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BCGS goes to DC

Four Board Members braved the Unknown
-by Kim Ray

In October, Donna Kuhlman, Fran Land, Becky Speaker and I committed to research where none of us had researched before - the National Archives in Washington DC. We volunteered to pay our way in the hopes of finding military records for the 40 War of 1812 Veterans previously honored by BCGS.

Driving most of the 10hr trip on Sat, left us some sightseeing time on Sun. And, with our motel in Silver Springs, we realized this would give us a chance to practice our 20min Subway route to the city. It was this overwhelming obstacle where the youngest amongst us quickly emerged as our leader! We are extremely grateful for Becky's previous experience of the subway, and her knowledge of DC as our tour guide.

Mon was totally consumed with filling out forms, looking at records, and scanning the papers. The research continued into the night, as we tried to prepare for the next day back in our motel. It wasn't until the doors closed on Tues that we were able to celebrate our success! We brought back military records for 29 of our original list, plus 14 more, for a total of 43 Veterans! BCGS paid for the copies of these records and they have all been posted on our website.

We hope you will join us as we share this experience Feb 23rd! Until then, please enjoy some of our pictures on the 2 Bonus pages in the electronic version of this issue of Ancestors.

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Calendar

Jan 26: New Technology
Feb 23: National Archives Trip
Mar 23: Cemetery Histories
May 18: Let's Get Organized
Jul 27: Atterbury Outing / Lunch
Sep 21: Boys of '98
Nov 16: Mayflower Society and Officer Election

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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!



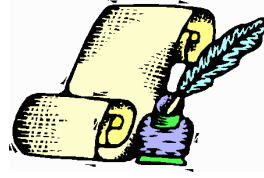


NATIONAL ARCHIVES



Presidential Proclamation

-by Marcus Speer



President's 2012 Report

Serving as President of the Bartholomew County Genealogical Society has been a great experience in 2012 because of the wonderful group of BCGS officers and board members. Each one of them should be thanked for her service in 2012. I am delighted to report that each one will remain in her current role in 2013.

Officers and Board Members

First, I want to thank Margot Green for continuing on the BCGS board as our Past President. Her continuing guidance and support has been very helpful to each BCGS officer and has been invaluable to me as BCGS President. Margot will continue to serve on the board as Past President in 2013.

Our Vice-President, Jennie Rauch, has once again been instrumental in planning and organizing all of our bi-monthly programs. She secures all of the speakers and already has a full line-up for the coming year. Our Secretary, Carolyn Wheeler, excels in record keeping for the BCGS board. She accurately keeps all of our minutes and provides the minutes in a timely manner ahead of all of our monthly board meetings.

Our Membership List is overseen by our Treasurer Sarah Bush and Fran Land. Sarah accounts for all of our BCGS members including lifetime members, and she maintains the Surname List for all members. Fran keeps an accounting of the attendance (members & guests) at all of our programs. In July, 2012, it was reported that BCGS had 70 active members.

Some might not realize this, but BCGS has two genealogists, Donna Kuhlman and Karen Loy, who assist with the 30 or more queries that come to the Society throughout the year. Both are very capable in assisting those who submit queries and who need additional genealogical information for their families.

It was in 2012 that BCGS began the transition to an e-newsletter for every BCGS member who had provided an e-mail address. Recently, these e-newsletters were posted on the BCGS website: www.barthgen.org. Kim Ray compiles and edits our quarterly newsletters and has included many wonderful additions including 1-2 pages of colorful photos in each newsletter. Our newest addition to the board is Becky Speaker. Becky has been the one uploading the newsletter to the BCGS website, and recently, she began uploading information on veterans of the War of 1812.

As you can tell, BCGS has a wonderful group of active and effective officers who have faithfully met monthly throughout 2012.

Programs

During 2012, BCGS hosted six interesting programs. On January 28, Jason Hatton, Library Assistant Director, provided information to a total of 38 (27 members & 11 guests) about two online resources that are available through the County Library: Ancestry & Heritage Quest. Then, on March 24 with 29 in attendance, Lissa Shanahan from the Indiana State Library spoke about the Orphan Train in America 1850 – 1930.

Our fieldtrip on May 19 was a real delight for all 26 (20 members & 6 guests). First, we gathered at the Moravian Church and Cemetery to learn through the expertise of Barb Johnson. Barb provided an excellent presentation both inside the church and out in the cemetery including God's Acre. Then, 21 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch at Auntie Aimee's Country Tea Room on the Hope Town Square.

