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BCGS Calendar

Saturday, May 21—The first of our summer “field trips”, join us as we make an excursion to the **Brown County History Center**. We will be touring their archives and their new building, with an optional (\$2 fee) visit to their Pioneer Village. If you would like more information on what the archives contain, visit <http://www.browncountyhistorycenter.org/historical-archives.html>

Saturday, July 23—We will conclude our summer-time field trips with a visit to the **Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library**. This library has an extensive genealogy collection. We will follow the meeting with lunch together. More details about this trip will be available in a later edition of the newsletter.

Friday, September 16–Sunday, September 18

BCGS will once again participate in the annual **History Days** held at the library. Please lend a hand working the booth and join us as we celebrate all the wonderful things genealogy has given us. We will also be presenting a **Genealogy 101 workshop** during the weekend—please join us as you may learn a new skill.

Saturday, October 22—Phyllis Codling McLaughlin will be returning for the second part of **DNA 101**. This session will be a S.K.I.L.L.S. session, which means it is open to members only. Phyllis will be reviewing DNA results with the members who have already completed testing.

Saturday, November 12—Our final meeting of 2016 will include a presentation by Ron Darrah on **Populating Hoosierland**. Learn how and when our ancestors arrived in the state of Indiana and see what footprints they left behind.

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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 !

Presidential Proclamation

-by Marcus Speer

In the midst of our 26th year as a Society, we have begun 2016 with some great programs, and there are more to come. Although I'm always concerned that a Roundtable meeting may not be informative and helpful, our January Roundtable was more than instructive and beneficial for our members and guests. Thanks to all who shared at the "roundtable – chairs in a circle" meeting. Our DNA presentation was excellent in February, and I want to remind you that Phyllis will be returning in October (please see Upcoming! article). I also cannot forget the great program in March from Allison Stapleton concerning censuses. Again, we have received great contributions that certainly have been beneficial to our own genealogical work.

Again, I want to thank the BCGS board who meets throughout the year. This year we are trying something different with our board meetings. We are meeting as a full board eight times this year (Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Jul, Aug, Oct, & Nov.) During the months of Mar, Jun, & Sept, we are holding project board meetings to work on any projects we deemed need completed. This will allow a little more flexibility for our board members and hopefully allow us to work on some specific projects. If you were wondering about December, the board does not usually meet during that busy month.

I also want to remind you that in January the BCSG board welcomed Bob Hobbs onto our board as our Membership Chair. He is doing a great job! We still would welcome a volunteer to serve as Webmaster. Also, as I noted in an earlier newsletter, this is "my fifth and final year as Board President," so there will be some recruitment happening this year. Will you be the one to serve and lead within BCGS?

Lastly, as we look ahead to the Bicentennial of our Hoosier State, I want to remind you that we are hoping that more of our members will join board members during the History Days at the Bartholomew County Library. This event has been extended to include three days: Friday, September, 16 – Sunday, September 18. More details about how you can help will be coming in our next newsletter.



YOUR Society at WORK

What did BCGS do this Quarter ?



BCGS donated \$500 to the Yellow Trail Museum's new Research Center in Hope. This gift included a new copier/printer, computer support and software.

Tripping MY ROOTS Over

By Bob Hobbs

HAVE YOUR OWN BENJAMIN HARRISON ADVENTURE

For me, the years between those getting educated in Southern Illinois and those being an educator in South Florida were spent in Indianapolis. While there, I occasionally found myself zipping along that stretch of highway known as I-65 in my butter yellow, black racing-stripped 1977 MGB and stealing a quick glance at the Italianate-style brick building with the large front porch. Earlier, I had learned it was the home of the 23rd President Benjamin Harrison. All I knew about him was that he served as president between Grover Cleveland's two terms. Other times my travels would take me across West 38th Street and I would take notice of the large expanse of land on each side of the street devoted to what was known as Crown Hill Cemetery. I made a mental note each time I caught sight of these local landmarks that I would visit them one day. Unfortunately, it never happened. I just continued to zip by.

