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UP coming!

-by Heather McDonald

Happy Spring everyone! I hope as the weather finally improves we all feel some energy and inspiration to get back into our genealogical research! With that in mind, here are the programs and events of note this quarter:

Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m.—“**S.K.I.L.L.S. SESSION: NEW RESOURCES IN THE INDIANA ROOM**”. Member Annette Blount will be sharing many improvements and new resource items in this members-only session. Whether you’ve researched in there for a decade or never set foot inside, there is much to learn about this great resource.

Saturday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m.—“**CROWN HILL CEMETERY**” This is a session sponsored by the BCPL that may be of interest to genealogists. Learn the history of Crown Hill Cemetery from Nikki Stoddard Schofield, staff genealogist, tour guide, and published author. Celebrating its 150th year, Crown Hill, located in Indianapolis, is rich in history and is the nation's third largest non-government cemetery.

Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m.—“**INTERESTING AND INFLUENTIAL COLUMBUS PEOPLE**” Local author Tami Iorio will be sharing the stories behind many local legends and the research techniques she used in order to uncover these interesting details. *Please note this meeting is being held on Thursday evening!*

Saturday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m.—“**SUMMER OUTING**” Make sure you put this on your calendar right away! Join us as we travel to the Decatur County Historical Society Museum for a tour and then have lunch at Stories restaurant. This is always a great day to get to know your fellow BCGS members. More details will be available in the near future—watch your email and the Q3 newsletter.

Be sure to keep checking your email and the BCGS Facebook page for more details about all BCGS events. Hope to see you at one or more events this Spring!

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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

Both our February and March programs have reminded us of how important surfing the Internet can be in our genealogical research. These programs should also be a reminder of what we have available for our BCGS members and friends through two online resources. I hope you have visited both our BCGS website: barthgen.org and, if you are on Facebook, have “liked” our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BartholomewCountyGenealogicalSociety .

Why would you want to go to these pages? Well, on our webpage, you will find information about membership, the 2014 Program Schedule, and links to other genealogical sites. Our Facebook page includes reminders about upcoming programs, and postings about research tips, fun facts, and links to other Facebook pages. One such link requested by a BCGS member was Katherine Wilson's list for Genealogy Links of Facebook. You can find this link on our Facebook page, so be sure to “like” our page.

At this time, three of our BCGS board members (Heather, Becky, and myself) are maintaining our webpage and Facebook page. This means that we currently do not have a Webmaster on our BCGS board. We certainly would welcome a volunteer from our membership to step up to the plate to assist with this. Would you be interested in helping? If you do have an interest, please inform one of our officers (listed on this newsletter’s front page).

I guess you might say, I am recruiting, so I might as well continue this theme in my final paragraph. Have you considered whom you might recruit to join BCGS this year? Do you have a friend or family member who loves genealogy as much as we all do? Maybe it is a friend or family member who even assists you in genealogical research. Take the time to tell them about BCGS; ask them to come to a BCGS program. Then, they can discover the value of our Society. If you bring them to a S.K.I.L.L.S. session, we’ll ask them to join! Thanks for what you do as members of BCGS.



YOUR Society at WORK

WHAT DID BCGS
DO THIS QUARTER ?



BCGS donated another \$300 to the Friends of Sandhill



BCGS donated \$50 to the Indiana Historical Society

Crown Hill

FUNERAL HOME AND CEMETERY

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BCGS is on Facebook

-by Heather McDonald

If you haven't visited the BCGS Facebook page recently, you certainly need to do so! The following post was spotted on the Indiana Genealogical Society Facebook page and shared with BCGS fans:

"Bonnie Merriman (Merrimanbb@aol.com) has found what appears to be the original marriage license for Fred Herman WEHMEIER and Mildred Minnie GRAFFA. It has a raised seal from Bartholomew County and is dated September 11, 1923. If you are a relative and are interested in the document, please contact her directly.