Although the total number who gathered on July 28 was only 12, the presentation by Shelia Kell was "moving" as described by V-P, Jennie. Shelia shared information concerning the resources that are available when researching adopted ancestors. Twenty-four members and 1 guest attended the Sept. 22 program when Ron Darrah spoke on "The Do-over War of 1812." This was another excellent and informative presentation.

Our final 2012 program, "But They Weren't From Indiana!" was on Nov. 17 with 27 in attendance (22 members & 5 guests). Daina Bohr from the Indiana State Library spoke about resources available at the State Library for those

conducting searches of ancestors from Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Michigan. The November meeting also included our election of officers, and all officers were elected to another term on the BCGS board.

Projects

As Margot reported in the 2011 Report, "2011 saw the inception *and* completion of two major projects, our BCGS Website (www.barthgen.org) and our 2012 Calendar honoring veterans of the War of 1812." Maintained by Becky Speaker, the website provides information on programs, membership, queries, publications, links, newsletters (password protected) and War of 1812 veterans.

Recently, with the help of a BCGS member, Heather McDonald, Becky began a Facebook page for BCGS. For those on Facebook, you can "like" BCGS at: <https://www.facebook.com/BartholomewCountyGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts>

In regards to the 2012 Calendars that were produced in 2011, a total of 92 calendars were sold. Proceeds from these sales assisted in purchasing and erecting markers on the graves of 40 Veterans of the War of 1812. Pictures of these markers can be found in the Q4 BCGS Newsletter. Find-a-Grave Memorials were updated with pictures showing how BCGS honored the 40 Vets.

In October, the BCGS board was delighted that four board members, Donna, Fran, Becky & Kim were able to travel to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. to research the 40 Veterans of the War of 1812 with ties to Bartholomew County. These ladies brought back military papers for 29 of these Veterans, as well as 14 more veterans, for a total of 43 Veterans. Biographies are being written for many of these veterans and more volunteers are always welcomed.

Donations

Consistent with the mission to increase local genealogical research resources, the BCGS board was able to donate a number of books to the Bartholomew County Public Library in 2012. Here is the list:

- McMillans and Associated Families of Fayette County Illinois
- Lawrence County Marriages 1818-1886
- Lawrence County Marriages 1886-1907
- Scott County Births & Deaths 1820-1999
- Scott County Marriage Index 1820-1905
- Scott County Marriages 1906-1910
- Scott County Marriages 1911-1915

The BCGS board also donated \$300 to the Sand Hill Cemetery Restoration project and donated \$67.50 to Ancestry.com to help digitize War of 1812 Records.



Looking ahead to 2013

The BCGS board is looking forward to the many ways that we can do more to benefit genealogical research in Bartholomew County. At each board meeting, we include the following question: "Additional BCGS projects?" and we will continue to ask this question throughout 2013. Along with our bi-monthly programs, the BCGS board is looking forward to an extra program in 2013 so that we might learn more about veterans of the War of 1812. During 2013, the BCGS board will be meeting each month on the third Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. at the Bartholomew County Library.

Margot was right when she wrote in 2011: "In closing, my thanks to all of you, our members, who give BCGS life." Yes, it is each member that keeps a Society like ours alive so that together, we might benefit not only our genealogical work but the work of many other genealogists. Thank You!

It's time for your Membership Renewal

Be sure we have your email so you won't miss our DIGITAL NEWSLETTER in 2013 !

Please contact us with your membership dues and email address

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-by Jennie Rauch

Greetings, Genealogy Friends!

I hope you've enjoyed the selection of speakers and topics in 2012, and are looking forward as much as I am to programs upcoming in 2013. Please note that we have an exciting EXTRA program scheduled in February! Also note on your calendar the TIME of each program so you don't miss anything - some are 10 a.m., others 1 p.m, in the Bartholomew County Library Red Room.

On Saturday, **JANUARY 26, at 1 p.m.**, Jason Hatton will start off the New Year bringing his technological expertise to our group. We can always count on Jason to enlighten us on things we've maybe only heard of. . . this time he'll clear up any questions we might have on EverNote and Dropbox.