Fast-forward to March 22, 2016. Thanks to Edie Smith, the Travel Coordinator at Mill Race Center and the Fabulous Day Trippers program there, I am finally able to say I have been to both of those places. What was titled as the President Benjamin Harrison Adventure, the morning was spent at the Benjamin Harrison home located at 1230 North Delaware Street. Our passionate and informative tour guide did an expert job taking us through the restored, three story, sixteen room home built in 1875 at the cost of \$24, 818.67 (\$534,805.00 today).

From there we traveled east to partake in a buffet lunch at The Garrison Restaurant located in the former officer's club on the grounds of Fort Benjamin Harrison. Are you noticing a familiar theme here?

After lunch we traveled back west to Crown Hill Cemetery. At the 34th Street entrance our exuberant and knowledgeable guide boarded our bus to inform us of this final resting place for more than 200,000. First established during the Civil War on September 25, 1863, it would three years later become the first of two National Cemeteries at the site. (Union and then Confederate). Originally 236 acres purchased from local farmers for \$51,000, it would eventually grow to 555 acres making it the 3rd largest cemetery in the U.S. in terms of area. Famous "inhabitants" include bank robber John Dillinger, Indiana governors, U.S. Senators, three U.S. Vice Presidents, poet James Whitcomb Riley, author Booth Tarkington, and many other notables. If you are interested in viewing a variety of interesting markers and monuments that tell a story, this is the place for you!

Eventually the roads wound around to take us up to "The Crown," Marion County's highest hill at 842.2 feet above sea level. This location offers an impressive view of the entire Indianapolis skyline.

And who did we find buried atop the the highest point? You guessed it: President Benjamin Harrison!

Welcome to the following new and returning BCCS members:

Hillary Burbrink, of Columbus.

Debra and Bruce Batts, of Columbus, who are retired and list The Civil War and State and National Parks as their hobbies. The surnames they are interesting in finding more about are Batts, Grimm, Lawdermilt, and Garrett.

Arthur H. Turner, of Columbus is retired and has six children. His hobbies include golf and volunteering. He is interested in researching the names of Roy Turner and Minnie Turner.

Miriam Brougher has joined as a returning member. Welcome back Miriam !



Highlights

-by Becky Speaker

Feb 2016 Program

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DNA 101

with Phyllis Codling McLaughlin

On a beautiful 70 degree day in February, we had a large audience of 30 members and 5 guests to enjoy Phyllis Codling McLaughlin's presentation on DNA 101. It was a great chance to learn more about DNA...although I'm really glad it was just the 101, as I hate to think about the next level! Phyllis started by sharing some false myths...

You don't have to dig up grandpa to get his DNA and learn about the family

Most DNA tests don't require a blood test – just a lot of saliva

DNA testing doesn't provide a full pedigree – you still need a lot of research to support

And a few partially true...DNA can review medical information with the right test (ex. 23andMe) and it might tell you if your 3rd great grandmother was an Indian princess – maybe. DNA test can also be as private as you want – you can't lose jobs or insurance, but if you don't share some information, then you can't link with family on genealogy research. You can use codes to hide names, but she recommended that you link an email to help with communication.

