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JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be held January 14th at 2:00PM in the Archives building the square.

Don Goris will be sharing exciting news about Morgan's Trail through Ripley and surrounding counties for the program.

Interest was shown during the Versailles Pumpkin Show. Many old friends came in and were happy to see all the good work the volunteers have been doing on genealogy.

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.

Versailles local author, Alan Smith, has had a post card book being put together for publishing, and it appears the books are ready to shipped to him They should be here soon, and will be available for purchasing for \$18.98 each.

RCHS and our volunteers would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Ripley County Historical Society

The October meeting, October 8, 2000 was held at the RCHS Library with twenty five members and guests present.

Minutes were read by Henry Walker. Motion to accept as read by Wilbur with second by Kathleen. Treasures report given by Bea Boyd.

Book sales have been good, 117 volumes for book I, and 119 volumes of book II have been sold. We still have books of each volume available. Treasurers report accepted with motion by Norris and seconded by Wilbur.

We now have some items on loan from the Ripley County Bank. A teller cage from original Bank which was refinished by Paul Scholle. Also a bookcase. If a museum is opened in Osgood in the future they would then go there.

We have been asked to take a quilt made by Roxanna Churchill Taylor for her husband when he served in the Civil War. The decision was made to take it, with the stipulation that it would be displayed in a case.

We received some school records from Milan. The records are of Milan and Franklin Township. They were brought in by Lloyd Fletcher. Another large water bill may be received by no leaks have been found. Alen shut off the water, drained the pipes and put in antifreeze.

We have been trying to get a grant from Rising Sun Foundation for repair and cleaning up Cemeteries which contain Revolutionary Veterans graves. The first try was turned down. We are working on a new proposal with more details and better information.

We received a check for \$3000.00 from the county. We were told we would get \$5000.00 a year when we took the records. They use our equipment when they need to copy but sometimes charge us when we get copies there. This will be taken up when Council meets.

We will be trying to get the films of old newspapers brought up to date. There is \$5000.00 available for this.

Meeting was turned over to Albert Wise. He gave a presentation on Antique Jacks up to more modern ones, also splitting wedges of different types, and crosscut saw handles. The jacks ranged from wooden jacks for wagons to all the varieties of bumper jacks and jacks made for machinery. Also some for buildings. All of these brought memories of days when work was more physical and hands were often blistered or fingers pinched.

Refreshments were served by the Kralls and Center Township.

Secretary, *Henry Walker*

President, *Alice McCoy*

*Are your 2001 dues paid? This will be your last bulletin - if dues are not paid by February 2001.

*Brown and Johnson Cemetery books are for sale \$10.

*Mail is delayed when our address isn't correct:

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It has been a practise to list the articles given to RCHS in the bulletin. The last listed was by former Editor, Alice Glover, on 6-28-1997.. Due to the lengthy list it will be published in series.

STEGNER Family(4 generations) from Virgil J. Stegner.
B-ring binder on LYNCHING copied from Osgood Library
Descendants of HENRY BOWERS from Gary Bowers
Sesquicentennial, Madison, In Souvenir program 1809-1959
Roll of members of RCHS, 1921-57
Ripley Co, IN index of persons & Firms, WPA Bloomfield et al
Early OSBORNS & ALLEYS-2 vol ringbinder
1920-1922 Batesville High School "Tatler"
Fette's History of New Alsace-2 Vol ring binder
6 above from David Dreyer

Descendants of Thomas M. Nighbert 1813-1874 compiled by Judith Newman
Bobby PLUMP-Last of Small Town Heroes(1997) from Virginia Herbst
Three Twps in Jennings Co. Lovett, Marion, & Montgomery
Given by Mr. & Mrs Wm. Coons.

Read and Learn about the BAYLORS Collected by Elsie Wysong
GRINSTEAD Family by Carl Grinstead from Bea Boyd.

"MORE ROOM" Dowers Family from Verne Dowers.

