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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Large Leather Bible dated 1892. Good Condition. Cover...some rubbing on bottom of spine & edges of cover. Interior in very good condition. Strong binding. Inscribed with ink in front: "Property of Raleigh M. Clark Crawfordsville Ind. Received from my father's estate." Family Record: starts with Marlin (Martin?) H. Clark & Alwilda Clark; married Apr 21, 1967. Seven entries (including 2 on next page) ending with Ruth B. Clark & George B. Washburn; married April 26, 1918. Also includes Births & Deaths entries. This Bible belonged to Ruth Clark Washburn, daughter of Rose Crane Clark and Raleigh M. Clark. Ruth's sister, Dorothy June Clark Trippet O'Neall was the mother of David Clark O'Neall. My husband, David, died in 2008, & had the Bible from his Aunt Ruth's estate. I would like to pass it on to any Clark descendants. Shirley O'Neall 765-866-1498

Future Club Program Planning

GPI* = genealogical program, instructional, computer

November 10, 2009  
Program:

December 8, 2009  
Program:

January 12, 2010  
GPI* Program:

January 23, 2010  
GPI* Program:

February 10, 2009  
GPI* Program:

New Club Year Organizational Meeting; 7:00 PM  
Round Table Presentations, Theme "Our Immigrant Ancestors", Ruth Evans, moderator.

Annual Club Christmas Party; 7:00 PM  
Everyone is encouraged to bring favorite seasonal goodies (fingerfood) for sharing.

Regular Monthly Meeting; 7:00 PM

"Filling Out Forms", by Dian Moore, CDPL Dept. of Local History Librarian

1st 2010 Pizza Supper & After Hours Library Research Meeting, Open To Public; 5:00 PM

Regular Monthly Meeting; 7:00 PM

"Printing Reports", by Dian Moore, CDPL Dept. of Local History Librarian

Subject to change. Watch for posters.

Ruth Evans, Chairperson

Activities
The August, September, and October 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. Judy Harvey, 2009 President, presided over the meetings. The minutes were presented in written form, approved/corrected, and passed. The Treasurer's reports were given. The October meeting was the annual dinner meeting, catered by Joey's Main Street Cafe. At this meeting the officers for 2010 were elected as follows: President: Judy Harvey; Vice-President: Bob Smith; Treasurer: Mike Mitchell; Secretary: Linda Templin; and Activity Director: Ruth Evans. The proposed budget for 2010 was approved at this meeting.

Ruth Evans, Activity Director, continues to arrange interesting programs for each meeting. In August, Tami K. Polling from Michigantown presented "Cemetery Symbolism" explaining the various meanings of symbols found on gravestones. In September, Joan Spragg, club member, presented a program on "Gen. Lew Wallace's Montgomery Guards from 1856 to 1861". In October, Catherine Burkhart from the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County presented "Medicine, Maladies & Marvels in Montgomery County" talking about the current exhibit at the museum created in conjunction with Tuttle Middle School students.

If you have not paid your 2010 dues ($10/year for single membership; family, institutional and business membership also available. See page 12 for full fee schedule.), please do so as soon as possible to remain a current, active member of the club.

The club continues to collect the genealogical pedigree charts (in vertical format) from club members. Judy Harvey, club president, has shared that many genealogy clubs maintain these charts in the local history department at their local library for genealogists searching for local ancestors. If you would like to participate in this project, please give a copy of your personal pedigree chart to Dian Moore.

The After Hours Workshop continues to occur from 5 to 9 pm on the fourth (4th) Friday of January, April, July, and October. To attend, you must signup by the preceding Wednesday. Notify Dellie Craig or Dian Moore at CDPL in person, or by calling them at 765-362-7581, ext 119. You must be inside CDPL before it closes at 5 pm. 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 also available if you should need some help finding information, using the computers, etc. If you desire to leave before 9 pm, you will need to be escorted to an exit door.

The program scheduled for November 10 meeting is a round table, short presentation by club members who wish to participate, talking about their Immigrant Ancestor(s) (be prepared). The December 8 meeting will be the annual Club Christmas Party when everyone will be expected to bring finger foods to share and to enjoy fellowship with one another.

