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JULY MEETING

The July meeting will be held July 11th, at 2:00 P.M., in the RCHS building on the court house square.

The April meeting was held the 11th of April. The minutes were not read but the treasurer's report was made by Bea Boyd.

The RCHS Library has been very busy this spring with visitors from all over the United States, who have traveled to Ripley County to do family research. This seems to have been a jumping-off place for many who stayed here awhile before moving on "West". Usually our visitors find a lot of information; however, sometimes little is found and they are disappointed.

This is where YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. If you have some family history records or information about your ancestors that we don't have in our research library, won't you please share it with us? If you bring it in, we will copy it and perhaps make it into a book. Even if you only have a small amount, that could be very important to someone researching your family lines. We collect information about anyone who has lived in Ripley County or has had a connection here. So, please share!!

Volunteers are needed to help extract and type data for use on the Ripley County homepages. If interested, please send mail to RCHS saying you wish to help, or send email to: lori@myself.com and tell Lori that you can help.

RCHS also receives many E-mail requests and telephone calls seeking information. More **volunteers** are needed to help visitors and answer letters. If you are interested, and could spare a little time each week, please contact Alice McCoy, 812-689-5200 or come to the Archives Library 689-3031 any week day afternoon from 1-4 for more information.

This edition contains a graphic of the various types of wood stoves from the past; PERSI, and how to use it; the April meeting minutes; queries from users, and as always, that wonderful Bea's Buzzings page.

Apr.11,1999

April Meeting Minutes

The Ripley County Historical Society April meeting was held RCHS Library on Sunday , the 11th.

The meeting started with program for the day being Eric Smith from Lawrenceburg, a collector of antique stoves. 2 tables were covered with memorabilia pertaining to stoves; pictures, articles, and advertising on the floor.

The Lawrenceburg Stove-Miami S. Co. 1860-1880 was moved to Cincinnati. Mayflower Stove, chamber stoves, was located in Shelbyville. A photo was shown of Kissell's store in Milan, IN. The showroom would be worth a million dollars now. The collectors club has a membership all over the U.S.

The business meeting was held after the program. No secretary report was read since the January meeting minutes were in the bulletin. Treasurer's report given and accepted by motion from Betty Roepke, seconded by Henry Walker.

A letter was read from Batesville Community School, wanting input from RCHS. Carolyn Hahn, Director from Laughery Township, will contact the school.

Wilbur Myers will repair some damaged folding chairs.

Bylaws were brought up to be voted on. Sandy Meisberger objected to Art IV, Sec 3. After much ado (discussion), a motion was tendered by Norris Krall to amend article of Inc. - 11 directors, not less than 7, or more than 13. Bylaws will state one from each township set from to time by board of directors, with one at large. Seconded by Henry Walker. Vote passed.

Joan Krall, Kathryn Manship, and Lori Hoffman comprised the election Committee, and presented the names for Directors of Laughery, Otter Creek, Shelby, and Washington townships. Carolyn Hahn, Bea Boyd, Kathleen Lane and Henry Walker were nominated. Motion to Accept tendered by David Dreyer, and seconded by Lori Hoffman. All voted affirmation.

Old Business - Alan Smith reported why lights were out early in the month, after having Mr. Dresselhouse check it out. It wasn't in the RCHS building, but on the outside electric pole. Alan wanted members to be aware that the building was wired with 3 phase electric, and one phase was out on the transformer outside. Mr. Dresselhouse did not charge for the inspection, so the Society heartily gives him a big Thank You!

Carolyn Hahn made report on Museum Annex. Norris Krall reported on the Building Fund.

Two inexpensive vacuum cleaners were purchased for the building, one for upstairs, one for the basement. An upstairs window had been repaired by Alan Smith.

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Sandy Meisberger made motion to adjourn and David Dreyer seconded the motion. All ayes resounded.

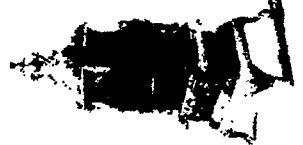
Refreshments were served by Shelby Township, and will be served by Washington Township at the July Meeting.

