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SPRING MEETING "DOWN SOUTH"

The Ripley County Historical Society will hold the spring meeting on April 9 at 2 o'clock in the Bear Creek Baptist Church on the east side of Friendship. The program will be presented by Mr. Myron Kelly.

NOTES FROM THE WINTER MEETING

The Ripley County Historical Society met at the home of Mrs. Mildred Cizek in Osgood. Randy Young, president, called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was read and approved.

Randy then asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell their roots in Ripley County. It was a pleasure to have members from Indianapolis and Lebanon, IN. Viola Collins renewed her membership while Mrs. Parker from Indianapolis is a life member.

Kathryn Manship, Herbert Thompson and Genelle Henderson were appointed to serve on the nominating committee to secure directors from the following townships: Adams, Brown, Center and Delaware.

Myron Kelly read a letter he had received from Betty Andrews of Grandview, MO. She had been to Ripley Co. looking for a relative (Wilson Stewart) who at one time had been county treasurer. In going through the old records in the court house she found that there was no organization with the books. Her suggestion was that the R.C.H.S. might like to take on the project to file and put the books in chronological order. No action was taken at this time as the directors held no meeting.

Norris Krall told that the Ripley Co. History Book had been sent to Dallas for the first printing. Copies should be ready for sale by mid summer. Cost is \$48.00 plus postage.

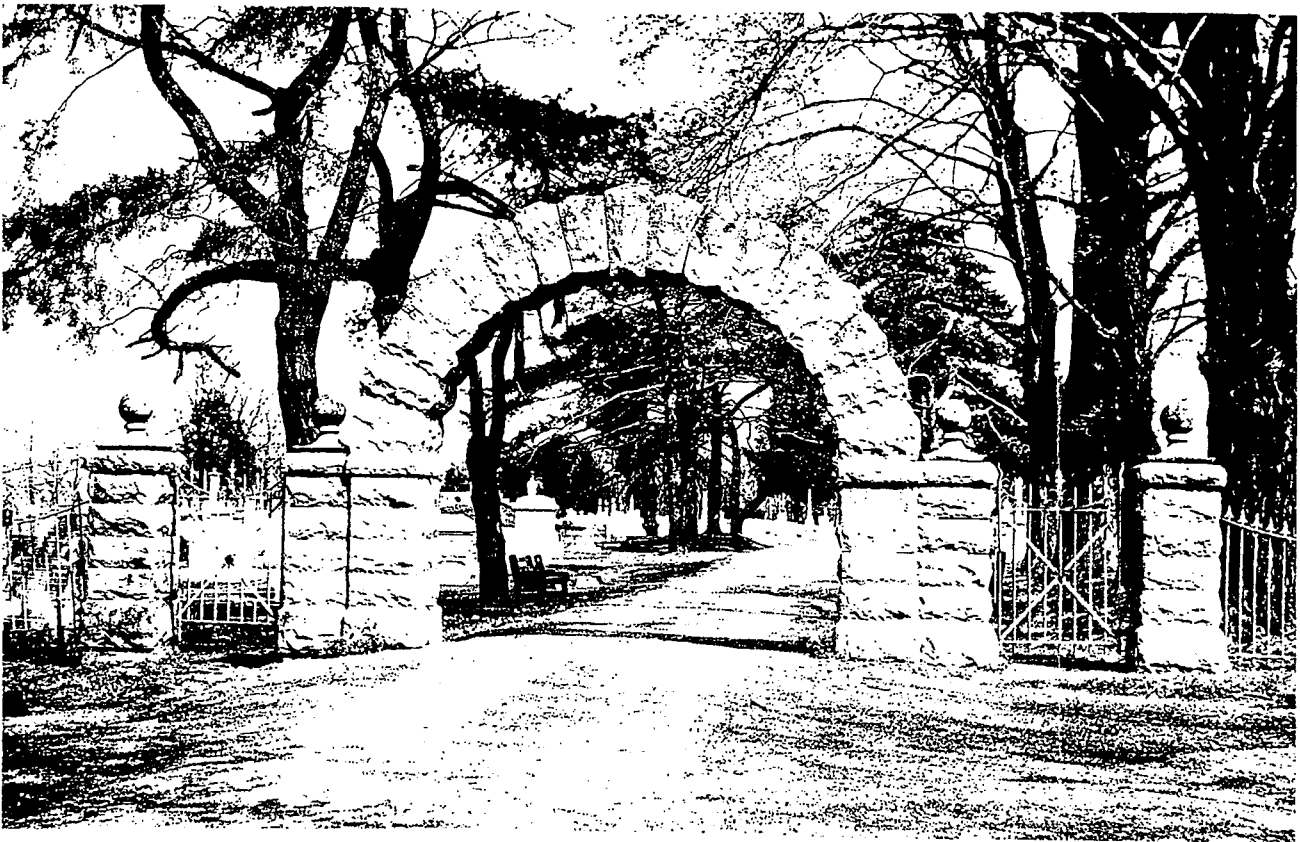
Due to the absence of the speaker (Mrs. Harry Narwold) the meeting adjourned early and everyone just enjoyed an afternoon of visiting while the hostess served refreshments.

