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Ripley County, Indiana, Historical Society, Inc.

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Versailles, Indiana 47042

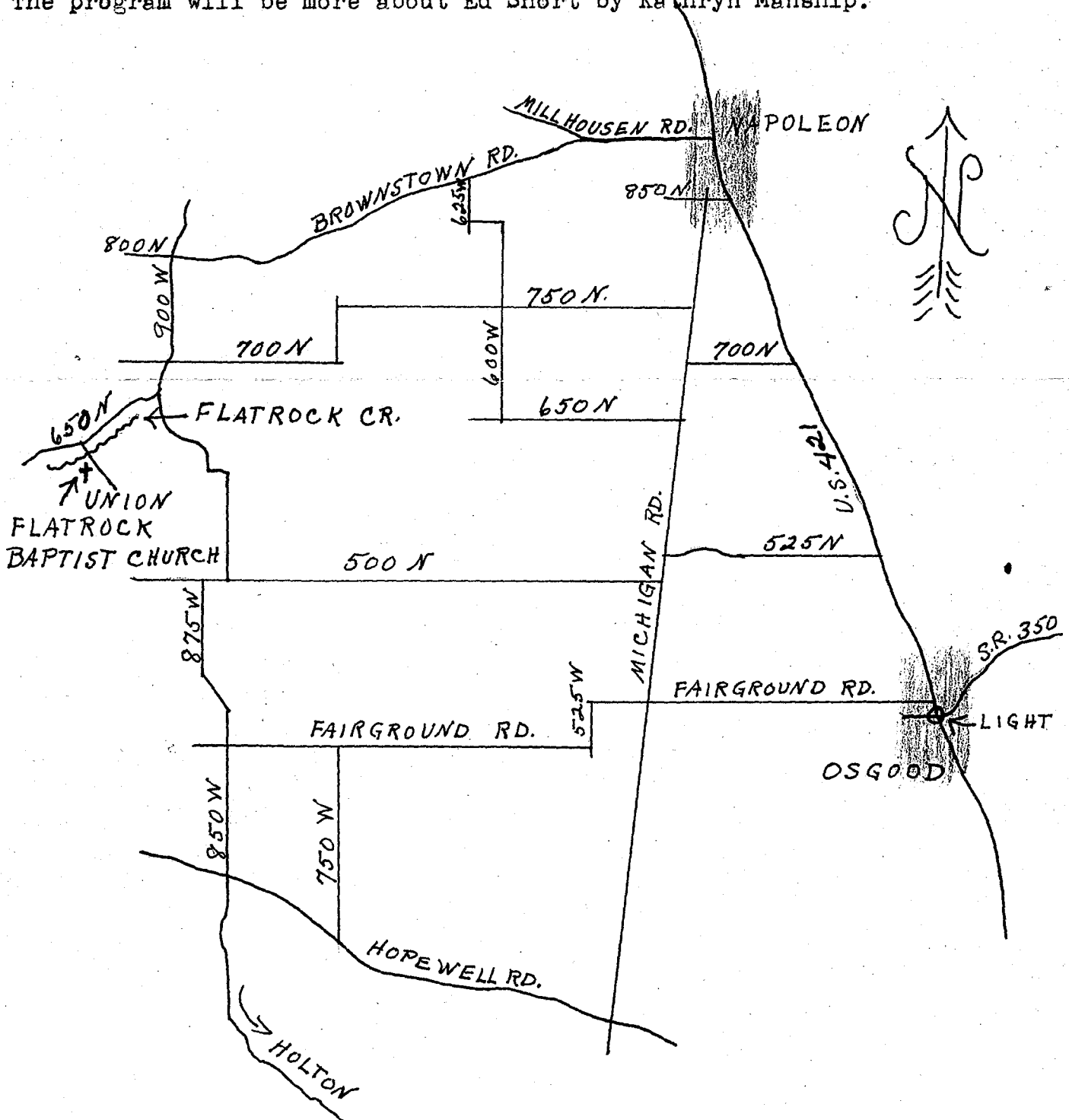
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SPRING MEETING IN NEW AREA

The Ripley County Historical Society has been invited to come to the Union Flatrock Baptist Church for their spring meeting, April 10 at 2:00. Remember Ripley County stays on slow time. We hope the map helps. The program will be more about Ed Short by Kathryn Manship.