Bea Boyd, Acting Secretary.

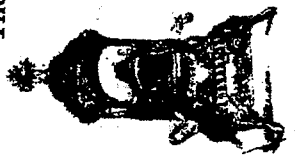
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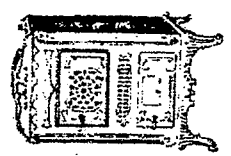
Base Burner
[Globe Type]



Base Burner



Double-Cased
Air-Tight
Surface Burner



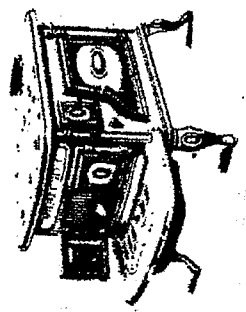
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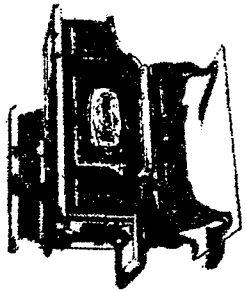
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Parlor Cook



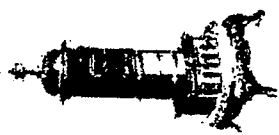
Cook Stove



Wood/Cool Range



Cannon
[Porbelly]



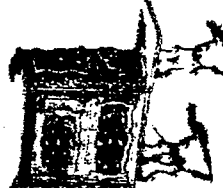
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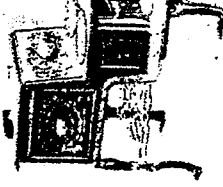
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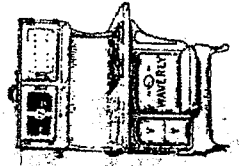
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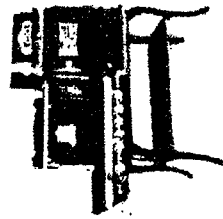
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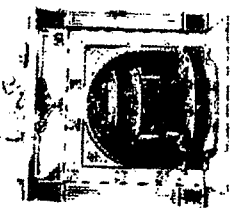
Step Stove



Combustion Range



Gas Range



Fireplace Heater



Franklin



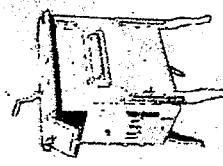
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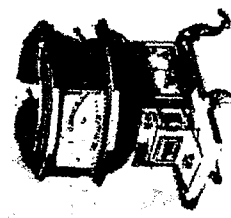
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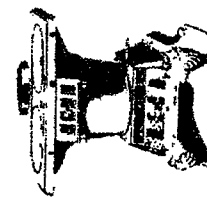
Box Stove