IT'S SIGN-UP TIME AGAIN

The time to sign up as hosts at the museum is the April meeting. People are needed for Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 starting Memorial week end through Labor Day week end and the Saturday afternoon of the Pumpkin Show. If you have never done it, you will surely find it to be a pleasant and interesting experience.

RIPLEY COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

The Ripley County History Book orders should be sent now in order to take advantage of the \$48.00 price. After June 15th the cost will be \$65.00. The book, to be mailed by mid-summer, will be approximately 340 pages with a hard back cover. It will contain 735 family histories, plus history of towns, churches, schools and businesses of the county. Send your check for \$48.00 to: RIPLEY COUNTY HISTORY BOOK, P.O. Box 105 Osgood, IN 47037



DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL

To be a Prominent Feature of the Program at Versailles May 30th
(Taken from the Versailles Republican May 14, 1913)

Memorial Day in Versailles will be of more than usual interest this year from the fact that in addition to the customary exercises of the day will occur the dedication of the Memorial Arch at the entrance to Cliff Hill Cemetery. The stone for the arch is now on the ground. The contractor who is to erect it has shipped his derrick from Bloomington and will doubtless be at work the latter part of this week. The structure is of massive blocks of Bedford limestone. The arch will have a span of twelve feet and will stand eleven feet from the ground to the under side of the crown of the arch. Two six foot iron gates of heavy construction will be swung under the arch. At each side of the central arch will be stone posts of the same massive construction from which will hang iron gates four feet and two inches in span. The stone work for the side gates will be five feet and six inches in height. The width of the entire structure will be thirty-two feet and four inches.

When completed this arch and entrance will be the handsomest and most substantial structure of the kind in southern Indiana. It is the beginning of other substantial improvements at beautiful Cliff Hill that will make of this naturally ideal burying ground a clean, well-kept and sightly place in which our dead can be laid with the satisfaction of knowing that their last resting place will be well cared for.

The following is the program for Memorial Day at Versailles:

9:30 to 10:00 -- Band Concert in the Band Stand.

10:00 -- Veterans and citizens will form on east side of public square and march to Cliff Hill.

10:15 -- Service for dead by G.A.R.*

Selection by Choir

G.A.R. Ritualistic Service

Selection by Versailles Military Band

10:50 -- Decoration of Graves

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL ARCH

Selection by Choir

Dedicatory Address by Rev. Virgil Thompson of Madison, Ind.

Address by Senator R. H. Jackson transferring the Arch to the care and custody of the Incorporated Town of Versailles.

Address by Hon. H. C. Jones, accepting the trust in behalf of the town.

AFTERNOON

Service in the M.E. Church

1:30 -- Selection by Versailles Military Band

1:40 -- Selection by Choir

1:50 -- Invocation by the Rev. J.M.D. Hudelson

2:00 -- Original Poem by Mrs. Calvin Starks

2:25 -- Selection by Choir

2:30 -- Address to Veterans by Hon. Frank S. Jones of Columbus, Ind.