AN ACCOUNT OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The 1988 Winter meeting of the Ripley County Historical Society met in the Education Building of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Olean, Brown Twp. on January 10 at 2 o'clock. Pres. Randy Young welcomed twenty-six members and friends to the meeting. Each person told what part of the county or adjoining county they called home.

Randy then appointed three members; Phyllis Miller, Arriest Harrell and Millie Nocks to serve on the nominating committee to secure a director from each of the following townships; Laughery, Otter Creek, Shelby and Washington. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Randy then invited the RCHS to have their spring meeting at their church - The Union Flatrock Baptist Church, R. 2, Osgood in April. The program for the afternoon was given by Dr. William Glover. He told how Leander Smith and his brother John (Leander was William's Great Grandfather) came from Vermont and settled on land southwest of Milan, which they bought from the government in 1837 when Van Buren was President. They cleared the hardwood forests and covered some of the fires with dirt, producing charcoal used in heaters. The main crop was hay, shipped to Cincinnati by boat from Aurora, to feed the "hayburners". Later, during the Civil War, with 8 sons to help, they sold hay to the Union Army. After the railroad was built the hay was sent from Pierceville.

John Smith was killed by a falling tree while helping build a road which is now SR 129. Leander acquired quite a lot of land around the area, including the farm where the Glovers now live; bought in 1863 it is now a Hoosier Homestead.

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Spring meeting is time to sign up to take your turn hosting the museum this summer. It is open Saturday and Sunday 2:30 to 4:30 from Memorial Day to Labor Day and Pumpkin Show Saturday; Other times by appointment. If you can't sign up next meeting please call Kathleen Lane 689 - 5317 or Herbert Thompson 689 - 5019.

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The Indiana Historical Society will begin publishing a popular history magazine in the winter of 1989. After holding a "Name That Magazine" contest the winners were Thomas Beczkiewicz, Sylvia Hendricks and Wanda Lou Willis. The new magazine will be called "TRACES".

INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FIRST IN COUNTRY

After more than four years of work, the IHS and IUPUI have completed a computerized transcription of the pivotal 1860 Indiana Census, the first project of its kind in the country. It is unique because it is the first state census ever to be computerized in such detail. The Society is offering the microfiche to the public for \$5 per sheet or \$300 for the entire 1860 Census. Each sheet contains 416 pages of census information.

In 1860, there were 1,354,617 residents of Indiana. Census takers, called Assistant U.S. Marshals, recorded the following information about each resident: name; age; sex; race; occupation; value of real estate; value of personal property; place of birth, state or country; whether could read or write; whether was blind, deaf and dumb convict, pauper, insane, or idiotic; name of county, township, and/or town; post office; number of dwelling; and number of household.

For more information on the 1860 Indiana Census Project, write or call IHS at 315 W. Ohio, Indianapolis, IN 46202; (317) 232-1882.

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Handbook, Indiana History for Teachers.

fr. Indiana Dept. of Education

Copy of Kinnett Family History with family histories of the Wycoff family, family group sheets of the Kinnett, Jackson, Cole, Wycoff families. Xeroxed from a copy by Ruth Ann Swinney, R. 1, Holton, IN 84 sheets.

