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And just like that, another breezy October comes and goes and chilly November comes in bringing it's time change and Thanksgiving and suddenly it will be Christmas. As we look back at October, it was all about Halloween and crisp fall days and apple cider. Inside you can read about a Small Town Cemetery and those who reside there.

November, while thoughts of Thanksgiving dinner's begin to swirl in our heads, brings thoughts of those heroes who served our country. Inside you will read a story about one of Montgomery County's own, Phil WARD. Who is Phil



you ask? Turn the page and find out and you will never look at the photo of the flag being raised on Iwo Jima the same again.

While you look ahead to Thanksgiving and Christmas and time with family, don't forget to look around you and always keep in mind that you may come across stories of your ancestors in a variety of places and when you least expect it. The Local History at CDPL has been working to gather photos, memorabilia, and stories of those in and around New Richmond in 1985 when the movie *Hoosiers* was being filmed. Several local residents have shared their family mementos like the families of Phyllis BOONE, David OPPY, and Virginia WAYE. Because of those photos jogging memories, I was able to share stories with my daughter of her grandmother, Carolyn FIDDLER, and her experiences with Gene Hackman and others when they were in New Richmond. I even got to tell her that her uncle, Marvin BARNES, had one of his old trucks in the movie, and her uncle, Brian FIDDLER, was an extra in the movie.

You never know where life will take you, so be sure you share your stories and your memories. You never know when your grandchild will get to laugh about a shared memory over a bowl of popcorn in front of the tv watching the family grocery store cameo in a Gene Hackman sports movie long after you are gone. It is a piece of her family's story that she might not have otherwise gotten to hear. Share it! And while you are at it, plan to sit together over the holiday break and cheer on the Huskers!



If you haven't been to the Genealogy Facebook page lately, go check it out. Here you see a street scene from New Richmond during filming of the movie *Hoosiers*. If you have stories, photos, or pictures you would like to share, make an appointment to see Dellie CRAIG at CDPL.

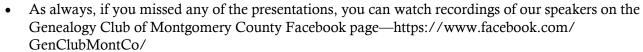
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Update from the Club

Hello Genealogy Club Members, News and updates from the Genealogy Club—

- In August, Toni RIDGWAY-WOODALL from CDPL spoke to us about visual aspects of family history through the lens of everyday artists. There were 20 in attendance
- In September, annual elections were held. President—Dian MOORE, Vice President—Shannon HUDSON, Secretary—Dorothy DAVIS, Treasurer—Pam RAGER, Activities—Dellie CRAIG, and Newsletter—Stephanie SIMMS
- October meeting was spent organizing our year and hearing our annual committee reports



- Longtime club member, George SCHARF had a wonderful historic collection of items. His widow, Lynn brought in many items to CDPL like a book for Crawfordsville High School. Lynn and her son also brought in a notebook for George's first wife, Ruth KITTS with information about reunions, photos, programs, etc from 1939 for Crawfordsville HS. You can view what we have available on the Local History Database which you can link to through the library website.
- To make an appointment at CDPL to do genealogy research or if you have local history documents or books you would like to share with the library, reach out to Dellie Craig by calling the library at 765-362-2242 or by email at dcraig@cdpl.lib.in.us. Appointments can be made for up to an hour and a half.



August 25—A group of genealogists researching RHOADS family came in to CDPL. L to R: Anna MINICK—Crawfordsville, Denise GRIPP—Indianola, IA, Judy Rhoads BROWN—Warsaw, IN, and Helen WILEY—Warsaw, IN. Anna brought in notebooks to be scanned for the Image Database. She also brought in photos from two RHOADS reunions

Pictured Right—John HOPPER and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in September. John is a 20+ year member of the Genealogy club. Congratulations!





One of MoCo's Real Heroes by Karen Zach



Most of you can conjure in your mind the famous picture of the men raising the American flag at Iwo Jima. Well, it was basically a faked photo – only one of those men had a few hours earlier been a real hero who risked his life with a few others including Phil WARD (thanks to the Benjamin Family Tree on Ancestry) from Montgomery County to climb the 500' Suribachi Mountain, a defunct volcano that was under constant heavy fire with the American flag on a water pipe raise it to its glory!

Later, the commander ordered a larger flag as a morale booster and had an AP Cameraman, Joe ROSENTHAL capture the photo that became so famous. Luckily, the original was caught by

two persons, Lou LOWERY, Marine Sargent, who just a few minutes after snapping the picture was killed by a Japanese grenade and Marine Photographer, Bob CAMPBELL. That photo was in several newspapers at the time, as well, but it was the more professional staged one that became so famous!