Type of DNA test	Benefits
Autosomal DNA AtDNA	Both men and women can take AtDNA; Works best looking back about 5 generations, helps determine recent ethnicity (~1000 yrs); Least expensive at the three companies; Can be used to predict relationship on either side of your family; The longer the identical segments shared and the more segments shared, the more closely related; But you have to do research to support - parent/child share 50%, full siblings share 50%, all of the following share ~25% - half siblings, grandparents, aunt/uncle, niece/nephew, 1 st cousins
Mitochondrial mtDNA	Mother's DNA...passed down from a woman to their children; Men inherit mtDNA from their mother, but cannot pass it on to their children; Note – Men can do a mtDNA test and it will tell you about their mother's family; mtDNA remains virtually unchanged for many generations, so it provides information about the deep ancestry, through assignment to a "Haplogroup"
Y-Chromosome DNA	Passed only from father to son – although virtually unchanged, so can also tell you the "Haplogroup" for the male line; You can test uncles and even distant cousins to compare the Y DNA; The Y-DNA tests can be run at different levels of granularity or markers 37 marker – lowest cost and usually enough for most questions; The 67 and 111 marker test are more detailed for specific questions of relationship. The higher the marker, the fewer the matches – so this rules out false matches if you are trying to match one specific person to another.
X DNA	X DNA is not as stable as Y-DNA and is still evolving for use in genealogy.

Phyllis also discussed the three main companies that do DNA, as well as a free online tool.

Ancestry – autosomal only, ~\$99, can connect to your tree to further research

FamilyTree DNA – does all three types of testing

Can download raw atDNA data from Ancestry and upload to FTDNA for only \$40, less than a new test.

Have a chromosome browser where you can combine and compare with another person

23andMe – does all three and provides medical information

"Anonymous" really means anonymous – private and generally cannot even contact to share family info

Gedmatch.com – free tool where you can upload your raw data and compare to others on the web (use a code)

Phyllis recommended you start by determining what information you want to find out before testing...

Looking for relative or ethnic origins – autosomal testing is fine

Brickwall mysteries – mtDNA or yDNA

Medical – 23andMe

The TRUTH is in YOUR DNA – If you don't want to know the truth, then don't test!

Highlights

-by Becky Speaker

Federal Census 1780-1940 Tips *March 2016 Program*

The March program by Allison DePrey Singleton gave us lots of information about the various censuses. As she walked through the changes in each decade, it gave us clues about what the US Government was interested in learning from our population. 1840 census – who were the Revolutionary veterans still living? (So what should the government plan for pensioners?) 1880 census – what was the birthplace of individual and parents? (So how many individuals were native born or just one generation from immigration?) 1930 census – who had a radio set!?! Don't forget that the only requirement was that census takers could read & write – these were temporary roles that didn't pay well!

Some tips about each decade to help our research:

*Official census days – the age in the census is supposed to reflect the ages, births and deaths as of the census days (but remember than anyone could answer the questions, even the 10-yr old who opened the door!)

1790-1820 (1st Mon in Aug), 1830-1900 (June 1), 1910 (Apr 15), 1920 (Jan 1), 1930-1940 (Apr 1)

*The 1840 census collects pensioners for Revolutionary or other military services.

*Starting with the 1850 census, check to see if the couple was married within the census year.

*For 1860 & 1870, be sure to search the supplemental schedules for people who died within the year.

*For 1880, check to see how many months the person was unemployed during the year.

*Although the 1890 census was mostly lost in a 1921 fire (or more correctly, from the water damage left to rot), there are other tools like the 1890's Veterans Schedule (which includes widows.)

*The 1900 census provides key information like number of years of current marriage as well as number of children total and living for women.

*In 1910, more detail was collected on each person's occupation, as well as identifying survivors of the Civil War.

*Farm schedules were added in 1920 – google "Farm Schedule" to find links for each state, although not many are electronically available.

*1930's census has several important genealogical details – age at first marriage, veterans of war, and whether the person is employed.

The 1940's census is very important to document the migration after the 30's Dust Bowl. The Division of Public Affairs even used Hollywood for publicity. It has a lot of new information collected, including:

*Supplemental questions for individuals on line 14 and 19

*An X with a circle around it to indicate who answered the questions for each family

*Highest grade completed

*Residence in 1935

*Several codes provide more detail – see the National Archives info to understand the codes - <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/general-info.html> (Watch-out - Age 11/12 doesn't mean November, it means born April 1939)

Allison also shared a great website from Stephen P. Morse (<http://www.stevemorse.org/>), including his One-Step Tools overview (<http://www.stevemorse.org/onestep/onestep3.htm>.) Another great website is <http://1940census.archives.gov/>.



