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## JULY MEETING

The July meeting will be held July 9th, at 2:00 P.M. on the court house lawn. The program for this meeting will be presented by Paul Scholle, and he will have his steam car along for us all to observe.

*The April meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup>, in Sunman, at the Old Tyme Sweet Shop, on Main Street (State Rd 101). The minutes were read by Henry Walker and then the treasurer's report was made by Bea Boyd.*

Area Death: RCHS member Dorothy English
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Ripley County author Alan Smith, is in the process of publishing a book of Ripley County postcards! Target date for this book should be this fall. RCHS will note the date of published book in the next few bulletins.

Volunteer librarians and museum workers, are still needed. If you have 4 hours free, one day a week, please consider helping out. RCHS can't perform to its full potential without its volunteers.

## RIPLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ripley County Historical Society was held in Sunman, IN at the *Old Tyme Sweet Shoppe*, with 34 members and guests present.

Henry Walker read the minutes of last meeting. The minutes were accepted after changing spelling of Meyers to Myers. It was noted that the cabinets in the Museum were delivered as noted in last meeting, also signs with directions and hours at the library have been posted.

Treasurer's report was made by Bea Boyd. Balance of \$1867.87 for March in checking, \$24834.89 in savings. We also have 4 CDS. It was also noted that quite a few of the second printing of Vol 1 books have been sold along with a lesser number of Vol 11s.

A water leak at the museum was reported along with a bill of over \$1000.00. Alan Smith checked and found a pipe had frozen and broke. This bill is under negotiation with the town of Versailles.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following for Directors: Adams Twp.; Mrs Charles Roepke, Brown Twp.; Alice McCoy, Center Twp.; Norris Krall, and Delaware Twp.; Lois Workman. No nominations were made from the floor and motion was made and seconded to accept.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> of July, on the courthouse lawn. Paul Scholle of Osgood will bring his steam car for the program.

Two representatives from the Ripley County Tourism Committee were introduced, Lydia Woodward and Marianne Wiggins. They presented plans for promoting tourism in Ripley County. The proposals included a museum attached to the proposed Milan Branch of Osgood Library. This museum would feature basketball memorabilia from the Milan 54 state champion team. Also plans for walking tours of the historical sites. The re-modeling of Osgood Library and part of the Milan Library will be for genealogy records. RCHS will be the umbrella organization for this. Motion was made by Carolyn Hahn, and seconded by Alan Smith that we pursue this endeavor. Vote was taken and it was approved 18 votes for and 0 against.

Harvey Lauber reported he had been born in the log cabin which had been rebuilt at the RCHS Museum, on Jan 19 1910. The doctor made a house call and since the time wasn't right, had a nap until it was. How's that for good old days?

Mrs. Vinson, one of the owners of the Sweet Shop, gave us a history of the building. It started as a tobacco shop, then enlarged and became the Price Hotel, then later the Shook Hotel. She read a letter to Miss Taylor and written by Raymond Mettler in 1904. An interesting letter; they have it framed and in the Sweet Shop. A fire destroyed some buildings and did damage to the Hotel. They will also tell you the story of why the Hotel didn't burn. They have restored the building, opening in Oct. 1999. They have a really nice business there now.

Henry Walker, Secretary

Alice McCoy, President

ORPHAN BOYS

I have made up a Rice party for Osgood to arrive there on the early train on Tuesday, June 19th .

I will have boys of all ages from two to twelve years, and should anyone want a girl either baby or older I want to see them at this visit and then when I come again I expect to be able to fill the application for girls. Everybody is invited to come to see them at the St. Charles all day Tuesday, 19th.

G. T. Green  
Children's Home,  
Cincinnati, O.  
(The Journal, Osgood,  
Indiana,)  
(Thursday, June 14,  
1894 )

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G. T. Green according to announcement, came to Osgood Tuesday with a company of boys from the Children's Home, Cincinnati, ranging in age from 12 years to babes in ans. He found good homes for all of them. In fact, before he had fairly settled down at the hotel a swarm of people crowded in. He received many applications for both boys and girls after he had deposited the lot and will return again Thursday, July 17, with a company of both sexes. Mr. Green is a most fatherly gentleman with a sweet and gentle disposition. Those placed Tuesday were adopted by Joe Wood of Delaware, Andrew Deutschley of Napoleon, John Myres Wilmington, MD. Grandfather Glacken of Pierceville, and George Murray of Osgood. (The Journal, Osgood, Indiana,)  
(Thursday, June 21, 1894)

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G. T. Green, of the Children's Home, Cincinnati, paid us another visit Tuesday, and brought a bevy of orphan children. In a family of three, the oldest sister found a home with Aug. Engle, sen., while her brother next to her was taken by the Junior Engle, and youngest by W. O. Evans, of Osgood. A boy of 16 years was placed with M. Mason, near Smyrna. John T. Martin, near town, took a four year old boy. A little girl, Hazel , was taken by Mrs. Burley, of Butlerville, for a friend near there. Mrs. B. has charge of Home work at Butlerville, and about fifteen children have been placed since the first of the year Mr. Green will make another trip here with a company of children August 14.  
(The Journal, Osgood, Indiana,)  
(Thursday, July 19, 1894)

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HOMELESS CHILDREN

G. T. Green, of the Children's Home, Cincinnati, will be in Osgood at the St. Charles Hotel on Tuesday morning, August 14 with another company of children Let those wanting to adopt children be on hand promptly. He will bring a nice lot of clean, intelligent children.  
(The Journal, Osgood, Indiana)  
(Thursday August 9, 1894)

Submitted by Helen Einhaus, for your reading pleaseure.

Graduates for the township and town schools of Ripley County for the winter term of 1898/99

OTTER CREEK Tp.