NOTE: According to the marriage application (found online at FamilySearch), Fred Herman Wehmeier was born January 22, 1892 in Bartholomew County, the son of Henry D. Wehmeier and Malinda Brockman. Mildred Minnie Graffa was born July 23, 1901 in Waymansville, Indiana, the daughter of Edward Graffa and Emma Limecarger."

Hopefully this marriage license will find a home back here in Bartholomew County in the near future! In the meantime, we will continue to look for links and items of interest to share with our Facebook fans. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/BartholomewCountyGenealogicalSociety> to see what we have found this week.

Three months have gone by in 2014, and BCGS has already had three great programs!

Our **January 25** program, attended by 15 members and four guests, featured local funeral director Ron Shadley describing work to restore monuments at Sandhill Cemetery, following the vandalism that occurred there in the spring of 2012. Although he has no ancestors buried at Sandhill, Ron, who lives a block away from the cemetery, has played a prominent part in the restoration effort, helping to raise funds (approximately \$ 25,000) and enlisting the cooperation of various companies and individuals who donated time, materials, and labor. Helen Wildermuth, a professional who had done some work on Sandhill in the past, led the restoration. Helen's deep understanding of styles and appropriate materials was essential to the effort. (Helen was originally scheduled to speak, but had to cancel because of a death in her family.)

Sandhill is one of the oldest cemeteries in Columbus, with burials beginning in about the 1830s and continuing throughout the nineteenth century. Most of the monuments are Italian marble, the most popular material of the era, with a smaller number made of granite or sandstone, and many are "marvelously detailed," according to Ron.

Ron's presentation documented the massive project, showing work

Highlights



BY MARGOT GREEN

in progress as well as many completed monuments. Helen used special compounds to clean and patch the stones. Many required new bases, which came from a limestone quarry in Bedford. The results are beautiful, but the work is not complete. Helen and her team continue to work on the project, but more funding – perhaps as much as another \$22,000 – is needed. BCGS gave Ron a check for \$300 to support the effort.

On **February 22**, 14 members and ten guests enjoyed a highly informative program, "facebooking Your Past," presented by Allison DePrey Singleton, Assistant Coordinator, Education and Community Engagement for the Indiana Historical Society. With an estimated 1.23 billion users, facebook is developing into a prime genealogical resource for research and finding "long lost" family members online through photographs, searching for family on facebook, and "cold friending" (contacting people who may be family members and asking if they will "friend" you). A caveat is never to post information about living family members without having received their consent. Liking "groups" is one way to do research, but one needs to be careful. One good thing about facebook is that one can always change one's mind – "unfriend" or "unfollow" contacts and

change settings to redefine the list of contacts who can see one's postings.

A particularly rich source of information may be found at Katherine Willson's list:

[http:// moon-swings .files.wordpress.com/2014/01/facebook-genealogy-jan-2014.pdf](http://moon-swings.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/facebook-genealogy-jan-2014.pdf)

Others are: WorldCat App: website - <http://www.worldcat.org/>; I Remember: website - <http://www.fold3.com/>; and the Family History: website - <http://www.archives.com/>.

Ancestry.com may also be accessed.

