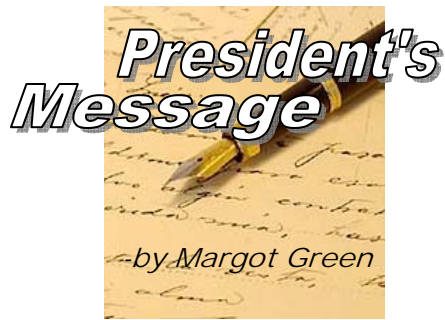


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The BCGS Website Is Here!

Check it out at <http://www.bartfgen.org>

With so much genealogical research being done on the Internet these days, it is time for BCGS to go electronic. Following several months of planning and work, our BCGS website is up and running. On it you will find:

- General Information about BCGS
- Upcoming Programs: Dates, Locations, Times, Topics
- Membership Information and an Application
- BCGS Publications for Sale
- An Easy-to-use Electronic Form for Genealogical Queries
- Links to Bartholomew County Genealogical Resources
- Links to Free Genealogical Internet Websites and Databases

Most of the site is open to everyone – giving both members and non-members access to Bartholomew County resources and an opportunity to learn more about BCGS. In the near future, a “Members Only” section (now being developed) will include updated Surname Lists, electronic copies of handouts from BCGS programs, news of other genealogical events in the area, and other useful information.

Members and webmasters Marcus Speer and Larry Haak used their skills to translate our desires into a functional and attractive website. In addition, member Diana Moore provided valuable input as we launched the project and Ancestors editor Kim Ray worked with Marcus and Larry to bring the project to fruition. We are all in their debt. Thanks!!

Please remember that our website is designed to be “evergreen”, and this is just the beginning. We will be supplementing and improving <http://www.bartfgen.org> as time goes by. To make the website the best it can be, we need your help and suggestions. Please check it out and give us your ideas. We welcome them!

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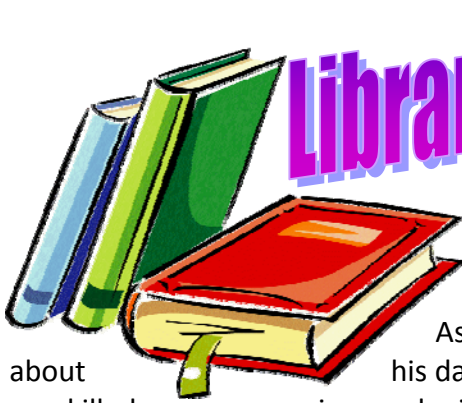
Nov 19: Election of 2012 Officers;
Migration of Ulster Scots to the
“Colonies” and Influence of Scots
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Editor's Note: Many thanks to all BCGS Board Members for their time and articles to make Ancestors the “Voice of BCGS” ! As a courtesy, and to insure the personal communication with each of you, their columns are not edited. Hope you enjoy !



Library Links

-by Jason Hatton
Assistant Director
Bartholomew County Public Library

Those who do not look upon themselves as a link, connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world.

- Daniel Webster

As a young child I sat on my grandfather's knee and listened to the stories about his days growing up in the mountains of Kentucky. He told about his dad who was killed in a coal mining accident and how his widowed mother raised all 6 children (plus several other "adopted" kids) on very little money. Through my grandfather's stories, I felt the connection that only knowing the past can give you. Not just a generic past, but *my* past- those who had a hand in making me what I am today. Through genealogy, we attempt to research, record, and preserve the memory of those who came before us so that we might inform and teach those who come after.

In the same way in which genealogists attempt to preserve that personal history, libraries attempt to collect, organize, and make accessible all of those personal histories into a very real collective history. This large collection enables us to see that all of humanity is connected. As Ray Bradbury said, "Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future."

However, a library is not simply a storehouse of material. Yes, that is a valuable role that libraries have played and will continue to play, but we really are so much more. One of the biggest assets of a library is the librarians. I came across a quote from author Neil Gaiman that sums up the value of a librarian, "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one."