War ships had been bombing the exact place the flag was raised. Four days of unbelievable hand to hand combat brought the bombing to a standstill so that none of our own soldiers would be hit; thus when Phil and platoon members raised our stars and stripes the cheer was loud and clear! "There goes our flag" (for all his years to come, Phil Ward replayed that horror every February 19th).

Philip Lavon WARD was born 10 March 1926, the fourth of eleven children born to James Wallace and Hazel (VANNICE) WARD, the family being very close, living and playing together. Having grown-up in the Linnsburg-Mace area, Phil attended school at New Ross, where he was an exceptional basketball player, being tall, thin and quick. At age 16, he went to Texas, worked a short time then joined the service, 3rd Platoon, Co E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines. Phil was one of four who came out of that battled unscathed, the others in his unit either killed or severely wounded (Zach, Montgomery Magazine April 1984). Phil knew what he wanted in life and remained in the service until retirement, serving three tours in Vietnam and deservedly is buried in Arlington, Virginia in the National Cemetery.



Phil Ward

After the war, Phil married Madelyn Jean MILLER on October 5, 1946. She was the mother of his two children, Andy and Nancy who produced Phil five grandchildren. Sadly, Madelyn died in 1957 at the young age of 30. On May 26, 1973, Phil married Vy DANG whom he met in Vietnam (she worked for the US Army and her office was near where Phil was working) and they remained together until his death at the end of 2005 (Dec 28) at age 79. Vy said at the funeral (Ward – 16170 wikitree) that "wherever they went and whoever they met everyone loved Phil!"



Other comments at the funeral (100 people attending) included, "He loved practical jokes even when the joke was on him." The minister (Rev. Don WILSON) said that Phil was "well accomplished in many things and well loved by so many." Clyde "Bud" BRADY was good friends with Phil for decades and noted Phil was one of the best and that his trademark was his John Deere cap. Phil was very involved in the Montgomery County Pioneer Association and had quite a skill for refurbishing antique tractors."

FindAGrave photo by PJ Smith

BRADY went on to say that Montgomery County had lost a hero, one of the best! I say Amen to that! Rest In Peace, Phil!

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James Family Research—by Barb Gloede



Mary James Meyers, Steve Meyers, and their daughter, Barb Meyers

We recently decided to do a road trip that would include, in large part, digging into my mother's paternal family history – the JAMES.

Through previous research we learned that it began with John JAMES Sr who was born in England but came to – at the time British America. At some point John JAMES Sr married and moved to Wilmington NC where our ancestor John JAMES Jr was born – also in a British America. At a later date they moved to KY – Madison County to be not-so-specific. I say that because at that time Madison County was much larger than it is today and we still have blanks to fill in.

Madison KY is where we began our road trip searching. John JAMES Jr married his bride in Madison KY – yes, we found his

super cool marriage 'certificate' on this recent road trip. It also looks like our next-in-line ancestor, Joseph JAMES, was born in Madison County KY but there are no birth records that far back. Montgomery County IN was next and last on this road trip. We are hopeful to uncover more about Joseph and his wife Sarah but so far all we know is Joseph and Sarah lived in IN and that Sarah died and is buried somewhere in IN.

Then it looks like Joseph and Sarah's son William was born in Montgomery County IN but again, back before the time of official records. It does look like, due to Sarah's early death, William was displaced and raised by other family members. Perhaps a relation still living in Indiana can help us fill in the gaps with Joseph, Sarah and William's time in the state.

What Dellie CRAIG at the Crawfordsville Library helped us find was enlightening and also super cool! In part, we were able see the original documents related to John JAMES Jr probate after his death. We discovered the church that Mr. & Mrs. John JAMES were a part of. The connection with this church may lead to other discoveries but we do know that through their church came John's probate administrator and where he and his wife are buried. Per the usual we photocopied what we thought were clues knowing that we would spend time at home combing those details for new clues. However, one item stood out as something we could yet collect – land or deed information for John JAMES.

It seems he purchased 2-80 -acre Plats in a new town called Jamestown. After leaving the Library with spinning brains full of information we wanted to see what we could find on that. Our last stop of the day was to the Government Center where the ladies helped us find the Index and recorded information for land John James owned. Our adventure continued as we went out in search of grave markers – specifically for John JAMES Jr and his wife Susannah SHOUSE JAMES. We were armed with knowing they are buried in Waveland Methodist Cemetery and with an image from Dellie of the church they once belonged to.

