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Ripley County, Indiana, Historical Society, Inc.

Museum -- Corner of Main and Water Streets  
Versailles, Indiana 47042

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## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be held April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00PM, *in the regular place*

The program for this meeting will be on the Underground Railroad, given by Diane P. Coon, a history specialist of the Ohio River Valley. Several RCHS members spent many days and hours with Ms. Coon tracing the routes taken by the slaves crossing southern Indiana.

Helen Einhaus has accepted the position of County Historian, after being nominated and voted for due to the resignation of Bea Boyd. Bea has been the historian for years, and was interviewed last year for an article in the local newspaper. RCHS and Ripley County thanks Bea for her untiring work!

If you have any family history and would like to share it with us, we would be delighted to have it and would appreciate it greatly.

The groundhog saw his shadow this year. The next few weeks will possibly be fickle.

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..... Dues:

New memberships are \$10.00 for the first year.

Renewing a membership is \$5.00 per year.

Fees are due by Dec 31 for upcoming new year.

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The Ripley County Historical Society met January 13, 2001 at the RCHS Library with 50 members and guests present.

Alice McCoy introduced Dan Goris, who gave a very interesting program, and showed slides, about the John Hunt Morgan Trail, and the work of the committee for putting up markers on the 185 mile route of Morgan's march through Indiana, in 1863. The committee will also have, at a later date, brochures, cassettes and a booklet.

Mr. Goris recognized Matt Cowan, age 10, who was present, and his prize winning exhibit about Morgan's Raid.

During the business session, Alice McCoy asked each one to introduce themselves. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the bulletin.

Bea Boyd gave the treasurer's report, which was approved. The microfilm of the Versailles Republican and the Osgood Journal were purchased with the \$500.00 from the Tyson Fund. The microfilms are now on file, up to and including 1938.

It was reported that the probation officer had men carry the Milan and Franklin township books upstairs; washed windows, and did work at the Museum.

Bea Boyd resigned her job as County Historian after 20 years, and it was moved, seconded and voted that Helen Einhaus would be the new Ripley County Historian.

The April meeting will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> (change of date) and Diane Perrine Coon of Louisville, KY will present a program about the Underground Railroad in Ripley County. The meeting will be at the RCHS Library at 2:00pm.

Lois Workman, of Delaware township served refreshments.

Helen Caplinger  
Secy, pro tem.

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BOOKS FOR SALE

Ripley County History Book Vol I	\$65.00
Ripley County History Book Vol II	55.00
Johnson Township Cemetery	10.00
Brown Township Cemetery	10.00

Please send orders to Ripley County Historical Soc

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PO Box 525

Versailles, In 47042

Ripley Co. In Vintage Postcards by Alan Smith

Apr. 2001

\$ 20.00

# GENEALOGY QUIZ

1. Your Second Cousin's Son would be your?

Nephew ~ 1st Cousin ~ 3rd Cousin ~ 1st Cousin Once Removed ~ 2nd Cousin Once Removed

2. Your Aunt's Granddaughter would be your?

Niece ~ 2nd Cousin ~ 1st Cousin Once Removed ~ Grand Niece ~ 2nd Cousin Once Removed

3. Your Granduncle's Grandson would be your?

1st Cousin ~ 2nd Cousin ~ 3rd Cousin ~ 4th Cousin ~ 5th Cousin

4. Your Father's Brother would be your?

Cousin ~ Nephew ~ Uncle ~ 2nd Cousin ~ 1st Cousin

5. Your Brother's Sister-in-Law would be your?

1st Cousin ~ 2nd Cousin ~ Aunt ~ Sister-in-Law ~ Not Related

6. Your Grandfather's Sister would be your?

Niece ~ Aunt ~ Grand Aunt ~ Cousin ~ Not Related

7. Your Brother's Daughter would be your?

1st Cousin ~ 2nd Cousin ~ Niece ~ Grand Niece ~ 2nd Cousin Once Removed

8. Your Father's Mother's Mother would be your?

Grandmother ~ GGrandmother ~ GGGrandmother ~ Mother ~ GGGGrandmother

9. Your Uncle's Great Grandson would be your?

1st Cousin ~ 1st Cousin Once Removed ~ 2nd Cousin Twice Removed ~ 1st Cousin Twice Removed ~ 2nd Cousin Once Removed