It is our job to know how to research. We understand how information is organized and therefore how to get to that one piece that is needed. We keep up-to-date on the latest websites and technologies in this rapidly changing world of ours. However, we don't just keep that information to ourselves. We want to help you find the information you need. Columnist Linton Weeks states it this way, "In the nonstop tsunami of global information, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us to swim."

My hope with this column is to give you tips on how you can utilize the library as one of the links in your genealogical research. My first tip is to use the librarians. I know a lot of people think that by asking a question of the librarian you are bothering us, but nothing could be farther from the truth! That is truly what we do...we want to be "bothered." Do not hesitate to contact me at 812-379-1260/ jhatton@barth.lib.in.us or Ronda Brown our Genealogy Librarian at 812-379-1266/ genealogy@barth.lib.in.us. We are happy to help you get started with your genealogical research or to act as a sounding board for your latest roadblock.

New Books

New Genealogy Books at the Bartholomew County Library

Watch this spot for a list of new books as Ronda Brown keeps us posted with the latest and greatest list at the Library!

Highlights



-BY CAROLYN WHEELER

OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS HAVE GIVEN US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALIZE, TO LEARN ABOUT LOCATING OWNERSHIP RECORDS (IF OUR ANCESTOR COULD STAY PUT FOR A WHILE), AND TO LEARN THE ORIGINS OF THE PEOPLE WHO SETTLED SCOTLAND, AS WELL AS HOW DNA TESTING MAY BE HELPFUL TO GENEALOGISTS.

THE BCGS PICNIC IN JULY BROUGHT OUT 20 MEMBERS AND FOUR GUESTS FOR A NUTRITIOUS MEAL AND AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION BY DONNA KUHLMAN. MAKING SEVERAL KEY POINTS, SHE EXPLAINED WHY DEED RECORDS ARE IMPORTANT TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.

SHE NOTED DEED RECORDS LOCATE OUR ANCESTORS (OFTEN GIVING FULL NAMES), GIVE US A TIME FRAME, AND ARE OFTEN A CLUE TO A BURIAL PLACE. THEN, TOO, TRANSACTIONS FOR LAND DISPOSAL AFTER A DEATH OFTEN REVEAL THE CHILDREN AND SPOUSES IN A FAMILY.

TO FIND DEED RECORDS, VISIT THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE. ORIGINAL PURCHASES OF LAND ARE LISTED IN A TRACT BOOK. THERE ARE ALSO DEED RECORDS TO SHOW WHEN LAND WAS TRANSFERRED. THESE ARE INDEXED BY SELLERS (GRANTORS) AND BUYERS (GRANTEES) IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY LAST NAMES.

ONE OTHER TIP DONNA GAVE WAS TO CHECK TAX RECORDS (FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE) FOR RELATIVES WHO MIGHT HAVE OWNED LAND. THIS WOULD VERIFY THEIR LOCATION AND WHETHER LIVING OR DECEASED DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

AT THE RECENT SEPTEMBER MEETING WE HEARD KENNETH MORGAN SPEAK ON "BLOOD, BONES AND DNA: WHAT WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT THE HUMAN FAMILY AND HOW DNA TESTING MAY ENHANCE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH."

MR. MORGAN SPOKE ABOUT THE GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO SETTLED SCOTLAND (THE BRITONS, PICTS, SCOTS, SAXONS AND VIKINGS), GIVING A CONDENSED HISTORY DATING BACK TO JULIUS CAESAR'S CONQUEST OF GAUL. MR. MORGAN NOTED WE CANNOT ASSUME SOME OF THESE TRIBES DIED OUT. THROUGH DNA TESTING THERE IS PROOF TO THE CONTRARY.

HE ENDED HIS TALK BY COVERING MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF DNA AND SPOKE OF HIS OWN ATTEMPTS TO UNDERSTAND HIS ANCESTORS BY HAVING DNA TESTING DONE.

FLASH NEWS ITEM!

IN JULY OUR PRESIDENT MARGOT GREEN PRESENTED TO THE LIBRARY THE SHELBY COUNTY CEMETERY BOOKS THE BCGS PURCHASED IN MEMORY OF MARCELLA JONES, FORMER MEMBER OF OUR GROUP. ALSO GIVEN WAS A COPY OF THE ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS. ALL OF THESE ARE NOW CATALOGUED AND AVAILABLE TO BE USED FOR RESEARCH IN THE INDIANA ROOM.

