1899
Miami Co IN Death Index 1921-1974
White Co IN Marriages 1834-1880,
Wayne Co IN Marriages 1811-1860
Mt Hope Cemetery-Fountain Co IN
Vermillion Co IL Marriage Abstracts 1882-1891
The Hoosier State 1/1/1890-12/30/1891
Vermillion Co IL Marriage Abstracts 1900-1905 Vol. 1 & 2
Vermillion Co IL Marriage Abstracts 1892-1899
Georgetown Cemetery IL Burials 1946-1952.



Robin COON spent two days doing research at CDPL in March. She is related to the FARLEY and WILLIS families.

Danielle NOON wrote the following about her recent trip to Crawfordsville. My great grandmother Charlotte LAWHORN, maiden name McCLAMROCK, was born and raised in Crawfordsville, IN. I have been into ancestry since my late teens, early twenties, and decided to start doing some digging on her side of the family since I was very interested in the Scottish side of my heritage. The items we took pictures of or made copies of have proven to be very helpful in my research, as well as adding to my family tree through ancestry.com. On our visit to Crawfordsville we were also able to also visit the cemetery and find a few headstones of extended family members.



Left to right: Barbara STRATTMAN (my grandmother), Linda YOUNG (my great aunt), me (Danielle NOON—standing in back), and Andrea WOOD (my mother).



Dellie Craig

Making Connections, cont.



Janene SIEBER PARKS

Janene SIEBER PARKS wrote the following about her recent stop in Crawfordsville. On my trek from Iowa to Indianapolis, I decided to stop in Montgomery County to research my PEFFLEY line. As I trolled the Internet I discovered that there is a lot of family and local history information at the Crawfordsville Public Library. So, I decided that would be my first stop. I intended to spend one day researching at the library. Instead, I ended up spending almost two days and I could have spent more time there. When I arrived, Dellie, the local history expert on staff, immediately began helping me locate information on my PEFFLEY's. She whizzed around presenting me with all kinds of materials in which to search. Many hours and many copies later I had exhausted my allotted time at the library. I now have so much more information on my PEFFLEY family of Montgomery County. And, when I get home, I can also do more research on the Library's local history databases. They have spent countless hours scanning, indexing, transcribing, and transferring records to online databases. What a treasure! Thank you Crawfordsville Public Library and the local history staff for making my research trip a total success!

My connection is with Susannah (1804-1847) who married David FISHER. She was born in Virginia and died in Carroll County. Her father was Samuel (1775-1860) married to Anna BORN-DRAGER. They were married in Virginia and came to Montgomery County about 1835. He died in Montgomery County.

These three Fountain County, Indiana gentlemen were looking for information on John WHITAKER, Noah WHITAKER, and Esau WHITAKER.

From left to right, front row: Harold LONG (of Attica) and Charles WHITAKER (of Covington). In the back is Dan WHITAKER (also of Covington/ brother of Charles).



Editor's Note: You will notice, all of the stories submitted for this newsletter have common ancestral names that the authors are searching. Perhaps some of us can assist them with their searches as we may find we have relation in common as well.

Making Connections, cont.

This portrait is of James Buchanan ELMORE, a local author whose name is one of many local authors carved on the outside of CDPL. This photo donation was delivered by Gary and Pat JACKSON from Phyllis ELMORE BREWER.

Phyllis said, “It pleases me that Great Grandpa has found a proper place to be remembered and yes, Pat and Gary JACKSON are great emissaries. I knew they would take good care of the package.

My best guess is that the picture is of him at the time of his Wabash College graduation making him in his early 20’s. I remember him only slightly as I was 6 years old when he died.

My dad, James Byron ELMORE lives on the outskirts of Crawfordsville and I’m sure he’ll be in to see the picture soon. He lived for many years on the ELMORE homestead and only recently moved into town. I suspect he might have some stories to tell too.

William HAUSER (Genealogy Club member—see his article about the family beginning on page 6) is my first cousin and we were playmates as children. Unfortunately, after the death of the siblings, we rarely see each other.”