Ralph H. Stevens  
Luther Rea  
Frank Stevens  
Oscar Harrell  
Grace O'Brien  
Adella Sheets

Charlie Dickason

LAUGHERY Tp.

Katie Betzner  
John Borgsted  
Walter L. Stockinger

SHELBY Tp.

Everett Brown  
Pearl B. Morris  
Cora L. Carr  
Vina A. Rea  
Katie E. McClure  
Willie Holzer  
Columbus Talbott  
Claude Spears  
Mabel Chandler  
Emma F. Bovard

JACKSON Tp.

Harry Foreman  
Thomas Wagner

BROWN Tp.

Lydia M. Wycoff  
Eva M. Stewart  
Samuel H. May  
Emma Vogel  
Clarence McCarty  
Martha Winkler  
Claudia Shields

VERSAILLES

Greta Smith  
Edna Gest  
Charles B. Taylor  
Florence E. Raffignone  
A. Clyde McCoy

JOHNSON Tp.

Wilbur Hughes  
Jennie E. Lynn  
Maude McJohnston  
Lena Day  
Willie Warfield

CENTER -Tp.

Ray Moore  
Edgar Hunt  
Gordon Burroughs  
Harry Larabee

OSGOOD

Leah McCoy  
Mamie Glendenning  
Minnie Viola Krieger  
Mabel Freeman  
Emma Brehman

FRANKLIN Tp.

Lillian M. Shockley  
Lottie M. Dean  
Margaret L. Townsend  
Harry Gorteman  
Tevis W. Sattmarsh  
Walter W. Bruns

MILAN

Daisy Rouse  
Lewis W. Colson  
Lyda Foster

SUNMA N.

Blanche E. Vincent  
Amelia Peters  
Harry H. Schuck  
Theresa M. Beer

ADAMS Tp.

Lizzie Franke  
Christ Bass

WASHINGTON Tp.

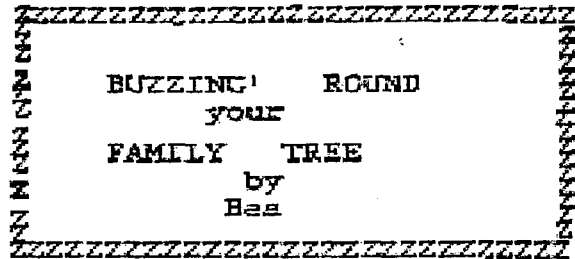
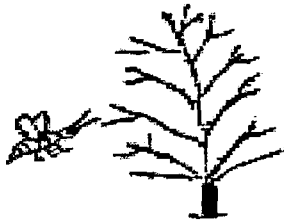
Lula White  
Josie Henderson  
Mary Ann Horton  
W. Edgar Smith

BATESVILLE.

Neil McCallum  
Emelie Duhme  
Viola G. Hancock  
Elma Uunewehr  
Emma Baumann  
Irvin Greemann

DELAWARE.

Lillie E. Gray



Q-7--2000- Eugene GORDON m. Nannie MCKAY Their Children were;  
Davie. b. 1887 at Benham (m. Lillie O'Neal, Nevada b. 1889 m.  
Max Fuehrer, Willard b. 1894 m Ruth ?, Stacy b. 1904 m.  
Maxine? Would like info on their Children.  
Jo Gordon Bader, 110 E. Meridian School Rd Apt 304  
Indianapolis, In 46227. This was also Q-10-1999.

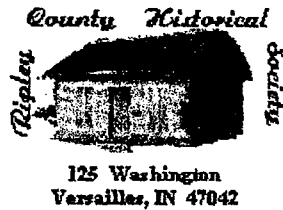
BENVILLE, was located on the Jennings and Ripley County line. 3  
mi E. of Rush Branch in Bigger Twp, Jennings, West of Marble Corner in  
Shelby Twp, Ripley Co. This is all in the Jefferson Proving Ground.  
Nothing left now, but in 1900 there was E. H. Burton General Store, Ed  
Semon Blacksmith, Joseph Ralstin and Son were Sawmillers, U. E. Smith was  
a contractor and builder. (My neighbor, Goldy Smith Williams was a  
daughter of U. E. Smith. Goldy taught school at the Rush Branch School,  
Walnut Grove and also in Ripley County School. At Holton , she taught many  
generations. She died in 1960). Many of these folks are buried in the  
Bethel Cemetery,

S. of Butlerville, having been moved from JPG. Benville had a Post Office  
from 1858-1906 when R. F. D. closed the P.O. There was also a Black  
Settlement near Benville. Relatives would come from Cincinnati and they  
would celebrate the "Emancipation Proclamation". Some of their graves were  
moved to what is now Holton West Cemetery. on US 50.

We received a letter from Emiley Klaus, sister of  
Dorothy English to inform us of her death on March 19, 2000 just one day  
from her 89th birthday. She donated the lovely antique Love seat and  
chairs and the antique bed. This antique furniture was from the Lamb and  
Hinghaus family. Dorothy joined the Society in 1988, in 1996 she paid her  
LIFE membership so she would not miss the bulletins.

Heard at the April meeting at Sunman. Harvey Lauber told us that  
on January 19, 1910 he was born in the cabin which is now in Versailles on  
the museum lot. The Doctor came in a horse and buggy and since the time  
was not quite right, Mr. Lauber unhitched the horse. The Dr. laid down on  
the couch and napped. When asked "How long"? Harvey replied "I couldn't  
remember how long the Dr slept. I wasn't there yet."

Good to hear from Moss Yater, by the way of the grapevine. Send  
your Queries to Mrs. Don Boyd, PO Box 83 Holton, IN 47023



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