An Interview with 2 Civil War Enthusiasts

-by Kim Ray



Gene Robertson

Gene Robertson was born and raised in Hope, IN where he still resides. He has son, 42y, a daughter, 36y, and 4 grandchildren.

Shortly after Gene became a member of the Hope Masonic Lodge, an interest in the Civil War began. This interest eventually evolved into a passion for the company from his hometown – Company I of the 33rd Regiment.

The Masonic Lodge wrote to get dispensation from the Grand Master to have a traveling lodge to perform ceremonies while they were away from their local Lodge.

Fravel Military Traveling Lodge, named after the State of Indiana's Grand Master, started with Company I of the 33rd Regiment, and it grew from there. The North & South would have rituals at night with both sides participating, then go back to fighting each other the next day.

There were two times where Masonic Burial Rites were performed by the North's Lodge in the South - Lexington KY and Christiana TN. Both deceased Lieutenants were from the Southern Army.

Company I, nicknamed the "Hope Guards", was mustered 23 July 1861, with 97 volunteer men – 6 were from Hartsville, 2 from Decatur Co, 3 from Jennings Co, all the rest were from Hope.

Company I traveled 3,338 miles on railroad cars, 1,207 miles on boats, and 2,917 miles on foot, earning 9 cents per mile. Gene wants people know there were almost as many Americans killed in the Civil War (622,000) than all the wars from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War (638,000). This is because they were not Americans fighting a foreign Army, but Americans fighting Americans.



Chris Walker

Chris Walker is married, has two daughters, teaches at Indiana Wesleyan and is working on his Doctorate. He currently lives in Whitestown, a suburb of Indianapolis, but recently was hired to teach in Louisville and is making plans to move there within the next year.

He has always been interested in history and in particular, the Civil War. Growing up, his parents would take him and his two younger siblings to visit several Civil War sites during their vacations.

His interest in the 33rd came from learning he had two ancestors that served with that unit. William H. and John Quincy Owens, sons of Nathaniel Owens of Flat Rock Twp, were both in Company I and both wounded in the Atlanta Campaign. Coincidentally, Chris' wife Lisa is a descendant of Joseph Swinford of Shelby Co, who was in Company D of the 33rd.

Chris has been working on a website for the 33rd. The left side of the Home Page (where the contents are listed) is made to resemble the spine of the book, *History of the 33rd Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry* by John McBride, the regimental adjutant. He hopes that the website will be a great historical and genealogical resource for people, especially for descendants of soldiers in the regiment. Chris adds, "The website is also meant to honor the service and sacrifices of the men in the regiment - it's my tribute to the brave men of the 33rd."

There were 10 Companies in the 33rd Regiment. Company G was recruited from Columbus and Company I from Hope. Out of 2,000 men in the Regiment, Chris has between 1300-1500 gravestone pictures. If you are a descendant of any of these soldiers, we invite you to visit his website or contact Chris via email:

33rdIndiana.org
Chris.Walker@indwes.edu

UP coming!

-by Jennie Rauch

Hello,

Genealogy Friends!

Things are a bit topsy-turvy around here, but it turns out in a very good way! As you may know, our original September speaker, Mark Lawson, had to change his plans for a bigger family commitment out of town. Two pieces of good news - first, his kind referral landed us a speaker on the subject of DNA, which will have already occurred by the time you get this. I'd just started a tentative search for a possible program for next year on that very subject, so was delighted Kenneth Morgan was able to slide into the newly vacant program position on such short notice. Second, knowing we were disappointed to not be learning about his topic of the Ulster Scots' influence, Mr. Lawson agreed to speak at our November program! Our low-key November meeting won't be so low-key after all! We will have a brief meeting for election of officers, then turn the room over to Mr. Lawson.