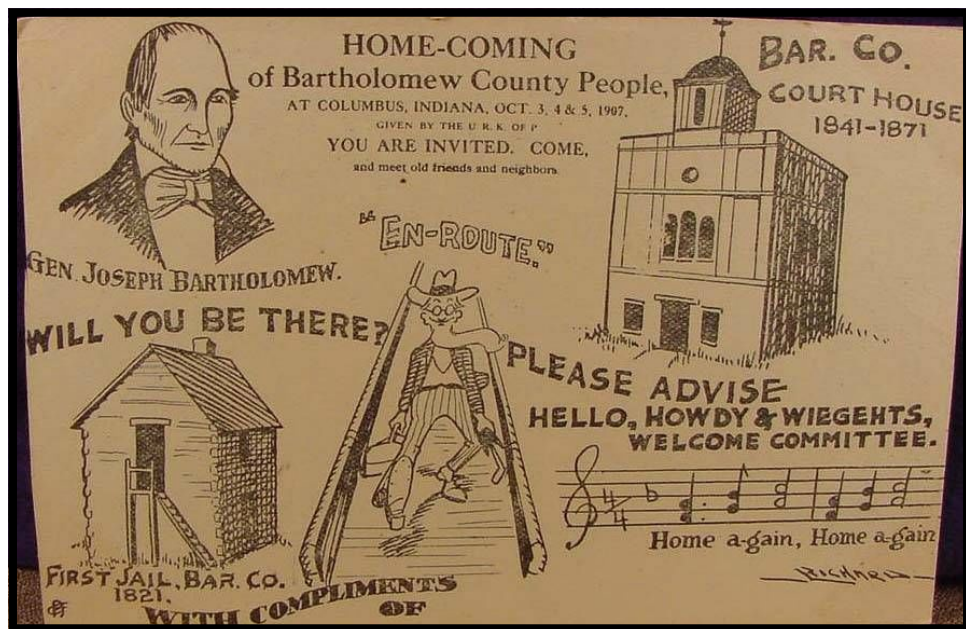
We were fortunate to have Jason Hatton, Assistant Director of the Bartholomew County Public Library and one of our favorite speakers, for our **March 22** program, "Using Google Like a Pro for Genealogy." Twelve members and 15 guests were an attentive audience as Jason gave us general guidelines and specific suggestions for broadening and limiting searches to yield optimum results. Jason answered our many questions and showed us how to use Google search engines for specific countries (e.g. google.fr for Google France and google.de for Google Germany) and demonstrated Google's ability to translate results from one language to another. All in all, it was a fascinating and useful session.

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Bartholomew
County
Postcard

Submitted by

Donna Kuhlman



Thank You, Jefferson County Historical Society

DR. JAMES R RUSSELL BOOKS

-by Donna Kuhlman

In January, BCGS received a donation of two ledger books that had belonged to Dr. James R. Russell, who was a physician at Jonesville, in the late 1860s. The books cover the period from 1867 to 1869. These are in fairly good condition, covers loose, but bindings intact. Dr. Russell seems to have had a sort of "drugstore" business--he sold medicines, but also whiskey, tobacco, sandpaper, butter, etc., etc. Many, many familiar names from the Jonesville area are noted. We have not yet gone through these thoroughly, so surprises may await. The first step we plan is to have the pages scanned, so that a digital copy can be archived and shared. A summer intern at BCHS may be able to help with this aspect. The second phase will be to meticulously go through the pages, abstract the data and index the names. These books may not be a source for specific dates of birth and death, but much valuable information may still be drawn from the entries. If you think you might like to help with this indexing project, please let us know!

The books were brought to us by Linda Roaks of Jefferson Co. Historical Society. Dr. Russell died there in 1895. His first wife and an infant daughter died in Jonesville, and are buried in the cemetery there. See Find-A-Grave Memorials #8359561 and 99518826.



**SANDHILL
CEMETERY
RESTORATION**

*Thank you to Helen Wildermuth, her crew,
Ron Shadley and The Friends of Sandhill
Cemetery! **GREAT WORK !***





Judy Alexander

Husband, Larry
 3 children
 2 grandchildren
 Hobbies: needlecrafts, piano, handbells, choir, reading
 Surnames: Topliff, Parson, Alexander, Towler



Annette Blount

Reference Librarian at Bartholomew Co Library
 Husband, David
 Hobbies: antiquing, attending Bluegrass Festivals
 Surnames: Bradley, Brand, Ayers, Seitz



