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AUTUMN MEETING

The October 11, Sunday meeting of the Ripley County Historical Society will be held at 2 o'clock in the Batesville Library. There is a tour being planned of the library and its' facilities and services which should be most interesting and informative.

NOTES FROM THE JULY MEETING

The summer meeting of the R.C.H.S. was held in the Versailles Baptist Church Basement on July 12 at 2 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Roepke and thirty members and guests introduced themselves. The secretary's report was approved as read. The treasurer gave an itemized report of bills she had paid with a balance of \$571.99 in checking. The report was approved.

David S. Dreyer of Indianapolis presented the program on "German Immigration To Ripley County". This program was of great interest to many of us as our roots are from German ancestors.

Some of the early settlements were; 1814 when Daniel and Henry Wooley settled in Shelby Township; Napoleon was among the earliest settlements in the area, having been platted in 1820. Many people of northern Germany immigrated because of the potato famine which affected Germany as well as Ireland. Also by law the land passed only to the eldest, or, during some periods, only to the youngest. This left many people landless.

Mr. Dreyer also had a slide presentation of pictures from Germany. Berna Steinkamp helped describe different buildings and places. He had pictures of some relatives he found while he was touring Germany. Much discussion followed the program. Mr. and Mrs. Krall gave an update on the printing of the second Ripley County History Book. A place would be set up to advertise the upcoming book at the Ripley Co. Fair.

Mrs. Krall said she had written to Danny Jackson about the possibility of space in the Old Tyson Auditorium (Versailles School). Work is still being done to keep up our covered bridges in Ripley County.

It was announced that there would be a genealogy meeting held at the Batesville Library on July 15 at 6:30. Everyone welcome.

The museum will be open for the Pumpkin Show, September 26, on Saturday from "after the parade" until 6 o'clock.

R.C.H.S. SERVICES AND CHARGES
DUES ARE DUE

Dues for 1993 are \$4 and should be paid by the first of the year to continue receiving the bulletin; also you never know when the price might go up ! You will find a number on your mailing label denoting the date of your membership. Those who have paid \$100 life membership will find "Life" beside their name.

If you wish name and address of others working on your family line please send a self addressed, stamped envelope; no fee, There will be a \$2.00 research fee for each surname or question dealing with specific points concerning Ripley County. We cannot do a complete family history. Charge for copies: 25¢ for 8" x 11" and 50¢ for 11" by 17". We are not a paid staff. Family History Committee members do this voluntarily. Please send all monies to: Mrs. Don Boyd, P.O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023

UPDATE ON THE HISTORY BOOK

The Ripley County History Book Supplement; more family histories are needed. Better get a move on; you won't have another chance. Also more pictures with captions and info are requested. If you have not ordered your book yet, remember once it goes to the printers the price goes from \$39.95 to \$55.

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Friendship Lutheran Church Records (copied from original) Aug. '92
by Alan Smith and Herbert Thompson

1937-38 Basketball Schedule of Versailles High School. Howard Lane had the scores recorded in it for each game.
by Kathleen Lane

Family Charts - 4 pages; Ent family July '92
by Mrs. Vern Turner, P.O. Box 9053, Chandler Hts., AZ 85227

1920 Census (2 rolls) 461 thru 462.
bought by R.C.H.S.

CORRECTION: In the "Story From Herbert" in the last issue it was stated that Ray Spencer's Drug Store had a soda fountain. We have been informed from several sources that was not so. Ray Spencer's Drug Store did NOT have a soda fountain !

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Our director from Franklin Township, Dr. William F. Glover, got a surprise in late July when he went to the mailbox. He brought in a large "soft" envelope which he presumed was a book. Imagine his surprise when he opened it to find his Purple Heart and Prisoner of War Medals. There were also the Overseas Bar, American Defense Service Medal, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal and WW II Victory Medal.

These are all nice to have but the main ones are the first two. He earned the Purple Heart 17 August 1943 -- better late than never.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

As a service to readers interested in genealogy we publish queries in each issue. Please make them as concise as practical. Typewritten copy is preferred. If handwritten, make sure it is VERY legible. The charge is 50¢ per query to Society members and \$1:00 per query to non-members; payable in advance by check or stamps. Please send queries to: Mrs. Don Boyd, P.O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023

Query - 92 :4; Need info on Mary Elizabeth CONNELL and Edward SCOTT. Know she died Feb. 13, 1858 leaving 3 living children, the youngest, Sarah, was 9 days old. She is buried at New Pennington Cemetery along with son, Willie, who died at early age. Was she a daughter of one of the 4 sons of William and Honor Durbin CONNELL? Where and when were they married?
Frances Metz, 582 W. Santee Dr., Greensburg, IN 47240

Query; 92-4: Need parents of Mary AUSTIN born 17 Mar 1830 who married Charles ENT 25 May 1847, Ripley Co., IN. Related names include BURNS, DURBIN and MEYERS. Also need parents of James H. BURNS born 14 Dec 1812 in KY and his wife, Mahala. They lived around Osgood. Their children married into KROM, ENT, VAN METER and MOON lines.
Dora Mae Turner, P.O. Box 9053, Chandler Hts., AZ 85227 (602) 987-9789

Query; 92-4: Interested in ancestors of Charles JOHNSON buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, Jennings Co. IN I was told he was born in Ripley Co. IN
Mrs. Phyllis Z. McKinney, 4451 Carson Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227

Query; 92-4: Who were parents of THEODORE VANOSDALL born 8 July 1854, Ripley County (?), married 1 Feb 1838 to MATILDA DOWERS (daughter of ALEXANDER and KEZIAH LAYCOCK DOWERS) in Ripley County. He appears as a young man in 1850 Census in Ripley Co. but living with another family.

