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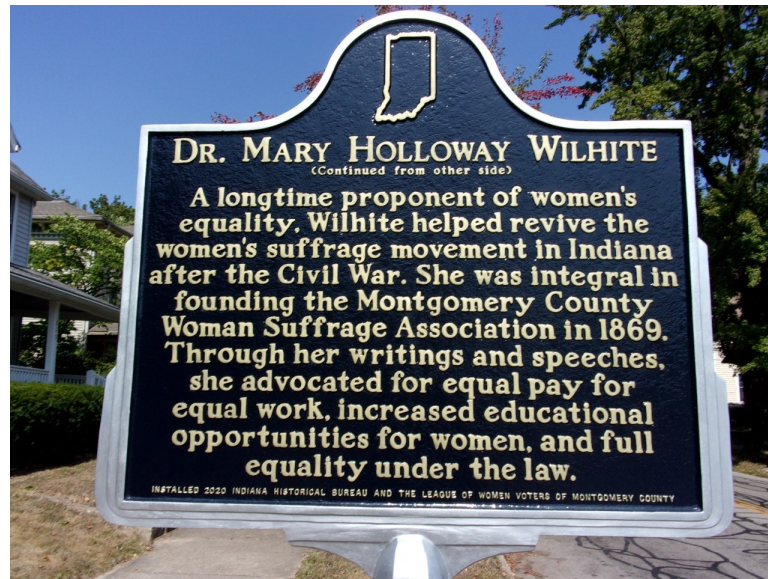
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In 2020, a historical marker was erected in honor of Dr. Mary Holloway WILHITE who you might remember reading about in a recent newsletter. Dr. WILHITE was an early Montgomery County Suffragist. This was another event that we were not able to attend *en masse* but the monument proudly stands at the corner of Wabash and Grant Avenues. You are encouraged to visit it when you are out and about in the community.



We miss you all and we look forward to the day when we can gather again and share our interests and stories. If you have any family stories you have been working on or researching during the past year, please consider sharing those for future newsletters. Information on contributing can be found inside this newsletter.



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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.



## Summarized Secretary's Report By Steve Simms, Secretary

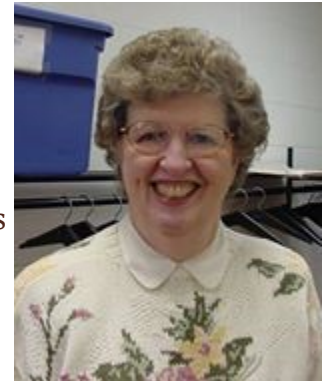
The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Indiana, will continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Crawfordsville District Public Library at 7pm once life returns to normal. Visitors and new members are welcome to all meetings.

### Steve Simms

The long days of social distancing and canceled public meetings continues. No club meetings to report on but we do have some Genealogy Club information we can share. Founding club members Sam and Ruth EVANS have moved to West

Lafayette and are settling in well. They say that they miss all of us and if you would like to send a card or a note, they would much appreciate that. You can contact club President Dellie Craig at [delliejean@yahoo.com](mailto:delliejean@yahoo.com) and ask for their address.

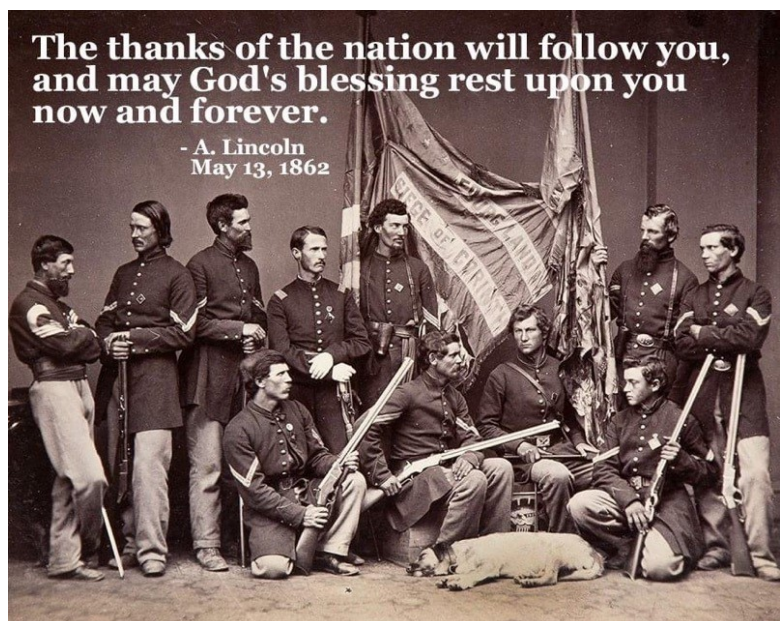
During this time away, I have found a lot of great resources online to continue my genealogy learning. It seems like everyone is offering free classes online. Look on your local library website or Facebook page for free classes. Look at the Facebook pages of the bigger genealogy clubs like Marion County, or even the Allen County Public Library for classes they are offering. I have found the classes offered by the Indiana Historical Society to be fun and engaging. Each county in Indiana has a Facebook page as well. I have joined several of the county groups on Facebook where I have had ancestors located and it has been very rewarding. I know I have mentioned Facebook a lot— this is not advertisement for them, just relaying how many resources we have available in one simple tool many of us already have access to. This might feel like a time where we can't go further or learn more, but we really can.