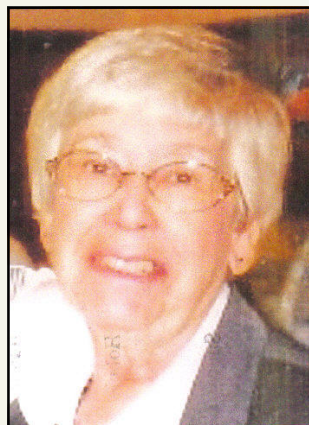
Marybeth Glick

Program Manager at Cummins
 3 children
 5 grandchildren
 Hobbies: family, walking
 Surnames: VonFange, Pardieck, Burbrink, Meier



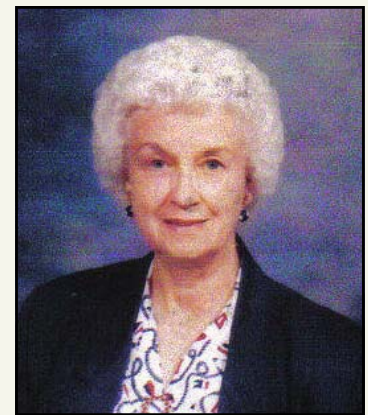
Ellen Pardieck

Retired School Teacher
 Daughter, Mary Ellen Newlin
 Son, David Bruce Simpson
 Hobbies: Crocheting
 Surnames: Pardieck, Simpson, Gerhart, Schaub



Juanita J Haskins

Retired school teacher
 Husband, Bill; Daughters, Katherine Schildknecht & Allyson Jo Mayse; Son, Randal G Haskins; 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 1 gr gr grandchild
 Hobbies: Knitting, reading, church activities
 Surnames: Cochran, Gaston, VanFossen, Cole, Haskins



Anna Poland

Retired Bethel Baptist Church Sec.
 Carol Wisler, daughter; Gary Poland Sr, son; 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren
 Hobbies: crocheting, reading, volunteering at church, playing organ at church & Atterbury
 Surnames: Jones, Weekly, Hovis, Ping



Dianna Harris

Retired from Lynnville National Bank
Husband, David
Sons, Matt and Ryan
4 grandchildren
Hobbies: Scrapbooking
Surnames: Pemberton, Garrison, Kennedy, Bullivant



Sandra Richards

Retired from Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Husband, Don Sr, deceased; Daughter, Claytanna Murphy; Son, Donald Jr, 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren
Hobbies: Crocheting, BC Writers Group, Senior Scribes, quilting, IN Historical Soc
Surnames: Smith, Williams, Hoover, Moberly; Great, great grandfather is Chief Joseph Blackfoot Tribe



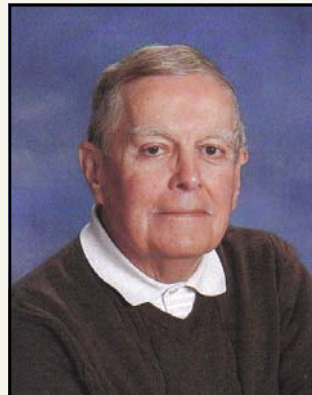
Toni Whiteside

Sales Rep Amvac Chemical
Husband, Jim
Sons, Andy & Jared
Hobbies: Reading, watching sports
Surnames: Zaharako, Wille or Willie, Rogers, Lewellen



Ann Woolls

Retired
Children, Nick Woolls, Cheryl Delap
Hobbies: golf, sewing travel, Sudoku
Surnames: Woolls, Conde, Barker, Pottier



Charles Woolls

Retired
Children, Nick Woolls, Cheryl Delap
Hobbies: golf, word search, travel, reading
Surnames: Woolls, Conde, Barker, Pottier

Introducing our 2014 Membership

As a way of getting better acquainted with each other, we will publish pictures and a short profile of each member in *ANCESTORS* throughout the 2014 year. (Board Members can be found in Q4 2013)

Please be prepared and willing to have your picture taken at one of our programs (or please provide us with one).