Query; 92-4: I would like to correspond with anyone having information on the JACOB family of Ripley Co. In particular JEREMIAH JACOB who married REBECCA DOWDEN in Ripley Co., circa 1770, (Daughter MARY JACOB born 6 March 1775.)
"B.J." Creager, 6320 N. E. 157th Street, Bothell, WA 98011

Query; 92-4: Seeking information on the family of Reuben SUTTON (b. 1781, d. 1838) who m. Eleanor MILLER in 1802 in Bergen Co. NJ They moved to Ripley Co. between 1815 and 1820. Their children were: William, Joseph, Mary, Anna Coughlin, Archibald McCall, David, Eleanor E. and Reuben Jr.

Query; 92-4: Would like to exchange info on the family of Eleanot E. who m. Joseph BEALL/1838 in Ripley Co. Joseph was the son of Ninian BEALL (b. 1761, d. 1836) and Christina STULL BEALL b. 1772). Eleanor and Joseph's children were: William R., John, David Sutton, Isaac, Jane, Joshua J., Thomas Perry, Christena, Joseph, George Ruben, Robert H. and Wesley.

Query; 92-4: I have a lot of info on the family of Christena and John Walker who m. 1873 in Ripley Co., but can anyone help me to determine relationship Squire KNAPP was to John Walker's grandfather Alexander Walker? Alexander was living with Squire KNAPP in 1850 and Alexander's wife was Lois KNAPP (Lois d. 1845 in IL).
Joann Del Vecchio, S 450 Atlanta H 38, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Occasionally as we have room, as a connection of searcher to searcher we print the names of those who have visited us to do research -- the line they are tracing and their own name.

BOSWELL

Alan L. Fisher
14519 Crown Dr. E
Puyallup, WA 98373

CRAIG -- RUSSELL

Gloria & Jack Kelly
1961 Granger Rd.
Medina, OH 44256

BRUNNER, John & Family

Dorothy Most Golden
R. 2, Box 163
Pleasureville, KY 40057

BURTON -- BRINSON

John M. Burton m.
Catharine Brinson 1847
Karen Leverich
27991 Caraway Ln.
Saugus, CA 91350

COREY, Uzah

Oneita Bollig
2756 Classen
Wichitah, KS 67216

CRAIG

Dixie Gergal
1206 Burket Ave
New Carlisle, OH 45344

FULLER Family

Joan D. Mitchell
409 Shandell Dr.
Bedford, IN 47421

BOSTIC / BOSTICK

William, Henry and Children
Terry & Dave Bostic
32 Violet Ave
Mineola, NY 11501
(516) 747-0668

BUCHANAN, Wilson, Margaret m.

Cowan, Mary. Father George
Ron & Carolyn Oberle
4511 N. Banta Rd.
Bargersville, IN 46106

BLAISDILL & FERRIS

Shirley Wallace
1510 Paula
Champaign, IL 61821
(217) 352-0650

FUEHRER, Max Jr. & Amelia came
from Germany in late 1800s

Reese Fuehrer
51 N. Rd. 200 East
Danville, IN 46122

FRUCHTNI~~CH~~CHT, Cord~~e~~e Heinrich

FRUECHTNI~~CH~~CHT / FRÜCHTNI~~CH~~CHT
Jean Smith
83 Big Oak Lane
Wildwood, FL 34785

CASPER -- FOX

Raymond R. Fox
2 Calle De Real
Pendleton, IN 46064

A NOTE FROM PHOENIX

The National Genealogical Society met in Phoenix in August. One of the lecturers talked on the old newspapers as a searching vehicle when tracing family lines. My daughter had become very frustrated in this area so was glad of the chance to sit in on his talk. On

One segment was quite interesting to us. He told them that years ago the main downtown city newspaper printed mainly "big" news, that of national, state and world interest. Obits were only of very prominent or well known people.

Each community surrounding or making up the city had its' own local newspaper, often printed in its' own language according to its' ethnic population. These carried the obituaries for they were only of interest to the local neighborhood. Often they weren't printed at all if it was a weekly because "everybody knew about it".

This is an angle which we had never considered. I wish I could have been there.

by Alice Glover

CHART NO. 120

Generation 7

Family Sutton (WOODHULL)

HUSBAND'S NAME Reuben Sutton

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Eleanor

Residence

Residence

Date of Birth December 19, 1781

Date of Birth November , 1782

Date of Marriage

Other marriages. Listed on page

Date of Death November 15, 1838

Date of Death August 16, 1848

Married times. Listed on page

Other husband's names

His father's name

Her father's name

Mother's maiden name

Mother's maiden name

CHILDREN

MARRIED

DIED

MARRIED TO:

① William Sutton

1804

New Jersey

1st Miss ALASTON
2nd Miss WOODHULL
3rd MRS. DAVIS

② Joseph Sutton

November 5, 1805

August 28, 1824
RIPLEY Co., IN

March 7, 1889

Rebecca Oliver

④ Archibald M. Sutton

May 1, 1815

November 24, 1831
Ripley Co., Ind.

January 9, 1903

Jane M. Wilson

⑥ David M. Sutton

February 14, 1818

November 5, 1840

January 13, 1904

Margaret J. McKittrick

⑧ Reuben Sutton, Jr.

November 22, 1822

November 25, 1848
RIPLEY Co., IND.

③ MARY SUTTON

OCT 17, 1808

Nov. 8, 1827
RIPLEY Co., IND.

MAY 9, 1879

ISAAC NEWTON BLASDEL

⑤ ANNA C. SUTTON

APR. 26, 1837

APR. 26, 1837
RIPLEY Co., IND.

IND.

LEANDER SMITH

① ELEANOR SUTTON

JULY 14, 1820

APRIL 20, 1838
RIPLEY Co., IND.

MAY 20, 1900

JOSEPH H. BEALL

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