10. Your Brother's Grandson would be your?

Nephew ~ 1st Cousin ~ 2nd Cousin ~ 3rd Cousin ~ Grandnephew

11. Your Aunt's Daughter would be your?

1st Cousin ~ 2nd Cousin ~ 3rd Cousin ~ 4th Cousin ~ 5th Cousin

12. Your Father's First Cousin's Son would be your?

1st Cousin ~ 2nd Cousin ~ 3rd Cousin ~ 4th Cousin ~ 5th Cousin

13. Your Father's Mother's Uncle would be your?

Uncle Granduncle ~ 1st Cousin Once Removed ~ Great Granduncle ~ 2nd Cousin Once Removed

13. Great Granduncle  
12. 2nd Cousin  
11. 1st Cousin  
10. Grandnephew  
9. 1st Cousin Twice Removed  
8. GGrandmother  
7. Niece  
6. Grand Aunt  
5. Not Related  
4. Uncle  
3. 2nd Cousin  
2. 1st Cousin Once Removed  
1. 2nd Cousin Once Removed

Quiz Answers

Continued from Jan 2001 Bulletin.

Sept, 1998 Ripley Co, Indiana WWI Gold Star Honor Roll.  
copied from Osgood Library.

Oct. 1998 PhotoCopies of Busching-Holman family.

Oct, 1998 Descendants of George Henry Starke and Anthony Starke from James L. Starke.

Oct, 1998 5 gen-3 pages Thomas Bornopase.

Oct 1998 Descendants of Charles Sargent-3 pgs, John Kirby-7 pgs  
David Sage-7 pgs, from Beverly Littlefield, Mo.

Oct, 1998-Surname Project-Arizona Genealogical Computer Interest Group and Family History Soc. of Ariz 1997 from Angie Olds.

Oct 1998 22 pages on Schmidt-Smith and Thomas Families (Olean) pictures, death, burials, etc by Alan F. Smith.

Nov2, 1998 25 pages on Ward, Stewart, Shockley from Martha Binford.

Dec, 1998 Descendants of Phillip Bricka and William Michaels-11 pages from Truly Draut.

12, 1998 3 pgs burials in Oakdale Cemetery-addition to book by Alan F. Smith.

12/1/1998 4 pictures on old Ditch cemetery in Shelby Twp from Joe Britweiser.

Dec, 1998 Booklet "Histories Black America" Jennings Co, 10 Pgs. Underground Railroad in Decatur Co from Elbert Hinds.

Dec, 1998 Whitham Family of Ripley County by Norris Krall.

Dec, 1998 Scrapbook of Obits and newspaper articles from Mrs. Lorna Wren.

12, 1998 Rutledge Family Book from <sup>Michael</sup> Earee Clemons.

12, 1998 1870 Census Index compiled by Karyl Schmidt, Irene Kreiger, Helen Einhaus, Sandra Meisberger, Russell Wilholt. (Ripley County).

Jan 1999 Deed Lot 27 Versailles Town, Baptist Church, F-A&M Lodge #7 Copies. by Alan Smith

Jan, 1999 Dearborn Co. Library Family Genealogy list and Histories of County, Newspaper Accounts of Agrue family killing by Dink Carter, 1941 Electrocution and Trial from Alan Smith.

Feb, 1999 Moriarity-Slick from Ireland-Germany to America from John Moriarty.

Feb, 1999-Madison-Indpls Plank Road vs Samuel Rosentholl tried to run 60 Head cattle, 3 Horses and riders through the Toll Gate from Alan F. Smith.

