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SPRING MEETING

We are hoping for a large turnout for the April meeting ,Sunday, the 14th at 2 o'clock. It will be sort of an open house at the bank building on the west side of the courthouse square in Versailles. We hope you will look it over and give us some of your ideas of how to arrange things to make it user friendly for both the public and the workers.

MINUTES OF THE WINTER MEETING

The January Meeting of the Ripley County Historical Society was at the Holton Christian Church in Holton. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Roepke and twenty five members and guests answered the rail call. The secretary's report was read and approved. Bea Boyd gave the treasurer's report. After paying all current bills there was abalance in the checking account of \$1295.38.

Julie Underwood read several letters the society had received thanking them for information they were able to gather about their ancestors.

Pres. Roepke appointed Joan Krall, Arriest Udey and Alice McCoy to the nominating committee to secure directors from the townships of Jackson, Johnson and Franklin.

David Dreyer had papers on Morgan's Raid through Ripley County which will be copied and placed in the museum. Much interest the past few months has been in buying the old Versailles Bank Building. The committee has done a lot of work on this project. Scott Smith was ready with a report and to answer questions. Norris Krall is having cards made ready for the community. All paper work must be ready to be presented to the Indiana Department of Commerce by May 1996 in order that the program (NAP) might be approved. Arriest Uday prepared a program on "Do you remember when there was no video or nintendo games for children?" She talked about how children spent their time playing Fox & Geese, Crack the Whip, Tin Can Shinney, Handy Over and Drop the Handkerchief. Most everyone had another game to add to the list.

GIFTS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE

Annual dues for R.C.H.S. are \$5.00 per year, payable January 1. Life membership is \$100.00

If you wish the name and address of others working on your family line please send a self addressed, stamped envelope, no fee. There is a \$2.00 research fee for each surname or question dealing with specific points concerning Ripley County. We cannot do a complete family history. We are not a paid staff. Family history committee members do this voluntarily. Charge for copies: 25¢ for 8"x11" and 50¢ for 11"x17".

The Ripley County History Book II is available for \$55. There are books on Johnson and Brown township cemetery records - \$7.50 + \$1.50 if mailed. Please send requests to:

Mrs. Donald Boyd, P.O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023

"It's a Small World" letter I think you will enjoy---

Dear Mrs. Glover,

It was with sadness to read in the Oct. 95 Bulletin that Mr. Herb Thompson had gone to the Great Architect in the Heavens.

I have a story about "Herb" that I would like to share with the Reader of the R.C.H.S. Bulletin.

I, Noble W. Dickerson was born Dec. 19, 1911 at Versailles, my father, James A. "Squirrely" Dickerson was Born 1874 in Versailles and my grandfather was born in 1847 in Versailles and my mother Anna Johnson was born in Elrod.

My family moved to North Vernon in December 1916. I went to school and was graduated in May 1930.

After school I moved around the country and landed here in Largo, Florida in 1962.

During one of my trips back north in 1986 I stopped at the R.C.H.S. Museum. The only person at the museum was, I found out after we introduced each other Mr. Herb Thompson.

After chatting for a short time, Herb asked me if I knew a "Squirrely" Dickerson. When I told him that "Squirrley was my father who had died in 1953 at North Vernon.

The Herb told me that as a lad, he went fishing his father and my father many times. It seems that our fathers were quite friendly.

Up to the day that I first met "Herb" I had no idea how much info

Needless to say during my many trips back North, I always stopped to see Herb and 90 to lunch.

All that I know of my family around Versailles I received by or thru Mr. Herbert Thompson. He was a very Unusual person.

Sincerely Yours
Noble W. Dickerson
980 7th St NW #87
Largo, FL 34640-1147

I tried to copy this as close as possible to the way he print-wrote it to me. I feel like I would know him if I saw him.

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Declaration of Intent Ripley Co. 1928-1944 film Jan 6

ROTH FAMILY 1847-1995 94 pgs. from Feb. '96 Virginia Reser, Olney, Ill (filed in drawer)

FLATER FAMILY PAPERS. from Mar '96 Delight H. Flater, N.J. (sent to Alan Smith)



"NEW HISTORY"

The Ripley County Veterans' memorial will be dedicated Memorial Day, May 27, 1996, immediately following the ceremonies at Cliff Hill Cemetery.

