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UPcoming!

-by Jennie Rauch

Hello, Genealogy Pals !

I can't believe we're talking about May & July programs already! I know I haven't spent nearly enough time sorting through all my piles of family information gathered over the years, so sure am looking forward to our MAY 18th program on Organization! Toni Whiteside has an unique way of making her family records interesting and easily accessible and will share the tips she used in her award-winning 4H Fair entry. Also, if YOU have a helpful technique or format, please come prepared to share. Your idea might just be the catalyst to solving someone else's dilemma. 1:00 pm in the Library Red Room.

Our July 27 Atterbury outing is unfortunately up-in-the-air at the moment. Since we set things up last year, government budget cuts complicated our plans, limiting the number we're able to have attend, having us find our own bus for transportation, and generally short-circuiting communication to iron out these wrinkles. I haven't given up entirely, but can't confirm details. Stay tuned, & as soon as I know anything, I'll let you know.

Spring cleaning & finding genealogy resources you don't need any more? Set them aside with the plan to bring to our annual Material Exchange in November! It is a popular way to refresh your stash of books, magazines, CD's, etc. All for now. . .

2 page BONUS!

AGAIN - As a bonus to all our members reading this newsletter electronically, there are 2 extra pages - pictures of the historical hearses and an award winning photo of Sandhill Cemetery.

BCGS 2013 Board Members

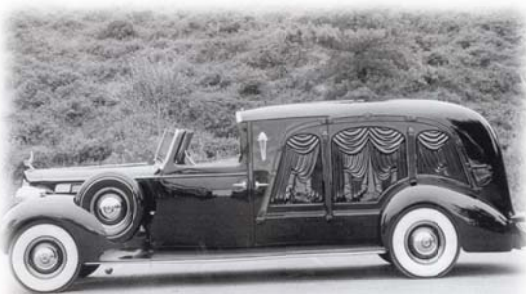
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Calendar

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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A few pictures from our March speaker, Ron Shadley

Sandhill Cemetery





Sandhill Cemetery Restoration Project

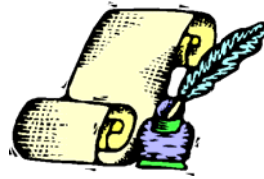
*Ron raised \$525 from our March Meeting !
Many Thanks to those of you that made that happen !*

*He is currently looking into making Phil Allen's Award
Winning photo available, with proceeds to help fund the
Sandhill Cemetery Restoration Project..... stay tuned !*

*If you would like more info, please contact
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Presidential Proclamation

-by Marcus Speer



Wow, BCGS has already offered some excellent programs in 2013 including the special program in February. A big thank you must be given to our presenters: Jason Hatton, Becky Speaker, Kim Ray, Fran Land, Donna Kuhlman, & Ron Shadley. I think each BCGS presenter has reminded us of how important it is that we have awareness of the wide range of resources available to us in our genealogical research. Some of those resources we might not have even known about before this year. Sometimes, using these resources allows us the opportunity to be contributors for the benefit of other researchers. This was certainly evident when I saw Ron receiving donations for the restoration work needed at Sandhill Cemetery. BCGS members, thank you for being generous; let us all keep up the good work.

Many of you have recognized the importance of membership in our Society, and as members, we should encourage other genealogical researchers to join BCGS. A board member mentioned that some might not realize that we have some BCGS members and board members who do not actually have ancestors connected with Bartholomew County. These members have BCGS membership because they recognize how important it is to have a Society that provides resources, guidance, and friendships that all assist in researching genealogy whether associated with Bartholomew County or not.

Last year, we certainly had a focus on the bicentennial of the War of 1812, but actually the bicentennial observance continues through 2015, so board members are still compiling information on veterans of this war who have a Bartholomew County connection (buried in the county). If you have any additional information about any of these veterans, please let us know, by e-mailing bcgs47202@yahoo.com Also, be sure to check out the compilation of information, which continues to be updated, on our webpage: <http://www.barthgen.org/page1.php>

I appreciate all of our members and hope that our Society membership continues to grow. I pray that you have a great quarter and have the opportunity to attend an upcoming BCGS program.

Highlights

-BY CAROLYN WHEELER

It's only April and we've already had three very good programs with good attendance.

In January, Jason Hatton discussed how we could "Move Your Genealogy to the Cloud" by using the free services of Dropbox and Evernote, two new programs to make life easier.