LOSEY 3 sheets MAVITY 13 sheets from Paul Kendall.

INDIANA SOURCE BOOKS Vol V Vol VI from Irene Kreiger

Business Directory of Ripley Co in Laws of Indiana 1899

from book at Osgood Pub. Library donated by Eugene Young.

St Magdalene 150th Anniversary Book Sandra Meisberger

Chair Cane Article Feature Summerville Ga. Ivan Weevie-Fox desc.

Descendants of JOHN CALVIN TERRILL by John William Terrell.

Descendants of Abraham Funkhouser addenda: Gibler donated by
Lisa Funkhouser INgle.

1897 Versailles Republican on THE HANGING TREE from Ralph Preble.
framed and in glass.

1901-1902 Moores Hill College Catalogue.

St. Johns Lutheran Church, Farmers Retreat, In 1843-1993 150 Yrs.
from Bea Boyd.

"Twigs on a Branch of the CADY Tree" by Glen R. Cady Donated
by Jean W. Perney,

LIPPERD FAMILY BIBLE from Ethel Mathias.

A Glimpse of Pioneer Life in Jennings Co by Alice Bundy. from
Ruth Shelton.

"The Legendary Queen from Scotland and events before and after"
by Leslie Green Signed copy donated by author.

Myers Genealogy Data (Henry MYERS) 322 pages

Indiana & Ky Marriages also 3½ Disks microsoft

Myers -Ky Tax Rolls counties of Fleming, Clark, Montgomery,

Bath, Morgan, & Rowan all pertaining MYERS from James C. Melton.

Dedication of Tyson Temple 1937 by *Arnelia Taylor O'Leary*

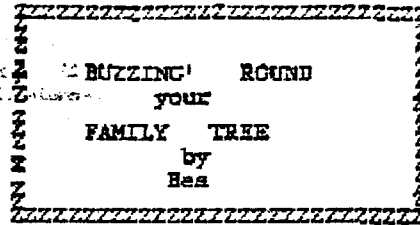
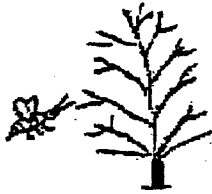
1938 Ripley Co Common School Commencement ,1900 Haneys Corner
School picture from *John William Terrell.*

This completes the list for 1997 .

Articles given to RCHS Library continued.

Jan 2, 1998 WAGNER'S of St Maurice Catholic Church -Sandra Meisberger.
St. Maurice Catholic Church Records & History -Bill Wagner
St. John & St. Magdaline Church Directory(1995)
St. Magdalene Church Cemetery Records donated by Sandra Meisberger.
History of Lawrenceburg & Indpls R.R. from Alan Smith.
1915 Milan HS book Loaned by Marie LeGrand for copying.
Jackson UTZ family by June Bechte Filling.
Salt Creek Twp, Decatur Co Cemetery Records Tri-Co Gen Soc.
Wm McCoy & his Descendants by Lycurgus McCoy from D. Dreyer.
PICKETT Family Notes 100 pgs from Mrs. Victor Pickett.
~~Notebook -Photos of Batesville & vicinity~~
Stumpke's Corner & St. Marks-Church record notebook.from D. Dreyer.
HAMMON Family History from Janie Hammon
Descendants of John Henry, JOHN AKERS, Jacob Licking, John WATTS, Johann PEGEE, Harmon BERNER, FROM Kenneth Akers.
2 pictures with names ,K Club. 1939 Tri Kappa Members with names plus short history from Alan Smith.
1900 Ripley Co. Atlas, History of Kennie and Birdie Burton 's home in Holton from Wayne and Phyllis Edens.
Robinson, 25 sheets, Ross ,6 sheets, Jarvis, 25 sheets, Hodges, 25 sheets from Dennis E. Le Jeune
WILSON Family TreeLeft at Bovard's Funeral Home for RCHS
Ten generationsof our REA Family in America. The 1st 2 gen by Thomas W. Rea compiled 1992 from Timothy Rea.
1948-1998 Del-JacksonHigh School from Helen Einhaus
Tippecanoe Co Centennial Booklet 1825-1925 fromHelen Caplinger.
Original Poems by Emma King Benham from James J. Humphrey.
George Wagner Family Photos-Album & Obits from Lucille Wagner
McCoy Estate from Judy Barnes & Mary A. McCoy.
Funkhauser Pedigree Chart from Lisa Ingle.
The SCHMIDT Family from Janet Shade.
From Ethel Mathias- Her Story.
David McKEE Descendants from Gail Brandolino.
81 pgs-Descendants of Daniel MAIN-McKEE & Thackery from Gail Brandolino.
Dillsboro Oakdale Cemetery by Alan Smith from Dr. Glover.
Sesquicentennial Indiana,Biographical & Geneological History-1816-1966 Vol II, Early Families of Eastern & Seastern Ky. from David Dreyer.
Our Vertical VANOSDOL Lineage through 12 generations.
Family Tree of Jacob Banta VANOSDOL
The Pioneer VANOSDOL family . These 3 books from Ella Pool.
A guide to Manuscript collections of the In Historical Soc and In State Library from Melissa Cowan.
4 pictures painted by Lois Thompson and 2 "Haveohn Art Club" wooden signs given by Carl Taul.
SMITH-COSSIN family by Elizabeth and Patti Smith.
DERRINGER family by Jerry Derringer on behalf of Velma Derringer Walters.