We still have a few gaps in the programs for 2012, but I'll share the plans we do have! In January, Mr. Tim Orr will speak about Customs of World Religions, and how that affects our genealogical search. He is a teacher at IUPUC on the subject of World Religions, and is looking forward to researching further to address our research challenges.

March hasn't been firmed up yet, and one possibility is to have a round table discussion of the different ways we all use to get our reams of genealogical treasure organized. We can learn from each other!

In May, instead of our Annual Pitch-in Picnic, we're taking a field trip to the Moravian Church, briefly, then the Moravian Cemetery in Hope, and lunch at Aunt Aimee's Tea Room on the Square. We'll be asking for pre-registration so we can make reservations for lunch. IF IT RAINS, instead of tromping around a soggy cemetery, we'll go to the Moravian Church, the Yellow Trails Museum, then lunch. More details later!

In July, Sheila Kells will speak to us about the Adoption Process in different states. Her experience with Yesteryears has given her a special perspective on locating elusive relatives!

September and November programs are "under construction", so if you have an idea, a contact, or a topic you'd like to share with us, please let me, or any Board Member know, so we can round out our selection of topics. Stay tuned!

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Never Give Up – A Family Research Success Story

- by Jim Green

Over the Memorial Day weekend I was updating some family records and still working on my genealogy goals for the year when I decided to revisit some of the records I had done several months ago. In the past it had been very difficult to find any information regarding my grandmother's grandfather. I thought I'd try again.

I went on the HeritageQuest software on the Bartholomew County Library's web site and selected the books option. When I entered my grandmother's grandfather's name, up popped a compilation of newsletters that family members had combined into a document of over 3,000 pages of family history. My only task was to scroll through the "hits" and extract the data I needed. What a find! I now have that family's history from the 1850's back to the 1640's in England.

Upon looking at the data I found references to a website that included much more family information as well as information about a family reunion in Tennessee. We called the contact and attended the reunion to meet about 150 relatives that I hadn't known existed a month before.

We are planning on visiting the family homestead on Cape Cod in October of this year and tour several family homes, cemeteries, and churches, several towns in which family members lived and one town that a member started.

I guess the moral of the story is, never give up on your search efforts, and keep trying the same records over again. They are adding more data on line daily, and you may be surprised at what you'll discover.



Linda Glick Forster is researching to write a book for the Parks Dept. on the origins of ANDERSON FALLS. If you have any information or pictures about the history of Anderson Falls, David Anderson family genealogy, the Mills from that area, or Mt. Pleasant Church, please contact her via. email: windmill.farm@hotmail.com

Ancestors in the News

Transcribed by J. Johnson

The Evening Republican

Tuesday, August 5, 1886

About People

Major Joe **Gant** is in Cincinnati to-day.

Mr. J. E. **Mooney** of Cincinnati is in the city.

J. A. **Trotter** returned last night from his visit to friends in Henryville.

Mr. Lew **Guernsey** this morning visited the scene of the fire at Edinburg.

J. W. **Tinker** and Eugene **Russell**, of Hartsville, left last night for Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Mrs. Bessie **Hamilton** has gone to Mystic Bridge, Conn., where she has accepted a position in a kindergarten.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie **Tebbe** and Mr. and Mrs. Fred **Miller** and son, have gone to Waukesha to spend the heated term.

Mr. and Mrs. Melle **Williams**, of Taylorsville, Ill., who have been visiting Dr. **Hauser** and family, left this morning for home.

The sensation damage suit of Dr. W. H. **Allen** of Waymansville, against Henry C. **Burgett** has been filed, G. W. **Cooper** being the attorney for the plaintiff. It is for slander and \$10,000 damages. The complaint alleges ...that Burgett did injure maliciously and willfully the good name of said Allen.....

The Evening Republican

Monday December 13, 1886

Mrs. Alomanda **Monroe**, wife of Geo. O. Monroe, died yesterday at 4 p.m., aged 47. Funeral to-morrow at 10:30 a. m. from the residence on North Jackson street. Services by Rev. Tevis.

Rev. **Tevis**, of the M. E. Church, went to Louisville to-day to make arrangements for the new pipe organ to be placed in their church.