Visitors are always welcomed to the club meetings. New memberships are always accepted.
Birth records and Death records are some largely unknown scanned images of books the library doesn't have on microfilm. [We have printed Birth indexes from 1882 to 1920, and Death indexes from 1882 to 1980 on shelf in the Local History and Genealogy Department of CDPL]. These records can be found, viewed and/or printed from the computer reserved for the priority use of patrons engaged in Local History and Genealogy Research. It is located between the microfilm machines and the color printer on the 2nd floor in the reference area of the Crawfordsville District Public Library.

To use this computer you need to ask a reference/local history staff member to sign you in, which will then suspend the normal 1 hour use timer. The computer will automatically display the standard library website page. Shrink (or minimize) this screen. You will then see the computer desktop which will contain several folders. This article will pertain to the 2 folders entitled Birth records and Death records.

Below is a listing of books contained in each folder; the book's image format, and what type of information is contained in the scanned document.

**Birth Records folder** contains the following books in .pdf format, each book page being a separate image. Some pages will have 1 to 6 images per file:

H01, H02, H03, H04, H05, H11, H12, H13, H20, H27, CH06 ; Plus book H32 [ Waveland index ] which is in Windows Excel (spreadsheet) format.

Type of information found in a birth record listing:

Name of child, number of child to this mother(1st, 2nd, 3rd, .... etc.), sex, color, date of birth (mo, day, yr), place of birth; mother's age, if birth is legitimate, natural labor, difficult labor, cause of difficult labor, means of relief, mothers maiden name, mothers residence, mothers birth-place; fathers name, fathers age, fathers occupation, fathers birth-place; by whom the return is made, post office address, date of return (mo, day, yr), and record number.

**Death Records folder** contains following books in .pdf format, each book page being a separate image. Some pages will have 1 to 6 images per file:

H01, H02, H03, H04, H32, H34, CH37, CH38

Type of information in a death record listing:

Full name of deceased, maiden name if married female, color, sex, race, occupation of deceased, age (yr, mo, day); name of father, birthplace of father; name of mother, birthplace of mother; birthplace of deceased; date of birth of deceased; whether single, married, widowed or divorced, name of wife or husband, deceased date of death, cause of death, duration of illness, place of death, residence at time of death, name of physician, coroner, name of undertaker, number and date of burial permit, place of burial, date of death certificate, and other important information.
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2009 -- A GOOD Year For Many Memories

Dian Moore

Anna Pennington

Dr. J. Greg Redding

Jim Swift & son Henry

November 2008 -- New year reorganization; committees filled & chairpersons appointed
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December 2008 -- Annual Club Christmas Celebration
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January 2009 -- Dian Moore & Anna Pennington, “How to Publish Your Genealogy' and Other Materials”
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February 2009 -- Dr. Gregg Redding, “Indiana's German Legacy”
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March 2009 -- Jim Swift, “Pioneer Roads”
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April 2009 -- Larry Truitt, “Sugar Plains Quaker Church”
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May 2009 -- Betty Warren, “A Place for Everything and Everything In It's Place”
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June 2009 -- Ruth Evans, Moderator, “Round Table Sharing A Family Artifact and Story”
Reference Vol 6 Iss 4 August 2009

July 2009 -- Noel Reen, “Who Are The SARs?”
Reference Vol 6 Iss 4 August 2009

August 2009 -- Tami K. Pelling, “Cemetery Symbolism”
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October 2009 -- Kat Burkhart, “Medicine, Maladys and Marvels in Montgomery Co., Ind.”
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Cemetery Symbolism by Tami K. Pelling

Left: Tami Pelling says old stone art is symbolism describing the life characteristics of the deceased.

Near Right: The huge oak tree has nearly swallowed the stone at its base. Far Right: Tami receiving a gift for her work from Judy Harvey.
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Left, Top: Joann Spragg presented the September program entitled "Gen. Lew Wallace's Montgomery Guards". Her extensive research on Wallace's life off the battlefield presents an interesting view of a complex and talented person. Right, Top: Judy Harvey presents Joann with a gift of appreciation for her effort.

Right, Center: Kat Burkhart, curator of the Carnegie Museum of Crawfordsville presented the October program entitled "Medicine, Maladies, and Marvels in Montgomery Co., Indiana". We discovered that a county doctor-researcher was the first to develop a way to produce penicillin in useful form and quantity. Right, Center: Judy Harvey presenting Kat with our certificate of appreciation.