Ruth Evans

"Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul."

~Michel de Montaigne,  
regarding veterans





## The French Connection and a Holland American Cruise by Richard King Morrison, Jr

How did we get here? In 1600, Jean de FOREST decided his family must leave France to escape religious persecution. He divided his family into small groups, each departed on different schedules and routes to the Netherlands.

Once in the Netherlands, Jean's son, Jesse de FOREST, became the leader of a group named the Walloons. The Walloons, known as a French speaking ethnic group in southern Belgium, are descendants of Gallo-Romans and Germanic Frankish people.

In 1621, Jesse petitioned the Virginia Company, through the English Ambassador to the Hague, to lead fifty families to Virginia. The petition, among other items, requested enough land to allow for an eight mile circumference for their community. In addition, he wanted to make gun powder and lead shot so their territory could be defended. The Virginia Company agreed to the Walloons joining them, but not as an autonomous colony. Therefore, the Walloons declined to join the settlement in Virginia.



The petition was in a round-robin format displayed on the cover of this essay (above). This document format was signed by individuals in a circle. This made it more difficult to determine the order in which it was signed, preventing the identification of a leader.

Next, Jesse, and the Walloons, petitioned the Dutch West India Company, in the Netherlands, to allow their group to create a colony in New Amsterdam (now New York City). That petition was granted for 60 families to establish a colony. But, in 1623, before sailing to New Amsterdam, Jesse lead a group, for the West India Company, to Dutch Guiana (now Suriname) in South America on the "Pigeon". This was to determine if it was practical for a colony to be established there.

### The French Connection and the Holland American Cruise –cont.

A year later Jessie died of heatstroke. This occurred on his return trip from Dutch Guiana on the “Black Eagle” to return the group to the Netherlands. In 1624, while Jessie was away, the Walloons left the Netherlands on the “Nieu Nederland” (New Netherland) for New Amsterdam and created a colony.

In 1637 Jesse’s daughter left her mother in Holland and sailed with her husband, daughter, and one of her brothers to New Amsterdam. Her mother later sailed to the new colony and joined them. Jesse de FOREST’s wife, Marie du CLOUX, daughter Rachel de FOREST and granddaughter Laurens Jansen Van Kortryck LOW, along with son-in-law Jean Mousnier De La MONTAGE, is a blood line of Olin Dee MORRISON and Anna Harriet KING’s family.

Many of these ancestors sailed from Europe to settle in a new land. The following table traces the family lineage, from France to Athens, Ohio. The first column, highlights **historic events** that took place during each generation. The middle column represents the **family bloodline**. **Spouses**, depending on gender, are located on either side of the lineage column. The last column is the **narrative** about the family. The timeline and family trees were drawn from FamilySearch, Ancestry, along with oral history imparted by family essays.

Historic Events in Each Generation	Spouse Husband	Lineal Family Bloodline	Spouse Wife	Narrative
<p>1066 Norman invasion and occupation of England, by an army of Norman, Breton, Flemish and French soldiers, led by the Duke of Normandy.</p> <p>1096-1099 Crusade was the first of many religious wars initiated, supported and often directed by the Catholic (Latin) Church.</p>		<p><b>Hebert de Forest</b></p> <p>b. 1069, Cambresis, France d. about 1096, Flandre, Lozere, Languedoc-Roussillon, France</p>	<p><b>Uslie Unknown</b></p> <p>b. Unknown d. Unknown</p>	<p>Hubert (Hebert) de Forest, was a “Chevalier” (a knight or horseman) during the First Crusade in 1096. He was first mentioned in a historical document published in 1660. Family Search/Lou Daly</p> <p>In 925, Cambresis was a possession of East Francia, then by a German King and later by the Holy Roman Empire. A German King transferred his “rights of the area to the Arch Bishop of Cambria.</p> <p>Cambresis area is in northern France.</p>
<p>1101 to 1200 Considered part of the High Middle Ages.</p>		<p><b>Vuatier de Forest</b></p> <p>b. about 1095, Franche-Comte, France d. about 1163, France</p>	<p><b>Uslie Unknown</b></p> <p>b. about 1100, Cambresis, France d. Unknown</p>	<p>During this time Cambresis was part of Austria but is now part of France. The capital of Cambresis was Cambrai (named after the Roman Catholic Bishop Cambrai, pronounced “Kamerijk” in Dutch and “Kammerich” in German.</p>
<p>1161 Explosives were used in China during the Ts’ai-shih battle.</p>		<p><b>Herbert de Forest</b></p> <p>b. 1150 d. Unknown</p>	<p><b>Mathilde Vielis (Vieslis)</b></p> <p>b. about 1160, France d. 1200, Samoa Amdre. Ca,bresos. Cambresis, France</p>	<p>Historically, Europe experienced many wars. This area experienced control shifting, from Netherlands to German, French and Belgium.</p>
<p>1190-1200 The Cliff Palace was built and maintained by Pueblos in what is now the Mesa Verde National Park.</p>		<p><b>Gerard de l’Estoc de Forest</b></p> <p>b. about 1190, Forest-en-Cambresis, France d. 1260, Saint-Andre, Cambresis, France</p>	<p><b>Unknown</b></p> <p>b. Unknown d. Unknown</p>	