Highlights

-by Donna Kuhlman

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Things you should know about the **CENSUS RECORD** **BARTHOLOMEW CO., IN**

1820: Bartholomew Co. was not established until 1821, but many families were already living in the territory. See **Delaware Co., Indiana**, Flat Rock Parish (pp. 18-23 and 31-33). Census was taken late in the year, at two public places, not door-to-door. Accuracy is spotty. Some were missed who simply didn't register; others were included who weren't actually living there in 1820.

1830: This census again was conducted from public places of registry, dependent on citizens voluntarily coming to register.

1840: First census taken door-to-door. In addition to the names of heads of household, all Revolutionary War veterans are listed by name on the right side of the page. They are NOT indexed if they were not head of household. Ohio, Jackson, Harrison, Clay and Union Twps. did not yet exist; enumerations in those areas are included in "parent" townships: Columbus, Wayne and Nineveh.



1850: This was the first census to list the name of everyone in the household, their age, race, occupation, place of birth, and value of real estate owned; also if married within the year, attended school, and literacy of adults. Enumerators went up and down the roads, and some persons were listed more than once. Other whole families were skipped entirely. (Flat Rock Twp. is missing **57** families from the only existing copy. Many more families were also missed, particularly in Wayne township.)

Columbus Twp. begins on p. 292 with clear contrast and good handwriting. Other writers in later pages are harder to read. Townships are not in alphabetical order, rather rotating "around the county," with Town of Columbus and Columbus Twp., then Harrison, Ohio, Jackson, Wayne, Union, Nineveh, Sand Creek, Rock Creek, Clifty, Clay, Flat Rock, German and Hawcreek Twps., in that order.

Census was begun Aug. 13, and concluded Nov. 28, 1850; although it is *supposed* to reflect who was living there on June 1st, that isn't always the case. Persons were asked, "How old will you be on your *next* birthday?"

Mortality Schedules were taken 1850-1880, which listed persons who had died with the prior 12 months, their ages, place of birth, duration of last illness and cause of death. Ancestry.com's file does *not* include Indiana's 1850 mortality schedule, but it DOES exist. A paper abstract is available in the Bartholomew Co. Public Library's Indiana Room. Mortality schedules are notoriously incomplete indexes of deaths in those years.

1890: Most of 1890 census was destroyed in a fire; Indiana's is not available. Bartholomew Co. does have school records and tax records from that period, not perfect census substitutes, but still useful resources. School records are on microfilm at the Bartholomew Co. Public Library, and tax records are in the Bartholomew Co. Archives Room.

New Books

New Genealogy Books at the Bartholomew County Library

Roots for Kids: A Genealogy Guide for Young People.

Beller, Susan Provost
Genealogy 929.1 Bel

Writing Your Legacy: The Step-by-Step guide to Crafting Your Life Story.

Campbell, Richard
Genealogy 808.06692 Cam

Searching for Your Ancestors in Historic Newspapers.

Breland, Claudia C.
Genealogy 929.1072 Bre

Genealogy Offline: A Beginner's Guide to Family History Records That Are Not Online.

Breland, Claudia C.
Genealogy 929.1072 Bre

White Slave Children of Colonial Maryland and Virginia: Birth and Shipping Records.

Phillips, Richard Hayes
Reference Genealogy 929.3752 Phi

White slave Children of Charles County, Maryland: The Search for Survivors.

Phillips, Richard Hayes
Reference Genealogy 929.3752 Phi

DNA Success Story

-by Becky Speaker

If you were anything like me, you excitedly sent your DNA kit in, eager to get your results....but then you got your results...and disappointment set in. I got a pretty pie chart, but how did this really help me? I submitted my autosomal DNA through Ancestry, so eventually, my on-line tree did lead to a DNA Circle and has several links to people with similar trees, so I found some new names for my tree, although nothing with good sources yet. I would call this a moderate success.