Have you ever been frustrated to find genealogy information you were seeking listed at NARA? The National Archives in Washington, D.C. has a wealth of information, but has always seemed way too far and way too complicated for me to make the trip. BUT, four of our intrepid Board members did just that in October, and are excited to share with us, so we squeezed in an extra program!

On Saturday, **FEBRUARY 23, at 10 a.m.**, Fran Land (Membership), Kim Ray (Newsletter Editor), and Becky Speaker (Webmaster) will tell us all the ins & outs of how they pulled off their fabulous trip, and share some of the information they found on several Bartholomew County veterans. Apparently there are lots of rules and regulations about what you can and cannot take into the facility, but they made it all work, and now we can learn from their experience. (Yes, four went, but Donna won't be in town this date to join us!)

Saturday, **MARCH 18 at 1:00 p.m.**, Ron Shadley of Reed & Jewell Funeral Home will talk to us about Cemetery Histories. He has been very involved with setting up the Sand Hill Restoration project, and will tell us about plans in place for an expert to refurbish damaged stones there and what we all could do to help. He will tell us what he has done to try to have this cemetery included in an Historic Registry, and will also explore some other cemeteries, who started them, who is buried there, and other interesting facts. Aren't cemeteries fascinating???

Do you have reams of paper and scraps of information everywhere, and no clue how to make sense out of those genealogy treasures? On Saturday, **MAY 18, at 1:00 p.m.**, Toni Whiteside will help us get organized to tell our family stories! Toni won Grand Champion in the Open Class Division at the 4H Fair last year, so you might have seen her project! She stresses the fact that there are several organizational methods, so after her presentation we hope some of you might come prepared to informally share your favorite technique too.

Saturday, **JULY 27** will be an outing to Atterbury. After a guided bus tour, we'll have lunch in the Officer's Quarters! More details later, but I think it will be fun to hobnob with some of the servicemen and women who are getting ready to serve our country! I'll firm up the details of lunch in the next Newsletter, but it is about \$6.85, and I'm assured that meals are contracted out, and we won't have to do KP. We'll probably carpool from the library ~9:15, and I'll need reservations . . . stay tuned for more details!

Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 21, 10 a.m.**, our own Donna Kuhlman will talk about The "Boys of 1898 - Bartholomew County Participants in the Spanish-American War". Donna's presentations are so full of info, and she always makes history come alive!

Last, but not least, it seems fitting to end our program year with our Saturday, **NOVEMBER 16, 1:00 p.m.** presentation on The Mayflower Society. Jon Wardlow will describe the organization, and talk about the particulars of membership criteria. Just before Jon's program, we'll have our annual meeting for a few short announcements and election of officers.

Is there a speaker you've heard before and want to hear more? Is there a topic we haven't covered that piques your interest? Tell me or any Board Member, and we'll try to make it happen! Of course we're delighted to have a good turnout of members for our speakers' efforts, and welcome members' guests as well (maybe they'll decide to become a member too!). Looking forward to seeing lots of you in 2013!

Highlights

-BY CAROLYN WHEELER

If you were able to attend our final program of 2012, you heard Daina Bohr of the Indiana State Library in November give us an idea of what resources are available on states bordering Indiana, hence her title "But They Weren't From Indiana." Her emphasis was on Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky which she referred to as the "donut states."

Where do you find resources at ISL? The printed collections, electronic resources and the Genealogy Collection reference desk are located on the *first floor*. The genealogy microfilm and microfiche collections and printed census indexes are found on the *second floor*.

Federal census records on microfilm are available for all existing states from 1790-1880 and 1930. For 1900-1930, there are films for select states. A person can also use online databases to find census records.

Ms. Bohr gave us a sampling of what is available for these four donut states. For example, for Ohio research some useful sources might be *Ohio Place Names*, land grants of early Ohio pioneers, or an atlas of historical boundaries to learn what a county became as boundaries changed.

For Michigan there are some family histories/Bible records as well as tombstone inscriptions for some cemeteries. A book of French families of the Detroit region may be of interest to some.

For Illinois there are death records for selected counties and church records, and for Kentucky there are a variety of vital records and marriage and court records. On the library's website you can also link to a source that enables you to search cemeteries of Kentucky.

If you get the urge to do research this winter at ISL, it is located at 315 West Ohio Street in Indy. Hours are M, Tu, W, F: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Th: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat: 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; closed holidays. The library's homepage is www.IN.gov/library/genealogy.htm.