Dropbox allows you to bring all your photos, documents and videos anywhere. Any file you save to your Dropbox will automatically save to all your computers, phones and even the Dropbox website. The company allows you to download their program and you can have 2GB of space free of charge. More may be purchased but you probably will not need more. Another advantage is you can share folders with others and collaborate on a set of files. For more details, go to www.dropbox.com.

Evernote is a notebooking tool that can help you collect, sort and search anything you choose to add to it. You may set up a free account and save, sync and/or capture up to 60 megabytes of information each month. For more space there is a monthly fee. To see more about the possibilities for using Evernote go to www.evernote.com.

A special program was added to our lineup in February giving four of our members a chance to share highlights of an October trip they took to the National Archives. Kim Ray, Fran Land, Becky Speaker and Donna Kuhlman gave a program they entitled "BCGS Goes to DC: The National Archives Experience."

Fran explained they first wrote to the Archives and told of their plans to find documents about War of 1812 veterans buried in Bartholomew County. They were told of the rules and regulations and what to expect.

Kim spoke of the security requirements such as a photo ID and learning what was forbidden in the research room (food, drinks, pads, binders, ink pens, pencil and paper, etc.) and what was allowed (camera, lap top, small wallet, small handkerchief). She explained they purchased jump drives and then scanned documents and saved them to the jump drives, one record at a time.

Becky told of the pension and military records they worked with. The pension records were especially a gold mine often containing surgeon records, letters from spouses and neighbors or even former officers of the soldiers who wrote pertinent details of the soldier's service.

Donna reported they found 46 documents for 43 veterans. These can be accessed at the society's website www.barthgen.org.

Most recently we heard from Ron Shadley, local funeral home director, who spoke about "Funeral History and Customs." Watching a slide show presentation, we learned of the burial chambers of ancient Egypt, various styles of caskets, the progression of funeral vehicles from the buckboard and horse-drawn hearses to limousine-style funeral cars, and funeral ads that in early years emphasized furniture as well as mortuary services. Having to provide a wooden coffin for the deceased, undertakers expanded their businesses to making furniture in general.

Mr. Shadley also showed a variety of tombstones located in Van Pelt Cemetery in southern Shelby County and in closing gave an update on the restoration slated soon at Sandhill Cemetery here in Bartholomew County. He said the cost will be \$25,000 and he has raised all but \$5200. Any donations may be sent to Friends of Sandhill Cemetery, 3729 25th St., Columbus, IN 47203.



-by Jason Hatton
Assistant Director
Bartholomew County Public Library

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of July next, all the public lands of the United States, the sale of which is, or may be authorized by law, shall, when offered at public sale, to the highest bidder, be offered in half quarter sections...And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of July next, the price at which the public lands shall be offered for sale, shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre.

The above is language from the Cash Entry or Land Act enacted on April 24th, 1820. This act enabled the settlers to more easily purchase land in the "West" by decreasing the minimum amount of acreage (80 from 160) and decreasing the price per acre (\$1.25 from \$2.00).

I am definitely not an expert in land law, however it recently has piqued my interest. My in-laws recently purchased some land in Harrison Township with the intent to divide that property among themselves and two daughters. By looking at the early land records, you can glean so much information about early life. Neighbors and the land itself were critical to the success of those early settlers.

A relatively new (2006) resource to the Bartholomew County Public Library is a series entitled Family Maps of.... These publications by Gregory Boyd and Arphax publishing takes freely available land patent information put out by the Department of the Interior and compiles it into a very user friendly guide. The main aspect of the guide is to map the land patents out so that you get a complete picture of neighbors throughout a particular area. An additional feature is that it takes that same map and overlays that onto a modern day map and a natural feature map. So, you can get a sense of the rivers and creeks that the early settlers dealt with and used on a daily basis. The modern day map helps you pinpoint with current day references (roads!) where exactly the earlier lots lay.

The library has several copies of Family Maps for various surrounding counties as well as Bartholomew County. We have maps available for Brown, Decatur, Jennings, Washington, Ripley, Shelby, Rush, Orange, Scott, and Harrison Counties.

Obviously, I feel these publications have a lot of value to genealogists. It can help bring some meaning to those census records with simply names listed. It can perhaps help you break through a brick wall by making a connection from one neighbor to another. Plus, I think it simply helps bring some context to the names we are seeing in our family trees. By connecting them to an actual place on a map, I think makes the names more real. I hope you take the opportunity to look through these guides. They can be found by searching Family Maps in our catalog. Of course, we are always happy to show you the next time you are in.

