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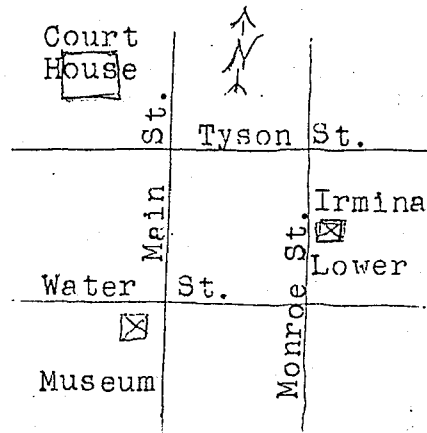
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SPRING MEETING

The second meeting of 1990 will be April 8 at 2 o'clock at the home of Irmina Lower in Versailles. Although we met there on a very cold and snowy day, that was several years ago so directions are included. The program will be presented by Alan F. Smith.

Our meetings are held on the second Sunday of January, April, July and October. The other 1990 meetings will be hosted by: Betty and Charles Roepke of Sunman in July and Kathleen Lane, south of Versailles, in October.



THE WINTER MEETING ...

On January 14, twenty five members and friends met at the home of Mildred Cizek for the winter meeting of the Ripley County Historical Society. President Chester Henderson opened the meeting by asking each person to introduce himself. It was followed by the reading of the minutes which was approved. Bea Boyd, treasurer, gave a report of monies taken in and expenditures. The money (\$3000) had been received from the Tyson Fund. Her report was also approved.

Norris Krall gave a report on the Ripley County History Books. His present report (which he stated wasn't complete) sounded very promising for the society to receive some income for help they had given him.

Alan F. Smith, Caroline Dunbar and Doris Wiltberger were appointed to secure directors from the following townships; Franklin, Jackson and Johnson.

The question was asked if anyone might know where to find a picture of Mr. Ripley. The state of Louisiana was suggested, as that is where he is buried.

Kathryn Manship was in charge of the program. Once again she had spent much time and research on the Temperance Movement. The ladies of the Methodist Church in Osgood worked from a very small group into a very large and powerful organization, 1892 was their main year. They had a 4th of July celebration with bands and floats, etc. At this time a surprise song was revealed; "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", written by J. E. Rankins in the honor of Francis Murphy, a great leader in the Temperance Movement.

MISSING FRIENDS

Three people who were members and friends of our Society left us in 1989. Robert Behlmer of Napoleon had been a member for many years.

Ruth Cook, a long time member and supporter, was the wife of Lorain Cook who was on the Board of Directors for many years. Their daughter, Caroline Hahn, is now on the board.

## MEMORIAL DAY AT VERSAILLES

Fine Program is Rendered at the Community Building Saturday Afternoon

The Memorial Day exercises for Versailles as announced in his paper last week was followed. In the morning the G.A.R. and American Legion carried out their ritualistic services at the cemetery and decorated the graves of the Veterans of all wars.

In the afternoon at 1:30 the following program was given at the community building:

"America" -- All

Invocation -- Rev. E. A. Hartsaw

Vocal Solo "Three Wonderful Letters From Home", Mrs. Wilkie Jackson

Flag Drill by children

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag -- All

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address -- Comrade Eads of Osgood

Address -- Jas. H. Connelley of Milan

Historical pageant in nine scenes depicting important events in American History by the children. Appropriate music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. Wilkie Jackson, Mrs. Glenna Smith, Chas. Thompson and Benj. McMackin.

Mr. Connelley paid high tribute to Versailles for being one of the very few towns in this section of the state where they lay aside business long enough to observe the day set apart to commemorate the soldier dead. This has been the custom in Versailles since the day was set aside by proclamation.

Following the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner", the audience was dismissed by Rev. Hartsaw.

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### A RECENT HISTORICAL HISTORICAL EPISODE

When Dr. William Glover was young his mother told about her Uncle Chester Smith who died "down south" while serving in the Civil War. His father brought his body home and buried him in the family cemetery.

That was all we knew about it until recent years when Doc started looking into his genealogy. First he learned that Great Uncle Chester was in the 7th Indiana Cavalry, Co. C., that his feet had been frozen and he was hospitalized in Memphis for treatment. Then our daughter, Angie (Glover) Olds, wrote to the Washington Archives for his military record and found that he contracted smallpox and was transferred to the Memphis smallpox hospital where he died 2 days before his 20th birthday.

We wondered why there was no marker for him, so one day Doc talked to the Ripley County Service Officer, Mr. Roy Black, and asked about a military tombstone for him. He had never ordered one from that far back but Doc gave him all the pertinent information and Mr. Black sent in the request. Much to our surprise, in a couple months, we got a call from a freight driver for directions and he brought the stone to our house. We assumed the two men would just lift it off the truck. Think again! That stone weighed 230 lbs! Doc got the tractor loader and put it on some posts in the lot by the house. With curiosity and anticipation he cut the steel bands and unwrapped it. It was beautiful! The name and dates were all correct. But the more we looked at it, we wondered -- didn't military stones have a rounded top, not pointed? -- and what was that emblem engraved at the top? -- and what could that CSA stand for if not Confederate States of America?! Sure enough after considerable investigation we confirmed that it was a Confederate tombstone! -- 7th Indiana Cavalry in the Confederacy -- really!