Feb, 1999 Made book of Underground Railroad Station Information also small book of Map Guide to US Census and County development by Joan Krall.

Feb, 1999 1929 8th grade school picture, 1918-1st - 2nd 3rd grade Versailles Picture, Pict. of 40th annual State convention of Twp Trustees, Napoleon Centennial Book.

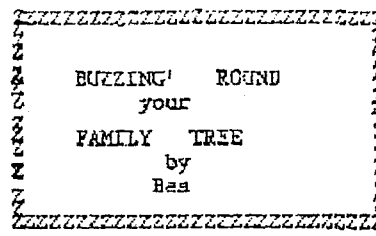
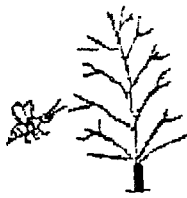
Map of Osgood, 2 Atlases. From Hilda Black Estate Osgood.

March, 1999 Rev. R. R. Cross-Memoirs of a Sky Pilot (1870-1955) from David Dreyer.

Indiana Historic Sites and Surveys Inventory-Franklin Co, In. for 1994 from Wales to (Decatur County Elfrieda Lang. from David Dreyer.

Telephone Directory (1930's) Cross Plains from Helen Einhaus.

Apr, 1999-8 sheets on Truitt, Dean, Austin and Lewis from Doyle and Ruby Ekey. Ka.



9-4-1161 (Looking for descendents of Lewis and Margaret Todd Sammons children: James O., William, Lucy Ann Sammons Evans, LeRoy, Robert, Margaret Sammons Hazelrigg, John, Nathaniel, and Benjamin Sammons.) Please contact Virginia P. Gower, 8270 Freeman Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80908

In 1992 I purchased the book "GROWING UP RICH IN VERNON, IN" by Carol Spurlock Layman. I read it then and enjoyed it so much. Just recently I picked it up and read it again enjoying it more the 2nd time around. If you have not read it and grew up in a small town, I suggest you do. Carol's brother, Ted, is town clerk of Versailles.

August 20, 1918-Cross Plains-  
Ursula Spencer, photographer of Versailles took a five generation picture at Mrs. India Gordons. Gr-gr grandparents, Mr. and Mrs Dennis Beach, gr-grandmother, India Gordon, grandmother, Ollie Heideman, Mother, Mrs. Everett Austin and two babies. (The babies were John and Evelyn Austin, siblings of Hope Austin)

CHARTER MEMBERS OF Fidelity Rebekah lodge #116, Holton, In.  
1874 Samuel Cox, Rachael Cox, G. W. Cox, Mattie Cox, J. R. Roberts, Leviticus Moore, Chas Williams, Mary Ellen Moore, John Stanley, Martha Stanley, Abigail, Shanfort, D. M. Shanfort, John S. Schofield, Christine Schofield, D. Williams.

On March 5, 2001, the Roadway Express, INC delivered the government stone for ISAAC LEVI. I had ordered it from Veterans Administration. Isaac Levi is buried in Osgood in the Levi cemetery in an unmarked grave. He was the remaining Revolutionary soldier without a stone. (In Ripley County) We have been working on our old cemeteries to get them restored. Hopefully a grant from Riverboat will help with this, at least we have made application. Praises to William Warren at Osgood, Center Twp trustee. He had had work done on Center cemeteries, and puts in his budget an amount to care for abandoned cemeteries. I noticed in the County paper trustee reports that this is not being done in other townships. For years people have attended our RCHS meetings also written letters wanting something done about these cemeteries. This is a duty of the Township Trustees. Myron Kelly worked so hard to get Old Washington Cemetery cleaned up. The Boy Scouts helped him. He felt that Five Revolutionary soldiers Needed more respect. Myron is gone now but he was an inspiration to us all.

If you would like a query published, send to Mrs. Don Boyd, PO Box, Holton, In 47023.  
Our Vice-Pres, Husband, Chas Roepke. has been in the hospital. Get well soon.



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