Right, Below; Inside: The yearly award plaque for recognition of significant contributions to the Club. Alberta Krount is the 2009 name added for her several years' service as club treasurer.

Page Bottom, 2 Rows: 2010 Club Executive Committee elect, plus an ap-pointly [headed] newsletter editor.

Left to Right: Joey, master chef of Joey's Catering; (No, it's not flu shots!) This line up is awaiting a turn for the scrumptious catered dinner; Alberta Krount reading the certificate of award for 2009 for outstanding service to the club as Treasurer. Judy Harvey (standing) leads the group in a round of well deserved applause. Charlene Hutchinson [light green] and Linda Templin join in.

Judy Harvey, President 2010
Bob Smith, 2010 Vice President
Mike Mitchell, Treasurer 2010
Nelson Wilson, 2010 Newsletter Editor
Ruth Evans, Activities Director 2010
Linda Templin, Secretary

Left to Right: Judy receives gavel from Judy. Girls! No recounts! No fighting!

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A Civil War soldier's letter home - - - original by Wm G Keys

Camp Murfreesboro [Tennessee] May 13th 1863

it is with pleasure Dear wife I now take my pen in hand to in form you that I am well and I sincerley hope when those few lines reaches you they will find you all well well I received you kind latter of April 20 which come to hand May the 10 and was very glad to hear from you but was sorrow to that the children had the chills but I hope by the time this reaches you you will all be well well Esther you must not think hard of me if you dont hear from me very often for we are out scouting so much of the time I dont get time to write very often well on our last scout we took some prisners but how many I dont know but among these was a man that had our boys shot and we keep him chained for safe keeping well on our last scout our squad got after some rebs and I run my horse up in a field and I and them a shooting at me and now had better kink the balls whistled around me pretty think but they run as usual and did us no harm there was five of us run in to about 10 of them and they run and so you see they dont have the grit that we do well you spoke about tending that field but I think that lot will be enough for you to tend well children I want you to be good and mind your mother well the news here is that we have weakened and beet I dont now wheather it is so or not well I will commence a new since the last well since I have comenced this I have yet another letter from you I was very glad to hear from you but was grieved to hear that you was all sick but I hope those few lines will find you all well well I would like very well to come home and see you but it is imposible to get away well I would write some things if I could write my self but say it is I dont well on our last scout I seen wheat in full bloom and corn big enough to plow well I will tel you a little about the prices of produce here Eggs is only 60 cts a dozen or 5 cts a piece and butter 1 dollar per pound and potatoes 6 dollars per bushel and so you see it takes money to buy a little here well the citzens hant even salt to put in this bread not they cant get it well I dont know as I have any thing more to say at this time only write soon and often so no more at present but I still remain your ever true and loving husband til death

William G. Keys
To Esther Keys

NOTE: This transcription is copied as is with spelling as it was in the original letter. This letter purports by William to have been penned by someone else, the actual writer is unknown, although it does appear to have been written by a soldier of common schooling for the period.

Kim Hancock
One of the goals of the present day SCV [Sons of Confederate Veterans] Camps is to erect memorial stones honoring Confederate veterans, so we began to search the records and look for stones to see how many of them had Confederate military stones and how many had just civilian stones. Along the way, several of the Confederate veterans had compelling stories that I felt needed to become a part of this record, so here they are.

**JOHN MANGUS**

John Mangus moved to Indiana after the war, probably in 1881. He moved to Ladoga with his wife Sarah and 6 children. His great-great-great grandfather was Andreas Mangus, who was a Hessian soldier who came to America to fight the British in the Revolutionary War and stayed after the fighting was over. John enlisted in the army in 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War and was assigned to Co. E of the 42nd Virginia Infantry. He served honorably until he was paroled after the surrender at the Appomattox Courthouse, being the only member of Company E to answer the roll call. The 42nd Virginia Infantry saw action in many battles during the war. Most notable of which were the 2nd Manassas, Harper's Ferry, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and finally Gettysburg. John Mangus was wounded at Antietam and Chancellorsville. John Chapla, in his history of the 42nd, observed that, "Clearly in the postwar era the surviving members of the Dixie Greys, Co. E of the 42nd Virginia Infantry, came to believe that he held a special status among the survivors." John Mangus died in 1921 and is buried in the Ladoga Cemetery.