As it turns out – neither church or cemetery are labeled. We haphazardly drove around Waveland IN and as we passed a very unkempt church that looked 'familiar' and happened upon a very old cemetery behind it - again, not well kept or marked. Barnabas was discovered first and I knew he was buried in the same cemetery as 3 other relatives. Then happened upon Susanna's marker. Taking a chance that Susanna would be buried next to her husband we began cleaning the totally unreadable marker next door. We saw the name John appear!

After carefully cleaning all the markers and using white chalk to help the items pop we have full information for 4 of our ancestors! And, Ancestory.com has a few things wrong (LOL). We plan to make a few updates.

History is best learned through the eyes and lives of those who lived it. It is due to the family history search that we learned more about immigration, life and settlement prior to the Revolutionary War, Kentucky, Daniel Boone, Madison KY, Montgomery and Boone Counties IN, the state of IN and pioneering. Our search is a living history that will be passed on to the next generations.

We want to thank the Montgomery County communities for valuing its history enough to gather, protect, preserve and make available to those of us researching in this area. We also want to thank Dellie CRAIG for all of her hard work, time and attention over the many years she has served in her capacity but specifically for her help in our search!

Barb Gloede (daughter of Mary James Meyers) 5x granddaughter of John James Jr (b: 1773/74 in NC d: 1847 Montgomery County IN)

Small Town Cemetery—by Karen Zach



Karen Zach

While walking the cemeteries of a small town, one can literally view the history of the area. For instance, the cemetery group of the Montgomery County Genealogy Club recently cleaned the Presbyterian Cemetery in Waveland and they "met" several of the early ministers (example: Thomas Hance ALDERDICE, born the first day of 1812 in Ireland and passed away at his home 27 Oct 1886 in Waveland – he and his wife and two of their four children are buried there, as well including one of the first Presbyterian ministers, James HUMMER who was one of the first buried there 3 Oct 1846 age 48).

Doctors - example: Thomas Zopher BALL born 26 Oct 1867 and his father, Zopher BALL as well as other BALL family members, including Zopher's wife, Sarah Ellen MILLIGAN who was the daughter of John William MILLIGAN and Lucinda ELMORE, John is the "Father of Waveland," really. John was a merchant and farmer and sold goods on commission for Isaac C. ELSTON – with that money he purchased the land that is now the town of Waveland and built the first house there. There are several descendants of this couple in the cemetery and MILLIGAN is probably the most prominent of all the names.

Another one of those buried there is SPC Brian Robert BOWMAN who died in Afghanistan 3 Jan 2010. He of course, joined other soldiers in the beautiful little Presbyterian Cemetery (example: Joseph BELTON Co H 40th Indiana who died of disease in Jeffersonville, Indiana Army Hospital on March 28, 1865).

Almost whole families are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, including the Blakely BRUSH's. As with many in the Waveland area, Blakely was born 1 March 1807 in Shelby County, Kentucky but lived most of his life in the little town. Many of the ALLEN, DURHAM, FULLENWIDER, GARLAND, GLOVER, RICE, RUSK and THOMAS family members are buried there as well.

Being in a small town, many resting in the little cemetery were merchants, teachers or something in relationship to the town. For instance, several of the KLEISER sons were carpenters and built many of the older homes in town. Several KLEIZER family members are buried there. Additionally, Henry Seymour KRITZ is buried there. KRITZ helped promote the town as one of the two first teachers in the Presbyterian Academy of Waveland (later Waveland Collegiate Institution) and he had that position for more than 20 years. He was a true Christian and faithful servant of education.

The early Irish influence can be seen in the names of McALLISTER, McCAMPBELL, McCLOUD, McINTYRE, McNUTT and others. Dugald McINTYRE buried there was also one of the early ministers of the church.

I believe the Genealogy Club, Cemetery Committee group is slated to clean the other Waveland proper cemetery (although there are three others near), the Methodist Cemetery. There are several families entwined in both places. The STEELE family is one. Thomas ARMSTRONG, an early Waveland doctor, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, was a brother to Samuel Hamilton Armstrong STEELE, a local tanner/saddler, who was the father of the famous painter, Theodore Clement STEELE, is buried in the Methodist cemetery with a couple of his daughters and other family members.

Few people who ever lived in the little town of Waveland do not know or have at least heard of Theodore Clement STEELE who, although born in Owen County near Gosport, IN September 11, 1847, he came to Waveland as a small boy. His boyhood home is still standing and has been refurbished by Tim SHELLEY and his wife Meg. They have been so helpful to the community.

Presbyterian Cemetery, Waveland, IN From F&S Fine, Find a Grave



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Cemetery—cont.