We took a picture and sent it with a new order specifying a UNION stone. Tune in to the July issue for the final chapter (we hope).

submitted by Dr. William Glover

CAN YOU MATCH THE ILLNESSES OF OUR ANCESTORS ?

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| ___ 1. angry wound           | a. any general weakness, faintness or debility                                     |
| ___ 2. ague                  | b. pneumonia   |
| ___ 3. apoplexy / apoplexy   | c. tonsillitis, any persistent sore throat   |
| ___ 4. brain fever           | d. tumor, often cancerous  |
| ___ 5. carbuncle             | e. lymph and skin disease often tubercular in origin                               |
| ___ 6. chills                | f. inflamed, infected wound  |
| ___ 7. consumption           | g. a more severe inflamed, infected wound  |
| ___ 8. dropsy                | h. today a skin inflammation caused by the strep germ; then any skin disease       |
| ___ 9. erysipelas            | i. shaking or trembling of any origin  |
| ___ 10. fits                 | j. any fever such as encephalitis that affects the brain                           |
| ___ 11. flux                 | k. usually stroke  |
| ___ 12. intermittant ague    | l. phlebitis following childbirth  |
| ___ 13. leakage of the heart | m. usually diarrhea or dysentery but could be any discharge of fluid from the body |
| ___ 14. ligament             | n. fever, flue   |
| ___ 15. lung fever           | o. often malaria   |
| ___ 16. milk leg             | p. usually malaria   |
| ___ 17. mortified            | q. large boil  |
| ___ 18. palsy                | r. heart condition often, but any edema  |
| ___ 19. proud flesh          | s. heart condition usually   |
| ___ 20. quinsy               | t. convulsions   |
| ___ 21. sinking spell        | u. rotting, black or dead flesh  |
| ___ 22. scrofula             | v. tuberculosis of the lungs   |
| ___ 23. ship fever           | w. typhus  |

Check your score on page 4

Prepared by Marlane M. Geisler for "Tracing Your Roots" meeting in AZ

APRIL IS SIGN-UP TIME

It seems like spring has sprung but I'm sure we will have some nasty weather to make up for this "down south for spring break" weather. That means it won't be long before Memorial Day week-end and the museum will be open for business. We need at least two people each day it is open to the public. That is for two hours each Saturday and Sunday afternoon until Labor Day week-end then Pumpkin Show Saturday to finish the season. We hope each member who lives in the area will volunteer for at least one day. The duty falls too much on only a few. I'm sure that once you try it you will look forward to doing it again.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TOUR POSTPONED

The pilgrimage of the Ripley County Historical Society to places of scenic beauty and historical interest in Brown Township which was planned for last Sunday was indefinitely postponed on account of inclement weather.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Flag Day, June 14 at the Governor Harding Homestead at Old Milan. This will be an all day meeting. All members are urged to attend and visitors are extended a cordial invitation.

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## 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: James Hiram BOSWELL b. 9 Nov. 1821, d. Howard Co. Ind. Dec. 1876, m. Rachel WOOLEY 14 Nov. 1841 Ripley Co. Ind. Who were his parents? Did he have brothers and sisters? Can anyone help me?  
Lois Boswell, 1701 Lincoln, Danville, Ill. 61832

Query: Would like to contact any descs. of Henry Lynn GRAY, b. Green Co. TN ca 1807; m. Elizabeth SULLIVAN. To Ripley Co. IN ca 1830. He was bro of Margaret GRAY HARTLEY, Edward & Joseph R. GRAY. ch Mary M. (Jackson) b. TN; Ezekiel (m. Prudence Case), Edward Newton, William S., Henry Morton, John W. and Minerva A. all b. IN. I am desc. from Margaret GRAY HARTLEY.

Query: Would like to contact any descs. of William Lynn HARTLEY, wife #1 Matilda ANDERSON, both b. Hawkins Co. TN. wife #2 Lucy Jane VINES. Ch Sarah Eliz. (m. Alonzo Francisco); Martha Ann (m. Mahlon Day); Andrew J. (m. Caroline Vayhinger); James Madison (d. Civil War); Joseph Haines; Houston Franklin; Elizabeth; George S. (Swimpfield?); Mary M.; Ella Jane; Charles Pinckney; John W.A.  
JoAnn W. Philip, 1175 Viewmont Drive, Escondido, CA 92027

Query: Would like to correspond with descendants of the following families of Ripley and Dearborn Counties: FLEMING, PAPET, STEINMETZ, VANDOLAH. Will gladly furnish information.  
Cathy Reynolds, P.O. Box 2609, Sedona, AZ 86336

Query: I need to verify parentage of George RAYBURN, b. Montgomery Co. KY 1785, d. 1881. 2nd. wife Susan SHAFER RAYBURN, b. KY 1800, d. 1858. Came to Ripley Co. prior 1822, buried in Shelby Church Cemetery, Shelby Twp. George's first wife "Miss White". Most of children; William R., John Neal, George W. James, Sarah Jane Gleze and Mary E. moved to Warren Co. IL. Like to correspond with anyone who has information.