But most disappointing, I had sent in my grandma's atDNA to Ancestry just one month before she died last summer at age 90, but her results didn't provide any new information - not even any links to trees on Ancestry. Her grandfather had emigrated from Germany in 1890 and married into a German family in Wisconsin, but I longed for more information about the relatives in Germany.

But I learned an important tip from DNA 101 session given by Phyllis McLaughlin in February. I downloaded her raw DNA data from Ancestry and uploaded the data to FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA) for \$40. The techie geek in me loved the new details about the # of segments shared across a lot of specific matches - including the top match, which was her nephew, who I knew from countless family reunions! It was fun to use FTDNA Chromosome Browser to compare her DNA to mine and her nephew's, but it still did not give me a clue for my family tree. Then I worked my way through the other closer matches, starting with the ones that had a tree posted. I struck gold on the second person....he showed as a 2nd to 4th cousin. His great-grandmother shared the same last name as my grandmother's great grandfather (did you follow that!?) It gave me the right clue to continue my research online and I was able to link back into the family in Germany!

It's clear that DNA doesn't give you the same quick "aha!" as finding a marriage record or death certificate. But with persistence, it can help us unlock some mysteries.

Have you had a success using your DNA or a family members? If so, please write and tell us about it! Let's all learn from each other!



MUSTY BOOKS AND KITTY LITTER ?

Yes! It works! Try this yourself!

As the Yellow Trail Museum sets up its new research center, it is faced with a familiar problem - the smell of old, dusty, musty books that have been in attics, basements, and storage boxes for many years. What can you do to get rid of THAT aroma?

I recently asked that question during a training session by the Indiana Historical Society. Their suggestion - try kitty litter. The idea is to put books in an enclosure where the kitty litter will absorb the moisture from the old books, and help to eliminate the musty smell.

We created 3 experiments: First, a plastic tub with a lid; second, a plastic tent over a card table; third, a metal shelf inside a large plastic bag. All 3 have a bucket of kitty litter at the bottom and all have racks to elevate the books and allow the air to circulate around them. We found the smell was gone in about a week for most books.

Our challenge was the overwhelming smell from a very large atlas, which was the reason for the card table set-up. Although it took several weeks, I'm guessing this is more to do with the setup than the size or smell of the atlas. With so much air space, the kitty litter had to work harder to absorb the moisture.



NEW RESEARCH CENTER in HOPE

-by Kim Ray



The Yellow Trail Museum in Hope has expanded and is making room for a genealogy Research Center. This project is still in the early stages, no formal name nor a date on opening to the public has been decided at this time. However, materials are being inventoried, indexed and organized with the public in mind.

The collection includes BOOKS, PAPERS, MAGAZINES, FAMILY FILES, PICTURES, DOCUMENTS, REFERENCE and RESEARCH MATERIALS, FAMILY BIBLES, etc. with a focus on Hope, but also including Bartholomew & other Indiana counties, as well as other states.

If you would like to support this project by donating genealogy material, please contact

Kim Ray (812-546-5990)

Happy 200th Anniversary, INDIANA!



TORCH RELAY

A 2016 SIGNATURE EVENT: A 92-COUNTY TORCH RELAY

Join the Festivities: Celebrate "One" Indiana

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is designed to inspire and unify Hoosiers as one of the major commemorative events of the 2016 Bicentennial celebration. Hoosiers will also symbolically "pass the torch" connecting generations to IGNITE our future.



Indiana Bicentennial
TORCH RELAY

Carrying the Torch: A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

The torch will be primarily transported by people, passing the flame from torch bearer to torch bearer. The relay will also employ other modes of conveyance that are symbolic of the history and heritage of Indiana, including watercraft, farm equipment, a racecar, horse and wagon, antique automobile, and others.