3:15 -- Song and Adjournment

The ladies of the Needlecraft Club who have so ably managed the Memorial Arch work will conduct a refreshment parlor in a pavilion in front of Hunter's hardware store. Ice cream, cake and lemonade will be served during the entire day and evening. The proceeds to be applied to reduce the deficit in the arch fund. In order that the net proceeds may be as large as possible the ladies solicit the donation of cakes and of money to buy cream. The sooner the cash donations are handed in the better. The cakes can be brought to the pavilion May 30th. All donations to Mrs. F. M. Laws, President of the Needlecraft Club.

[It is said that the stone was from Hunter's Quarry, Bloomington. He was originally from Versailles.]

THE MUSEUM HAS A "NEW DRESS"

We owe our thanks to State Representative Ed Goble for a new State Flag for the museum. The National and State Flags are flown in front of the museum whenever it is open to the public. We appreciate his donation of the much needed replacement; a new spring dress, so to speak!

A PIONEER OF RIPLEY COUNTY PRESS

Ross Alley, at less than 16 years of age, without any previous knowledge of the printers' art, with his crude outfit consisting of a cider-press "printing press," brought into being his first newspaper, "The Youth's Casket".

Such was the title of Ross Alley's first newspaper, conceived, edited and printed in the foundry and workshop of his employer and benefactor, John Bennett Carrington.

He published his "Forest Rose" later. A copy of the 1853 issue is in the Ripley County Historical Museum, given by owner Charles H. Thompson. Ross Alley died in 1854.

The Ross Alley Marker was dedicated at Benham August 28, 1927. Notable on the program was Ken Hubbard "the affable creator of Abe Martin" and the noted Hoosier author Meredith Nicholson. In charge of music was Emma Creath and her orchestra and a male quartet from Napoleon.

item submitted by Bea Boyd

MR. THOMPSON HONORED

The Versailles Volunteer Fire Department honored Herbert Thompson at their annual dinner. Carl Taul, department secretary, presented Mr. Thompson with a plaque for over 48 years of service to the department. Following the presentation, Mr. Thompson recited a brief history of the fire company. His father served on Versailles' first fire department.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

As a service to readers interested in genealogy we publish queries in each issue. Please make them as concise as practical. Typewritten copy is preferred. If handwritten, make sure it is very legible. The charge is 50¢ per query to society members and \$1.00 per query to non-members; payable in advance by check or stamps. Please send queries to: Mrs. Don Boyd, P.O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023

Query: My grandparents, Henry Christopher and Sophie Marie (Vogel) KOLLING lived in or near Osgood, Ind. in the mid 1880s. They migrated to Dickinson County, Kan. Following are the names of the brother and sisters I found on a census record.

Henry VOGEL, married Lizzie BRUNT, Sept. 2, 1867
Louisa VOGEL, married Henry Meyers, Sept. 17, 1873
Mary Ann VOGEL, married Jacob HENNER, Oct. 1, 1867
Dorothea
Mean

I would like to exchange information pertaining to this family.
Emma Welborn, Rt. 1, Box 180, Wakefield, Kansas 67487 - 9746

Query: Where did Barbara RYBOLT, wife of Jacob, die circa 1804
-- KY or OH ?

Exactly when did Henry SCUDDER die in Laughery Twp., Ripley Co. IN between 11 Sep. 1850 and 26 June 1860 (census dates)? Need proof
Phoebe was his daughter.
Miss Janet Jordan Bitler, 449 Commercial St., Weymouth, MA 02188-3724

Query: John HENDRIXSON b. ca. 1 Jan. 1800 d. 18 Aug. 1858, Jackson Twp. Dearborn Co. bu. Family Burial Ground, Connelly Cem. Sunman. Wife Martha. children; John C, Sinthian, Elijah, Abraham, Alexander, Lucinda J, Henry R, Jacob D, Thomas J, George W. Where were they born? Who were her siblings?