1270 King Louis IX of France died of the plague while on a Crusade. His troops decided to go home.	<b>Giles d'Estoc de Forest</b> b. about 1296, Forest-en-Cambresis, Nord, France d. 1330, Forest-en-Cambresis, France	<b>Marie Unknown</b> b. 1265, Forest-en-Cambresis, Nord, France d. Unknown	Men's last names were typically derived from where they were born. Example: Giles d'Estop de (of) Forest
1315-1317 The Great Famine and the Black Death reduced half the population in Europe.	<b>Alard de Forest</b> b. 1290, Forest-en-Cambresis, France d. 1350, Forest-en-Cambresis, France	<b>Unknown</b> b. Unknown d. Unknown	
1325 The Renaissance began in Italy.	<b>Jehan de Forest</b> b. 1310, Forest-en-Cambresis, France d. 1408, Quesnoy-en-Cambresis, France	<b>Unknown</b> b. Unknown d. Unknown	This conversation was found in a 1660 historical document;  "In 1383 to 1384 the records of the Count of Hainaut speak of purchasing two pigs from Jehan de Forest at a feast held in the honor of St. Jehan in Quesnoy."
1347-1351 At least 25 million people died in Europe's Black Plague.	<b>Louis de Forest</b> b. 1329, Forest-en-Cambresis, Nord, France d. Unknown, Forest-en-Cambresis, France	<b>Marie de Montar</b> b. about 1335, Aniche, Nord, France d. Unknown	Cambresis is one of the former counties and provinces of France, administratively attached to Nord. Nord is a French word meaning department or northern department in the Harts-De-France region of France.
1387 Chaucer wrote "Canterbury Tales".	<b>Sir Thomas de Forest</b> b. about 1350, Forest-en-Cambresis, France d. 1436, Forest-en-Cambresis, France	<b>Lady Marie de Poix</b> b. about 1357, Amocje, Cambresis d. Unknown	A historical document, published in 1660, mentioned; "In 1408, Thomas de Forest was taxed in the domain (village) of Forest. In 1436, a reference was made, of a "freehold," held by the Abby and acquired from Thomas de Forest. Family Search/Lou Daly  A freehold is ownership of land or property by permanent tenure, with right of disposal, as opposed to leasing.

In 1572 Jean Bodin made a funny play on words which has been well known in Wallonia to the present:

Ouallonnes enim a Belgis appellamur [nous, les "Gaulois"], quod Gallis veteribus contigit, quum orbem terrarum peragrarent, ac mutuo interrogantes quaerent *où allons-nous*, id est quonam profiscimur? ex eo credibile est Ouallones appellatos quod Latini sua lingua nunquam efferunt, sed g lettera utuntur.

Translation: "We are called *Walloon*s by the Belgians because when the ancient people of Gallia were travelling the length and breadth of the earth, it happened that they asked each other: 'Où allons-nous?' [Where are we going? : the pronunciation of these French words is the same as the French word *Wallons* (plus 'us')], i.e. 'To which goal are we walking?.' It is probable they took from it the name *Ouallons* (*Wallons*), which the Latin speaking are not able to pronounce without changing the word by the use of the letter G." One of the best translations of his (humorous) sayings used daily in Wallonia is:

**"These are strange times we are living in."**

"Walloon: Walloon in the Renaissance", Wikipedia, accessed 28 November 2020

## The French Connection and the Holland American Cruise –cont.

<p>1409 Since two individuals claimed to be Pope, Cardinals and Bishops met to name a replacement. However, neither Pope would step down.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jean de Forest</b></p> <p>b. 1400, Forest-en-Cambresis, France d. 1468, Forest-en-Cambresis, France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Catherine Carleis</b></p> <p>b. 1400, Forest-en-Cambresis, Nord, France d. Deceased, Forest-en-Cambresis, Nord, France</p>	<p>Cambresis (Dutch for "Kamerijk") was originally ruled by a dynasty of Counts until 1007. In the 15th century, the Duchy of Burgundy, acquired control over Cambresis. It was annexed in 1678, by French Kings.</p> <p>A "Duchy" is a medieval country, territory, fief or domain ruled by a Duke or Duchess. The rank of Duke or Duchess is second in rank after Emperor, King or Queen.</p>
<p>1421 The first patent in Florence was granted. It was for a barge with a hoist made for hauling marble.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Simon de Forest</b></p> <p>b. 1420, Forest, Seine-et-Marne, Ile-de-France, France d. about 1471, Cambresis, France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marie Depois</b></p> <p>b. about 1422, Seine-et-Marne, Ile-de-France, France d. Unknown</p>	<p>Seine-et-Marne is a French department (area) named after the Seine and Marne rivers located in the Ile-de-France region.</p>
<p>1455 Johann Gutenberg used metal type in a screw type of printing press to print the "Gutenberg Bible".</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gaspard de Forest</b></p> <p>b. 1450, Avesnes, France d. 1520, Avesnes, France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marie Unknown</b></p> <p>b. about 1440, Avesnes, Hainaut, Flanders, France d. after 1472, Flanders, France</p>	<p>"The family name originated from the village of Forest, in the canton of Landrecies, near Avesnes, France." Family Search/Lou Daly</p> <p>A canton is one type of administrative division. It is smaller than countries, departments or provinces.</p>
<p>1478 The Pope formed a military alliance with the King of Naples.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Melchior de Forest I</b></p> <p>Title of Nobility: Echevin A Avesnes 1517-1519 b. 1472, Avesness, Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France d. 6 April 1549, Avesnes, Pas-de-Calais, France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bigitta Bronchin</b></p> <p>b. 1470, Avesne, Aisne, Picardie, France d. about 1500, French Flanders, France</p>	<p>"Melchoir de Forest I, son of Gaspard de Forest b. 1450, Mother unknown, was born 1472, was a Jure d'Avesnes in 1517. He was a Sheriff or Alderman in Avesnes, Hainaut County in 1517 and in 1519. He was considered a wealthy man, and a large land holder." Family Search/The DeFreest Family Website</p> <p>Had the title of Echevin A Avesnes 1517-1519, Family Search/Temple1</p>
<p>1492 Columbus discovered America (actually this was Cuba and the Caribbean Islands).</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Melchior de Forest II</b></p> <p>b. from 1490 to 1496, Avesness le Sec, Nord, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France d. 19 March 1550, Avesnes, Pas De Calais, France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jacquelin Bronchin</b></p> <p>Title of Nobility: Or Bronchin b. about 1488, Avenes, Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France d. after 15 May 1557, Avesnes, Sarthe, France</p>	<p>Pas-de-Calais, France, is a former administrative region of France. "Since 2016, is part of the new region Hauts-de-France. The majority of the region was part of the historical (Southern) Netherlands, but gradually became part of France between 1477 and 1678." Wikipedia</p>
<p>1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mechior de Forest III</b></p> <p>Title of Nobility: Marchand Drapier, Echevin D'Avesnes 1562 b. 1511, Avesnes, Hainaut, France d. before 28 January 1572, Avesnes, Sarthe, France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Claudine du Fosset</b></p> <p>b. 28 June 1510, Avesnes, Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France d. 28 June 1579, Fienes, Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France</p>	<p>Sarthe is a department (county) of Pays de la Loire situated in the Grand-Quest of France named after the Sarthe River. This river runs east of Le Mans to north of Angers. Wikipedia</p>
<p>1543 Polish astronomer Nicholas Copernicus published a book suggesting that the earth circled the sun, instead of the earth being the center of the universe.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jean de Forest</b></p> <p>b. 22 October 1543, Avesnes, Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France d. 22 October 1606, Vosmeer, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands Burial: France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anne Maillard</b></p> <p>b. 1544 d. 1640</p>	<p>Jean de Forest was a "merchant-draper" (retailer or wholesaler of cloth used mainly for clothing. This merchant was typically wealthy since cloth was a very expensive item). He left Avesnes, France due to religious persecution. Slowly, he sold his property. Around 1600 his family, then composed of four children, split up: Melchior to Lille, Gerard to Leyden, in Holland, Anne with her mother to Amsterdam. Only Jesse remained with his father, who went to settle in Sedan. The entire family reunited at Leyden in about 1615. Family Search/PaulVander Werf</p> <p>Jean and Anne were married 5 June 1570 in Avesnes, Hainault, Belgium.</p>