We will also have a short form for you to fill out for the interview. (or email to us)

New Books

New Genealogy Books at the Bartholomew County Library

-from Annette Blount, BC Librarian

Marriages of Louisa County, Virginia 1766-1815

Compiled by Kathleen Booth Williams

Ref Gen 929.3755 Wil

Marriages of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1806-1830

Compiled by Kathleen Booth Williams

Ref Gen 929.3755 Wil

Colonial Records of Virginia

Ref Gen 929.3755 Col

A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733-1831

Compiled by Ann Lowry Worrell

Ref Gen 929.3755 Wor

Marriages of Grainger County, Tennessee, 1796-1837

Compiled by Edythe Rucker Whitley

Ref Gen 929.3768 Whi

Marriages of Wilson County, Tennessee, 1802-1850

Compiled by Edythe Rucker Whitley

Ref Gen 929.3768 Whi

Marriages of Jefferson County, Tennessee, 1792-1836

Compiled by Edythe Rucker Whitley

Ref Gen 929.3768 Whi

Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers of the Colony of Plymouth, From 1602-1625

Young, Alexander

Ref Gen 929.3744 You

The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy

Powell, Kimberly

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The Indiana Jackass Regiment in the Civil War: A History of the 21st Infantry/1st Heave Artillery Regiment, with a Roster

Faller, Phillip

Ind 973.7472 Fal

You Can Write Your Family History

Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo

808.06692 Car

A Gazetteer of Indian Territory

Gammett, Henry

Ref Gen 929.3766 Gan

Catalog of Revoutionary Soldiers

Catalog of Revoutionary Soldiers and and Sailors of the Commonwealth of Virginia to Whom Land Bounty Warrants Were Granted by Virginia for Military Services in the War for Independence
Compiled by Samuel M. Wilson
Ref Gen 929.3755 Wil

Marriage Bonds of Franklin County Virginia 1786-1858

Wingfield, Marshall

Ref Gen 929.3755 Win

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry

Cory, Kathleen B.

Ref Gen 929.1072 Cor

Finding Your Italian Roots

Colletta, John Philip

Ref Gen 929.108 Col

Remembering Those Who Served: Veterans and Service Personnel of Franklin County, Indiana

Compiled and Edited by Julie A. Schlesselman

Ref Ind 977.215 Sch

Runaway Servants, Convicts, and Apprentices Advertised in the Pennsylvania Gazette 1728-1796

Grubb, Farley

Ref Gen 929.3748

WOW ! WOW ! WOW !

Look at this list of NEW genealogy books from the Library !!

Have you seen the new changes in the INDIANA ROOM ?

BCGS Members, Please join us when Annette, Bartholomew County Librarian, shares the New Resources in the Indiana Room with us ! Check out Heather's article on the front page for more details ! Not a member ? You are welcome to become one !

CARVED IN STONE

-BY DONNA KUHLMAN

QUERY:

I'm looking for anyone that would have any information specifically John Gill(e)land buried in the Swinney Cemetery just over the county line in Decatur county.

I recently moved the other John Gilliland's (my 5th ggrandfather) stone back to where it needed to be and noticed someone placed a War of 1812 vet marker there. Figure if anyone knew enough to know that he was a vet (stone doesn't mention) maybe they would know something else about him or the other John Gilliland 5th PA Regiment Rev War buried there?

Also looking for John Gillilands son Alexander Hamilton Gilliland who is supposed to be in the Hartsville Baptist Cemetery. His grandson (my gggrandfather Alexander C is there, but I can find no marker for Alexander H.

Additionally, John Gilliland was listed in General Tiptons journal as one of the original commissioners that went to choose between strawtown and present day indianapolis for the site of the new capital city. Wondering if that would be my john gilliland or how I could find out sny information on him? Thought i saw where that john Gilliland came in through Switzerland County, but im thinking mine came in by way of Union to Franklin to Decatur County?

Anything you know or anywhere you can direct me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,JS

Welcome to our magnificent obsession!