Patterned after the Olympic Torch Relay, Indiana's version will pass through all 92 of the state's counties, cover 2300 miles over a five week period, averaging 72 miles per day.

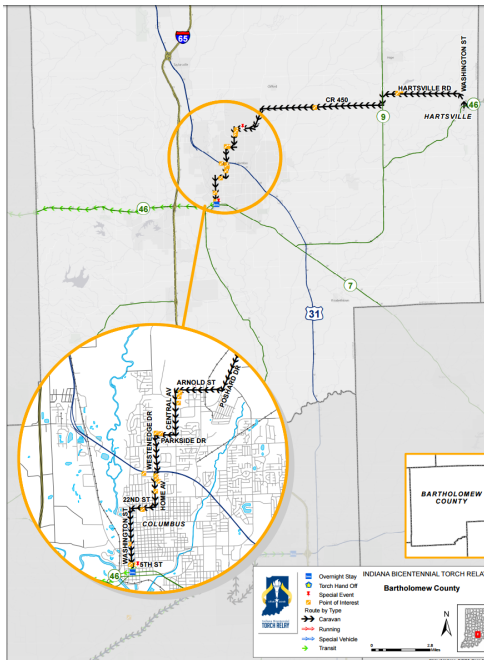
Celebrations Along the Route

Festivities will vary from town to town, as communities celebrate the torch in their own special way. A specialized Mobile Visitors Center will be created to accompany the torch on its journey.

The relay will culminate in Indianapolis on the Statehouse Grounds, with a special welcome ceremony and celebration.

Join the festivities and celebrate "One" Indiana with fellow Hoosiers. The success of this initiative will depend on the broad-based participation and cooperation from cities and towns across the state.

NOTE: Bicentennial Torch Relay route is a work in progress.



Map of the planned Torch Route through Bartholomew County, and Torch Relay details (right) are from their website.

More Links for Bicentennial Happenings !

[IBC: The Empire Strikes Back – A Bicentennial Celebration of Indiana Fashion](#)

[IBC: Bartholomew County](#)

[Columbus — Indiana Historical Society](#)

CARVED IN STONE

-BY DONNA KUHLMAN

QUERY:

Need obituary for Carter Harrison (middle name is shown elsewhere as J. or John) whose dc shows he was born in KY, died at 81 at Columbus, Bartholomew Co., IN on Dec. 10, 1893. dc shows no family names. He 1st married Julia Sinclair/St. Clair in 1840 & 2nd Barbara Matson in 1865. Barbara died in 1904. Need Carter's parents' names for a lady's DAR application.. Thanks. MAH

Have already done this one--oh, if only it was so easy! His death certificate says 'unknown' for parents' names; I don't recall if there WAS an obit, or if it just didn't supply anything worthwhile--but can say for sure it did not reveal his parentage or anything else definitive.

I do know who I THINK his parents, or at least his father, was. But there is precious little documentary evidence even on him; and half of that is contradictory.

Attached is a print-out of my collected data on Thomas "Pap" Harrison. He was said to have a son named Carter Harrison, and given the ages found on the 1830 census, and the fact that Carter Harrison married Juliana Sinclair in Bartholomew Co. in 1840....well, it's not proof, and not good enough for DAR....but it's mighty good 'preponderance of evidence,' as Jim Hull used to say.

The documentary evidence on Carter Harrison (1812-1893) has been analyzed to the ends of the earth, with no airtight conclusion. The ONLY hope of ever resolving this particular mystery is DNA. Caleb Harrison had several sons; Carter Harrison (1812-1893) had male descendants who lived into the modern era. Finding a good DNA match between direct male descendants of those two people is what it will take---and I have no idea if DAR has evolved to where they would accept that as evidence. Doubtful...but it's as good as it's ever going to get.

Also attaching a descendant report on Carter Harrison, 1812. He mostly reported his place of birth as Tennessee, not Kentucky. Either is possible--and Caleb WAS born in Kentucky....