Kitchen Heater

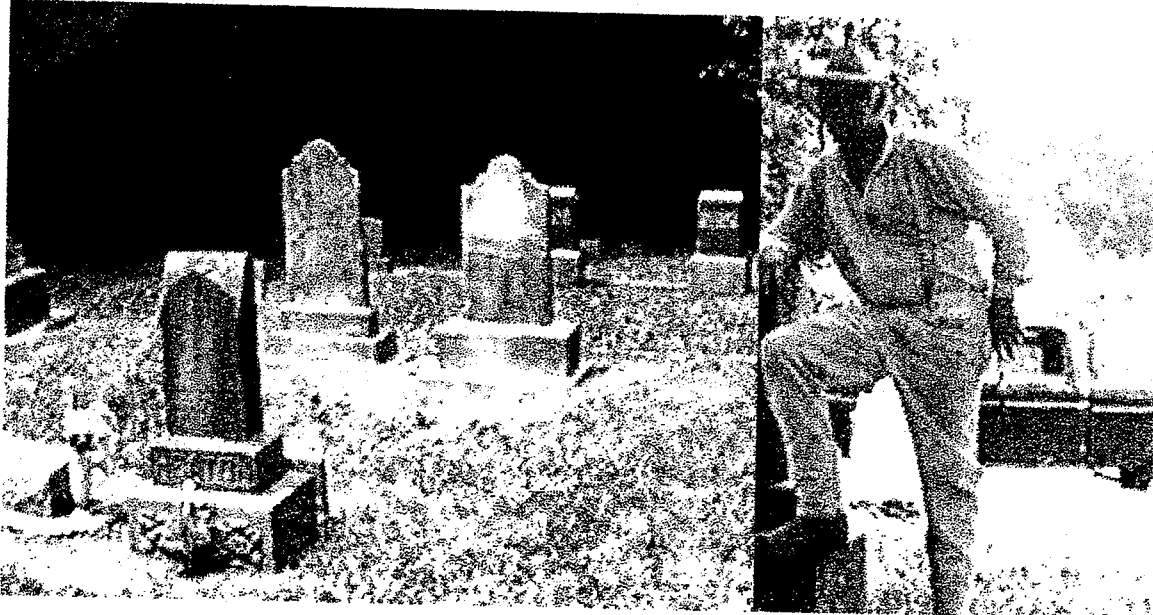


Farmer's Boiler



Laundry Stove

Otter Creek Cemetery Restoration Project



Don Nealis taking a break from his work and admiring his progress in re-setting and repairing the markers in the Otter Village Cemetery (Center Twp. Cty Rd 325 N, west of the Old Michigan Road). Don says many of these stones have been down since he was a boy. This work is being done as a result of a matching grant from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation. Bill Warren and Michael Stratton, to preserve this old cemetery rapidly falling into ruins, undertook this repair project. This cemetery is the final resting place for many of the early residents of Otter Village and Poston communities. The RCHS has offered its encouragement and assistance for this undertaking.

PERSI

PERSI is an acronym for the PERiodical Source Index (... aka "The Information Jackpot for Genealogists"), the index to more than 1.1 million articles appearing in nearly 6000 genealogy and local history journals and newsletters, developed by the Allen County Public Library Foundation in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Before PERSI, there were several different genealogical indexes published, but they were not as comprehensive, and only scratched the surface. PERSI covers nearly all of the genealogy and history periodicals that are written in English (and some French-Canadian) published since 1847. It is an under-used source and a fabulous tool for both beginners and experienced family historians. It can make you aware of new sources you would have never discovered by using traditional sources, and topics found in the research methodology section will enhance your skills as an ancestor detective.

Over one million articles have been published in thousands of local history and genealogy society newsletters and other periodicals, far more than any one person could possibly subscribe to or read. Before PERSI, it was nearly impossible to find out if an article had ever been published about your ancestor or the locale in which they had lived. PERSI is published annually and is carried by most genealogical libraries in book and/or CD-ROM version. PERSI does not contain the actual article, but is an index to tell you whether an article was published and which magazine it appeared in. For the price of photocopies, you can then obtain copies of articles relevant to your surname, locale, or research method of choice. PERSI makes it possible to consult the knowledge of local history and genealogy societies that thoroughly research, index and write articles for the states and counties where your ancestors lived, without your large investment in subscription fees or time spent sifting through years of periodical back issues. Read on, and I'll show you how to hit the genealogists information jackpot.

The published index has over 27 volumes, published annually. There is also a new PERSI CD-ROM available for sale containing 27 volumes in one index, and is also available as a subscription database from Ancestry. Indexing a vast number of periodicals requires several volumes, and the breadth of the index can make using PERSI a bit confusing at first. Once you realize how many volumes are required to index nearly 6000 periodicals, and learn the system, PERSI becomes much less intimidating. Topics are divided into five categories.

- Places-United States
- Places-Canadian
- Places-Foreign
- Families
- Research Methodology

The first sixteen volumes all have the same titles, either Places 1847-1985 or Families 1847-1985. They are divided into four retrospective series and a current series. The difference in each series is only the articles that have been indexed; the format remains the same throughout all of the volumes. The Allen County Public Library is continually discovering more genealogy and local history publications previously unknown, and continues to publish new volumes that include these periodicals.