The stockholders of the new Catholic Cemetery have generously donated lot No. 247 to Isham Keith Post No. 13 G.A.R., of Columbus, for the burial of the soldier dead. It is to be known as the Grand Army Lot.

December 17, 1886

Too Many Pedagogues

Mayor Morgan.. Marshall Hagerty went after the pedagogue (Chas. Messeke)...

The Evening Republican

Thursday October 19, 1911

Fred Marion **Carter** and Hazel Irene **McClintic** were married October 14, at Columbus.

Mrs. Geo. W. **Wright**, Mrs. Estel O. **Brown**, Mrs. T J. **Johnson**, and Mrs. Albert **Wertz** have returned from Marion, In., where they attended the W.C.T.U. convention.

Mrs. Dr. J. H. **Morrison**, Mrs. A N. **Phillippy**, Mrs. J. T. **Crim** and Miss Chloe **Davis** are delegates to the Woman's Foreign Missionary convention.....they were appointed by the society of M. E. church (Hartsville).

I.T. **Clark**, Walker **Ping**, Burt **Zuckwerth**, B. F. **Henderson** and W. B. **Campbell** attended the Great Council of the Improved Order of the Red Men at Indianapolis.

Elizabethtown Physician Fell Dead in Yard of Heart Failure – Was Widely Known in County...

Dr. David A. **Thompson**...dropped dead...Dr.

Thompson was 65 years old and had been a resident of Elizabethtown for the past 35 years, practicing medicine....He served in the Union army during the civil war was a member of the Elizabethtown post of the G. A.R....

MAHONEY –WHITE

...Miss Minnie White, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. White, and George Webster

Mahoney....Among the out of town guests.....

The members of the Country Club held a delightful guest day meeting...The guests enjoying the hospitality of the club were Mrs. Edgar **McSweeney**, Mrs. Irvin **Cox**, Mrs. John M. **Thompson**, Mrs. Albert **Newsom**, Mrs. W.W. **Lambert**, Mrs. Walter **Hathaway**, Mrs. Roy **Death**, Miss Jessie **Shirk**, Mrs. Will **Moffatt**...

Friday October 20, 1911

The body of the late Dr. **Thompson**, of Elizabethtown, was the first from Bartholomew county to be cremated and the incident has started a sort of general discussion of the subject...In fact those who oppose cremation appear to be much in the majority, yet there are quite a few who favor it...Those who oppose cremation insist that the method lacks the tender sentiment that ever surrounds regulation burials and is less satisfying...

Henry **Scheidt** Injured When in Collision With Car Driven by John **Henry**, a Farmer

W. N. **Achenbach**,... was elected one of the vice presidents of the Federated Commercial Clubs.



Researcher's Resources *-by Jane Johnson*

1940 CENSUS

This Fall and Winter are not too soon to be preparing for the April 2, 2012 release of the 1940 US Census. There are many websites already giving information about this important event. One site (<http://www.1940census.net>) recommends the following: "Start by listing those direct-line ancestors who you have found in the 1930 census and that you know were still living in 1940. While it's possible that they may still be living in the same city or state, don't rule out the fact that your ancestors may have moved. Once you have listed these individuals, consider looking for anyone in their mid-to-late teens or 20s who may have been living in the household in 1930, but may now be found as a head of their own household. Next, you'll want to repeat this same process for indirect ancestors (aunts & uncles)."

What to Anticipate

The 1940 census will include 40 questions but may also include 10 extra supplemental questions.

NAME

PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER AND MOTHER: FATHER

PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER AND MOTHER: MOTHER

MOTHER TONGUE (OR NATIVE LANGUAGE): Language spoken in home in earliest childhood

VETERANS: Is this person a veteran of the United States military forces; or the wife, widow, or under-18-year-old child of a veteran? If so, enter "Yes"

VETERANS: If child, is veteran-father dead (Yes or No)

VETERANS: War or military service

SOCIAL SECURITY: Does this person have a Federal Social Security Number? (Yes or No)

SOCIAL SECURITY: Were deductions for Federal Old-Age Insurance or Railroad Retirement made from this person's wages or salary in 1939? (Yes or No)

SOCIAL SECURITY: If so, were deductions made from (1) all, (2) one-half or more, (3) part, but less than half, of wages or salary?