T.C. as he was known, lost his father in 1861. TC lived across the street with his maternal grandparents some after that since his mother (Harriet Newell EVANS) had two more sons, and a daughter to raise (having lost three daughters before her husband's death). TC was the oldest and he began putting his art work in fairs, winning nice monetary prizes and was already known by age 13. At 15, he was teaching art at the Waveland Academy while he attended school there in return. Later, he studied in Chicago (leaving Waveland at age 23), then off to Europe. Although TC learned the art of painting portraits (and he did several, including a life-sized one of Indiana's own President HARRISON) it was his beloved Indiana's landscapes that called him home again and again.

One of the most impressive accomplishments was in 1893 when one of his paintings (On the Muscatatuck) was chosen out of 900 pictures to be displayed at the Chicago World's Fair. He was the main instigator establishing the Brown County Art Colony and did much of his work at his home the Singing Winds there.

At his death in July 1926 he was cremated and his ashes buried near his beloved home. It is a neat place to visit but more fun to think the world-renowned artist lived in our town, our county, during his formative years. The verse that was on the entrance to the memorial grounds near Nashville where he lived in 1952 read: "Seasons come and go. Eternal change. But always with their ... Gifts of Beauty" ... signed TC and how true it was for him as well as anyone enjoying his art!

Several other examples can be seen with some of a family in one and some in the other cemetery. Both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches beginning early on up through the late 1900s were very active together. They shared revivals, ministers, and often a wife went to one and the husband another as well as brothers or parents buried in one or the other cemetery. Often, they had money making projects together. Likely a fairly neat, unique situation that helped bring the Wavelandites even closer!



Pictured left is actor Gene Hackman and David OPPY in New Richmond, IN during the filming of the movie *Hoosiers* in 1985. Local History CDPL is collecting photos and memorabilia from the movie saved by local residents and New Richmonders. If you go to the Genealogy Club Facebook page or Local History at CDPL, you can view all the photos and memorabilia that have been scanned.

Pictured right is Keith WAYE Keith is pictured here with his mother, Virginia WAYE's scrapbooks from the filming of the movie *Hoosiers* in 1985. Keith made an appointment with Dellie and let the library scan the scrapbook for the Local History database.

If you have any memorabilia or photos that you would be willing to let us scan and save in the Local History database, make an appointment with Dellie to do so. Information on contacting her is on page 2 of the newsletter. We would love to scan as many as we can to save these memories. If you have stories you would be willing to tell about that time, the Local History archives will record your memories for future researchers to listen to. Just talk to Dellie.



Discovery of local woman's 1800's book—Annette Blount



A few years ago I received a telephone call from the Johnson County History Museum Library. The lady on the phone asked if we had a particular book by Rachel QUICK BUTTZ. Rachel was a native of Bartholomew County. I was not familiar with her at the time, but I looked in our catalog and found that we did not have the book in question. They were weeding their collection and wanted to send us the book. I told the lady on the phone I would take it. The book is a collection of poetry titled "Blades and Blossoms" published in 1911. This made me curious about Rachel QUICK BUTTZ. Who was she and what could I find out about her?

Annette Blount

I was slightly familiar with the name Tunis QUICK. Tunis QUICK was a judge in Bartholomew County. He lived in Flat Rock Township and Rachel was his daughter. Most of the family is buried in Flat Rock Baptist Cemetery. The house the family lived

in is still standing today. I wondered if Rachel wrote any other books besides the book of poetry I was sent. I found an online copy, through Google Books, of a book Rachel wrote about her childhood and about becoming a young woman in Bartholomew County, Indiana. The book is titled "A Hoosier Girlhood." It is a wonderful portrait of what it was like to grow up in the mid- to late 1800s in Bartholomew County.

Rachel Nelson QUICK BUTTZ was born December 19, 1847, in Bartholomew County. She died here in September 6, 1923 at age 75. She wrote "A Hoosier Girlhood" for her daughter. Rachel wanted to give her daughter a glimpse into her childhood. The publication of the book in 1924 allows us to share that glimpse of Rachel's childhood in Bartholomew County before we were here to experience it.

She tells of her experiences at North-Western Christian University, which we know as Butler University. She speaks about and describes Cormantown, which was a little town near the area where Owens Bend Park is now. Rachel tells us of the Flat Rock Baptist Church, which used to stand near the cemetery. She tells of her trip to Missouri after her marriage to "Mr. BUTTZ". I know how long that trip seems going across Illinois and Missouri on my way to Oklahoma in a car. I can only imagine what it was like going to Illinois and then on to Missouri in a horse drawn wagon. What a trip! Those are just some of the topics included in her book.