Phyllis also donated some extra copies of several of James Buchanan ELMORE’s poetry books. She was not able to bring them herself so her cousin and husband brought them to CDPL from Phyllis in Florida.

Thank you Phyllis for sharing your family legacy with us.

Early Morrison Family History by David MORRISON

I have not been able to find anything about the Thomas MORRISON ancestors other than Thomas, being born in VA. (1775-1856) married Caty MAUK, daughter of Henry MAUK of Sullivan Co, TN.

Henry MAUK was a veteran of the Revolution in VA c. 1774. He applied for a war pension in 1832 at the age of 78. He was denied due to his short length of in-person service and that he had a surrogate at times. Thomas MORRISON vouched for his character in the application. (The 'T' in Thomas' son Thomas T. MORRISON is for Trower.) Henry's younger brother Andrew also applied in 1832 and received a pension of \$40/yr at age 71.

Thomas purchased Sullivan Co land from the State of NC (before TN was formed), from Henry MAUK, and from others. His land was in the Holston River Valley probably near what is now Bluff City. There is a MAUK cemetery nearby but there are no known graves for the people listed herein.

Thomas and Caty had at least six children: Lewis, James, Arty, Mary, Celia, William J., and Thomas T. Their birth dates range from 1800—1821, Caty died between 1821 and 1823. There are two children listed in an undocumented family bible, George and Elizabeth. Presumably they died at a young age. There are no children of their age shown living in Indiana. Sella AGEE was Thomas' second wife and they had a son, Allen, in 1824.

Thomas sold the Sullivan Co land in 1834 and the family moved to Montgomery Co IN in the fall of 1835. Thomas and 3 children are in the 1840 census with Thomas as the family head. Sella must have died between 1835—1840. I have not found a death record for her. Son Lewis purchased land in Montgomery Co in 1829 and 1831; son James in 1831. Both tracts are near each other just east of the town of Ladoga.

It appears that Thomas did not purchase land in IN. He was 60 years old when he moved there. Later, Thomas lived with James and then with Thomas T. when James died. His probated will distributed money only.

Lewis MORRISON married Rebecca JENNETT in TN about 1826. They had at least 8 children: John H., Elizabeth A., Thomas J., Nathan R., Sarah J., Lewis W., and Tillman H. John H. was born in TN in 1827 and in 1828 Elizabeth was born in IN as were the rest of their children.

Lewis is in the 1830 Montgomery Co IN census but does not appear in the 1840 census for some reason. The 1850 census shows Lewis and all offspring in Clark Township as family #474. Lewis is a Justice of the Peace in Montgomery Co for several years. He was active in the Haw Creek church which helped form several other churches in the area.

It does not appear that Lewis was living in IN later than 1857. Sons Nathan R., and Thomas J., both purchased land in Daviess Co Missouri in 1856. In 1860, Lewis and 5 of his sons are listed in the census living next to each other in Missouri.

Some of the early associated pioneer surnames I am looking for information on are AGEE, CRANE, HINKLE, PEFFLEY, ROSE, ROUTH, SHIPLEY, TIPTON, and WEBB.

My ancestral line is through Lewis' son Lewis W. MORRISON who died at age 31. He and his second wife, Nancy Ann BROWN, had one son, Lewis Grant MORRISON, my great grandfather.

~ submitted by David MORRISON, [email renilrats@gmail.com](mailto:renilrats@gmail.com)



Upcoming Events

May 11, 2019—9am
Alamo Cemetery Cleaning Workday

May 14, 2019—7pm
Genealogy Club Meeting

May 18, 2019- 9 am
Deck Cemetery Resetting Workday

May 24, 2019—5pm
4H After Hours Program at CDPL

Jun 1, 2019—9am
Alamo Cemetery Cleaning Workday

Jun 11, 2019—7pm
Genealogy Club Meeting

Jun 15, 2019—9am
Alamo Cemetery Ground Penetrating Radar

Jul 9, 2019—7pm
Genealogy Club Meeting

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We inherit from our ancestors gifts so often taken for granted. Each of us contains within this inheritance of soul. We are links between the ages, containing past and present expectations, sacred memories and future promise.

~Edward Sellner

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