**NOAH MONROE BROCK**

Noah Monroe Brock lived to the ripe old age of 105 and was the last surviving member of the Civil War in Montgomery County and probably in Indiana. He was born in North Carolina and enlisted in the army soon after the war began. According to his obituary, he rode with Lee's Cavalry. It further states, "Mr. Brock spent his boyhood on the farm near his birthplace and at the outbreak of the war joined 'Marse Robert's' Virginia Cavalry serving with the unit for the duration of the conflict between the states. He had two brothers serving in the Confederate army and a third brother serving with the Union forces." Brock was very successful farmer in the Darlington area. He died in 1942 and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Darlington.

**BRAXTON CASH**

Braxton Cash was another prominent farmer who came to Montgomery County after the war and settled southwest of Crawfordsville. His obituary indicated that he was, "...a Confederate soldier who served in Stonewall Jackson's Black Horse Cavalry." He was buried with Masonic honors and was surrounded by fellow Masons who fought on the Union side. The speaker observed that, "The boys in blue filed around the grave of the boy in gray, depositing a sprig of evergreen upon his remains. Beneath these tributes of respect, the ex-confederate sweetly sleeps in peace. His last march is ended, his last battle fought and he silently bivouacs in the tentless field of the dead where he calmly awaits the bugle call when the blue and the gray will be marshaled under the one flag, the flag of peace." Braxton Cash died in 1899 and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery on Grant Street in Crawfordsville.

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Andy Gayhart and his wife Catherine lived in Ladoga for almost 50 years after the war. Andy was a shoe-cobbler there for that time. He was born in Germany in 1843 and ran away from home to America settling in Virginia where he met his
wife-to-be. When the Civil War started, Andy joined the Virginia Cavalry and was assigned to Co. D of the 25th Virginia Cavalry. After the war, he and his wife came to Montgomery County, Indiana and lived until their deaths. He was so beloved by the members of the Ladoga community that his friends offered to provide the necessities of life after he was unable to work. Andy and Catherine were too proud to accept that type of charity and chose to live out their years at the County Poor Farm outside of Crawfordsville. Catherine died in 1918 and Andy followed her a year later in 1919. Both are buried in the Ladoga Cemetery.

**CLIFTON HILL**

Clifton Hill was born in 1839 in Franklin County, Virginia. He was a member of the 42nd Virginia Infantry and fought in the Stonewall Brigade commanded by General Stonewall Jackson. He was captured at the Second Battle of Bull Run at Manassas Junction. He was wounded several times, once finding sixteen holes in his uniform after the Battle of Cedar Mountain. He was wounded in the chest by a Minie ball at Cedar Mountain. He was also wounded at Sharpsburg or Antietam where he was shot through the hip. He arrived in Indiana near Roachdale in Putnam County with only twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents in his pocket. He met his future wife, Hattie Hymer, in Putnam County and settled there and farmed. He later moved to Clark Township, Montgomery County, near Ladoga and became one of the most prosperous and respected farmers in the area, devoting himself to the breeding and raising of Shorthorn cattle. He died in 1922 and was buried in Roachdale Cemetery East of Roachdale on Indiana State Road 236. His wife is also buried there.