This brings the list to Sept 15, 1998.



Q-1-2001 STEGMAN Albert and Elsie Stegman. I'm looking for their descendants. They lived at West Chester, Ohio.

Q-1-2001 Can anyone give me information on a cemetery located north of Reading, Ohio, on Reading Road? Both inquiries by Bea Boyd, P. O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023.

My Christmas came early this year, when Dr. David Gray said, "You are cancer free," after 6 rounds of Chemo. I never would have made it if it hadn't been for family, friends, and church family. It meant so much when I was told by many, "Our church is praying for you." Rae Jean calls me her miracle Grandma.

Lucia Craft Culvertson of Seattle is the oldest living alumnus, at age 104, of Hanover College.

Thanks to Helen Einhaus and Helen Caplinger, our Wednesday volunteers, who ordered 33 reels of newspaper from IHS. These were purchased with the \$500 donation from the Tyson Fund we received in September.

In 1919 Bunk Levi of Anderson was in jail for wife desertion. He escaped on Sunday night by placing blankets tied together, climbing to the attic, and lowering himself 25 feet to the ground. He went to Osgood and visited friends and returned to the jail on Monday morning around 6:00 AM and was sitting on the steps waiting for Sheriff Wildman to let him in. The following is a partial note he had left for the sheriff:

Dear Frank: I am going to "Sock" Henderson's to see if he will lend me his violin to pass away the time with while I am here. I will be back in the morning, that is if you will let me come back, and if you will let me come back, I will carry the coal and do all the chores, and all I ask of you is just listen while I play the fiddle. Seriously, Frank, I will be at your door in the morning if I live. Have no fear, I will not break my word. BUNK

About two weeks ago, some of Bunk Levi's descendants were at the RCHS Library. They knew the story of his escape from jail, but also that when he left, he caught his neck on a clothesline, doing injury to himself-- but in spite of that he walked to Osgood anyway.

Alan Smith has been hard at work for the last year getting his new book ready for printing, "Ripley County in Vintage Postcards." The book will be on sale at various places in the County, and also on line at www.arcadiapublish.com. Call toll-free number 1-888-313-2665 for further information.

I was sorry to hear of the death September 17, 2000, of Virgil J. Stegner, a WWII veteran and a life member of RCHS. Virgil graduated from Holton High School in 1940. His father taught school at Versailles and Holton, and is credited with bringing basketball to Ripley County.



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