New Books

New Genealogy Books at the Bartholomew County Library

-from Annette Blount, BC Librarian

Reference: Gen 929.3755 Bab
Baber, Lucy Harrison Miller

**Marriages and Deaths From Lynchburg,
Virginia Newspapers 1794-1836**

Reference: Gen 929.3756 Mot
Motes, Margaret Peckham

**Laurens County, S.C.: Rabun Creek
Settlements 1762-1848**

R Gen 929.108 Gre (This replaces the 3rd Ed.)
Grenham, John

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors 4th Ed.

Mt. Olive Cemetery

-by Karen Loy

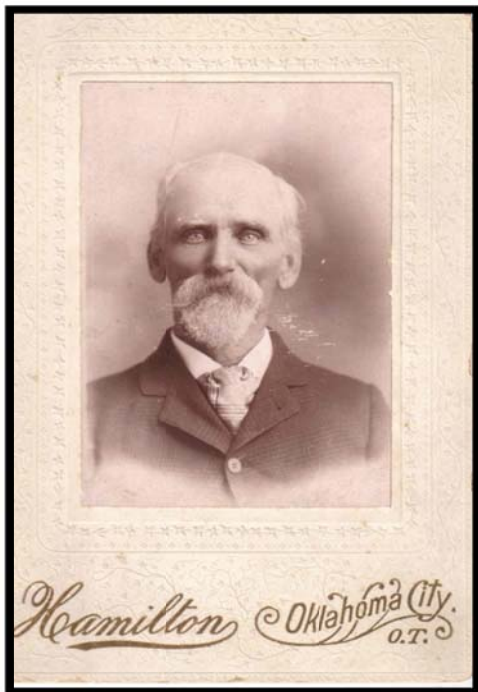
Cemeteries, I love cemeteries. The stones tell a story. Many years ago when I first came to live on Georgetown Road and attended Mt. Olive United Methodist Church I was saddened to learn several stones in the church cemetery were missing or were never there at all. After helping read the inscriptions for the "Harrison, Ohio, and Jackson Townships Cemetery" Book the Genealogy Society produced, thoughts came to mind what could I do. Several years went by while I pondered this thought. In the spring of 2012 R.E.M.C, contacted me with a proposal to change the name on the electric bill. At that time they informed me that a substantial amount of money was due my husband's grandmother. The name was changed and I was given the money and set about buying 4x4x15 inch stone markers for all 33 names on the list. Over the summer and fall the stones were placed where they belonged and others were placed near the back of the cemetery if no known burial site was located. A former pastor decided many years ago that all those old records were no longer needed and disposed of them. I still have 5 more stones to place. My sister, Kathy Amos and Robyn Back helped place the stones. If anyone knows of anyone buried at Mt. Olive without a stone please contact me.



*Do you have an interesting local story ?
Have you found a genealogical treasure ?
Did you break through your brick wall ?
Did you find something that has been lost
in our history ?
Then I would love to print it !*

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Joseph Samuel Conway

Born abt 1843, Bartholomew Co., IN

Died Dec. 10, 1924, Union Soldiers' Home, Oklahoma City, OK

Parents of Joseph Samuel Conway

23 July 2012

Message submitted to Ancestry member L.M., by Donna Kuhlman

Bartholomew Co. Complete Record Probate Book G, p. 65

(February 1852): Samuel Cowden is appointed administrator July 30, 1849, of the estate of John Conway, dec., who died July 14, 1849, with Fred Hasselback and George May as his securities.

George W. May and H.B. Roland were appraisers of the personal property. Samuel Cowden makes a settlement as administrator and Henry Robertson is appointed administrator by the court with Jos. Hedge and Joseph Robertson, Jr., as his securities. These heirs of John Conway received the residue of the estate: Levi B. Conway,

about 20; Luther Conway, about 18; and Joseph Conway, about 8; with Henry Robertson as their guardian.

Levi and Luther were sons of John Conway and an unknown first wife. Joseph Conway was the son of John Conway and Esther/Hester/Hetty Robertson, who married in Bartholomew Co., Aug. 20, 1839. I have nothing on John Conway except the date of death. Had to have been born not later than 1809 (given age of oldest child), but don't know where. Esther "Hetty" Robertson was born abt. 1812, Warren Co., OH, died abt. 1845, Bartholomew Co. She was daughter of Joseph Robertson and Rachel Moore. (no marked grave found.) There is also no known marked grave for John Conway, although he and Hetty are almost certainly at Robertson Cemetery with her mother and other family members. A grave was recently found there for Luther Conway, who died 1856 (see <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=94073502>).