BCGS celebrates its first year of an all electronic newsletter!
As a member, you are receiving this directly to your email!
And, as a Bonus, you are getting 2 extra pages of pictures!
We hope you will feel free to share with your family and friends!



-by Jason Hatton
 Assistant Director
 Bartholomew County Public Library

(Saturday) Warm and Pleasant this morning after a windy night. [In] 6 miles we arrive at Paoli [Indiana], the county seat of Orange; it has a good stone court house. The other buildings are wood, and there are two taverns in it. We continued on through a hilly county, the road bad, and encamp on a branch in the woods, the water bad. 16 miles today. The water has a bluish cast and stands in puddles in the channel; we are forced to use it for the want of better.

The above is an entry in a fascinating book we just received here at the library. *Across the Wide Missouri* is a diary written by James Brown Campbell covering the years of 1819-1822 as his family travels from Virginia to Missouri and back again. His father, Alexander, and mother, Margaret, along with his 7 brothers, servants and other travelers trek to the wild Missouri territory. Whether it be for land, a better life, or more opportunity, many of our ancestors made similar trips from Virginia to Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and points farther west.

Simply it is a transcribed diary of the thoughts of a twenty-something as they make the long trek. However, it is the experiences and realities they encountered that make it fascinating. When we find in the census that a long-ago relative ended up much further west than where they started it is good that we get a sense of what that trip entailed. Obviously, they didn't have highways, hotels, and restaurants to make the journey easier. They had to in many cases make their own paths by fording rivers and creeks. Also interesting as the editors, descendants of James, note, "is the warm feel of community we sense in the diary. Families, friends, and neighbors lived together, worshipped together, and helped each other to plant and harvest crops, raise buildings, cut timber, and to do whatever else was needed in order to survive." My interest in history stems from my desire to understand the people of our genealogy records and history books. They are not just names, but indeed were real-life, living human beings that while perhaps had different amenities in life than us, still share a commonality around family and relationships that can never be lost. I hope you will get the opportunity to take a peek at this book in our Indiana Room next time you are in.

In other news, it is with a heavy heart that I announce that after 30 years of service, our Genealogy Librarian, Ronda Brown will be retiring at the end of the year. While we can never replace her knowledge, we will have to carry on in our duties. To that end, another member of our Reference staff, Annette Blount, will be taking over these responsibilities starting with the new year. Annette plans to be at your January meeting to meet you all. Please join me in wishing Ronda the best as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.

New Books

*New Genealogy Books at the Bartholomew County Library
 -from Ronda Brown, BC Librarian*

<p>Reference: Ind:973.54:Cam Campbell, James Brown 2007 <u>Across the Wide Missouri: The Diary of a Journey from Virginia to Missouri in 1819 and Back Again in 1822</u></p>	<p>Reference: Ind and Reference:Ind:973.0431:Emi <u>Emigration and Settlement Patterns of German Communities in North America</u> 1995</p>	<p>Reference: Ind:977.223.sto 2012 <u>Unraveling Threads: Our Redding Township History</u> (Donated by DAR, Joseph Hart Chapter)</p>
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Civil War Postcards

submitted by

Donna Kuhlman

*With an equal murmur falleth
The cooling drip of the rain:
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment -day,
Wet with the rain, the Blue
Wet with the rain, the Gray.*

The Blue And The Gray

Francis Miles Finch (1827-1907)

*By the flow of the inland
river,
Whence the fleets of iron have
fled,
Where the blades of the grave-
grass quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of the
dead:*

*Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment-day;
Under the one, the Blue,
Under the other, the Gray*

*These in the robings of glory,
Those in the gloom of defeat,
All with the battle-blood gory,
In the dusk of eternity meet:
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgement-day
Under the laurel, the Blue,
Under the willow, the Gray.*

*From the silence of sorrowful
hours*

*The desolate mourners go,
Lovingly laden with flowers
Alike for the friend and the
foe;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgement-day;
Under the roses, the Blue,
Under the lilies, the Gray.*

*So with an equal splendor,
The morning sun-rays fall,
With a touch impartially
tender,
On the blossoms blooming for
all:*

*Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment-day;
Broidered with gold, the Blue,
Mellowed with gold, the Gray.*