<p>1607 Jamestown was established in Virginia.</p>		<p><b>Jesse de Forest</b> b. 22 October 1576, Avesnes, Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-Calais, Frankreich d. 22 October 1624, Dutch New Guini, San Salvador, West Indies, South America</p>	<p><b>Marie du Cloux</b> b. 17 November 1577, Sedan, Meuse, Lorraine, France Chrising: 17 November 1577, Huguenot Church, Sedan, Ardennes, France d. 27 October 1642, Leydon, Holland, Netherlands</p>	<p>Jesse was a "dyer of colors". He was also half owner of the ship "The Rensselaerswyck" with Killian van Rensselaer. Jessie lead a group of Walloon Huguenots who wanted to leave Europe because of religious persecution. Their petition to England to settle in Virginia was turned down. Permission was later granted, by the Dutch, to establish a colony in New Amsterdam (New York City).</p> <p>Before sailing to New Amsterdam, Jesse took a group from Holland to Brazil on 1 July 1623 to investigate the possibility of establishing a Dutch Colony in Dutch Guiana, South America. He returned in May, 1624, on the "Black Eagle" to pick up the party and take them back to New Amsterdam. While he was there, he died of heat stroke on 24 October 1624. A monument, Walloon Settlers Memorial, stands in Battery Park, New York City. Other honors include a monument in Jessi's honor in Avesnes, France, the College Jesse de Forest and Jesse de Forest Avenue.</p>
<p>1620 The Mayflower landed at Plymouth Massachusetts.</p> <p>1624 The Walloons established a colony in New Amsterdam (New York City).</p>	<p><b>Jean Mousnier De La Montagne</b> b. 1593, Saintes, Charente-Maritime, Poitou-Charentes, France d. 1672, New York, British Colonial America</p>	<p><b>Rachel de Forest</b> b. 1609, Leyden, Zuid, Holland Christening: 1609, Montcornet, Oise, Picardie, France Baptism: Montcornet, Picardy, France d. 1643, Verndal, New York, US</p>		<p>Jean Mousnier de la Montagne lived in Leyde, Holland, and was a university student. He signed Jesse's Round-robin petition to England to request a tract of land. This would allow 227 people to start a colony in Virginia.</p> <p>Jean also joined the group that sailed to the Dutch Giana in 1623, under the leadership of Jessie De Forest. Jean was one of three passengers, along with six crew members, who stayed in Giana, when Jessie returned to pick up the group in 1624. The Black Eagle was again used to transport those who had remained in Giana. That group landed back in Holland on 16 November 1625.</p> <p>Jean appears in the records in Leyden in 1626 as a medical student at the university. At this time, he was also listed as a boarder in the widow De Forest's house. On 27 November 1626, he married Rachael, Jesse de Forest's daughter, in the Walloon Church. The Walloon Family in America</p> <p>Jessie de Forest had left a will giving his brother, Gerard De Forest, his half ownership in "The Rensselaerswyck". Family members who sailed with Gerald were; nephew, Issac DeForest, Issac's brother Hendrick, Gerard's sister Rachael and her husband Jean Mousnier de la Montagne. They traveled from Leyden, Holland to New Amsterdam, New York arriving in America in 1637. Ancestry/jssay, Packrat-pro.com and A Walloon Family in America</p> <p>There may be question concerning the timeline of Rachel and Jean's marriage and their daughter, Yolanda's, birth, as established by a FamilySearch user. Ancestry's hints are not helpful. It appears Yolanda was born before her parents married. Walloons were Calvinistic and much like the English Presbyterian style of church government. How and why did the Walloon Church keep the family in good standing?</p> <p>Maria de la Montagne was born on the Rensselaerswyck voyage to New Amsterdam between 8 October 1636 and 4 March 1637. It is possible she was the daughter of Rachel and Jean. packrat-pro/Settlers of Rensslaerwyck</p>
<p>1634 Williamsburg was established in Virginia.</p> <p>1636 North America's first university is founded a Cambridge in the Massachusetts bay Colony and receives a large donation from John Harvard.</p> <p>1656 Quakers first arrived in New England.</p>	<p><b>Jan Bastiansen Van Kortryk</b> b. Leerdam, South Holland, Netherlands 1618 d. 1693, Kingsbridge, Ulster, New York, British Colonia America Burial: Harlem, Erie, New York, US</p>	<p><b>Yolanda De La Montagne</b> b. 1622, Kortrijk, West Vlaanderen, Belgium d. 1677, Harlem, New York County, New York, British Colonial America</p>		<p>Jan Bastiansen sailed with his brother, Michael (Michiel) and their families, 16 April 1663, on the ship De Bonte Koe (the Spotted Cow) headed for Niew Amsterdam. The cost of the trip for Jan's family was 204 florins and 10 stivers.</p> <p>It is possible, Jan Bastian Kortrijk owned a Bowery on Staten Island in 1774. FamilySearch</p> <p>A florin was a British coin worth two shillings or a dutch guilder.</p> <p>A stiver was a small coin used in the Netherlands, equal to one-twentieth of a guilder.</p>



<p>1681 William Penn received royal charter from Charles II to establish Pennsylvania. This was to repay debts owed to Penn's father.</p> <p>1688 William of Orange, elected ruler of the Dutch Republic, successfully invaded England using 53 warships, 1700 cannons, hundreds of transport ships. These ships carried 20,000 men, 7,000 horses, their arms and equipment. This was the first invasion of England since 1066.</p> <p>1690 John Lock published his treatises on Civil Government stating that the purpose of government was to protect peoples rights.</p>		<p><b>Laurens Jansen Van Kortryck Low</b></p> <p>b. 1651, Beest, Leerdem, Netherlands d. 27 February 1727, Readington, Hunterdon, New Jersey, British Colonial America</p>	<p><b>The French Connection and the Holland American Cruise –cont.</b></p> <p><b>Maritje Roosa</b></p> <p>b. 1652, Herwijnen, Gelderland, Netherlands Christening: 1654, Herwijnen, Gelderland, Holland d. 1727, Esopus, New York, US Burial: Marbletown, New York, US</p>	<p>Laurens Jansen Van Kortryck Low was born in Beests, a village in northwest Netherlands. wikipedia</p>
<p>1692 The Salem witch trails occurred.</p> <p>1703 St. Petersburg, Russia, was founded by Peter the Great.</p>	<p><b>Conrad Lammerse (or Lamberts)</b></p> <p>b. about 1670, Amsterdam, Holland d. about 1720, Harlingen, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America Burial: 1720, Somerset, New Jersey, British Colonial America</p>	<p><b>Neeltje Jansen Low</b></p> <p>b. 20 May 1682, Kingston, Ulster, New York, British Colonial America Christening: 20 My 1682, British Colonial America Harlem, New York, US d. 1750, Harlem, Manhattan, New York, British Colonial America</p>		<p>The 17th century was Amsterdam's Golden Age. In the mid-1660s, Amsterdam had reached a population of 200,000. Wealthy families ruled this city. Wikipedia</p>
<p>1719 The novel, Robinson Crusoe, was written.</p> <p>1722 Gulliver's Travels was written.</p> <p>1740 Captain Nitus Bering Dane, employed by the Russians, discovered Alaska.</p>	<p><b>Thomas (Tomas) Juriance Pieterse</b></p> <p>b. 3 March 1706, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America d. 21 February 1774, Somerset, New Jersey, US Burial: 21 February 1774, Somerset, New Jersey, British Colonial America</p>	<p><b>Antje Lahmeres</b></p> <p>b. 1710, Harlingen, Somerset, New Jersey, US Christening: 1710, Dutch Reformed Church, Harlingen, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America d. 1774, Hillsborough, Somerset, New Jersey, US</p>		<p>"Three sons and one daughter were born of his marriage to Thomas and Antje." Family Search/From Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Penn., Vol.XIV pp. 453-461 F148.C72 Library Congress</p>
<p>1754-1783 French and Indiana War</p> <p>1775-1783 The American Revolutionary War</p> <p>1781 Articles of Confederation took effect.</p> <p>1788 Marietta, Ohio was established.</p> <p>1794 The Cotton Gin was invented.</p>		<p><b>Pieter Lamberts Peterson</b></p> <p>b. 5 April 1733, Harlington, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America d. 17 August 1782, Hampshire, Virginia, United States</p>	<p><b>Maria Lowe Hansine Pittenger</b></p> <p>b. 15 August 1732, Hillsborough Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America d. after 1778, Hampshire, Virginia, British Colonial America</p>	<p>Peter Peterson served as a Ranger, probably in Virginia. Family Search/Karen J. Jenson</p> <p>" Rangers in North America served in the 17th and 18th Century wars between colonists and Native American tribes. The British regulars were not accustom to frontier warfare so Ranger companies were developed. Rangers were full-time soldiers, employed by colonial governments. They patrolled between frontier fortifications in reconnaissance, providing early warning of raids. In offensive operations, they were scouts and guides locating native villages for task forces, drawn from the militia and other colonial troops." wikipedia.org</p> <p>Most rangers wore green for camouflage, although, in some colonies, they wore gray. Thehistoryreader.com</p> <p>National Archives listed Peter as a soldier on April 3, 1777, in the US, Revolutionary War Rolls.</p> <p>Peter's father, Thomas Juriance Pieterse was also spelled "Pietersen". The last name was slowly being Americanized. The name "Pietersen" is a Dutch surname.</p>