**MAURICE THOMPSON**

One of the most famous of the Confederate soldiers who settled in Montgomery County was Maurice Thompson, the distinguished author, who, along with Lew Wallace, the Union General who wrote the best seller “Ben Hur, a Tale of the Christ”, was thought to be one of the most gifted authors of his day. Maurice Thompson was actually born in Indiana, the son of a Baptist minister named Matthew Grigg Thompson. The pastor's callings led him to Missouri, where another son, Will H. Thompson was born and finally to Georgia about the time the Civil War started. All three Thompsons joined the Confederate Army in Georgia. Matthew became chaplain of the 46th Georgia Infantry, Maurice was a scout for the 63rd Georgia Infantry, and Will was a scout for the 4th Georgia Infantry. The Thompson family holdings in Georgia were devastated by the war and all three ended up in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Maurice and Will studied for the bar and had successful law practices in addition to their literary activities. Maurice wrote a best seller about the Revolutionary War entitled “Alice of Old Vincennes”, and a book on archery which is still considered the definitive book on the subject. It was entitled, “The Witchery of Archery”. Will wrote two Civil War poems that were anthologized in many high school literature books. One was entitled "High Tide at Gettysburg", and the other "The Bonds of Blood". Maurice died at Crawfordsville in 1901 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery beneath a large memorial obelisk. Will moved to Seattle, Washington where he practiced law for the rest of his life. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle. Matthew Grigg Thompson returned to Missouri and settled at Ashland where he was killed in a fall from a horse. He is also buried in Oak Hill Cemetery at the Thompson Memorial.

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The CONFEDERATE PRESENCE In Montgomery County

JAMES M. ANDERSON

The saddest of all stories of Confederates buried in Montgomery County is the story of James M. Anderson. Anderson was one of about 14,000 POWs from the surrender of Fort Donelson in Tennessee. These soldiers were shipped north, probably headed for Camp Douglas in Chicago. Keith Houk picked up the story in his article in the book “The Montgomery County Family History”, published in 1988. Houk writes, "He was taken North as a prisoner of war in early March of 1862. While being taken to the prison camp at Camp Tippecanoe in Lafayette, Indiana, he became sick and died on March 21, 1862. He died on the POW train near Crawfordsville. His body was left at Camp Lane in Crawfordsville and his remains were taken to Old Town Cemetery for burial. His gravesite is unmarked. James M. Anderson and John Bush, another Confederate POW who is buried in the Old Thorntown Cemetery in Thorntown, Indiana, were among many southern soldiers who died while prisoners of war on Hoosier soil." There were 38 Confederate POWs who died at Lafayette, IN, in February of 1862 and are buried in Greenbush Cemetery in Lafayette, but that story has already been written by Mary Immel in a book entitled, “Beneath These Stones”.

Part 1 of 2 appeared in the prior issue of Roots and Branches, Vol 6, Iss 4, August 2009.

Genealogical Research for Others  by Dian Moore  CDPL Dept. of Local History and Genealogy

and A Strange Personal Connection to The Past

A couple of weeks ago I received an E-mail from a medical student in Nice, France, who was making an oral history of what happened around Nice during World War II. He was interested in Gerald Tilney of Crawfordsville who was killed near Nice in August of 1944. I found that we did have references to Sergeant Gerald Tilney and said that I would see what I could find.

The earliest information I found was the 1920 census where Gerald Tilney was 3 ½ years old living with his parents and sister in Steams Co., Minnesota. He was born in North Dakota. His father was born in Indiana. Gerald married Jean Cunningham in Crawfordsville in December of 1941. The marriage license shows his deceased father as having been born in Crawfordsville. The newspaper coverage, 22 December 1941 of the wedding shows his mother as having remarried. Private Gerald Tilney was to return to Fort Benning on 26 December and Jean "will reside for the present with her parents". I next found an undated newspaper article about Sergeant Tilney's many medals and honors. Then, in the Journal Review, 20 September 1944, is the article "Gerald Tilney dies in Action".

Since the request also asked for contact with living relatives the job was not done. In December of 1945, widow Jean Tilney married Louis Gene Marthley of Akron, Ohio, right after his discharge from the Army. Marthley was a name with a familiar ring. My junior high locker partner was Cindy Marthley, and, sure enough, it was the same family. I was born in 1947, so Cindy must have also been born before her mother's first husband's body was returned to Crawfordsville for burial in 1948.

Mrs. Marthley died in 2000. Gerald's sister died in Virginia in 1999. I don't know if she had any children. Did Jean Tilney see Gerald after 26 December 1941 and before his burial? How do a widow's second husband and child fit into a first husband's funeral? Does anyone have a photograph of Gerald Tilney?

The research on Gerald K. Tilney will be on the shelf in local history RL 940.547 Til.
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Membership: New [___] Membership Class & Fee Schedule:
Renewal [___] Individual_____$10 / yr Family_____$25 / yr

Donation for: Institutional_____$15 / yr Business_____$50 / yr

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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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