Rachel is buried at Robertson Cemetery. Joseph Robertson has two (sigh) memorials on Findagrave. I will eventually persuade the posters to merge, or delete one. Each listing has problems to resolve. Joseph is NOT buried at Robertson Cemetery, as it did not exist in 1823 when he died; and the site was still government land until 1839. Joseph was buried on his OWN land (of course!) which is not AT the little Lutheran Church, but very near. This site about 3/4 mile due south (cross-country) from Robertson Cemetery. This bit from an 1877 item in the local paper:

The Democrat, Columbus, Indiana, October 5, 1877

Rachel Robertson, buried here [Robertson Cemetery], was the widow of Joseph Robertson who is buried at the Little [Trinity] Lutheran Church near where he had lived the latter part of his life.

4 Dec. 2012

Reply from L. M.

Oh my gosh, I just looked at my tree and saw your comment!! You don't know how long I have been at a dead end to find Joseph's parents!!! I have been working on another person's genealogy and just let mine go for a while and wow, there it was!! Thank you SO MUCH for adding this information. Joseph was my Great Grandpa, but everyone that should have known something about him didn't!! His son gave the info for his death certificate, and it was blank for the parents! And all of them are gone now.....this is so cool. Thank you again!! You have made my YEAR!!!

Civil War Cenotaph Newbern Cemetery Bartholomew Co., Indiana

-by Donna Kuhlman

Several decades after the Civil War, the citizens of Newbern erected a monument in the local cemetery to the memory of 15 soldiers from the neighborhood who never returned from the war, all presumed dead. (Such memorials are called *cenotaphs*, literally, "empty tombs," markers for those interred elsewhere.) A 1911 newspaper account described the annual observance for "Decoration Day" (now called Memorial Day). The townspeople marched to the cemetery, headed by the Hope band. They formed a circle around the monument to the lost soldiers, and the smallest children from the Sunday School class would lay a wreath; then others would lay wreathes and bouquets for each of the 15 men. This was followed by decoration of the graves of other soldiers buried at Newbern, and a patriotic address by a local orator. The 1911 item reports that this observance had been done 'for several years;' but does not say how long the monument had actually been in place. 1905 would have been the 40th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, so could have been the inspiration for the memorial.



IN MEMORY OF THE SOLDIERS THAT NEVER RETURNED

C. McCombs
C.J. McCombs
J.S. Fogle
H. Bruner
H.F. Huffer
B. Cohee
C. Jones
J. Mobley
J.M. Hook
J. Shaw
D. Davis
W. Robertson
A. Robertson
C. Hiner
J. Young

Civil War Cenotaph Newbern Cemetery (cont)

Evening Republican
Columbus Indiana
May 26, 1911 p.1

HONOR ONES WHO NEVER RETURNED

Newbern People to Have
Impressive Memorial
Day Celebration.

MARK UNKNOWN GRAVES

FIFTEEN NEWBERN MEN WHO
WENT TO WAR NEVER CAME
HOME AND THEIR UNMARKED
GRAVES ARE DECORATED
IN SPIRIT EACH YEAR.

Perhaps the most impressive celebration of Memorial Day in the county next Tuesday will be at Newbern, where the patriotic people of that place will again pay homage to the memory of the boys who never came home. Other places will have larger celebrations, perhaps; there may be longer parades and all that sort of thing, but those who have attended former Memorial Day celebrations at Newbern say there is something compelling about the simple rite by which the unknown graves of fifteen former soldiers are decorated in spirit if not in fact.

Fifteen brave men who enlisted in the union army from the Newbern neighborhood never came home. They were never heard of after the war was over and so far as the Newbern people know all of these men are sleeping in unknown, unmarked and unhonored graves.

Determined to show that these men who died in their efforts to preserve the Union had not died in vain, the patriotic citizens of Newbern erected a monument in the Newbern cemetery about five years ago. The shaft stands on a raised mound in a high portion of the Newbern cemetery and upon the granite these words are engraved: "In Honor of Those Who Never Returned."

Then follow the names of the fifteen soldiers who sleep in unknown graves. They are: C. McCombs, C. J. McCombs, James S. Fogle, Henry Bruner, H. F. Huffer, B. Cohee, C. Jones, J. Mobley, J. M. Hook, John Shaw, David Davis, W. Robertson, A. Robertson, Samuel Hiner and J. Young.