<p>1795 Greenville Treaty was signed.</p> <p>1797 Ebenezer Zane opened the Zane's Trace.</p> <p>1803 Zane's Trace was widened.</p> <p>1807 Fulton achieved the first commercially successful steamboat in the US.</p> <p>1812 War of 1812 was fought until 1815.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ralph Roellof Peterson</b></p> <p>b. 18 September 1768, Neshanic, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America d. 2 May 1818, Lawshe (Newport), Adams County, Ohio, US Burial: Lawshe, Adams County, Ohio, US</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Susanna Van Duyn (Vandine)</b></p> <p>b. 11 July 1774, Neshanic, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America Christening: 21 August 1774, Neshanic, Somerset County, New Jersey, British Colonial America d. 21 September 1860 Lawshe (Newport), Adams County, Ohio, US Burial: September 1860, Lawshe (Newport), Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, US</p>	<p>Alfred (Lon) Morrison wrote about oral history in his family essay, The Morrison Family. He described how John, his wife, three small children and his three married sisters and their husbands, left Ireland on a ship for America on July 1790. They crossed the Allegheny Mountains, from the confluence of the Allegheny and the Monongahela Rivers, floated down the Ohio River, stopped at Manchester Island and then traveled up Brush Creek to the fork where east and west Brush Creek separated.</p> <p>Ralph Peterson, married Susanna Van Duyn, in Brooke County, West Virginia (Virginia at the time) in 1790.</p> <p>Glen Morrison Jordan's family essay, "On Another Day" shared oral history that In 1778, Ralph and Susanne also floated down the Ohio River and settled on some land along Eagle Creek, then part of the Northwest Territory. (now known as Brown County, Ohio). They may have been squatters, since no land contract can be located which was not an uncommon practice of the time. Morrison wrote that Ralph purchased land along the East Fork of Brush Creek, one mile above the East and West Forks of Ohio Brush Creek. The land contract for this purchase has been found.</p> <p>Bernard Peterson's essay discussed the history of the Lawshe (Point Pleasant, Newport) Church of Christ, founded in 1814. Ralph Peterson was a founder of this church.</p> <p>The Peterson, Morrison, Gardner, and Jordan families were church members. It was not uncommon for children to marry within their small community.</p>
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Upcoming Events

**10 Nov 2020—7pm**  
**Genealogy Club Meeting**  
CANCELLED

**8 Dec 2020—7pm**  
**Genealogy Club Meeting**  
CANCELLED

Genealogy Club member and CDPL Reference Librarian, Amie Cox will be presenting a Facebook Live program on **Archival Goodies in Odd Places** on 8th Dec 2020 at 7pm. Please mark your calendar and attend from the safety of your home.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/131529028493926/>

All articles and other submissions for the February 2021 newsletter are the property of the writer and must be emailed to Stephanie Simms at [stephief@live.com](mailto:stephief@live.com) before the end of January 2021.



1819  
Andrew Jackson traveled on a road (Zane's Trace) between Peebles and West Union, Adams County, Ohio on his way to Washington, DC to take his oath of office as the 7th president of the United States

1823  
British Parliament adopted the road construction method known as Macadamization, (layers of increasing sizes of stone built above a water table with drainage ditches on both sides).