I did quite a lot of research on the Gillilands, probably 15 years ago. I'm in California this winter, so don't have access to my paper files, and assorted documentation, but I've attached a Word file descendant list that shows as much as I had collected on this family.

John Gilliland, the War of 1812 soldier, is generally considered to be the son of Robert Gilliland and Sarah Stewart; and many listings report that this Robert died in Decatur Co., "about 1830." I don't know if that's true--and the source may have originally said something more like "after 1830." Have never heard of or seen a marker, nor found any other documentation on him, EXCEPT there IS a Robert Gilleland, age 80-90, listed on census in Union Co., IN (p. 231) in 1830. Might be something in Decatur or Union Co. probate (or deed) records, but have not seen such.

The Rev. War John Gilliland/Gilleland is likely a brother (or cousin) to Robert, but again, I have no proof. Natl Archives ought to have something on him, and you may be able to find some of that online somewhere. I never pursued it.

Alexander Hamilton Gilliland is....a mighty elusive old rascal, as you probably already know. I don't think there's a shred of valid evidence that he's buried at Hartsville. That's clearly Alexander C.; and somewhere along the line, someone got them confused, made the assertion it was the elder, and that "proof" took on a life of its own. AHG married twice that I know of; I don't think I ever found him on any census--some people were apparently ALLERGIC to census-takers, and are confoundingly invisible on that otherwise invaluable resource!

Census-invisible notwithstanding, for some reason I have Alexander Gilliland listed as dying "after 1861." I have no recall upon what that date was based--but I must have found something somewhere. Buried in a file cabinet in a storage locker.....2000 miles from me just now. There may simply not BE any reliable evidence anywhere for when he died, or where buried; off-hand I'd say he's more likely at Swinney than anywhere else--simply not marked.

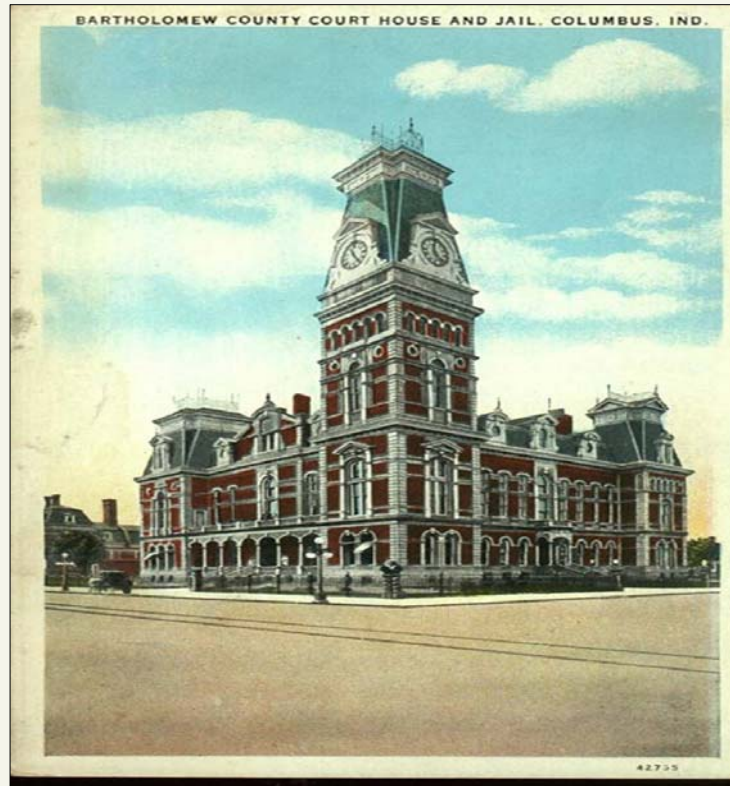
I'm not kin to any of these--I worked on it for my daughter's friend (granddaughter of #50 on the report), but got caught up in the family study, and did a lot more than just her bit.

Don't have anything on the General Tipton angle. John Gilliland has a Find A Grave Listing, Memorial #5382030.

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