Roger Rayborn, 2787 N. Center Point Rd., Marion, Iowa, 52302

Query: Need to find the parents of Zachariah WILEY, Sr. b. ca 1750-60 (where?) m. Mary (Wylie?) ca 1789, d. before Apr. 19, 1838 in Ripley Co. He came to Ripley Co. in 1820 from Lincoln Co. KY. Son, Zachariah Jr. b. Lincoln Co. KY ca 1790, Benjamin b. ca 1792, Aquilla b. ca 1794-99, William b. ca 1802, Jamima (fem.) b. ca 1804, two other females and two other males. Where does the David KIRBY family fit into this family? Two daughters of Bartlett Brown married Aquilla and William Wiley. All letters answered promptly and info exchanged.  
Helen Wiley Lee, 1839 S. Lorraine, Wichita, KS 67211

Query: When (between 11 Sep. 1850 and 26 June 1860, census dates) did Henry SCUDDER die in Laughery Twp., Ripley Co. When (before 5 Feb. 1886) where did first wife Catharine CROWELL die? IN or OH?  
Miss Janet Jordan Bitler, 449 Commercial St., Weymouth, MA 02188-3724

ANSWERS TO QUIZ: f,1; n,2; k,3; j,4; q,5; p,6; v,7; r,8; h,9; t,10; m,11; o,12; s,13; d,14; b,15; l,16; u,17; i,18; g,19; c,20; a,21; e,22; w,23.

Query: Seeking information on Alexander WILSON b. IN or KY m. Elizabeth ? b. VA c 1799. I have a copy of a deed recorded 28 June 1844 in Jennings Co. which both signed/marked. He/They had at least three children; 1) Sidney A. b. 16 Dec. 1831 IN, 2) Sabina b. c 1835 IN m. Harvey BUCKLES 13 or 15 Nov. 1852, Jennings Co. IN. Their first child, Francis Elizabeth b. c 1854 IN. 3) a son b. ? lived in Platte City, MO in 1915. Elizabeth Wilson m. Samuel Adkins KEITH 6 Aug. 1849 in Jennings Co. There was an Alexander WILSON Sr. living in Jennings Co. in 1830. He was m. to Mary ? . I have a copy of a deed recorded on 7 Nov. 1835 which both signed/marked. I wonder if these could be the parents of Alexander R. WILSON. I would very much appreciate any information of the Alexander WILSON family/ies.

Shirley G. Larson, 9 Adler Circle, Sacramento, CA 95864

Notice: 100th STEVENS Family Reunion; Corvallis, Oregon. - Sunday July 15, 1990 and 3 day celebration prior. Descendants of Hanson and Lavinia Stevens, son of Obediah Stevens of Ripley County.

Scott & Dorothy Clevenger, 1415 N.W. 14th St., Corvallis, OR 97330

Notice: The National GRIGSBY Family Society will hold its fourth triennial reunion at Springfield, IL July 12-15, 1990. The site will be Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 701 E. Adams St. A new chapter for the Midwest or North-Central States will be organized. For more information and registration form, write or call Mrs. Margaret G. Mottley, Administrator, 10138 Valley Forge, Houston, TX 77042  
phone (713) 789 - 5766

#### GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Book: "The Graue Family" 378 pgs. compiled and given by Norman P. Peters (Researcher of Family History), P.O. Box 21117, Washington, D.C. 20009-0617

Notes by Gen. Bernard F. Mullen of Napoleon; compiled by Bro Andrew Mullen C. P.P.S, St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen, OH 45822 (Mullen file)

#### DID YOU MISS OUT ??

Are you one of the unfortunate persons who was left out of the Ripley Co. History Book because you didn't know, or forgot about the book? If you were, why don't you just write your family history or send your genealogy sheets to us. We will file them in the family file or if you do not have one we will make one for you.

#### The Parrot is Dead (13 Sept. 1951)

That was the sad fate of 68 year old "Polly" owned by Florence Skeen of Versailles, IN.

Polly was an attraction of school children passing her home and many others who had not been privileged to see or hear a talking bird elsewhere.

The late Dr. Ed Freeman, who lived in Osgood at the time, purchased Polly when he was in St. Louis, MO at the World's Fair in 1904. Polly was said to be almost at voting age at that time.

The late Lillie (Lochard) Downey owned Polly at the time of her death several years ago and at that time Flo secured the pet. For many years Polly reigned supreme both in the yard and in her place of business. Flo said her last words were, "I love Flo the best of all".  
article from Versailles Republican: contributed by Kathryn Manship