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AUTUMN MEETING

The Ripley County Historical Society will hold their fall meeting Sunday, October 13 at 2 o'clock in the Bank building on the west side of the square in Versailles.

SUMMER MEETING REPORT

The RCHS met in the old bank building, on the square July 14. Pres. Scott Smith opened the meeting. He thanked everyone for all their work in moving to the building and the many volunteers who are keeping the buildings open to the public.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Bea Boyd gave a list of all the expenses and income for the past three months. Balance in the checking account is \$692.49.

Joann Krall had been asked by a member of the Versailles Lions Club if they might use part of the building for their art display during the Pumpkin Show. Motion was made by Charles Roepke and seconded by Alan Smith for the Lions to have their art exhibit in the building. Everyone was in favor.

Norris Krall reported that the committee on raising funds for the buying the bank building was still working very hard. Anyone interested in helping the society should contact any member.

The question, should we continue to hold all our regular meetings in the bank building here in Versailles was asked. It was decided for the next two years that the society meet there to acquaint people with its many features.

Kathleen Lane presented this program. She thanked the society for being allowed to place the DAR sign on their property. There has been several schools coming to Versailles to visit the museum. One day they had over 100 children. The young folks are interested in things used during the Civil War. Kathleen showed pictures taken by Julie Underwood of articles displayed in the museum. If you have not visited the museum lately, stop by and see the many changes.

The directors voted a new policy. Any new member would be charged \$10.00 for the first year. All renewals are \$5.00. As all our help is on a volunteer basis, a daily charge of \$3.00 for usage of material and \$5.00 for a special appointment.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE TYSON FUND COMMITTEE. They granted a most generous donation to the Society to aid in the purchase of the Bank building. They allotted us \$25,000 which has put us "within reach" and with the many donations and pledges of gifts we are getting much nearer to our goal. **THANKS AGAIN !!**

REPORT FROM RCHS BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Last fall our Historical Society decided to begin a fund drive to raise funds to acquire the old Versailles Bank Building to be used as our local history / genealogy library. We realized that the house where the records were stored was overflowing and more and better space was needed. A building fund committee was formed consisting of Scott Smith, Julie Underwood and Norris Krall. The bank building was leased with a purchase option provision permitting the building to be used by RCHS until funds could be raised. This spring we applied for a Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credit grant from the State of Indiana. This grant was awarded to us in August, now we have passed the half-way mark toward our goal. All donations of a \$100 or more, given after July 1, 1996, are eligible for a tax credit of 50% of the amount of the contribution. The NAP credit form is available from the committee and must be filled out and given with your donation. All donors will receive a credit form from the state, to be applied against Indiana taxes. This form will be mailed to you before the end of January, 1997. We wish to extend a very special

"THANK YOU" to the following for their donation toward our goal:

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The Committee expresses its appreciation for all the time, work, supplies and furniture, etc. given by many members that have worked in our new building and continue to give over and above the *call of duty*. A special **"THANKS"** to Julie Underwood, Sandy Meisberger, Helen and Wayne Einhaus, Bea Boyd, Kathryn Manship, Alice McCoy, Betty Roepke, Helen Caplinger, Alan Smith, Scott Smith, David Dreyer, Kathleen Lane, Tom Shade, Norris and Joan Krall.

We still have a way to go to complete our project. If you have given and are not yet listed, please check our next newsletter. If you have not given there is still time! Contact one of the Building Fund Committee members today!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED WITH THIS PROJECT!!!

September 15, 1996

SERVICES AND CHARGES

It is time to be paying dues for 1997. For new members the charge is \$10.00 and for renewal of membership the charge is \$5.00 per year. Life membership is still \$100.

Those doing research in the new building where all the data and reference material is now located will be charged \$3.00 a day for use of the material or \$5.00 for special appointments. All our help is volunteer and not always close by. The Bank building is open daily from 1 to 4. If you wish the name and address of others working on your family line please send a self addressed, stamped envelope, no fee. There is 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" by 11" and 50¢ for 11" by 17". Genealogy queries are 50¢ each for members and \$1.00 for non members, payable by check or in stamps.