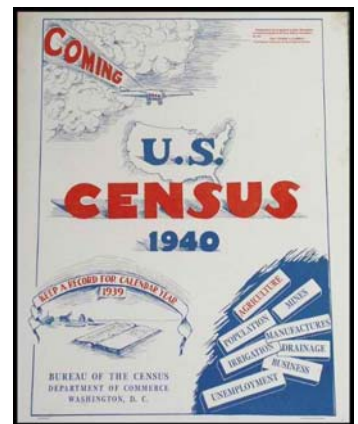
USUAL OCCUPATION

USUAL INDUSTRY Usual class of worker

FOR ALL WOMEN WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED: Has this woman been married more than once? (Yes or No)

FOR ALL WOMEN WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED: Age at first marriage?

FOR ALL WOMEN WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED: Number of children ever born (Do not include stillbirths)



NGS 2012 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Theme: The Ohio River: Gateway to the Western Frontier

The National Genealogical Society will hold its annual conference May 9-12, 2012 in Cincinnati. This is a great opportunity in our own backyard. While the registration forms are not yet posted (http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info), information about hotels is already available. I've booked a room. Now I have all winter to get my research plans reviewed to be ready to benefit from all the conference offerings. The website features lectures from previous conferences, as well as, tips for first time conference attendees. If you haven't visited the NGS website recently, this would be a good time.

Kim's Korner

-by Kim Ray

I am so excited about this issue of *Ancestors*! We have lots of NEW things to offer.... A Website.... Guest Writers.... New Books.... Member Stories... Interviews..... We're on a Roll and have many to thank!

Larry Haak & Marcus Speer have created our first Website! Please take a look and let us know what you think then, check back as we grow!

Jason Hatton is our first Guest Writer! Watch for his column "Library Links" as he shares tips for us to get the best out of our genealogical research at the Library!

Ronda Brown, our Librarian Genealogist, will be sharing the latest "New Books" list, as they get new genealogy books at the Library!

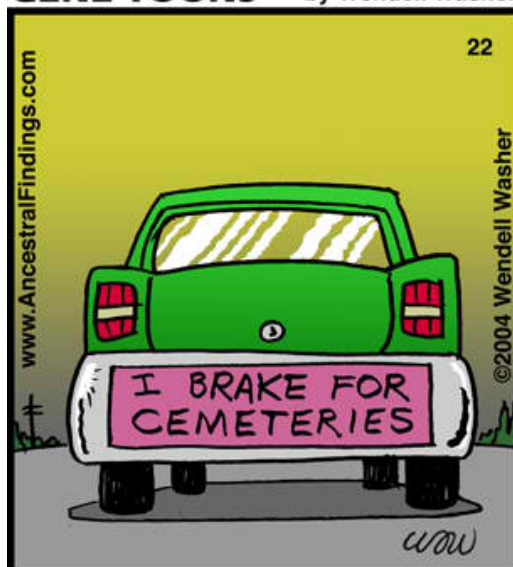
Jim Green shared his research success story! If this inspires you to share your story, please let me know and maybe you, too, can inspire others!

Gene Robertson and Chris Walker shared their passion on the Civil War through an Interview! And, Chris will be our second Guest Writer! Watch for his column on the 33rd starting in the next issue!

I hope you are as pleased with all these new additions as I am! Many, many thanks to Larry, Marcus, Jason, Ronda, Jim, Gene, and Chris for their willingness to share and help us all learn more about genealogy from all these different angles! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! We're on a roll!

It's time to renew your BCGS Membership!

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Genealogists on the road.

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RESEARCHING/additional SURNAMES: _____

Thanks for your Support !!

The public is invited to attend any of the BCGS meetings/outings. The meetings are held in the Bartholomew County Public Library Red Room at 1:00 on the 4th Saturday, bimonthly from January to November. Please always check the calendar for alternative times and locations. For more info, please contact us at: bogs47202@yahoo.com