Ripley County Bank History; Our First 100 yrs. 1887 - 1987

Abplanalp Family Newsletter, Oct. 1987 issue. Oct. 8, 1987

fr. Mrs. Mildred Cizek, Osgood, IN

Pictures of Isaiah Wilson and Pribble family; Marriage license of Albert F. Preble and Elvessie Wilson. Family lived near Benville.

fr. Aurlette Baker, Anderson. Nov. 11, 1987

History St. John Lutheran Church at Farmer's Retreat 1843 - 1983

History of Versailles and remembrances, compiled by Alan Smith and Herbert Thompson of Versailles.

fr. Alan Smith, Versailles Nov. 1987

Ripley County Land Atlas and Plat Book of 1987

Dec. 1987

fr. Mary F. Manship

Franklin Twp. Voters List of 1944 Jan. 1988

fr. Mary F. Manship

Histories of Saint John The Baptist Church, Osgood and St. Magdalen Church, New Marion, IN Jan. 1988

fr. Rev. John J. Minta, Pastor. Osgood, IN

8 sheets of family group of Lochard Family Mar. 1988

fr. Janet Marie Cobb Moore, 5631 E. 24th St., Indianapolis

Schmidt Bernard Wilhelm, Frederick Wilhelm, Herman Casper and Johann Henrich Schmidt Family History.

Picture of the kind of Fire Engine Versailles first had.

Copies of Versailles Commissioners Reports.

Copy of John Dearingers of Versailles U.S. Patent for a Railway Gate.

Pictures of Liberty Christian Church from Osgood Journal Dec. 19, 1940.

Article on Versailles Water Works.

Article about Versailles John Paul Homes building; Ver. Rep. 11-24-38

Versailles H.S. Graduates

Ripley Co. Post Offices and Postmasters.

All Mar. 1988

fr. Alan F. Smith, Versailles

Land deed. Henry and Hannah Galle. Mar. 31, 1856

Land deed. Christopher Kepler. Apr. 27, 1859

Land warrant of Anna M. Keifer to James Titus. Dec. 15, 1888

Indenture of real estate of Wm. and Rachel Terry. Mar. 12, 1853

Land deed. John Bower. Jan 24, 1883 All Mar. 1, 1988

fr. Fred Kinnett, 1710 New Haven Rd., Piqua, OH 45356

Osgood M.E. Church Centennial 1859 - 1959 Osgood United M.E. Church

fr. Osgood M.E. Minister Mar. 8, 1988

Thayer and Slaeth/Sketh? Family Scrapbook 1985 Mar. 8, 1988

fr. Lolita Thayer Guthrie, 123 N. Grove, Bowling Green, OH 43402

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Please make queries as concise as practical. Typewritten copy is preferred but if handwritten, make sure that it is VERY legible. The charge is 50¢ per query to society members and \$1.00 to non-members, payable in advance by check or stamps. Please send all queries to the treasurer; Mrs. Don Boyd, P.O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023

Need all info on Rose MATHIAS DEHART. When, where born? Parents? When married to #1, Dehart? Were there children? When, where married to 2nd husband George Clarence LOCKARD? George and Rose had 2 daughters, Ethel b. 1918 Ripley Co., Eileen b. 1920 Ripley Co. When, where did Rose die?

Need info on Lucinda BOSWELL, dau. of Taylor BOSWELL & Malinda GRANDALL, b. 1892. Where? Need info all 9 children of Lucinda who married George Clarence LOCHARD, 5 Apr. 1894 in Ripley Co. IN Children: Anna m. Otto COLE; Cecil; Hazel m. John COLE; George Elmer m. Maude THOMPSON; Bernice m. John NASMIDEL; Irvin Clarence m. Ida Marie THARP; Bernice m. Marion MOBLEY; Alonzo m. Francis ??; Manuel m. Hazel BRANCAMP. Family in Indianapolis, Marion Co. IN by 1921? All letters answered! Both queries by: Janet Marie Cobb Moore, 5631 East 24th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218

Michael FALL is listed in the 1850 census of Ripley Co. (Brown Twp) with his second wife, a step daughter, and six children by his first wife. Holman Cemetery, Johnson Twp. Ripley Co. lists Michael FALL died Nov. 27, 1856 (Note: He built the Hankins house. He fell from a steamboat on the Ohio River and drowned). Would appreciate hearing from anyone researching this family. Want more information about the drowning. Was the Letrarch FALL listed in the Ripley Co. marriage records a brother of Michael, or his father?