Descendants of Carter J. Harrison

CARTER J. HARRISON was born 30 Jan 1812 in Tennessee, and died 10 Dec 1893 in Bartholomew Co., IN. He married (1) JULIANNA SINCLAIR 12 Jan 1840 in Bartholomew Co., IN, daughter of THOMAS SINCLAIR and ELEANOR POWER. She was born 30 Oct 1819 in Bath Co., KY, and died 18 Feb 1864 in Bartholomew Co., IN. He married (2) BARBARA ANN MALSON 11 Apr 1865 in Brown Co., IN, daughter of GEORGE MALSON and ELIZA COURTNEY. She was born 18 Apr 1839 in Monroe Co., OH, and died 10 Mar 1904 in Barth Co., IN.

Children of CARTER HARRISON and JULIANNA SINCLAIR are:

- i. WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, b. 13 Sep 1840, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 31 Dec 1912, Brown Co., IN.
- ii. SARAH HARRISON, b. 31 Jan 1842, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 14 Feb 1894, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- iii. ELIZABETH HARRISON, b. 19 Mar 1844, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 30 Jul 1875, Bartholomew Co., IN; m. PETER J. HENDERSHOT, 05 Aug 1866, Bartholomew Co., IN; b. 09 Aug 1843; d. 19 Mar 1901, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- iv. JUDA HARRISON, b. 24 Dec 1845, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. Aft. 1865; m. SAMUEL BLANEY, 24 Sep 1865, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- v. THOMAS P. HARRISON, b. 25 Oct 1847, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 01 Nov 1930, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- vi. MARIAH HARRISON, b. 25 Sep 1849, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 04 Oct 1915, Benton Co., AR.
- vii. EMALINE HARRISON, b. 23 Jun 1851, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. Aft. 1870, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- viii. REBECCA HARRISON, b. 11 Apr 1853, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. Aft. 1920, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- ix. CARTER VINCENT HARRISON, b. 23 Feb 1856, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 18 Sep 1885, Brown Co., IN.
- x. MARTHA ELLEN HARRISON, b. 28 Sep 1858, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 08 Jan 1940, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- xi. MILTON SPENCER HARRISON, b. 04 Jul 1860, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 26 Apr 1933; m. EMMA RUSH, 17 Oct 1888, Barth Co., IN.
- xii. UNNAMED INFANT HARRISON, b. Abt. 1862, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. Abt. 1862, Bartholomew Co., IN.

Children of CARTER HARRISON and BARBARA MALSON are:

- xiii. REUBEN HARRISON, b. Abt. 1866, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. Nov 1869, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- xiv. CYNTHIANNA HARRISON, b. 29 Nov 1867, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 27 Sep 1941, Crawfordsville, IN; m. WILLIAM WICKEL.
- xv. MARY MATILDA HARRISON, b. 07 Oct 1869, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 24 Nov 1897, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- xvi. NANCY ANN HARRISON, b. 27 May 1871, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 12 Oct 1956, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- xvii. JOHN A. HARRISON, b. 15 May 1873, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. Aft. 1880.
- xviii. LEVI JACKSON HARRISON, b. 28 Oct 1875, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 04 Sep 1950, Bartholomew Co., IN.
- xix. WINNIE JULIA HARRISON, b. 08 Sep 1879, Bartholomew Co., IN; d. 26 Nov 1948, Bartholomew Co., IN.

CARVED IN STONE *(CONT)*

Descendants of Thomas "Pap" Harrison

THOMAS "PAP" HARRISON was born Bet. 1775 - 1780 in South Carolina, and died Bef. 01 Dec 1836 in Bartholomew Co., IN. He married UNKNOWN. She was born Aft. 1794, and died Bef. 1830.