1826  
The self lighting (Lucifer) match was invented in 1805 but not useable until 1826.

1829  
The first railroad steam engine was imported into the US.

1830  
The Indian Relocation Act was passed.

1830  
The first macadam road (layers of different size crushed stone) was completed in the US.

1838  
Paddle steamship, with full sails, crossed the Atlantic Ocean from Cork Ireland to New York City.

1861-1865  
Civil War

1863  
The Emancipation Proclamation was signed by Abraham Lincoln, freeing the slaves.

1876  
Alexander Graham Bell was granted a patent for the telephone.

1877  
Thomas Edison successfully improved the telephone hand set, which transmitted an articulated sentence.

**William Morrison**

b. 15 April 1798, Pennsylvania, US  
d. 1 December 1863, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, US  
Burial: Lawshe Cemetery, Lawshe, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, US

**Mary "Polly" Peterson**

b. 16 August 1800, Adams County, Ohio, US  
d.15 February 1864, Lawshe, Adams County, Ohio, US  
Burial: Lawshe Cemetery, Lawshe, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, US

**James L. Morrison**

b. 7 August 1827, Ohio, US  
d. 19 March 1865, Lawshe, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, US  
Burial: 1865, Lawshe Cemetery, Lawshe, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, US

**Mary Jane Cobler**

b. 30 September 1829, Ohio, US  
d. 22 March 1913 Lawshe, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio US  
Burial: 24 March 1913, Lawshe Cemtery, Lawshe, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio US

Alfred "Lon" Morrison knew his great-grandmother Mary Peterson as "Aunt Polly or Aunt Pop". When he was young, Lon listened to her family stories.

Lon also heard stories from his great aunt, Eliza Ann (Morrison) Gardner, who lived across the road from his farm house. He asked her what invention, or discovery, during her lifetime, had been an advantage or blessing for her and the pioneer families in southern Ohio? Her answer; the "Lucifer Match". "When I recall the difficulty we had in getting our fire started again, once we let it go out, I think the common match was our greatest blessing." "It took three days to get it started again (using) the friction method (of) rubbing two sticks together. The match was a God-send to us."

Alfred "Lon" Morrison, in his family essay, "The Morrison Family; A Genealogical Study, 1790-1965," explained that in 1864, his grandfather, James Morrison, became ill while a soldier in the Civil War and was taken to Maysville, Kentucky. However, because he was homesick, he insisted on going home to Lawshe, Ohio. After he made the trip home, laying in a road wagon, he died three days later. Lon's grandmother, Mary Jane Cobler, received a small Civil War pension of \$12 per month.

1880  
The commercial light bulb became available and replaced other lighting options by the early 1900s, where electricity was available.

1881  
The novel, *Treasure Island*, was serialized in the magazine *Young Folks* from October 1881 to January 1882 and published in book format in 1883.

1885  
Karl Benz built the first practical automobile.

1892  
Ellis Island in New York Harbor was opened.

1905  
Streets were increasingly surfaced with hand laid brick.

1907  
US automobile production increased to 45,000 cars.

1912  
The RMS Titanic sank in the North 1914 - 1918  
WWI

1919  
Rotary dial phones became common

1920  
Asphalt pavement of roads was popular for road construction.

1920  
Radio Station KDKA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was first radio station to broadcast regular programming.

1935  
Car radios with AM frequency and push buttons were available.

1936  
Rural electrification began.

1940  
General Motors offered an automatic transmission option for Oldsmobiles.

1942  
Penicillin was available to the public.

1945  
WW II ended.

**Joseph Lewis Morrison**

b. 1854, Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, US  
d. 5 August 1924, Mentone, Kosciusko County, Indiana, US  
Burial: Mentone, Kosciusko County, Indiana, US



Olin Dee Morrison, at the Coe Pond in the back yard of family home on 50 Morris Ave., Athens, Ohio.

**Olin Dee Morrison**

b. 17 March 1892, Ashland, Clark County, Kansas, US  
d. 6 December 1987, Athens, Athens County, Ohio US  
Burial: 9 December 1987, West Union Cemetery, Athens, Athens County, Ohio, US



**Rosetta Coomler**

b. 10 June 1864, Wabash County, Indiana, US  
d. 16 November 1947, Syracuse, Kosciusko County, Indiana,



From left; Rose Coomler Morrison, Anna King Morrison and Leanna Stephenson Morrison

**Anna Harriet King**

b. 1890, Madison, Montgomery County, Indiana, US  
d. 1957, Athens, Athens County, Ohio, US  
Burial: 1957, West Union Cemetery, Athens, Athens County, Ohio, US

Joseph, a restless soul, from Wheat Ridge, Ohio was on the 1870 Census with his parents and his 8 siblings. At age 26, Joseph was no longer listed with his mother, Mary Jane, age 51, and siblings on the 1880 Census. In later years, Joseph appeared over 200 miles away from home, in Grant County, Indiana, when he married Rosetta Coomler, from Indiana, on 2 February 1886. He and Rosetta had 3 children, Rilla Mabel, in Clark County, Kansas, on 11 November 1886, Olin Dee, in Ashland County, Kansas, on 15 September 1892, and John Dale, in Ashland County, Kansas on 1893. The family appeared in the 1890 census in Green Township, Grant County, Indiana. They settled in Harrison Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana, appearing on both the 1910 and 1920 census. They lived the rest of their lives farming near Mentone, Harrison Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana.



From left; Anna Margaret Morrison, Martha Dee Morrison, Anna King Morrison holding grandson Robert K. Morrison, Jr., Olin Dee Morrison, and daughter-in-law, Leanna Stephenson Morrison in 1943

Olin graduated from Mentone HS, in 1914 and attended Wabash College in Darlington, Montgomery County Indiana. There, he met Anna King who had graduated high school and was teaching. In 1915, Olin graduated and continued at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and graduated with a Masters degree in 1916. Olin and Anna married on 26 June 1917. They moved to Sterling, Hodgeman County, Kansas so Olin could teach at Sterling College and where they had a son, Robert, 17 March 1918.