Joyce Dresselhaus, R. 2, Box 128, Hanover, IN 47243

Searching for relatives of Malachi and Ursula WERST/WURST/WORST, lived in Dearborn Co. 1830s & 40s. ch: Cynthia b. 1804, m. Jacob BAUMAN; Mary Ann m. Jacob STRALEY/STREHLI; Martin, Francis, Henry; maybe more.

Midge Clutter, 120 Holland Ct., Creve Coeur, IL 61611

Need the parents of Lavisa McGUIRE and Sarah McGUIRE. Lavisa m. William COLLICOTT and Sara m. Elijah COLLICOTT in the 1830s. Were they sisters? Were there others in the family? Believe they were b. in KY. Did rest of family stay in KY or also move to IN? Any info appreciated. Mrs. Leonard Collicott, P.O. Box 253, Cozed, NE 69130

James LAWS b. Franklin Co. Ohio, Dec. 20, 1821; m. Mary Ann (Polly) LOWE b. Nov. 1, 1828 in IN. They m. May 11, 1845, Rush Co. IN by Old Regular Baptist Minister. (She dau. of Ann ARBUCKLE LOWE - GOODNIGHT). They were living in Johnson Twp. Ripley Co. IN by 1850 census. Their children: Amanda b. Feb. 1846; Matilda b. July 3, 1847; Nancy Ann b. Apr. 18, 1849; (these in Rush Co.) Sara Ann b. Dec. 7, 1851 (died young); Wm. Henry b. Jan 10, 1854 (died Sept. 5, 1854); Margaret Ellen b. Dec. 23, 1856; Vinson Wm. b. Mar. 3, 1858; (these in Ripley Co.); James Milton b. Feb. 20, 1861; Oscar Columbus b. Nov. 29, 1864; James Robert b. July 12, 1867; Mary Ledosa b. Nov. 29, 1869; (these in Cumberland Co. IL). Ann ARBUCKLE later m. John T. GOODNIGHT, lived in Brown Twp. Ripley Co. in the 1850s. The LAWS family moved to Cumberland Co. IL 1860 where James served in the Union Army. They came to Franklin Co. KS 1876. My Grandfather was James Milton (Milt) LAWS. Any help appreciated. Geraldine Kueser, R.R. 1, Box 18 X, Richmond, KS 66080

Need data on parents, sisters, brothers of Nancy Ann ROBINSON b. 1831, m. Benjamin H. MYERS in 1847. Children: Emeline Lurany, age 3 and Eugene Ambrose, 6 months in 1850 Ripley Co. census. Are any descendants still living in or near Ripley Co.?

Does anyone know NAME of CEMETERY located on old GAULT/GALT farm about 1½ miles southeast of BUTLERVILLE near Ripley - Jennings Co. line? At one time a Quaker Meeting House adjoined the Cemetery. The cemetery now in a pasture with a few gravestones. Any burial records of this old cemetery?

Mrs. Mildred Robitaille, 9744 Old Warson, St. Louis, MO 63124

TIME IS GETTING SHORT !!

This is your opportunity to record your family history for posterity. It may go back many generations or only a few, we all have to start somewhere. The RIPLEY COUNTY HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE is now putting together their book which they plan to have published by Christmas 1988. This will also include histories of schools, churches, old businesses, organizations and interesting historical stories. The deadline for submitting material for this book is MAY 15, 1988!

Although the Ripley County Historical Society is not officially participating in this project we are urging our members to take part by adding their history to this book. If you need advice or assistance contact your township director; as follows:

All area codes are 812.

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If you wish more information contact Ripley County History Book, P.O. Box 105, Osgood, IN 47037. They have a leaflet with all the rules and information. Books ordered pre-printing will be cheaper than any later books. There will probably only be one printing. You need not buy a book if you submit a family history but we feel this book will become a collectors' item in the not too distant future. A family photograph may be included with your history -- preferably a black and white. Please help make this book as complete as possible. You will find yourself doing a lot of editing and rewriting - it takes time, so **START NOW!** Remember the deadline is **MAY 15, 1988.**

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