An article written by Laura Fawcett Arnold in 1896 (and thus 60 years after the events spoken of) tells the tale of old "Pap" Harrison, who lived north of Columbus, within Columbus Township, on the north side of what is lately known as county road 265N (Lowell Road.) Although the article states his name was Carter Harrison, it seems much more likely that he was in fact Thomas Harrison.

YE OLDEN TYME, "Pap Harrison," by Laura Fawcett Arnold, Dec. 1896

On the old George Cummings farm a few rods north of the public road which runs from "Carter's Chapel" westward to the river, about half way between Joe Anthony's woods and the bend of the road on the hill, stood an old log cabin. It was less than half a mile east of the once famous "Arnold's Mills" after Lowell, and within its rude walls "old Pap Harrison" spent the last ten or twelve years of his life. A single large oak or elm tree stood near the house and in pleasant weather the old man always sat in its shade. He appeared in "the Forks" as that part of the country was called, in 1825 or 1826. He came from South Carolina with his wife and three sons, Carter, Jr., William, and Caleb. He claimed to be a preacher, and his Christian name was Carter, and it is said that he was a distant relative of President William Henry Harrison, and of Chicago's mayor, Carter Harrison.

He appears to have been a very queer, eccentric man, hard to live with and difficult to please. One who knew him well says, "He was about medium size and always wore a broad brimmed hat above his grisly hair, and his eyelids were always red." After their mother's death, his sons refused to live with him. One returned to South Carolina, one went west, and the other lived near Columbus, Ind. This left the old man alone and thence forward he lived entirely by himself doing his cooking and all his house-work. The neighbors said that he never washed a dish or cooking vessel, as long as he could remember what he used it for last. Sometimes he forgot what had been cooked in some pots or kettles and then he washed them, but he never washed his churn. He also made and mended his own clothes, and usually presented a very respectable appearance. Another very remarkable and gruesome eccentricity as perpetuated by local tradition was his habit of always sleeping in his coffin. This coffin was sufficiently roomy to answer his purpose and was constructed by himself. Though history is silent on that point, he was probably buried therein according to his often expressed wish.

He was not good natured and quarreled with almost everybody. For some reason he had a spite at the little town of Columbus and cursed it with his bitterest curses, predicting for it a worse fate than fell Sodom and Gomorrah. He claimed to have seen the Devil several times and when asked what his satanic majesty resembled, said, "He was a nice looking old gentleman and wore a broad brimmed hat, he walked right past me." He also said, "The Devil generally looks like the person seeing him." Pap Harrison was a good carpenter and worked for those who needed his services, and being a good workman, gave satisfaction to his employers. He always owned and rode a good horse, which was stabled in a shed against his cabin, where he had a log cut out, so that he could feed the animal without going out of doors. One day a passer-by heard a strange neighing of some horse, but paid little attention. This went on for several days, when fearing that something was wrong, a neighbor went over to the cabin and found the old man dead in his coffin. From all appearances, people thought he had been dead about a week, for the poor horse had gnawed all the bark off of the logs of his stable. The old man was buried under his favorite tree, on the very spot where he had sat so often. This was probably early in the forties, for when the writer first saw the place in the fall of 1853, no trace of the cabin remained. Only a lonely grave protected by a rail pen, under a noble old tree, in the midst of a pasture; the place always seemed forlorn and forsaken. Later, the pasture was turned into a cornfield, and a storm blew down the old tree, but still the rail pen protected the lonely grave. At last, during the early years of the war, in 1862 or 1863, the rail pen was taken away, the whole field plowed over and the grave of "old Pap Harrison" was lost forever.

Children of THOMAS HARRISON and UNKNOWN are:

- i. CALEB C.² HARRISON [Harson], b. 03 Dec 1810, Kentucky; d. Aft. 1880, Douglas Co, MO.
- ii. CARTER HARRISON, b. Bet. 1810 - 1815.
- iii. WILLIAM HARRISON, b. Bet. 1810 - 1815; d. Bef. 14 Jul 1834, Bartholomew Co., IN.

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