1st Series	Volume I	Places 1847-1985
	Volume II	Places 1847-1985
	Volume III	Families 1847-1985
	Volume IV	Families 1847-1985

2nd Series Volume V Places 1847-1985
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 Volume VII Families 1847-1985
 Volume VIII Families 1847-1985

3rd Series Volume IX Places 1847-1985
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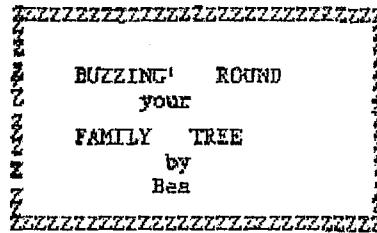
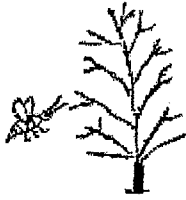
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PERSI is a major genealogical source that has been underused for years, possibly due to the difficulty of searching through so many volumes, which is solved by the electronic version of PERSI. Whether you choose to consult traditional PERSI volumes at a genealogical library or electronically, it is a great help for every English speaking ancestor, and may be just what you need to solve some of the difficult searches for your roots.

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Q-1-7-1999 Would like info on Henry CHRISTOPHER and Sophia Maria (Vogel) KELLING. Lived in or near Osgood, in mid 1880s. Moved to Dickenson Co., Kansas. Names of brothers and sisters:
Henry Vogel mar. Lizzie Brunt 9/2/1867
Louise Vogel mar. Henry Myers 9/17/1873
Mary Ann Vogel mar. Jacob Henner 10/01/1867
Would like to exchange information pertaining to this family.
Emma Welborn 504 1/2 Hillside, Abilene KA 67410

Q-2-199 WORTMAN-KELLY families. Lydia Wortman b. Ca 1798 in KY mar. Ephraim Kelly (b. Baltimore Co., MD Died Kansas) 15th Aug 1814, in Campbell Co., KY. Found in Ripley County census 1830 and 1850. By 1860 to Kansas. Lydia was b. to Richard Wortman 1754/60. Was Lydia a sister to the Richard Wortman b. 1790 mentioned in the Jan. Bulletin as the 1st white man buried in Pipe Creek Cemetery?
Virginia Lashley 1240 San Marino Ave. San Marino, CA 91108

On May 21, 1999 a group of relatives and friends gathered at the Milan H.S. Cafetorium to celebrate with Henry and Jerri Walker (RCHS members) on their 50th wedding anniversary. The Walkers are parents of Leslie and Julie Walker of Melbourne, Australia; Don and Debbie (Walker) Myers; Reid and Bonnie Walker; and Terry & April (Walker) Goerler, all of Milan. The Walkers also have 10 grandchildren. Henry is RCHS Director of Washington Township, and the Secretary of RCHS.

If you love people who are young at heart, you'd adore Emma (Ensminger) Pickett. Emma just celebrated her 93rd birthday. She lives at Osgood, at the Senior Apt Homes. On Sunday, June 13th, the Ensmingers had their reunion there at the club house. Originally they lived west of Dabney.

William Happe opened a filling station at Holton in 1926. This was a new building adjoining the Holton Bank Building (Now the Holton Post Office). It faced State Road 4 (later called US 50) and pike leading south of Holton. 3 gas tanks and pumps were installed with choice of Red Crown, Solite, or Ethyl gas. There was also a lunch room in the charge of Happe's daughters, Vivian and Mabel. Be interesting to know how much gas they sold. Mr. Happe was quite the entrepreneur. He also purchased timber from the Jefferson Proving Ground after the war was over. Lake William, west of Holton, was named for him. This was another of his projects.

The Electric Consumer Magazine published by REA had the Site of Civil War Tombstones in Perry County, IN. This is near Magnet, which is about 3 miles west off of Ind 66.

Please send all queries to the Society Treasurer, Mrs. Don Boyd, PO Box 83, Holton IN 47023

RCHS extends its sympathy to the family of Charlotte Bovard Susnich. She was a valued member of the community and will be missed by many people.

Correction on Pg 5 Apr 1999..Should read 8, not B Ripley Co Schools and Also Berta Steinkamp, not Berra...Mistakes blamed on the computer :)



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