*So, when the summer calleth,
On forest and field of grain,*

*Sadly, but not with
upbraiding,
The generous deed was done,
In the storm of the years that
are fading
No braver battle was won:
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment-day;
Under the blossoms, the Blue,
Under the garlands, the Gray*

*No more shall the war cry
sever,
Or the winding rivers be red;
They banish our anger
forever
When they laurel the graves
of our dead!
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment-day,
Love and tears for the Blue,
Tears and love for the Gray*

First Cremation in Bartholomew County

- Submitted by Donna Kuhlman

David A. Thompson was born June 1844 in Jennings Co., and died Oct. 19, 1911 at Elizabethtown. He married Martha K. Clapp, July 3, 1866, in Jennings Co.



Thursday, October 19, 1911

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.

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...



YOUR SOCIETY AT WORK

WHAT DID BCGS DO THIS QUARTER ?



4 BCGS Board Members volunteered to research War of 1812 Records in Washington DC for Veterans with ties to Bartholomew County



BCGS paid \$115 for copies of Records from the National Archives for 43 War of 1812 Veterans with ties to Bartholomew County

Ancestors in the News

Transcribed by J. Johnson

The Evening Republican

Thursday, February 17, 1887

About People

Mr. Isaac **Bradford**, the carpenter, is in the capital city to-day on business.

Mrs. Otto **Marshall** went down to Walesboro this morning to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Tom **Mooney** came up from Louisville this morning to visit his parents in the city.

Mrs. S. T. **Hillman** and children went down to Madison this morning to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Lillie **Terhune**, of Franklin, is enjoying a few days' visit in this city, the guest of Miss Lottie **Burnett**.

Mr. T. E. **Valentine** and wife, Mrs. Clarence Valentine, Mrs. Miles **Mitchell** and Mrs. Win. **Ashby**, of Edinburg, are spending the day with the family of Mr. Geo. I.

Winans.

Sherriff **Hay**, of Jeff, yesterday arrested 9 men at Cementville for disturbing a religious meeting...halted...with a rope fastened to his buggy and led them into Jeff ...

The officers and stockholders of the Edinburg Union Agricultural Society met for annual session at Edinburg last Saturday and elected the following officers:

President, John W. **Wilson**; Secretary, T. E. **Valentine**; Treasurer, James M. **Kelle**; Superintendent (sic), Jack **Pruitt**.

The G.A.R. Council

The eighth annual encampment of Indiana, G.A.R., which convened at Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, yesterday at 10 o'clock, was probably the largest in point of numbers ever held in the state. The encampment, by invitation, visited both houses of the Legislature in a body yesterday, and a brief memorial was presented to both houses asking for an appropriation of \$200,000 for the purpose of erecting a soldiers' monument....

The Evening Republican

Thursday, February 3, 1887

Hartsville - Rev. R. C. **Wylie**, of Ray, Ind., will deliver a series of lecture to the college students (Hartsville) next week, commencing Tuesday on "Political Ethics."

"The way the rod is being used in our public schools reminds one more of the days of log school house than this advanced age of civilization and new methods of education."

Flatrock - Attendance at Sunday school last Sunday, 123; collection, \$1.23. Our Sunday school is not quite gone to pieces, as the correspondent of the News-Journal would have people think.

Otter Creek - The shooting of Evan **Fix** creates quite a sensation.

The Evening Republican

January 4, 1912

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shireman announce the marriage of their daughter Emily May **Shireman** and Chris **Schuette**.

The young couple were married August 24 in Covington, Kentucky and have kept their wedding a secret till this week. Mr. Schuette is a moulder at Caldwell Iron Works. They will reside in Orinoco.

John **Riddle**, sanitary officer of this city, has filed for the consideration for the major and council, a report of...his activities for the year 1911. ...

The number of arrests made for alleged violations of the pure food law during the year were nine, five being grocers and the other four butchers....Five persons were arrested for breaking quarantine...A part of the sanitary officer's work not altogether pleasant is ...he examined five children for lice on their heads....

Old Tombstones -submitted by Sarah Bush

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:
Born 1903--Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the
car was on the way down. It was.

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On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in  
East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:  
Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102.  
Only the good die young.

John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne,  
England, cemetery:

Reader, if cash thou art in want of any,  
Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.

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In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery:
Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake,
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

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_____ **NEW MEMBER(S)** _____ **RENEWAL**

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: bcgs47202@yahoo.com