CLEAN UP

Pleasant Hill Cemetery, which is located at the edge of the Versailles State Park, was the center of attention for a clean-up crew. CO-ordinator of the crew was, 51year old Bob Brewington who commented after the clean-up, he didn't recall the area ever looking so nice.

I talked on the phone to Joe, son of Bob and he said the complete surrounding area and roadside had been made into a dumping ground.

In 4 hours they cleaned an area approximately ½ mile long and 200 yards deep, collecting, couches, washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc. The water can flow through the creek now and "NO DUMPING" SIGNS were posted.

This happy, smiling Group of Volunteers posed in front of a giant dumpster. Bob, Jeanette, RobertL. and Joe Brewington, Tom, Kathy and Thomas Gray, Tony and Emilee Waldron, Ty Stow, Chris Halcomb, Larry , Bev, Jeff, Kelly, Jake and Jesse McConnell, Ron Denton, Elmer Smith, Bill Blyshak, Terry Sheets, Jack, Robbie, Isaac and Abel Everage, Laura Cowin, David Hensley, Tolly Booker, Johnson Kempkier, Steve Dixon and Jon, Randy and Robbi Scoggins. They also brought friends and relatives to help. I thought you might like to check the list to see if any of your kinfolks helped. I bet the rafters in the old church echo the songs sang by pump organ music by the Old Settlers who were at that time living in what is now the Versailles State Park. Contributed

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Smith Engle Cabin sketch on canvas by Phyllis Miller
from Phillis Miller 7 - '96

German Genealogical wordlist
from Steve and Willy Campos 7 - '96

Genealogy for Severinghaus, ZIES, STIEGELMEYER, SCHULTE
from Vicki Moffett, Sun City, CA 7 - '96

Foster Family (John Pervice records) War 1812 Robert Foster family
from James Foster, TX 7 - '96

Fuller Family File 1460 - 1991 7 - '96
 from Mrs. Jean Fuller, Mitchell

Deeds of Valor - How America's Heroes Won the Medal of Honor.
 from Arthur Newhart 7 - '96

The Souvenir Books of Batesville's Centennial Celebration 1852-1952
 from David Dreyer 7 - '96

A Century of Catholicity in Millhousen, IN 1834-1934 by Fr. Carl
 E. Riebenthzler from David Dreyer 7 - '96

The Huttons of Southern Indiana 1765-1996 2 copies pgs. 199
 from Edward L. Hutton 7 - '96

"Webster 1600-1956 by Maude Webster Kohlstedt 8 - '96

Line of Descent from Robert & Margaret (McCord) Foster. Pioneer Family
 of Adams County, OH 16 family sheets
 from James Foster, Austin, TX 8 - '96

Robt. Raider by Alice McCoy 8 - '96

Dannecker Home, showing Marble Corner M.E. Church
 8th Grade Diploma of Carol Thomas (1921) Shelby Twp.
 Ripley Co. 8th Grade Commencement, Osgood (1921)
 Ripley Co. 8th Grade Commencement, Osgood (1938)
 by Mrs. Amelia Taylor O'Leary

Southeast Indiana German Lutheran and Evangelical Church 1987
 by Robert C. Rau, Cincinnati, OH microfilm list 8 - '96

3 pages to add to Holton Cemetery 1985-1995 Burials, Otter
 Creek Twp pgs. 32 A,B,C. by Bea Boyd 8 - '96

Christmas Greeting Souvenir from Friendship Baptist Sunday School
 with photograph of church and list of class members Ca. 1900
 from Doug Rump, 5341 S. ST. Rd. 129, Versailles, IN

School Records from Brown Tounship, Cross Plains and Friendship
 1958-59 and 1965 - 66
 from Kelsie and Eleanor Hyatt and K. Lane

We are proud to announce that the Home Arts, Flowers, Baked and
 Canned Goods will be on exhibit in the Historical Society building
 (Old Versailles Bank Building) across from the courthouse.

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