Query: Catherine ENGLE HENDRIXSON, b. 20 Nov. 1842, d. 11 May 1890, m. 16 Apr. 1857, Dearborn Co. Left for Kansas 1886. Children: Sarah J, George Mc, Clara B, Ida May died in childhood, bu. in Delaware area. Who were her parents? Where was she born? Who were her siblings?
Verne L. Hendrixson, 825 N. West, Box 28, Buhler, KS 67522

Query: Seeking parents of Mary Jane TAYLOR b. 22 May 1828, where? d. Feb. 1894, Del. Twp. Rip. Co. m. Apr. 9, 1848 to Learner Blaxten DOLE b. Mar. 31, 1812 d. Dec. 28, 1887. Was Learner m. 1st to Nancy HUNTINGTON Dec. 1834 - May 1847? Known ch. Elisha, Hannah, Edythe, Albert.

Query: Seeking parents of Catherine / Catharine A. ENGLE b. Nov. 20, 1842 where? d. May 11, 1890 where? m. Apr 16, 1857 to Alexander Jesse HENDRIXSON b. June 23, 1834 Rip. Co. d. Dec. 1911 Reno, Kans. Mrs. Martha M. Williams, P.O. Box #2, Reelsville, IN 46171

Query: Alice MAHONEY m. Thomas LAWLESS in Jefferson Co. IN Nov. 7, 1867. Was this Lorene Alice MAHONEY the daughter of William H. MAHONEY and Lavina Jane FALL b.1853 in Ripley Co.? Toph cemetery records for Holman Cemetery state Michael FALL d. 11-26-56. (Note: He built the Hankins house, he fell from a steamboat on the Ohio River and drowned.) Michael was the father of Lavina Jane FALL. Would like to share info about family and boat accident.
Joyce Dresselhaus, R. 2, Box 128, Hanover, IN 47243

Sarah Newton (Ewing) married Samuel Martin GUYMON 13 Sept. 1850. A picture was taken of them at their 60th wedding anniversary in 1910 at Harris, MO. If interested in a copy of same, contact:
J.V. Laswell, 3415 Gilham Road, Eugene, Oregon, 97401

Query: Would like information on the following:
Mitchell Deacon YOUNG b. 1810 in KY, Elizabeth _____ b. 1805 in VA. Came to Ripley Co. about 1830-33. The oldest daughter, Martha was born in 1832, the youngest in 1835. They lived near Poston and Shelby. (This is Dabney in Shelby Twp. according to census listing in 1850.) Would like to know the maiden name of Elizabeth YOUNG and the parents of both. Mitchell bought land in 1838 and sold out to move to MO to follow their daughters in 1859. I have not been able to locate their marriage.
Janice M. Dingler, 3433 Kenneth Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

FIRST: A correction from the last issue; a gift from Mrs. Dorothy English was a scrapbook of August Engle family, DITTMER and Hinghouse.

A framed picture of Nathaniel Lynn Isgrigg MD and Harriet Early Isgrigg was presented to the museum by their great granddaughters, May Waldron and Jo Ann Kain. It can be found in the northwest room of the annex.

A History of Blackford Co. IN Dec. 1988

"In Search of a Rainbow - A History of the Ashmead Family" Jan. 1989 by Lt. Dewayne Ashmead PHD also Hallowell, Risinger and Gordon Families.

NEW HISTORY MAGAZINE

A new popular history magazine aimed at following the diverse paths of Hoosier history is now available from the Indiana Historical Society, IHS Executive Director Peter T. Harstad announced recently.

Titled "TRACES OF INDIANA AND MIDWESTERN HISTORY", the quarterly, full color magazine is one of a number of generous benefits to Society members and will be sold at bookstores and newsstands for \$5 per copy. The magazine is designed for current and former Indiana residents and their descendents and focuses on topics of general historical interest.

All IHS members receive "TRACES" free of charge. Memberships are \$15 per year and include at least one free book per year, a subscription to the quarterly "Indiana Magazine of History", and bimonthly newsletter and a discount on previous publications.

"This is a great year to join the Society." observed Harstad. "The newsstand value of "Traces" alone is greater than the cost of membership." IHS, 315 W. Ohio, Indianapolis, IN 46202 (317) 232 - 1882

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