Not only is Rachel's book a wonderful find for local history but it is also a great contribution for the genealogist. One of the families she speaks of being close to is the BREVOORT family. Dr. Jason BREVOORT lived south of Walesboro in Wayne Township in Bartholomew County. His family is primarily buried in Daugherty Cemetery. Rachel speaks about William, Edwin and Frank, the three BREVOORT sons, with great fondness. It was a special time for the children to visit the home of their friends in Wayne Township and for their friends to come and visit them in Flat Rock Township. Edwin at one time was Rachel's teacher. She speaks of the BREVOORT family quite a bit in her book.

One of the most unexpected finds I had from reading Rachel's book was discovering the cause of death of young Frank BREVOORT. In 1868 tragedy struck the BREVOORT family when Frank drowned in the river. Rachel describes the loss in her book. There were no death records in 1868, so the account of Frank's death in Rachel's book is a genealogy treasure for someone researching the BREVOORT family. I have uploaded the account of Frank's death from Rachel's book to Frank's Find a Grave memorial page.

"Preserve your memories, keep them well, what you forget you never can tell" ~Louisa May Alcott

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1800's book—cont.

Since the book was published in 1924 the copyright is no longer an issue and Albert Francis "Frank" BREVOORT (Memorial #91923027) has more than a death date on his Find a Grave page. His story is recorded in Rachel's book so others now can know what happened to him.

We are not always fortunate enough to find out what happened to our ancestors. We don't always have a friend write a book and include our story in it, but as I have always heard at every conference and every meeting I have been to: leave no stone unturned. You never know where you might find the answer you are looking for. Who would have thought to look for the story of Frank BREVOORT's death in a book titled "A Hoosier Girlhood?" Also, sometimes it is helpful to look at sources you looked at before to see if the information has been updated. Frank's memorial was originally posted in 2012. I added the pages about his death in December 2022. Sometimes updates are added and it might be worth it to look again. I know it might seem like a waste of time, but it can be worth the little bit of extra time you spend looking at it again.

If you would like to read a copy of Rachel's book, "A Hoosier Girlhood," you might be able to Interlibrary loan a copy. If you cannot Interlibrary loan a copy, you will have to settle for a digital copy on Google Books. Our library does not own a physical copy of the book but aren't you glad in this digital age you can still access a copy?

Annette Blount is the genealogy librarian at the Bartholomew County Public Library. Send comments to editorial@therepublic.com. https://www.therepublic.com/2023/05/28/annette-blount-discovery-of-local-womans-1800s-books-a-genealogical-treasure/?

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While this story might not seem relevant since this occurred in Bartholomew County, it is very relevant. Look for clues to your family everywhere you go. If you look for them, you will find them in the places you least expect it.



Pictured Left—Carrie THIEKE won a book and erasable pen at July's After Hours

Pictured Right—Sherry MAHOY donated the photo taken at the Crawford Hotel. If you go to Genealogy Facebook page you can

see a larger view. We are wondering if anyone out there can identify anyone in this photo or confirm that it was taken at the Crawford Hotel.



"Home is the nicest word there is" ~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Library Happenings by Dellie Craig



Dellie Craig

Local History continues as the "Place to Be." Currently we are busy gathering documents related to filming of Hoosiers in New Richmond. If you have memories or photos you would like to share, I would like to talk to you! Contact me at 765-362-2242 or by email at dcraig@cdpl.lib.in.us.

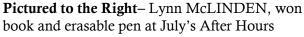
Pictured to the Right- Teresa SIMMS came in to find information on John GRAHAM from Potato Creek. We were able to find ledgers for her ancestor and a binder full of old checks and receipts along with the original marriage certificate of John to Mary KING.





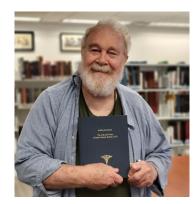
Pictured to the Left – Virgil KONING was in from FL looking for information on his PARKER, WORMSLEY, and MEYER

families. Specifically, Virgil was looking for parents for Francis T "Tarvin" PARKER who committed suicide in 1888 in MoCo. We found a newspaper article and death certificate but no parents were listed. Francis was married to Rachel WORMSLEY. If you have any information, contact CDPL.





Pictured to the Left – Andrea BULGER-BROUGHTON won a book and erasable pen at July's After Hours



Pictured to the Right – Judi KLEINE won a book and erasable pen at July's After Hours



Pictured Left—Jackie LEO and Betty MORTON looking for a death record and learning how to use the CDPL Local History database



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