This "one of a kind" memorial is located on the S E corner of the Courthouse square in Versailles. It is 30 feet wide at the base and $10\frac{1}{4}$ feet high with three flagpoles behind the upright slabs of granite. The area surrounding it is paved with bricks, 1475 of which are inscribed with names of Veterans of all wars and dedicated to the Veterans of Ripley County from the Revolutionary to the present and into the future.

Bricks may be purchased in the memorial area for any honorably discharged veteran, and for donors, whose bricks will be in approach walkways, for a manimum donation of \$40 each.

A ceremony was held on Veterans' Day (my generation called it Armistice Day). It was a nasty day and the program was moved to the Legion. The Memorial could not be completed at that time because the quarry had difficulty getting slabs large enough that had no flaws or defects.

If you haven't visited the site please take the time to see it or visit again when it is finished for Memorial Day. It is very impressive even now and will be a magnificent tribute to our Veterans when it is finished.

Anyone wishing additional information may write to: HAROLD HOPKINS, Veterans' Service Officer, P.O. Box 185, Versailles, IN 47042 or call (812) 689-7165 from 8 to 4 Mon, Tues, and Wed.

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Q-2-1996: Researching: HENRY FRANCK STIEGELMEYER, b 1833 in Germany. d:1905 Huntersville. M. Mary CatherineSCHULTE b. Huntersville, 1841. Her fa was HENRY SCHULTE b. 1809, a farmer in Ray Twp, Franklin Co, In circa 1860. Her mother, Catherine Mary? b. 1817. His fa and mo unk. but born in Germany. Would like INfo before or after these dates.

Q-2-1996: Catherine Maria ZIES b. 1837, Cincinnati d. 1926 Huntersville M. in Huntersville to John Benjamin HINNENKAMP b. 1820 Germany d. 1899 Huntersville. 10 children. Her father Christian Henry ZIES B. Germ 1792? farmer in Batesville. m. Maria Katherine Severinghaus b. 1813 Germany. His mother was a BOCKHORST M. 'to Gahardies Hienricus HINNENKAMP. Need dates prior and later. Vicki Moffett 26296 Spaniel Ln., Sun City, Ca

Q-2-1996: Would like to exchange info with anyone researching HODGES line. The: RICHARD HODGES b 1756 in Abbyville Dist S. C. d 1824 in Ripley Co. m. Sarah ROSEMAN / ROSEMOND, also SAMUEL HODGES s/o Richard, m. Elizabeth RAZOR/RASOR- Please contact Evelyn Brooks, 1000 Rider St. Flora, III. 62839.

I refuse to mention the weather, say nothing about the ice we encountered in Alabama and low temperatures in Florida, nothing about the big snows that broke the necks of my delicate crocus. I'm thinking of spring, gardens, and seed catalogues. Not that I plan on any gardening but it is nice to dream. The rhubarb is peeping out of the ground so we are on our way.

March was Womens History Month. A special thanks to Shannon McCreary for her tribute to Violet Toph. This consisted of a full page article in the Feb 29, 1996 Versailles Republican. Violet devoted her life recording County History.

I have been studying the Buchanans. Just about everyone who came from the vicinity of Buchanan Station is related. Their family files could use some updating. Jane Miller has sent in her updated family but it seems she is the only one. We are living history now and some of the files are 100 years behind. Let's work on this.

Joseph James White of South Bend Died in March. His funeral was Mar 4, 1996 at Bovards at Versailles and Burial was in Cliff Hill Cemetery. Mr. White had been a member since 1980. He was a brother to Adrain White of Versailles.

I ran into an interesting story in tracing an Uncle Gus who was killed in a cave-in near Osgood in1900. Since High Bridge seemed the only logical place, for that date I called Arriest Udey she called Zeke Truitt and he remembered his grandfather telling of the cave! Finally found a clipping from Indpls Star in Batesville Paper. Everytime I found his name it was spelled differently. It helps with a first name Augustine. For the record, they came to Osgood to see the bridge on the Sunday when the temp was -12. He is in an unmarked grave in the Greendale Gemetery. Three of the five from the accident were buried there. They could not locate their family at that time. It has been almost 100 years and they have wondered all those years. His last name was Nonte.

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