In 1918, Olin taught at both Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois and Urbana College in Urbana, Illinois. They were listed in the 1920 US Census when Olin taught at the University of Illinois and lived in Urbana.

On 10 January 1922, in Illinois, Olin and Anna had a daughter, Ann Margaret. They moved to Athens, Athens County, Ohio in 1927, where Olin was hired at Ohio University as Assistant Professor of History. On 9 June 1935, Anna gave birth to Martha Dee, in Athens, Ohio.

## The French Connection and the Holland American Cruise –cont.

1950 - 1953  
Korean War

1950  
Home air conditioning was popular.

1953  
Regular television programming began with a b&w picture.

1955-1975  
Vietnam War

1957  
The Soviet Union successfully launched Sputnik satellite.

1963  
Push button keypads for phones were introduced.

1969  
US landed a crew on the moon.

1972  
Color televisions surpassed sales of B & W sets.

1981  
The Space Shuttle was launched.

1983  
The first wireless phones were available.

1992  
Cell phones were available.

2001  
September, 11th a series of 4 terrorist attacks.

2007  
The iPhone was introduced.

### Children of Olin and Anna



**Dr. Robert King Morrison**

b. 27 April 1918, Sterling, Rice County, Kansas, US  
d. 16 April 2014, Marengo, Morrow County, Ohio, US  
Burial: Black Oak Cemetery, York Township, Ohio, US



**Anna Margaret Morrison**

b. 10 January 1922, Illinois, US  
d. 1 September 2008, Athens, Athens County, Ohio, US  
Burial: Hebbardsville Cemetery, Hebbardsville, Athens County, Ohio US



**Martha Dee Morrison**

b. 9 June 1955, Athens, Athens County, Ohio, US  
d. 4 March 2009, Lakewood, Cuyahoga, Ohio, US



This photo was taken in the back yard of Olin Dee and Anna King Morrison's home at 152 North Congress Street in Athens, Ohio.

L-R: back, Olin Dee Morrison, Anna Margaret Morrison Fulks, middle, Charles Fulks, Alan Fulks, Robert Morrison, Jr., Richard Fulks, front, Ann Morrison

Robert married Leanna Lucille Stephenson, and had four children; Robert King, Jr., Ann, Brent Deaver, Hugh J. Robert, Sr., was an Optometrist in Delaware, Ohio.

Anna Margaret was married to Charles Fulks and had four children; Dr. Charles Leslie, Dr. Richard Morrison, Dr. Alan King, Margaret Ann.

Martha Dee was married to Clarence Barber. They had a daughter, Elizabeth Dee. She was a music therapist and later held various positions with several nonprofits in the Cuyahoga County, Ohio area.

All three children graduated from Ohio University.

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Glen Morrison Jordan, 1902-1995  
Written on May 1978

Glen's 3rd great grandparents were Ralph Roelof Peterson, 1768-1818, and Susanna Van Duyn (Vandine), 1774-1860. His 2nd grandparents were William Morrison, 1798-1863 and Mary (Polly) Peterson, 1800-1864. His grandparents were John Harvey Gardener, 1827-1890, and Eliza Ann Morrison, 1829-1922, and his parents were Thomas Clarence Jordan, 1857-1944, and Mary Josephine Gardner, 1856-1948.

Alfred A. (Lon) Morrison, 1890-1981  
Written on June 25, 1965

Lon's 2nd great grandparents were John Morrison, 1765-deceased, and Mary Gibson 1769-deceased, as well as, Ralph Roelof Peterson, 1768-1818 and Susanna Van Duyn (Vandine), 1774-1860. Lon's great grandparents were William Morrison, 1798-1863, and Mary (Polly) Peterson, 1800-1864, grandparents were James L. Morrison, 1827-1865, and Mary Jane Cobler, 1827-1865, and his parents were John William Morrison, 1853-1897 and Margaret Ellen Carson, 1857-1943.

Lon was Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati, and Editor of the UC Law Review.  
His cousin was Olin Dee Morrison, 1892-1987, Assistant Professor of History, Ohio University, whose parents were Joseph Lewis Morrison, 1854-1924 and Rosetta Coomler, 1864-1947.

Bernard (H.) Peterson, 1910-1998  
Written on September 20, 1974

Bernard's 2nd great grandparents were Ralph Roelof Peterson, 1768-1818, and Susanna Van Duyn (Vandine), 1774-1860, grandparents were John Peterson, 1807-1856, and Ann Spurgeon, 1809-1901 and grandparents were John Thomas Peterson, 1838-1924 and Drusilla Ann Florea, 1851-1920. Bernard's parents were John Jason Peterson, 1877-1957 and Mary Eva Peterson, 1881-1958.



## Essays by Robert King Morrison, Jr.

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*If you don't recount your family history, it will be lost. Honor your own stories and tell them too. The tales may not seem very important, but they are what binds families and makes each of us who we are.*

*— Madeleine L'Engle*

New York City's Battery Park Memorial to the first Permanent Settler's of New Amsterdam/New York City (May 1624) is known as the Walloon Settlement Memorial. It gives credit to Jesse De Forest for inspiring the new settlement,



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