For the past five or six years special services have been held at this monument every Memorial Day.

Next Tuesday afternoon the Newbern people will celebrate Decoration Day. They will march to the cemetery, headed by the Hope band, and the band will form in a circle around the monument erected to those who never returned. The infant class of the Sunday school will place a wreath on this mound, after which a wreath and a bouquet for each of the fifteen soldiers will be piled on the mound at the foot of the shaft.

The annual Memorial Day address at Newbern will be delivered by the Rev. F. A. Steel, of Seymour. He is district superintendent for the M. E. church. In addition to the services at the monument in the Newbern cemetery the graves of the soldiers buried in the cemetery will be decorated.

Civil War Cenotaph Newbern Cemetery (cont)

Charles McCombs

Pvt., Co. D, 67th Reg., Indiana
Husband of Jane Dunlap

b. 1810, Ireland

d. Jan. 3, 1863, Mississippi River, near Vicksburg

William John McCombs

Pvt., Co. G, 6th Reg., Indiana

Son of Charles McCombs & Jane Dunlap

b. 1843, Ireland

d. 15 May 1864, Resaca, GA;

Buried Chattanooga Nat'l Cemetery (L9196)

Find a Grave Memorial#76564113

James S. Fogle

Pvt., Co. F, 11th Reg., Indiana

Son of Thomas Fogle & Christina Holland

b. 1837, Indiana

d. 16 May 1863, Champion Hill, MS

Henry Bruner

Pvt, Co. I, 67th Reg., Indiana

Son of Solomon Bruner & Sophia Dillman

b. 1846, Brown Co., OH

d. unknown

Henry Frank Huffer

Cpl., Co. G, 6th Reg. Indiana

Son of David Huffer & Delilah Bruner

b. 15 Dec. 1835, Bartholomew Co., IN

d. 25 Apr. 1862, Shiloh, TN

Benjamin Cohee

Pvt., Co. H, 12th Reg., Indiana

Son of Thomas Cohee & Catharine Bennett

b. 1836, Butler Co., OH,

d. 22 July 1864, Atlanta, GA

Buried Marietta Nat'l Cemetery (F4656)

Find a Grave Memorial #28718117

Charles Henry Jones

Pvt., Co. G, 7th Reg., Indiana

Son of Charles & Rhoda

b. 23 Oct. 1836

d. 5 May 1864, Battle of Wilderness, near Fredericksburg, VA

John L. Mobley

Pvt., Co. I, 33rd Reg., Indiana,

discharged 23 Oct. 1862

Cpl., Co. L, 21st Reg., Indiana,

discharged 12 Aug. 1863, disability

Son of Jesse Ralph Mobley and Ellen McFall

b. Jan. 1837, Morgan Co., IL

d. 1863

John M. Hook

Pvt., Co. G, 6th Reg., Indiana

Son of Thomas Hook & Sarah Davis

b. 18 Feb. 1841, Bartholomew Co., IN

d. 25 Nov. 1863, Mission Ridge, TN

Buried Chattanooga Nat'l Cemetery (C1161)

Find a Grave Memorial #2983823

John D. Shaw

Pvt., Co. A, 120th Reg., Indiana

Son of Joseph Shaw & Mary Dillman

b. 1846, Bartholomew Co., IN

d. 30 Nov. 1864, Franklin, TN

David B. Davis

Sgt., Co. G, 6th Reg., Indiana

discharged as Pvt., 2 Mar. 1863, disability.

Son of Aaron Davis & Sarah Henderson

b. 1840, Bartholomew Co., IN

Presume died in Tennessee.

William Jefferson Robertson

Pvt., Co. C, 6th Reg., Indiana

Son of Benjamin J. Robertson and Mary Masterson

b. 2 Feb. 1839, Warren Co., OH

d. 27 Oct. 1863, at Brown's Ferry, TN

Ara Perry Robertson

Pvt., Co. A, 120th Reg., Indiana

Son of Benjamin J. Robertson and Mary Masterson

b. 2 Sept. 1845, Warren Co., OH

d. 15 Apr. 1864, Nashville, TN

Buried Nashville National Cemetery (J13969)

Find a Grave Memorial#3199912

Samuel Hiner

Pvt., appt. Sgt., Co. G, 6th Reg., Indiana

Son of Joseph Hiner & Charlotte Gray

b. 8 Aug. 1838, Indiana

d. 20 Sept. 1863, Chickamauga, GA

Young, J.

no other information

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RESEARCHING/additional SURNAMES: _____

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